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© **CMP Declares Moratorium on Strict Shooting Jacket Rule Enforcement for 2017 Season.** The Civilian Marksmanship Program has declared a moratorium on strict enforcement of rules on design and construction of shooting jackets for 2017 until specific procedures and measurement tools are developed to determine the maximum amount of support coats may provide to competitors.

"The CMP 2018 Rules will contain further clarifications concerning jacket design and construction specifics going forward," said Mark Johnson, CMP's Chief Operating Officer. "The CMP strives to institute rules that promote true marksmanship skill and those that resist the equipment race (gamesmanship) facets of our sport."

"The CMP's matches are being developed to enhance competitor learning and increasing their own personal marksmanship skill set, not who can buy the best gadget for means of additional support or easier access to higher point totals," Johnson said.

In 2017, the primary emphasis of the shooting jacket rule, 6.6.1 in the CMP Highpower Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules, 21st Edition - 2017, still applies. The rule states, in part, "Shooting jackets made of flexible material may be worn in CMP Rifle events. Shooting jackets may have shoulder, sling and elbow pads providing those pads are not constructed so as to provide rigid artificial support. Jacket constructions that use back braces (...) or other non-flexible materials are prohibited."

For 2018, it is the CMP's intent to provide a clear and concise definition of "flexibility" as it relates to support materials used in shooting jackets and a simple measurement process capable of passing or failing jackets across the entire spectrum of highpower rifle jackets in the marketplace.

© **Alaska Fairbanks Seeking New Head Rifle Coach.** The University of Alaska Fairbanks is in search of a Head Rifle Coach for its NCAA men's and women's rifle team. This is a full-time position with benefits; salary is commensurate with qualifications and

experience. The Alaska Nanooks have won the NCAA rifle championships 10 times since 1994. The successful candidate will possess extensive knowledge and experience with NCAA and/or international rifle competition. NCAA coaching, knowledge of NCAA rules, and recruiting experience will be very helpful. Budget management, fundraising, and community engagement are also components of this position. Range maintenance and lead abatement are also required. For more information or to learn how to apply, please contact Dr. Gary Gray, Director of Athletics, at grgray@alaska.edu or 907-590-4279.



© **Save the Date! CMP New England Games, Jericho, VT, 20-24 September.**

The New England Games will take place at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site for the second year, enveloped by the gorgeous natural surroundings. The event will be hosted by the Vermont State Rifle and Pistol Association, along with the Burlington Rifle and Pistol Club. A variety of matches will be fired during the event that will accommodate both rifle and pistol, new and experienced marksmen alike. To learn more, visit <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-travel-games/new-england-games/>.



On the Cover: Taylor Gibson, 16, of Oregon, set a new Army National Record with a score of 597-48x during the JROTC National Air Rifle Championship.

CMP Announces New GLOCK Pistol Match for 2017 National Match Schedule

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – A new, exciting pistol event has been added to the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) 2017 National Matches schedule – set to fire on the historic grounds of Camp Perry, Ohio. The inaugural match, created in partnership with GLOCK, Inc., is open to both adults and juniors.

The GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) Camp Perry National Challenge will fire on July 1, 2017, with two different categories: Stock and Unlimited.

The Stock Class is for GLOCK firearms with components that are or ever have been available from GLOCK, Inc., though some modifications are permitted. Those include:

- Hogue-Grip type sleeves, A-Grip panels, skateboard tape or other grip-enhancing materials that do not materially alter the function of the stock firearm.
- Slide and barrel stripping and/or refinishing.
- Pearce Grip Inc. grip extenders on G26, G27, G29, G30, G33, G36 and G42 magazines.
- Aftermarket replacement non-metallic base plates on magazines.
- Post and notch sights (patridge sights) excluding any sight requiring slide modifications.
- Please note that fiber -optic and express sights are approved.

The Unlimited Class is for firearms that contain the following modifications:

- Any non-post and notch sights including but not limited to, ghost ring or laser, electronic or optical sights.
- Wrap-around grip sleeves on magazines.
- Aftermarket component parts and barrels.
- Recoil spring guide/recoil reducer assemblies.
- Aftermarket extender slide stop levers.
- Firing pins (modified/aftermarket).
- Connectors (modified/aftermarket).
- Metallic magazine well funnels or slugs.
- Lights or other barrel weights.
- Any modifications deemed by the Range Master to create an unfair competitive advantage.

Competitors, who must have a GLOCK Membership in order to compete in the event, may choose to sign up once, twice or three times in each class. Awards will



include plaques for the Overall Match High Shooter, High Stock GLOCK, High Unlimited GLOCK, High Guardian, High Senior, High Woman and High Junior. Additionally, six pistols will be awarded to the category winners during the match.

The Course of Fire for the match, on NRA D1 paper targets, will be set at distances of 5, 7, 10, 15 and 25 yards – 10 rounds at each in a time limit of 15 seconds.

"This match was suggested by Bob Schanen, a valued, long-time GLOCK employee and Camp Perry rifle competitor for 30 plus years," said Brandie Collins, GLOCK public relations and communication manager. "The partnership with CMP in bringing this match to Camp Perry meets our common goals of promoting safe gun handling, marksmanship and introducing people to competitive shooting."

"Competitors will find the GSSF match fun," she added. "Time limits are challenging and accuracy is paramount. Shooters of all skill levels will enjoy shooting this match."

To register for a GSSF Membership, visit <http://www.gssfonline.com/registration.cfm> or join during match registration at check in. For more about the National Matches, check out the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/>.

Registration for the 2017 National Matches is NOW OPEN!
Sign up now before events begin JULY 1!

Gibson Fires Record Overall Score During 2017 JROTC National Air Rifle Championship Win

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Taylor Gibson looked back at the crowd after firing her last kneeling shot on Day 1 of competition to reach a new Army 3x20 National Record.

ANNISTON, Ala. – Taylor Gibson, 16, of the North Salem Vikings Army JROTC from Oregon, set a new Army National Record with an incredible 3x20 score of 597-48x during the 2017 JROTC National Air Rifle Championship to lead her to the National title in the precision class.

A group of 220 skilled junior sporter and precision class air rifle marksmen in Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps JROTC programs traveled to the South Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Competition Center in Anniston, Ala., March 23-25, 2017, to compete for gold. Astoundingly, Gibson has only been to the National Championship two times before, in 2015 and 2016, finishing just short of the overall title both years with a silver medal.

But, this year, with a new suit and a new approach, she was more prepared than ever – knowing exactly what she needed to do to succeed.

“I came in and thought, I don’t care what I shoot – I’m just going to do the best that I can. And I did the same thing every shot,” she said. “That’s what I kept telling myself, especially in the last few shots of kneeling when I was really thinking, ‘Okay, this is when I really need to get serious, because something could happen here.’”

As she went through the motions of her final position, kneeling, on Day 1 of the two-day competition, she stayed focused and remembered to stick to her shot plan. Each

pellet she fired down range pierced through the 10-ring – one after another, as she got closer and closer to her last shot and a perfect 200 score.

“I didn’t want to overthink or stress myself out worrying about shooting a 9. I just thought, ‘You know what, do the same thing every shot, and let it happen.’ I was just going through my normal steps – singing songs in my head, doing what I do at practice,” she said.

Then, it was time. She picked up the final pellet and gazed at it between her fingers – determining in her head if she was going to let it be a good shot or one that would drop her score. Either way, she knew she had fired a personal record and was content in doing so, but now a crowd had gathered behind her to witness what the last shot would bring.

She loaded, concentrated and pulled the trigger. Gibson turned and looked at the crowd with a beaming smile as they quickly looked to the large monitors above their heads to see her score – a 10 to tie her own National kneeling record and to set a new National Record Army overall score. The spectators cheered at the commendable feat.

“I didn’t realize how many people were watching until I shot my last shot and everybody started clapping, and I look back and there are coaches standing in a line behind the chairs, just watching me,” she said as she smiled. “I didn’t realize that I had gotten attention from other people besides my team. That’s when I knew it was big.”

From there, Gibson stayed on track by firing the highest overall qualifying score on Day 2 of competition, giving her an 11-point lead over her competitors going into the Finals. She would go on to earn an aggregate two-day score of 1290.1 to finally earn herself the National Champion title.

Second place in the precision competition went to Ashley Stacy, 16, from Monroe Area High School Air Force JROTC in Georgia, who set a new Air Force National Record on Day 2 of competition, with a Finals score of 104.1.

As she competed in the Day 2 Finals, standing in third position on the line, she had no idea she was heading

toward a new record score. She simply kept a song in her head and ignored everything else going on around her. The extraordinary Finals performance was a satisfying cap on top of a memorable shooting day for Stacy.

“It was the first time I’ve shot a 590, so it was an amazing day, and I thought I was doing really well. It was great,” she said.

“And then in the Finals, I realized I was in first place and I was like, ‘This is awesome!’ And then they said it’s a record and I go, ‘Oh, look at that!’” she added with a laugh. “In a sense I was nervous, but at the same time, it’s just another match.”

Rounding out the Top 3 in the precision match was Haley Castillo, 18, of Eldorado High School Marine Corps JROTC in New Mexico, who beat out her teammate and last year’s champion, Mark Amdahl, by only .25 points to earn third.

Winning the sporter competition was Levi Carlson, 18, of Nation Ford High School from South Carolina. Last year, Carlson finished in second place but managed to record two Marine Corps records along the way.

Following this year in second behind Carlson was Emma Thompson, 16, of Freeport High School Navy JROTC from Illinois, who competed in the event despite a bad cold, as fellow Illinoisan Jaycie Hoenig, 17, from Zion Benton High School Navy JROTC, earned the third place spot.

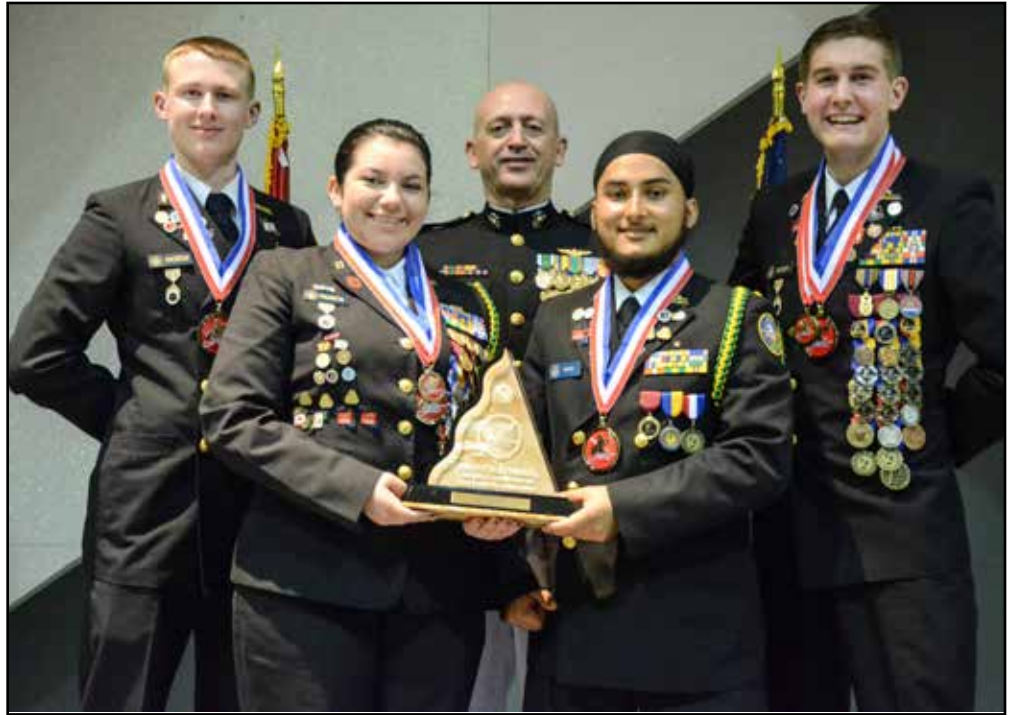
Turlock High School from California rose above the rest to become the overall sporter team champions with a score of 4376-134x. The Navy team consisted of Nicolas McKeon, Dorian Macintosh and Adriana Valencia, with the help of teammate Ramandeep Singh. The team is coached by Maj Kelly Cross.

For their win, the team received four Crosman Precision Diopter Sight Systems, donated by Crosman.

Freeport High School Navy JROTC from Illinois earned second in the competition, while last year’s runner-up, Gulfport Marine Corps JROTC from Mississippi, followed in third.

Eldorado High School Marine Corps JROTC from New Mexico fired a score of 4697-325x to earn the win in the precision team match. Coached by Maj James Koerber, the team consisted of Mark Amdahl, Haley Castillo, along with the support of Samantha Deherrera and Brielle Smith.

Navy team John Marshall from Texas stood in second



Turlock High School Navy JROTC was the overall sporter team leader during the match.

place after breaking the Navy Team 3x20 record with a score of 2328-150x, while the 2015 and 2016 precision champions East Coweta Marine Corps JROTC from Georgia were finally overtaken and landed in third place overall.

Placing teams earned monetary awards from the CMP for their stellar performances – \$500 for fifth, \$750 for fourth, \$1,000 for third, \$1,500 for second and \$2,000 for first. In addition, Larry and Brenda Potterfield, co-founders of the MidwayUSA Corporation, provided generous fund donations to winning teams of the JROTC Championships to be placed in each team’s endowment account with the MidwayUSA Foundation.

As more evidence of the growing talent in air rifle, over 35 Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badges were awarded. Of those, 17 had earned their badges while competing in the National Championship.

The CMP was proud to once again witness the talent of all of the hard-working juniors who participated in each stage of the JROTC Air Rifle Championships. Congratulations to all!

For a complete list of results, visit the Competition Tracker page at <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&tab=results&task=edit&match=15390>.

Photos from the event can be viewed at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f770769247>. Photos are available for free download as well as for purchase.

BACKGROUND: Ashley Stacy set a new Air Force Finals National Record with her score of 104.1.

A National Matches Summer of Adventure

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



The CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic is a three-day school that promotes junior service rifle shooting. U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team members teach intermediate and advanced juniors service rifle techniques for 200-, 300- and 600-yard shooting. This is an instructional scene from the 2016 Marine Corps Clinic.

One of the greatest summer adventures a young shooter can have is to shoot in the National Matches. These historic shooting championships take place every summer at Camp Perry, Ohio and junior shooters are especially welcome. The Matches are a unique experience because no other rifle and pistol competition in America has so many participants, so much pageantry and tradition, so many outstanding training opportunities and so many championship competitions in different rifle and pistol events.

Many *On the Mark* readers already know about the National Matches. Many others are planning their first trip to the Matches this summer. For the many junior shooters, coaches and parents who have not yet been to Camp Perry, this article should help them recognize how the Matches really are a great summer shooting sports adventure that every young shooter should experience.

What are the National Matches?

At their most basic level, the National Matches are a five-week series of national-level pistol and rifle competitions sponsored by the CMP and NRA that take place at an Ohio National Guard installation on the shores

of Lake Erie named Camp Perry. More than 5,000 senior and junior shooters go there every summer to attend training schools, compete in the matches and enjoy the camaraderie of other shooters.

The National Matches are often described as the “world series of shooting,” but that is the wrong way to describe them. A world series is for the best of the best, where everyone else can only be a spectator. The National Matches, in contrast, are about participation by all rifle and pistol shooters. A key feature of these national championships is that they are open to all competitors regardless of their skill levels and accomplishments. There are some excellent spectator experiences at the Matches like the First Shot Ceremony and the President’s Rifle Match Final, but **the main objective of the National Matches is participation. The National Matches are a national festival of marksmanship for all Americans.**

National Matches History

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt and the U. S. Congress passed legislation to create the National Matches because they believed that encouraging Soldiers, Sailors and Marines to shoot in rifle competitions would teach them to use their weapons more effectively. To provide

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One of the greatest junior shooting victories in National Matches history occurred in 2009 when this California Grizzlies Junior Rifle Team won the open Infantry Trophy Team competition over all competing teams including the top military teams.



The National Trophy, often called the Dogs of War Trophy because of its central image, is awarded annually to the team that wins the National Trophy Rifle Team Match.

a prestigious incentive for competing teams, the U. S. Congress appropriated funds to commission a **National Trophy** to be presented annually to the best rifle team. The first National Matches were held at Sea Girt, New Jersey in 1903 with rifle teams from the Navy, Marine Corps, Infantry, Cavalry and National Guard competing. The New York National Guard Team won the new trophy.

NRAMatches that had been taking place at Creedmoor, New York and Sea Girt since 1873 became a part of the National Matches. Members of NRA-affiliated clubs were first invited to compete in 1904. The first junior rifle event was staged at Sea Girt in 1906. The first National Matches pistol events were also fired that year. In the ensuing years, the Matches expanded to include other highpower rifle, pistol and smallbore rifle competitions for civilian shooters as well as for more and more juniors.

By 1906, the National Matches were flourishing and looking for a permanent home. The Adjutant General of Ohio, General Ammon Critchfield, had selected a large area of swampland on the south shore of Lake Erie as a site for an Ohio National Guard range and named it after Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. By offering a large range and accompanying housing, Critchfield successfully proposed Camp Perry as the National Matches site. The National Matches were first held at Camp Perry in 1907 and have been organized in

89 of the 110 years since then.

From 1903 until 1996, the National Matches were a government-funded program. There were several years when the Matches

were not held due to wars or budget cuts. After World War II, two major changes occurred. Government funding was eliminated in 1968, but the NRA kept the matches alive by recruiting volunteers to run the ranges. In 1996 after many Congressional attempts to defund the Matches, Congress and President Clinton privatized the government program that supported the National Matches by creating the new Civilian Marksmanship Program. The CMP now funds the Matches with the proceeds from surplus military rifle sales. Today's National Match program features CMP National Trophy Pistol and Rifle Matches, As-Issued Military Rifle Matches, Rimfire Sporter Matches and Air Gun events as well as some NRA National Championships.

National Matches Competitions for Juniors

Juniors are eligible to compete in every National Matches competition and virtually all events have High

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NATIONAL MATCHES JUNIOR TROPHIES



Top (l. to r.) Deneke, Freedom's Fire and Golden Eagle Trophies; Bottom: Minuteman, Riding the High Places and Junior Infantry Team Trophies

Junior awards. Many competitions like the National Trophy Junior Team Match are junior only events. Here is a run-down of junior competition opportunities at the National Matches:



Col. Bill Deneke Trophy honors are presented to the best six juniors in the National Trophy Rifle Matches. Also honored in this 2016 National Matches award ceremony were the coach and captain of the California Grizzlies Team Shilen that won the National Trophy Junior Team Match. On the far right, DCM Emeritus Gary Anderson is presenting a match grade AR rifle to the National Trophy Junior Service Rifle Champion, Forrest Greenwood, from Ceres, CA.

RIMFIRE PISTOL. The 2017 NM program offers junior pistol shooters who compete with 22 Rimfire Pistols two full days of CMP pistol events. Those events include a 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Match, the junior phases of the President's Pistol Match and National Trophy Individual Match and the Junior National Trophy Team Match. The latter event is a two-person team match where the **Flying the High Places Trophy** is awarded. Juniors can also shoot the Air Pistol Championship while they are at Camp Perry (see below).

HIGHPOWER RIFLE. The Highpower Rifle National Trophy Matches are the most popular National Matches events. The President's Rifle Match attracts the highest participation with 1,200 competitors. The Rifle National Trophy Individual Match is nearly as large with 1,100. One-fourth of these competitors are juniors.

National Trophy Rifle Matches are fired with service rifles. This tradition has successively encompassed the U.S. Krag, M1903 Springfield, M1 Garand, M14 and today's service rifle, the M16. The change to M16/AR-Type rifles and their light-recoil 5.56m cartridges, which began in the 1990s, dramatically altered service rifle shooting by making it more attractive to women and juniors.

There are many special programs that make the National Trophy Rifle Matches especially appealing to juniors:

- **State Junior Highpower Teams** sponsored by CMP affiliated state associations and clubs offer programs to train and equip junior teams that travel to the Nationals.

- The **CMP Junior Highpower Support Program** provides funding support for juniors who are making their first or second trips to the Nationals.

- The **CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic**, taught by Marine Corps Rifle Team members, is the premier training program for teaching juniors highpower rifle skills.

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- The **Top 20 Juniors** in the President's Rifle Match receive special President's Match awards.
- The **Golden Eagle Trophy** is presented to the High Junior in the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match.
- The **Minuteman Trophy** is presented to the High Junior team in the National Trophy Team Match.
- The **Freedom's Fire Trophy** is presented to the High Junior Team in the National Trophy Junior Team Match.
- **Col. Bill Deneke Trophy** recognition is given to the top six juniors with combined scores in all National Trophy Rifle Matches.
- The **Junior Infantry Team Trophy** is presented to the High Junior Team in the National Trophy Infantry Team Match.

RIMFIRE SPORTER RIFLE. The National Rimfire Sporter Match attracts 400 entries each year and is the largest smallbore rifle championship in the USA. Rimfire Sporter has grown rapidly because it allows competitors to use ordinary, commonly available .22 cal. sporter rifles and prohibits the use of shooting jackets and other expensive gear. The 60-shot course of fire involves slow and rapid-fire stages in the prone and sitting positions (fired at 50 yards) and standing position (fired at 25 yards). Rimfire sporter is popular with youth and junior clubs because it is accessible and affordable. Several 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs now make summer adventure trips for junior members and their families to the National Rimfire Sporter Championship.

This Championship features three separate competitions in T-Class (scoped rifles), O-Class (open sighted rifles) and a Tactical-Class (for AR clones). With multiple relays, competitors can shoot in one, two or all three classes. New Rimfire Sporter shooters can attend a Rimfire Sporter Clinic on the day before that explains the rules, course of fire, firing positions and shooting techniques.

NATIONAL MATCH AIR GUN EVENTS. The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry is one of the premier 10m air gun ranges in the world. During the National Matches, this state-of-the-art range hosts National Match Air Gun events for air pistols, precision air rifles, sporter air rifles and AR-type air rifles throughout the five weeks of the Matches. Competitors can bring their own air guns or, they can use loaner guns available at the range. Some shooters come to Camp Perry just to shoot the air gun matches, but for most air gun competitors, these matches are additional shooting opportunities they can enjoy in the afternoons or evenings after they finish their other matches.



Sam Payne from Kingston, Georgia, was the Junior Champion in the 2016 National Rimfire Sporter Championship O- and T-Class competitions. Payne was the T-Class National Champion in 2015.

The program offers 60-shot air pistol and air rifle championship events that competitors can fire only once. There are 30-shot Air Pistol Re-Entry Matches and 20-shot Air Rifle Re-Entry Matches plus Top Center Shot Matches that competitors can shoot as many times as they wish. Air rifle matches can be shot with sporter, precision or AR-type air rifles. The best center shots are entered in Top Center Shot Matches where hundreds of dollars in cash prizes are awarded. Two special matches are a 30-shot Air Rifle Re-Entry Bench Match and an AiR-15 Challenge Match that is fired with AR-type air rifles and concludes with a Super Final for the shooters with the best 20-shot re-entry scores.

CMP GAMES MILITARY RIFLE MATCHES.

The second largest National Matches event is the John C. Garand Match, which attracts 1,100 shooters. Competitors in this 30-shot 200-yard match compete with as-issued M1 Garand rifles. These matches are popular with older, recreation-oriented shooters, but there are also many

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Juniors who participate in the National Matches can plan to shoot four 22 Rimfire Pistol events, a 60-shot air pistol championship and additional air pistol re-entry matches.

juniors who compete in them because of their interest in historic military rifles and unique competition events. The 2017 As-Issued Matches offer matches for M1 Carbines, Modern Military Rifles, M1 Garands, M1A rifles, 1903 Springfields and Vintage Military Rifles.

Schools and Clinics for Juniors

One of the best reasons juniors and their coaches go to the Nationals is because they are a great place to learn how to shoot better. The schedule includes several different pistol and rifle schools and clinics.

CMP-NRANATIONAL JUNIOR RIFLE CAMP.

This traditional junior school has been a National Matches fixture for decades and always fills to capacity. This school is co-sponsored by the CMP and NRA. The 2017 National Junior Rifle Camp offers intermediate level instruction with three days dedicated to smallbore rifle position shooting on an outdoor 50 and 100-yard range followed by three days

of air rifle standing shooting on electronic targets in the CMP Competition Center.

PISTOL SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL.

The Pistol Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) is a school for beginning and intermediate pistol shooters that welcomes juniors. The Army Marksmanship Unit Pistol Team teaches this school with assistance from other military pistol shooters. It divides students into two groups, one for beginning and intermediate shooters and one for advanced shooters. Firing is done with M9 9mm Service Pistols. This school could be an interesting adventure for juniors who are interested in learning pistol shooting.

RIFLE SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL.

The Rifle SAFS takes place on the days just before the National Trophy Rifle Matches. It follows the same instructional format as the Pistol SAFS. Firing is done at 200 yards with AR-Type rifles provided by the CMP. The Rifle SAFS is a great way for rifle newcomers to learn service rifle competition skills. Both schools conclude with Special EIC Matches where the top 10 percent of competitors who have not earned any Excellence-In-Competition credit points can earn four EIC credit points and start on a path towards earning a prestigious Distinguished Badge.

CMP-USMC JUNIOR HIGHPOWER RIFLE

CLINIC. This clinic, which is taught by Marine Corps Rifle Team instructors, has been a training ground for hundreds of highpower rifle shooters who now compete as members of military or civilian club or state association teams. USMC Clinic instruction covers the full National Match Course with firing at 200, 300 and 600 yards.

CMP ADVANCED HIGHPOWER RIFLE

CLINIC. This 2 ½ day clinic, conducted by the members of Team CMP, is designed to help advanced shooters who are already successful highpower rifle shooters become even better.

CMP RANGE OFFICER TRAINING

COURSES. These new courses are being offered for the first time in 2017. They are not for juniors, but they could be very helpful for junior leaders and parents who want to learn more about how to conduct competitions correctly. They are one-day courses for students who enroll in the CMP Range Officer Training Course (<http://thecmp.org/training-tech/range-officer-training-course/>). The 2017 schedule includes four Range Officer Courses, two for Highpower Rifle, one for Pistol and one for Rimfire Sporter.

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Special National Matches Opportunities

One reason the National Matches are special is because the Camp Perry experience does not end when shooting is over for the day. There are lots of things competitors can do after they leave the firing line. Many competitors head for the Competition Center where they shoot air gun re-entry matches and socialize with other competitors. Here are some other special National Matches opportunities:

FIRST SHOT CEREMONY. For anyone present for the first day of the Matches, the traditional First Shot Ceremony can be a memorable experience. The ceremonies are attended by large groups of dignitaries that include members of Congress, elected state officials, local government officials and Ohio National Guard leaders. Ceremonies include military reenactments, a “first shot speech” given by an invited VIP guest and the ceremonial firing of the Matches first shot by the first shot speaker. The 2016 First Shot Ceremony featured a concert by the 122nd Army Band and fly-overs by a WWII Navy TBM Avenger, a B-25 bomber and a B-17 bomber.

NATIONAL MATCHES AWARD CEREMONIES. CMP Pistol and Rifle Award Ceremonies that take place in Camp Perry’s historic Hough Theater (Bob Hope once performed there) culminate the pistol and highpower rifle phases of the Matches. Priceless CMP trophies that date back as early as 1874 are displayed on the theater stage. The rifle ceremony is often a standing room only affair. A highlight of both ceremonies is the presentation of



The President’s Rifle Match Final for the Top 20 shooters in the President’s Match is a great opportunity to see champion shooters in action. Water cooler showers like this have celebrated several President’s Match victories.



Distinguished Badges to shooters who have “gone Distinguished” during the past year. New Distinguished shooters always get a standing ovation after they receive their badges and come off of the stage. Competitors who won championships titles and trophies are honored during the ceremonies, which conclude with the presentation of the winning National Trophy Team Match teams.

The firing of “the first shot” during the First Shot Ceremony officially opens each National Matches. Former CMP Board Member and New Mexico Police Commissioner Mahlon Love fired the first shot in 2016.

A National Matches Summer of Adventure



The Camp Perry huts are austere, but many competitors still stay in them during the National Matches.

CAMP PERRY HOUSING. The Camp Perry huts offer unique housing accommodations that are actually prized by many competitors. They began life as housing for WWII German and Italian prisoners of war. After the war they continued to be used as low cost housing for competitors. The huts are small, have four cots and are linked to a latrine and shower at the end of each row of huts. These accommodations are austere, but cheap, and many competitors still speak with pride about staying in Camp Perry huts. The Ohio National Guard has upgraded the huts in recent years and housing in them is still available. Barracks and motel-type accommodations are also available. Information regarding Camp Perry housing must be obtained from the Ohio National Guard.

COMMERCIAL ROW. Camp Perry's Commercial Row is a row of long buildings that house retail displays of shooting equipment and target guns. All of the largest shooting equipment manufacturers lease Commercial Row buildings and are open for business during the Matches.

Many competitors regard these retail operations as the best place anywhere to buy target equipment and supplies.

CMP NORTH STORE AND MEMORABILIA SHOP. The CMP North Store at Camp Perry is a year around sales operation that features surplus military rifles and other products sold by the CMP. The Store gives potential rifle buyers a chance to inspect and check rifles that they might be interested in buying. The CMP also operates a Memorabilia Shop in the Welcome Center in CMP Headquarters. This shop sells clothing and souvenir items with CMP and National Matches logos.

FOOD SERVICE VENDORS AND MESS HALL. Camp Perry has a Mess Hall that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner meals at affordable prices as a service for those who live in Camp Perry housing as well as those who don't want to go off-post to get meals. During daytime hours, several food service vendors also offer snack, food and beverage selections.

Preparing for a National Matches Adventure

If you have decided to go to the National Matches, it is very important to plan and prepare your trip carefully. Here are steps to follow:

STEP 1: LEARN ABOUT THE MATCHES.

Before you start planning your trip, you must decide which events to fire and when you want to be at Camp Perry. The CMP National Matches webpage at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/> is the best place to start. Be sure to download the National Matches Calendar so you can identify the dates of the competitions you want to enter. Use the links on the webpage to learn as much as you can about the schedule and program for the events that interest you or your shooting group. There are more than 30 links on that page that give details for virtually all National Matches programs. If you have shooting friends who have been to Camp Perry, talk to them and get their advice.

STEP 2: ORGANIZE A TRAVEL GROUP.

A great way to make a Camp Perry trip easier and more memorable is to travel with shooting friends or as a club trip. Travel groups that go to the Nationals every year include state junior teams that compete in the Highpower Rifle Matches, shooting club teams that fire in the pistol or highpower events, 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs that compete in the Rimfire Sporter Championship and junior club and school teams that shoot in the National Matches Air Gun Events.

CMP Cup Week	CMP Pistol	NRA/CMP Jr. Rifle Camp	NRA Pistol	CMP Rifle	CMP Rimfire	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						June 24 CMP Volunteers Arise
June 25 F Range Officer Course	June 26 CMP 4-Man Team Match	June 27 CMP Cup 800 Aggregate	June 28 CMP Cup 800 Aggregate	June 29 CMP Cup 800 Aggregate CMP Volunteers Arise CMP Volunteer Cookout	June 30 CMP EIC Service Rifle Match CMP Range Officer Course CMP-USAMU S&P Reg	July 1 CMP-USAMU S&P CMP M&V/C Match CMP EIC Pistol Match CMP '22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Glock (G03F) Match
July 2 F President's 100 F NTI F Shooter Reception F Pistol Awards Ceremony	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
July 9 F Pistol Registration Station and Training	July 10 NRA Harry Reeves NRA Dist. Revolver NRA Pre-Team Pistol Agg. Prelim Team Match	July 11 NRA .22 Championship .22 Team Match Swap Meet Volunteer Banquet	July 12 NRA CF Championship CF Team Match Mynigh Cup Match	July 13 NRA .45 Championship .45 Team Match NRA Awards Ceremony CMP Volunteers Arise CMP Volunteer Cookout	July 14 CMP-USAMU S&P Rifle Reg. CMP/USAC Jr. HP Reg. & Clinic ISAM JPRM Registration and Clinic (RIF) or (S&P) CMP/Rem. Adv. HP Reg. & Clinic ISAM JPRM Registration and Clinic (RIF) or (S&P) CMP Range Officer Course	July 15 CMP-USAMU S&P Rifle Reg. CMP/USAC Jr. HP Reg. & Clinic CMP/Rem. Adv. HP Reg. & Clinic CMP Range Officer Course/Training
July 16 F USAMC Jr. HP Clinic F/Rem. Adv. HP Clinic F-USAMU Rifle S&P EIC Match at Hazard Perry Match	July 17 CMP President's 100 Rifle Match	July 18 CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle Match	July 19 CMP Jr. Team Match CMP Heart Doubles Match	July 20 National Carbine Match National Trophy Team Match	July 21 CMP National Trophy Infantry Team Meet CMP Modern Military Match CMP Shooter's Reception CMP Awards Ceremony	July 22 CMP Grand Match Springfield M&A Match
July 23 F Springfield/Vintage Rifle Match	July 24 CMP Vintage Sniper Match	July 25 Reverett Commemorative Match CMP Closing Ceremony	July 26	July 27	July 28 Rimfire Check-In/Clinic	July 29 Rimfire Sporter Match

A key item to download when planning a National Matches trip is the National Matches Calendar, which identifies when the Matches' events and programs take place. A calendar can be found on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017NMCalendar.pdf>.

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STEP 3: MAKE A PLAN. Once you have identified the events in which you or your travel group wish to participate, make a plan for traveling to Camp Perry, shooting the matches and returning home. Plan to arrive a day early. Many programs require registration on the day before.

STEP 4: ARRANGE HOUSING EARLY. Camp Perry housing fills to capacity during much of the Matches so it is wise to request housing as soon as applications are accepted. Making reservations in advance at Port Clinton area motels is also important because this is a popular resort area in the summer.

STEP 5: MAKE ADVANCE ENTRIES. Some National Match schools and events fill to capacity so as soon as you know you are going to Camp Perry and entries are open (the CMP opens entries around the 1st of April), get your entries in. This can be done on-line.

STEP 6: PRE-NATIONAL MATCHES. The Nationals should be the culmination of a shooting season when competitors are at their peaks. This requires shooting in preparatory matches before the Nationals to test shooting skills, fine-tune performances and work out problems.

STEP 7: PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION. An important preparation phase for the Nationals is making sure the rifles or pistols that will be used are in prime condition and are matched to the best available ammunition. Highpower Rifle competitors often choose to load their own ammunition. Make a detailed equipment and ammunition checklist and go over it more than once before departing for Camp Perry.

STEP 8: PRACTICE AT HOME. Wise National Match competitors arrive at Camp Perry after having practiced the courses of fire they will shoot as many times as possible. If trips to the range are not possible, a dry fire program at home can also provide lots of positive repetitions. Camp Perry daytime temperatures are normally in the 80s and 90s with moderate humidity so it is important to be in good physical condition and prepared for long, hot days in the sun. Perhaps even more important is that outdoor shooting at Camp Perry is often done in strong winds. Practicing or dry firing in windy conditions can yield real benefits for shooting at Camp Perry.

Your National Matches Adventure

Junior shooters, coaches and parents who have been to Camp Perry know how enjoyable, rewarding

and memorable a trip to the National Matches can be. If you have never been to Camp Perry, give serious consideration to going to the Nationals this year or next year to be able to enjoy those same experiences. There are so many unique opportunities and experiences available there and for almost everyone who goes to the Nationals, it will not be their last trip to Camp Perry.



One of the greatest summer adventures a young shooter can have is to shoot in the National Matches.

About the Author

Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, retired as the full-time CMP Director at the close of 2009. He continues to work with CMP as the senior marksmanship instructor. During his remarkable career, he won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championships and 16 National Championships. He is a Vice President of the International Shooting Sports Federation, the President of USA Shooting, a former Nebraska State Senator and was one of the two Olympic Games Technical Delegates for Shooting during the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

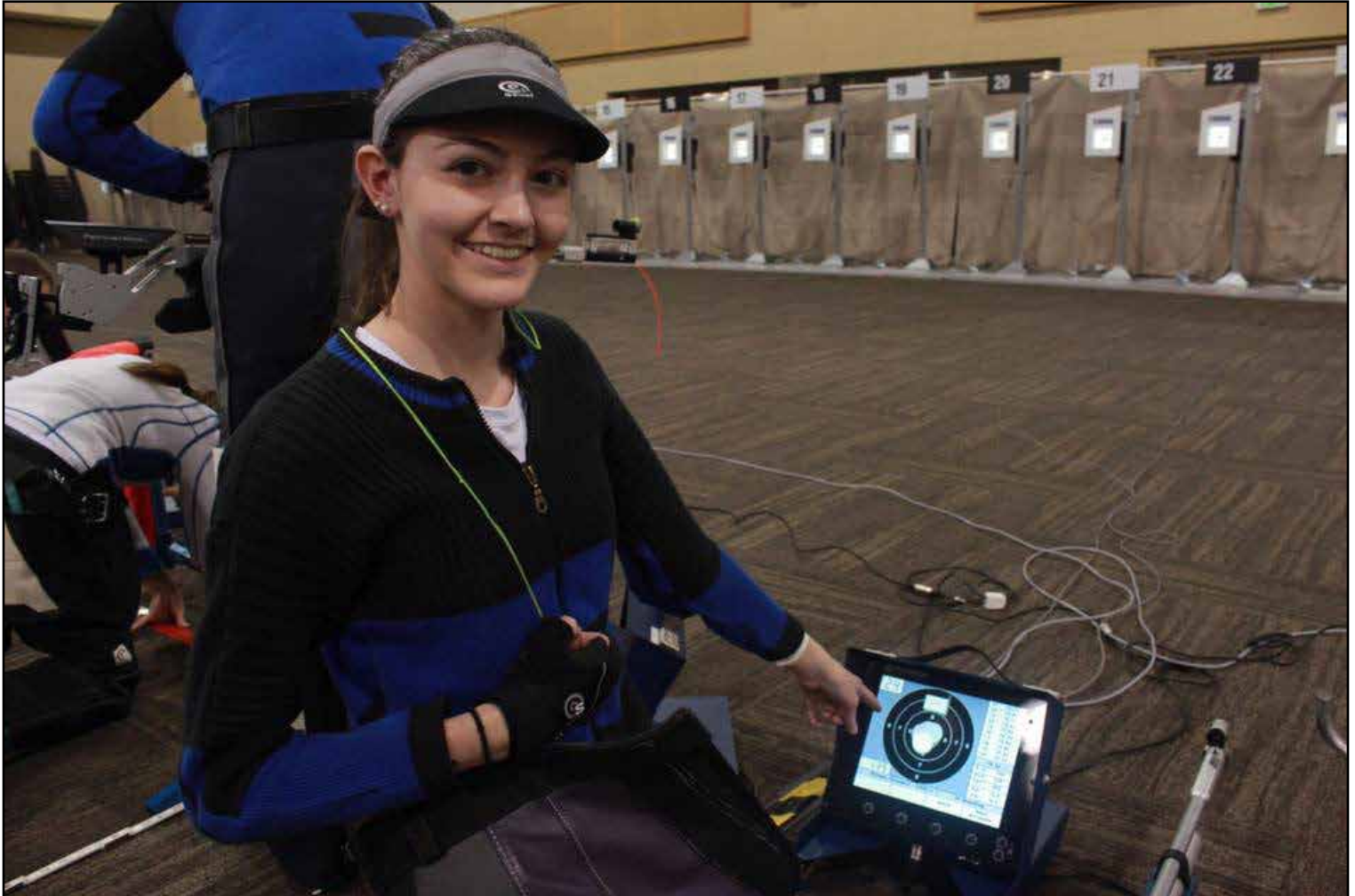
In June, 2012, the International Olympic Committee awarded Gary Anderson the IOC's highest honor, the Olympic Order, "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."

In 2014, the CMP expanded their world-class air gun center at Camp Perry and renamed the facility the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, in honor of Anderson's contribution to the organization and the marksmanship community.



Hemphill Fires Unimaginable Standing Score at 2017 CMP Air Rifle Regionals

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Kristen Hemphill fired a new standing National Record while competing at the CMP Regional event in Layton, Utah.

In a remarkable performance at the 2017 Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Regional Three-Position Air Rifle Championships, Kristen Hemphill, 17, of TX Hill Country Shooting Club, fired a new standing National Record score of 200-19x. To put it in perspective, she hit the x-ring, which is roughly the size of the head of a pin, 19 out of a possible 20 times in a row.

That same day, she mirrored her standing score by firing a prone score of 200-19x. Hemphill recorded her incredible scores on the CMP's electronic target Mobile Range, which was assembled in Layton, Utah, April 6-8. Teams came from as far as Honolulu, Hawaii, and Anchorage, Alaska, to compete in the annual competition.

Regional events were also held concurrently at CMP's north air gun range, the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio, and CMP's south air gun

range at the South Competition Center in Anniston, Ala., in March.

The match is a 3x20 air rifle event, where sporter and precision class competitors from 4-H, Scouts, American Legion, club or JROTC rifle programs fire 20 shots at each position: prone, standing and kneeling. Overall winners at each location include:

Layton, Utah:

Sporter:

Aaron McCommon, Flowing Wells JROTC, AZ – 1196.1

Kade Jackovich, Rio Salado, AZ – 1192.8

Nathan Fahrenbrook, NE – 1189.2

Precision:

Kristen Hemphill, TX Hill Country Shooting Club, TX – 1286.5

Taylor Gibson, North Salem Sniping Vikings, OR – 1279.8

Maya Boyle, Borealis Bullseyes, AK – 1279

Camp Perry, Ohio:

Spoter:

Emma Thompson, Freeport High School, IL – 1219.1

Jaycie Hoenig, Zion Benton High School, IL – 1216.9

Hailey Smith, Zion Benton High School, IL – 1197.4

Precision:

Calista Smoyer, Ontelaunee Jr. Rifle Team, PA – 1280

Justin Kleinhans, Black Swamp Jr. Rifle, OH – 1276.2

Mica Harr, Palmyra Junior Rifle Team, PA – 1273.5

Anniston, Ala.:

Spoter:

Levi Carlson, Nation Ford High School MCJROTC, SC – 1217.2

Rebecca Cook, Gulfport MCJROTC, MS – 1196

Gabrielle Phelps, Gulfport MCJROTC, MS – 1195.4

Precision:

Adrian Hickerson, Creek Wood High School, TN – 1275.8

Makenzie Sheffield, Granbury MCJROTC, TX – 1272.2

Ryan McAndrews, MCGC KATS, AL – 1270.6

Top teams and individuals will be invited to the 2017 CMP National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship, June 21-26, at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio. The event is free and open to the public.

Guests will also be able to personally see CMP's new air gun targets, installed in November 2016. The Kongsberg Target System (KTS) targets used in the range are powered by OpticScore technology, which are scored optically by internal LED lights. The range also features



Hemphill received a standing ovation as she took the stage to be recognized for her outstanding accomplishment.

monitors at each firing point and large overhead monitors for spectators to keep track of scores.

Junior marksmen participating in the CMP National Championship will also automatically be entered in the USA Shooting National 3P Junior Olympics – fired at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center. Precision competitors will compete on June 22, while spotter competitors will follow on June 25.

For a complete list of results of the CMP Regional Championships, visit <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=15054&tab=results>. More information about the CMP 3P Air Rifle Championships can be found on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/air-national-three-position-air-rifle-championships/>.

Photos of the Regional events can be found on the CMP Zenfolio page at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f94018244>.

Hemphill's record-score of 200-19x equates to hitting the head of a pin 19 out of 20 consecutive times.



Registration Open for Upcoming GSM Rifle Matches at CMP's New Petrarca Range

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Register now for your chance to fire in one of the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Garand-Springfield-Modern/Vintage Military (GSM) matches being held on the enhanced Petrarca Range at Camp Perry in May, June and November.

The GSM Match combines prone slow fire, prone from standing rapid fire and standing slow fire positions at 100 yards (using a NRA SR-1 100-yard target, which simulates 200 yards.). Competitors in the event may use as-issued or modified M1 Garand, M1903 or M1903A3 Springfield or other Vintage Rifles that comply with CMP rules, along with Modern Military rifles, such as the AR-15.

Firing on Petrarca Range will be conducted on CMP electronic targets, powered by Kongsberg Technology Systems (KTS) of Norway. The electronic targets feature LED monitors placed next to each firing point that instantly record scores – replacing the need for target pasting and pit service. As an added comfort, the firing line at Petrarca Range is covered by an overhead structure to shield competitors from the elements.

Interested persons may register for the following days, with registration info available on the accompanying links:

June 17, 2017: <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=15666>

November 12, 2017: <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=15667>

The range, which accommodates highpower and smallbore rifle as well as pistol firing on its electronic targets, is also open to the public every Monday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. from March until Daylight Savings Time in November, when the hours change to 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The range will close for the season on Dec. 4, 2017. Visitors to the 2017 National Matches in July will also be able to visit the range almost daily for practice needs or to simply see the targets in action (Petrarca Range will be open to the public once Rodriguez Range goes cold).

For more information about Petrarca Range, visit the Petrarca Range page on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-targets-at-petrarca-range/>.

If you have questions about the GSM Matches at Camp Perry's Petrarca Range, please email Christina Roguski at croguski@thecmp.org.

The CMP will also be hosting an EIC Service Rifle Match on Viale Range of Camp Perry on June 17.



The match will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be fired upon CMP's mobile highpower electronic targets, recently featured at CMP Travel Games in Oklahoma and North Carolina. The EIC Match will be the first held on Viale Range using the electronic targets.

To register for the EIC Service Rifle event, visit <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=15768&tab=registered>.

About KTS Electronic Targets at Petrarca Range:

KTS Electronic Targets, featured on Petrarca Range at Camp Perry, work through the power of acoustics – “hearing” the shot and accurately determining its location. With extensive use by ranges in 30 nations for over 20 years by Kongsberg Target Systems and even more experience received in-house by the CMP, the accuracy of these electronic targets is unlike anything else in the United States. The CMP is proud to share with its loyal customers and competitors these targets that are certain to be known as the way of the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events is featured in every issue of *On The Mark*. If you would like your match or clinic listed, please contact the CMP at onthemark@thecmp.org. Please include the name of the event, date, whom the event is open to and contact information and website (if available). The CMP will do its best to accommodate each request to be included in the Calendar of Events.

June 2017

21-23 Jun
National 3PAR Championships
(Precision)
Camp Perry, OH

24-26 Jun
National 3PAR Championships
(Sporter)
Camp Perry, OH

24 Jun
IDPA
Talladega, AL

24 Jun
3-gun
Talladega, AL

25 Jun
Steel Challenge Practice
Talladega, AL

National Match Events at Camp Perry, Ohio

26 Jun
First Shot Ceremony

30 Jun
CMP-USAMU SAFS Registration

1 Jul
CMP-USAMU SAFS
CMP M9/EIC Match
CMP EIC Pistol Match
CMP .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC

2 Jul
CMP President's 100 Pistol Match
CMP NTI
CMP NTT
CMP Shooter Reception
CMP Pistol Awards Ceremony

8-10 Jul
NRA/CMP Smallbore/Air Camp

14 Jul
GSM Master Instructor Course

14 Jul
CMP-USAMU SAFS Rifle
Registration
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Registration &
Clinic
CMP/Rem. Adv. HP Registration &
Clinic



15 Jul
CMP/USAMU SAFS Rifle
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Rifle Clinic
CMP Adv. HP Clinic

16 Jul
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Clinic
CMP Adv. HP Clinic
CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS
M-16 EIC Match
Oliver Hazard Perry Match

17 Jul
CMP President's 100 Rifle Match

18 Jul
CMP NTI Rifle Match

19 Jul
CMP Jr. Team Match
CMP Hearst Doubles Match

20 Jul
National Carbine Match
National Trophy Team Match

21 Jul
CMP National Trophy Infantry
Team Match
CMP Modern Military Match
CMP Shooter's Reception
CMP Rifle Awards Ceremony

22 Jul
CMP Garand Match

23 Jul
CMP Springfield/Vintage Bolt Rifle
Match

24 Jul
CMP Vintage Sniper Match

25 Jul
Roosevelt Commemorative Match
CMP Closing Ceremony

28 Jul
Rimfire Check-in/Clinic

29 Jul
Rimfire Sporter Match

**Visit our Competition
Tracker
– ct.thecmp.org –
for ALL upcoming clinics
and competitions!**

Looking to the National Matches: AZ Scorpions a Junior Team to Watch

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



The Arizona Scorpions Junior High Power team members are easily recognized around Camp Perry by their eye-catching logo.

The 2017 National Matches are fast approaching! That means thousands of adults and juniors will soon be loading up their equipment and heading for the shores of Lake Erie to fire on some of the most prestigious range sites in the world, located on the grounds of Camp Perry, Ohio.

Many new young athletes will be attending for the first time, while others will be traveling with teams that have made their marks on the National Match stage for the past several years. One team that has given itself a “regular” status, but is anything but standard is the Arizona Scorpions Junior High Power Team. Over the years, the team has secured numerous wins and honors through its talented and hard-working juniors within the program.

The Arizona (AZ) Scorpions Junior High Power Rifle Team is sponsored by the Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association and is open to NRA highpower classified Arizona junior youth between the ages of 14-20. Tom Kirby currently serves as the division director and has won

numerous awards every year, with the help of coach Myles Gorin. Members on the team compete in local matches during the September through May season and participate at the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry each year.

Recently, a few Scorpion juniors Zac Clark and Sarah Nguyen took first and second, respectively, during the 2017 Desert Sharpshooters Excellence In Competition (EIC) Service Rifle Match in March, which helped the pair move closer towards their individual Distinguished Rifleman Badges – a prestigious accomplishment. Clark and Nguyen also took the top two places during the 2016 Creedmoor Cup Match in Phoenix in October, as teammate Alex Kuprinsky landed in the fourth place position to earn his own EIC points.

Nguyen, with her talents, also recently received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, class of 2021, and is the fourth Scorpion to do so.

Other talented members to earn appointments to

military academies include Tyler Rico, who fired on the team from 2007 to 2012, and became the youngest marksman to earn the Distinguished Rifleman Badge when he was 13 years old. He has also held several National Records, among other accomplishments, and went on to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy. In total, four members of the team earned shooting scholarships to military academies in 2012, including spots at West Point and the Naval Academy.

At last year's National Matches, three AZ scorpions (Clark, Nguyen and Kade Jackovich) placed in the Top 20 amongst junior competitors during the CMP's National Trophy Individual match and had four teams land in the Top 25 places during the National Trophy Junior Team event. The team also took fourth in the junior competition during the National Trophy Rifle Team match and fifth in the Junior Infantry Team Match.

In 2015, Jackovich and Clark came together to fire a new National Record during the NRA's Whistle Boy match with a score of 977-30x – a two-point increase over the previous record that had stood since 1999. During the CMP National Match events, Clark and Nguyen earned bronze in the National Trophy Junior Team Match. A six-person AZ Scorpions team also beat out 14 other junior teams to earn the top place and 13th overall in the difficult Infantry Team Match (Rattle Battle).

Since 1983, the team has earned six Minuteman Trophies – awarded to the top junior team in the CMP's National Trophy Rifle Team Match. The team has also taken home 14 Junior Infantry Team Trophy National Champion titles since 1988, with 24 finishes in the top three places.

Jackovich, who earned a spot on the coveted President's 100 team after an outstanding performance during the President's Rifle Match in 2015, also earned his final EIC points during the National Trophy Individual Match and was able to take the stage to be pinned with a Distinguished Badge.

Jackovich also showed his three-position air rifle talents at the 2017 JROTC Regional Service Championships, as he took first in the Air Force competition, hosted by the CMP and held in Las Vegas. In 2015, he earned his Distinguished Air Rifle



Scorpions Alex, Zac and Sarah (left to right) all recently received EIC points at local matches held at Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix.

Badge as a result of his consistently superb competition performances.

Besides the usual membership fees, becoming a part of the AZ Scorpions Junior High Power Team requires an individual to strive for more. Each member must maintain good grades and citizenship in school and always reach for improvement by staying committed to the team through event participation and fundraisers.

For more information on the AZ Scorpions Junior High Power Team, visit their website at <http://arizonajuniorhp.com/index.html>. You can also visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AZScorpionshighpower/>.

Look for the AZ Scorpions and other junior highpower teams at this year's National Matches, firing throughout the month of July at Camp Perry!



The Scorpion team members are often seen on the firing line during CMP National Match events and clinics.

State Director Stories

Let It Snow? Cancel the Match? NO! Let It Snow! During CMP Massachusetts 3P Air Rifle Championship

By Maureen Trickett,
Massachusetts CMP State Director

A report from January 2017 (and a reminder of how glad we are it's finally SPRING!):

A few weekends ago, I ran the CMP Massachusetts State Junior Olympic Rifle Championship, and guess what? It snowed about 3-5 inches. This weekend, I ran the Massachusetts 3P Air Rifle Championships, and it snowed and is still snowing as I write this report. We expect to get about 10 inches-plus (a dusting compared to a few years ago).

I am running the CMP 3P Junior Olympic Rifle Championship in February – want to bet it will snow? I would take that bet, maybe 18 inches this time! If this keeps up, my competitors will be

showing up on skies and horse-drawn sleighs. I told the kids, if it does, we would have a giant snowball fight after the match – why not! We live in New England, you have to go with the flow :) Give it a minute and the weather will change.

Despite the weather, we did not have one cancellation. Some drove over an hour and a half to come to the match. That is dedication! Three relays and 22 competitors shot in the match. Final scores were very tight. I love it when the point spread is by a point or two. In this case, the top five final scores were either tied and broken by an “x” or they were separated by one point.

The overall winner and high woman was Aliya Butt, 576.25, and the top male, finishing second overall,

was Brendan Seitz, 575.30 – both of Maspenock Rod and Gun Club. Silver medals in the male and female competitions went to Rio Ferguson, 575.29, and Grace Thornton, 575.26. The bronze medals went to Nathaniel Toste, 569.28, and Brianna Feerick, 574.24.

Many other shooters shot personal bests and will be striving to do it again at the next match, trying hard to win medals around their own necks. For a few other shooters, this was their first match outside of their clubs, and they deserve a huge high five for making the first step toward other personal bests and being future award winners. Congratulations!

Girls Dominate 1st Annual American Legion State Jr. Championship

Submitted by Harry Flynn, North Carolina
CMP State Director

NEWTON, NC – March 11, 2017 American Legion Post 48 – The first annual North Carolina American Legion Junior Shooting Championship was held at the American Legion Post 48 on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

The Championship is open to both boys and girls no older than 18 years. Twenty-four shooters from across North Carolina answered the challenge. The shooters were competing for their share of college scholarship money paid out to the winners in two divisions: sporter and precision.

Match competitions in each division consist of 20 shots each in the prone, standing and kneeling positions for a total of 60 shots.

First place in each division paid \$1,000. Second place in each division paid \$500 and third place in each division paid \$250. In addition to the scholarship money, plaques and medals were handed out.

R-S Central from Rutherfordton, NC, and Hopewell High out of Huntersville, NC, brought the largest contingency of shooters, and both of the afore mentioned schools took home the gold.



Gold medalist Victoria Wiles from R-S Central HS in Rutherfordton, NC, shot a 638.8 to claim the first place prize of a \$1,000 scholarship. Her teammate, Cheyenne Downey, pocketed the \$250 scholarship and the bronze medal for her third place finish, with a 627.8 score. The second place scholarship of \$500 was won by the current number one junior shooter in the state, Taylor Woodbury, from Hopewell high school in Huntersville, NC, with a score of 630.6.



Director Represents CMP at Maine's Largest Sportsman Show

Submitted by Roy Gorman, Maine State Director

As the new Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Director for the State of Maine, and eager to spread the word on junior shooting programs, I rented a booth at the Maine Sportsman Show. I felt it would be a great opportunity to meet people with similar interests and show them that the CMP was alive and well in Maine. (I did have to spend some time explaining that I did not run power lines and I did not represent the Central Maine Power, which uses the same "CMP" distinction.) To the best of my knowledge, there has never been any representation for CMP at the show.

The Maine Sportsman Show at the Augusta Civic Center is the largest show in Maine dedicated to fishing, shooting, trapping and other outdoor activities. I expected to meet a lot of shooters, junior and adults, and I did so.

The show took place on the March 31 and April 1 and 2, so I stayed at a motel next to the Civic Center. A five-minute walk was a lot easier than a long drive early in the morning and late at night.

One club (Spurwink Rod and Gun Club) invited me to come to one of their meetings and to talk to them about starting an air rifle team using the set of CMP air rifles I received earlier in the year.

I also met and talked with the Friends of NRA (North) and David Trahan president of the Sportsman Alliance of Maine.

The people at the Friends of NRA booth were members of the



Capital Rod and Gun Club and we were sending people making inquiries (it depended on where they were from) to each other about various shooting programs. The club I belong to (Scarborough Fish and Game Association) is around an hour and a half south of that club, so between the two of us, we covered a large part of the state.

Scarborough Fish and Game Association (I run the youth program) had a booth right next to mine, so we were able to complement each other in answering questions. I had several of the juniors that participate in our shooting programs, including Kurtis Grove and Ethan Smarrella (pictured), helping me.

Colorado Bound 2017: National Jr. Olympic Championship

Submitted by Andrea Miller, Maryland State Director

There was a great showing from all the Maryland shooters that attended this year's National Junior Olympic Championship held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

The Maryland USA Junior Olympic State competition was held this year on January 17 at the United States Naval Academy. From this competition, 13 juniors qualified in one or more of the following: 3-Position rifle, Air Rifle and Men's Prone. The clubs represented were Queen Anne 4-H Marksmanship Club, University of Akron, IWLA-Damascus Junior Rifle Club and Antietam Junior Rifle Club.

Morgan Phillips and Mekenna Richardson from Queen Anne 4-H shot in both Women's 3P Rifle and Women's Air Rifle, along with Torrance Kang from Antietam Rifle Club.

Elizabeth Bark from University of Akron shot Women's Air Rifle along with Rebecca Padrusch from IWLA-Damascus JRC.

Joining them were Peninah D'Souza from Antietam JRC and Sophia Veloz from Queen Anne 4-H Marksmanship club.

Shooting Men's Air Rifle were Wynn Lekhavanija from Antietam JRC, Matthew Dorey and Nash Richardson from Queen Anne 4-H and Mitchell Feaga from IWLA-Damascus JRC. Matthew Dorey also shot in Men's Prone and Men's 3P Rifle. David Sink and Zach Schmidt were unable to attend because of conflicts.

Elizabeth Bark attends University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, Nash Richardson attends the United States Naval Academy, Mekenna Richardson attends Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, and Morgan Phillips attends University of West Virginia.

Torrance Kang has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy and will be on the rifle team, and Wynn Lekhavanija has been accepted at The Ohio State University and will shoot for the Buckeyes.

Pardini USA LLC Donates Air Guns to CMP Facilities for Public Use

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



hobby into a career, Vladimir's love of firearms and competition eventually led him to becoming a crucial contributor in the formation of Pardini USA LLC in 2009. Now, the company specializes in supplying, repairing and customizing competition guns, while also promoting marksmanship for the current and future generations.

Pardini USA LLC, a distributor of Olympic-level rifles and pistols, has generously donated new air rifles and air pistols to the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) air gun ranges. Available for use during public Marksmanship Nights, the company offered the air guns to each range in the hopes of supporting positive marksmanship activities for those currently within the sport and those just discovering the enjoyment it can bring.

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio, and the South Competition Center in Anniston, Ala., both received a precision Pardini GPR1 air rifle and two Pardini K12 air pistols. The rifle was designed in collaboration with Niccolo Campriani, a three-time air rifle Olympic gold medalist, while the air pistols supplied by Pardini have been used to cultivate world champions in the sport.

Vladimir Chichkov, a partner at Pardini USA LLC, was a key patron of the air guns finding homes at CMP's ranges. A long-time friend of the sport, Chichkov has been active within competitive marksmanship since 1975. Chichkov also coaches his son, Alexander, who earned the reputation as a successful air pistol competitor during the National Matches at Camp Perry – having won overall during the 60 Shot Air Pistol Match in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and earning the High Junior title in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

With an ambition to turn his

"I would like to thank Vladimir Chichkov for taking the time to introduce me to Pardini USA rifles and pistols last year during the National Rifle and Pistol Matches," said Lue Sherman, a CMP staff member who helps operate the air gun range at Camp Perry. "I think having these in our ranges, especially at Camp Perry where those who attend the National Matches will be able to witness the guns for themselves, will be great for both the CMP and Pardini USA."

The donated air guns are available for demonstration and use during the CMP's Marksmanship Nights, held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. in Ohio and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Alabama. Whether a seasoned competitor or putting a shot downrange for the first time, everyone is welcome to participate in the fun. More information about Marksmanship Nights, including directions and what to bring, can be found by visiting <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-centers/open-public-shooting/>.



Junior Distinguished Badge Program

The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council established the Junior Excellence-In-Competition Award Program to provide incentives for junior three-position air rifle competitors to improve and excel.

This program awards prestigious badges of distinction to the most outstanding junior shooters. Junior shooters earn EIC credit points by placing in designated competitions in accordance with the requirements of this program.

The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded to school-age junior three-position air rifle shooters who attain a series of high rankings in designated major junior air rifle championships that include the State Junior Olympic Qualifiers, CMP Cup Matches, National Junior Olympic Championships and other National Council Three-Position Air Rifle Championships.

Congratulations to the juniors listed here who recently earned their badges. **ON THE MARK** will recognize all juniors who achieve this outstanding goal in each issue.

For more program info, log onto <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/> or email CMP Competitions at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#1103	Seth Olson	Eden Prairie, MN	#1115	Joshua Rodriguez	Sparks, NV
#1104	Kaylene Castillo	Albuquerque, NM	#1116	Anthony Kissik	Matthews, AL
#1105	Dominick Cordova	Santa Fe, NM	#1117	Carlos Villar	Buckeye, AZ
#1106	David Lara	Denver, CO	#1118	Kaila Jones	APO, AE
#1107	Lorenzo Rivera	El Paso, TX	#1119	Elena Aparicio	Zion, IL
#1108	Gabby Lazarou	Madison, MS	#1120	Linsey Kleckner	Freeport, IL
#1109	Alexander Hobbs	Stone Mtn, GA	#1121	Patrick Cummins	Joshua, TX
#1110	Brandon Ihlein	Albuquerque, NM	#1122	Benjamin Davis	Acworth, GA
#1111	Dalton Jones	Florence, MS	#1123	Megan Painter	Church Hill, TN
#1112	Kinga Aletto	Sarasota, FL	#1124	Elena Kim	Fairfax Station, VA
#1113	Owen Goad	Danville, VA	#1125	Grayson Wheeler	Alexandria, VA
#1114	Jackie Rodriguez	El Paso, TX	#1126	Abigail Buesseler	Stacy, MN
			#1127	Deonte Hayes	Fort Mill, SC
			#1128	Nathan Fahrenbrook	Gering, NE
			#1129	Sean Trinidad Owens	Cross Roads, AL
			#1130	Alexander Ball	Fountain, CO
			#1131	Isabelle Blystone	Aiken, SC
			#1132	Elena Flake	Oak Harbor, WA
			#1133	Hope Hernandez	Denver, CO
			#1134	Kelcy McGrath	Hartford, AL
			#1135	Nathaniel Romero	Pueblo, CO
			#1136	Haley Curtiss	Pueblo, CO
			#1137	Lauren McMahan	Sarasota, FL
			#1138	Aquamarine Mims	Fountain, CO
			#1139	David Powers	Sparks, NV
			#1140	Regina Raquino	Beach Park, IL
			#1141	Dakota Tapp	Clarksville, TN
			#1142	Matthew Jakubowski	Buckeye, AZ



Want to Earn YOUR Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?

Visit <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/> or contact the CMP by calling (419) 635-2141, ext. 702.

CMP Runs Record-Shattering Relays with Electronic Targets at 2017 Eastern Games

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP BUTNER, N.C. – The Civilian Marksmanship Program’s (CMP) 2017 Eastern Games made a mark in the history of the organization as it featured its mobile electronic targets for the time in North Carolina – resulting in the most relays ever ran at Eastern Games. GSM Matches, which typically run four relays each day, saw days with a total of nine and 10 relays during its scheduled times, while the Vintage Sniper and other matches finished in record time. The targets eliminate the need for pit duty, allowing more time for the fun part of CMP Games events – the shooting.

Eastern Games, which combines rifle and pistol competitive matches as well as educational clinics, fired April 28 through May 2 at the Camp Butner Training Center with a group of over 360 competitors.

Piling into a van and traveling to the event for the first time was the Mast family – Richard Mast from Lynchburg, VA, and his daughter, Amanda, as well as Richard’s two brothers, Caleb and Jonathan. The family members all participated together in the rifle Small Arms Firing School (SAFS), which features classroom and firing line instruction, along with a true M16 EIC competition. Family friend Elijah Jantomaso also joined in on the carpool to gain his first experience with the AR-15.

“I didn’t do very good, but I still learned a lot,” Jantomaso, 18, joked. “Every tip they gave me, my points got better.”

“I do a lot of pistol shooting,” he went on. “I have a brother in the military and my mom was in the military, but I haven’t ever shot on the AR platform at all, so it was a lot of fun.”

Caleb and Jonathan Mast, who used to compete in 4-H air rifle back in high school, admitted that it had been a while since they had shot on a competitive platform. The pair, along with Richard and their other three siblings, grew up target shooting – initially learning from Richard with a .22 rifle. The family also says they have family shoots on holidays, both paintball and military styles, to celebrate their freedoms.



The Mast family and Elijah Jantomaso (far left) from Virginia traveled together to fire in their first Eastern Games event.

2LT Caleb, 30, serves in the National Guard in Winchester, VA, but says he rarely gets the opportunity to shoot. And though he learns valuable marksmanship lessons from military training, he was also impressed by the tutoring he received from SAFS.

“I enjoyed the instruction in the classroom,” he said. “I’d like to bring my wife out here next year because the instruction was so good, and I really liked the instant feedback of the electronic targets.”

“The electronic targets are phenomenal,” echoed Richard and Jonathan, simultaneously.

Jonathan, 28, added, “It was the best shooting experience I’ve ever seen as far as immediately finding out where you’re shooting – best I’ve ever had.”

Participants in the SAFS course and all competitors at Camp Butner throughout the event had the opportunity to fire on CMP’s mobile electronic highpower target range – presented along the entire firing line. The targets contain internal microphones that locate shot position and instantly report the score to a tablet monitor on each firing point.

The new targets were well received, especially by Caleb, who remarked on the simplicity the electronic targets provide to shooting – from the quick and accurate response of scores on the monitor as well as the convenience they deliver for those wanting to learn how to shoot on a budget.

“This makes it easier for people who don’t have equipment, like a scope, to get in. All you pay is the registration fee, and I just brought what I’m wearing and was still able to score well enough to get my feedback on the monitor.”

Amanda Mast, 14, is currently following in the footsteps of her uncles as an air rifle competitor at her local 4-H club. Having followed her dad as a marksman throughout her life, she was thrilled to finally be next to him on the firing line during competition.

“I like it a lot. He’s been at everything I do,” she said. “Shooting with him is a lot of fun since I’ve been watching him since I was little.”

Richard smiled and complemented his daughter’s remark, saying, “I planned when she was a baby to be out here with her, so it’s kind of a dream come true. It’s something we both enjoy. Getting to spend time with her is a lot of fun.”

Along with the obvious accomplishment of creating lasting memories with his daughter and his family, Richard also gave a memorable performance during the SAFS M16 Match, taking home the overall win and earning his first LEG points towards a Distinguished Rifleman Badge.

Also earning wins at the 2017 Eastern Games:

Jonathan Shue, 35, of Stafford, VA, who took control of the pistol portion by coming out on top of the Military & Police Service Pistol Match, .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Match, 40 Shot Pistol Match and the Pistol EIC Match.

PFC Christopher Hudock, 27, of Fort Benning, GA, led the As-Issued 1911 Pistol Match and also, along with teammate Steve Huff, claimed the overall win in the Pistol Team Match – landing third overall amongst individual competitors in the team event.

Junior Ryan Ward, 20, of Greenville, NC, made his name known amid the adult competitors as he took home the High Junior honors in the Vintage Military, Springfield and Garand matches. He was also the overall winner of the O-Class in the Rimfire Sporter Match.

Fellow juniors Hayden Thomas, 18, of Franklinville, NC, and MaKayla Rider, 18, of Mt. Pleasant, NC, dominated the T-Class in the Rimfire Sporter Match, as Rider claimed the overall win and Thomas earned the High Woman and High Junior awards. Rider was also the



Ryan Ward overtook the O-Class of the Rimfire Sporter Match and was the High Junior of three other rifle matches.

overall High Junior of the Games. Kathryn Cheek, 12, of Kernersville, NC, was the High Junior of the Tactical Class.

Bill Ellis, 52, who travels to North Carolina each year from England, had a lot of hardware to ship home as he earned overall wins in the Carbine Match, Springfield Match and the Tactical Class of the Rimfire Match.

Keith Schachle, 58, of Brooks, GA, took home the Three Gun Aggregate honor, while Victor Betzold, 62, of Bel Air, MD, earned his name as the overall winner of the Four Gun Aggregate competition.

CMP North General Manager Steve Cooper, along with teammate Ken Lore, won the Manual Vintage Sniper Match, and Team CMP highpower team member Nick Till, 43, of Howell, MI, came out on top of the Modern Military Match.



MaKayla Rider earned the title of overall High Junior at the CMP Games.

National Match Air Gun Events Set to Fire in July on CMP's New Targets

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Competitors looking for additional pistol or rifle opportunities during the Civilian Marksmanship Program’s (CMP) National Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry are urged to consider signing up for the wide variety of air rifle and air pistol events scheduled throughout the month of July. The air gun matches are held inside the air-conditioned, world-class Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center located on the grounds.

Events set within the CMP air range include 30 and 60 Shot Air Pistol, 30 and 60 Shot Air Rifle, 20 Shot Standing and 20 Shot Novice Prone. For an extra challenge and maybe even a little spending money, Top Center Shot cash prizes will be awarded during the 20 Shot Standing, 30 Shot Air Pistol and 30 Shot Air Rifle competitions. Additionally, an AiR-15 Challenge and Top 20 Shoulder-to-Shoulder competition with CMP National Match AR-15 style air rifles will be held that offer even more chances at cash prizes.

While visiting the range for the National Match air events, explore authentic Olympic and other memorabilia from two-time gold medalist and range namesake, Gary Anderson, including his rifles, a medal from President John F. Kennedy and even a piece of the Berlin wall. The facility also contains a CMP store where guests may purchase shirts, mugs and other keepsakes.

During schedules times, the air gun range will be open to the public. Visitors may come in to fire loaned air rifles or air pistols, with the help of trained CMP staff members.

The Gary Anderson Competition Center range consists of 80 firing points – each equipped with new electronic targets, installed in November 2016. The high-tech Kongsberg Target System (KTS) targets are powered by OpticScore technology, which are scored optically by internal LED lights. Monitors at each firing point instantly display scores, and button functions with an LED lighted screen allow ease of use for individuals of all ages and experience levels.

Large LED screens placed throughout the range space display each competitor’s target, making the match spectator-friendly. CMP staff members are also on hand to answer questions for those wanting to learn more about the safe, fun and growing sport.

More information about the National Match Air Gun events can be found at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/national-match-air-gun-events/>.

For more about the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, visit <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-centers/>.

CMP Awards 158 Scholarships to Student Athletes for 2017-2018 School Year

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



In addition to the scholarships awarded to talented marksmen across the country, six local scholarships were awarded to athletes near the CMP offices in the Port Clinton, Ohio, and Talladega, Ala. – three to each location.

The CMP is dedicated to its commitment to youth programs and furthering the education of the successful young adults involved within them.

CAMPERRY, OH – The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has awarded \$158,000 towards outstanding junior marksmen through its CMP Scholarship Program to be used for the 2017-2018 term – over \$5,000 more than the previous year. A total of 289 applications were received, with 158 awarded to both junior males and females.

The \$1,000 CMP Scholarships are available to graduating high school JROTC, 4-H and other junior shooting club members. Scholarship applications are only accepted if they are received completed and if the applicant is a U.S. citizen, shows good moral character, is a contributing member to society and is a scholar marksman.

In April, CMP board members and staff carefully sorted through piles of applications to determine which young marksmen would receive scholarships for the coming academic year.

Of the 247 fully-completed applications reviewed for consideration, 122 were submitted by female juniors and 125 by male. Students from Georgia submitted the most, with 22, followed by last year's leader Pennsylvania (17) and North Carolina (16). Hawaii, Alaska and overseas military posts were also represented in the process, with a total of 20 combined submissions.

Through these scholarships, the CMP is able to uphold its goal of awarding those who present exceptional talent, determination and citizenship within the field of marksmanship.

All junior marksmen are encouraged to stay focused on their academic careers as well as in becoming involved with their communities and other positive extra curricular activities. The CMP is proud to provide support to junior marksmen in their continuing education and helping to shape their fulfilling futures.

To review all of the selected applicants, click on the 2017 Scholarship Winners link at <http://thecmp.org/communications/cmp-scholarship-program/>.





Throughout its history, the CMP has prepared an ever-growing number of shooters with firearm safety and marksmanship skills through its programs, clinics and other events. With the hope to spread the promotion of marksmanship and shooting sports, other organizations have joined CMP in its efforts by creating their own hometown clubs. Whenever possible, we recognize these clubs and their achievements in our publications. If you would like your club recognized, please email photos, captions and a short article to abrugnone@thecmp.org.

United South High School Wins 11th Annual Tri-City 3P Event

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

The United South High School MCJROTC Panther Air Rifle Team from Laredo, Texas, earned first place overall in the sporter team competition during the 11th Annual Tri-City Three-Position Tournament, Feb. 17-18, 2017. The 3x10 event was hosted by the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School JROTC. Competitors in the match fired 10 record shots at each position: prone, standing and kneeling.

A total of 14 competitors took the line during the event, with the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Early College High School Army JROTC Bear Rifles from Pharr, Texas, and the Marine Military Academy from Harlingen, Texas, teams competing against United South.

Along with the team win, United South members Brian Villarreal, 16, and Bethany Jordan, 16, both earned first place awards in the sporter individual boys and girls competitions, respectively. Villarreal fired a total score of 258-5x, while Jordan recorded an overall score of 244-1x. The pair also took first and second place overall in the match.

Other firing members of the team were Abdiel Lara, who scored 227-2x, and Joe Reyes, who added another 219 to the overall winning score of 948-8x. The team was coached by MSgt James Jordan.

"Being new to air rifle competitions, the kids spend two hours a day, four days a week practicing. That's one hour before and after school," said MSgt Jordan. "The CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) has been great at supporting young marksmen – we use the book, 'Coaching Young Rifle Shooters' by Mr. Gary Anderson as the foundation for all of our practices – and I get to watch their confidence grow with each competition."

The team is made up of mostly first-year shooters, with the exception of one four-year shooter and two two-year shooters, as well as one special needs student who is known to the team and the student body as "Precious Panther," after the school's mascot. According to MSgt



Jordan, the cadets have welcomed him with open arms, and he really enjoys being a part of the team.

Due to limited funds, MSgt Jordan rotates the 10 total team members to ensure everyone gets to participate in tournaments. United South has been to five tournaments this year, earning two first- and second-place finishes each.

A win also came on April 1, 2017, during the NRA Three-Position Air Rifle Sectional and NRA Individual Standing Sectional in San Juan, Texas. First place honors went to the team in overall competition as well as to Brian Villarreal, who again earned the top spot in the Individual Three-Position match. Mario Delgado, 16, earned second behind Villarreal and Bethany Jordan, the MSgt's daughter, followed in third. Jordan also earned first in the Individual Standing Sectional.

Congratulations, United South, and keep up the good work!

UPDATE: The United South High School MCJROTC Air Rifle Team completed their season on April 22, 2017 at the Junior Olympic 3PAR State Championship sectional in San Juan, Texas.

The Team earned first place with a score of 1995-33x. Individuals placing were Mario Delgado (1st) with a score of 524-12x, Brian Villarreal with a score of 514-11x, Bethany Jordan with a score of 499-7 and Clarissa Lopez with a score of 487-7x.

Although the team did not make it to Nationals this year, they made great strides toward achieving their goal of making it next year.

CMP Welcomes Our Newly-Affiliated Clubs

The CMP welcomes clubs and associations to affiliate with us to help develop firearm safety and marksmanship skills. See our clubs page on the Web for more information about the benefits of club affiliation at <http://thecmp.org/clubs/>.

Heritage Classical Christian Academy,
Chesterfield, MS

Olympic Heights MCJROTC,
Boca Raton, FL

Boyscout Troop 27,
New Carlisle, OH

Venture Crew 524,
Coon Rapids, MN

Greenville High School
NJROTC, Greenville, TX

St. Charles HS USMC JROTC,
Waldorf, MD

Rosamond High School
AFJROTC, Rosamond, CA

Glenwood Springs AFJROTC,
Glenwood Springs, CO

Ripley Rod & Gun Club, Ripley, NY

Pryde Mentoring Academy, South Euclid, OH

SEAS (Shooting Sports in Elementary),
Sulphur Rock, AR

Elk County 4-H Air Rifle Club,
Ridgway, PA

Buchtel CLC AFJROTC,
Akron, OH

Northwest Arkansas Spring
Gun Association,
Fayetteville, AR

Boy Scouts of America Troop 1,
Scherville, IN

White Mountain Shooters
Association, Snowflake, AZ

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge
10, Statesville, NC

Gov John R Rogers HS,
Puyallup, WA



Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club, New Russia
Township, OH

Santaluces Community HS, Lantana, FL

Boy Scouts of America Troop 634, Lake Forest, CA

Stewarts Creek HS AJROTC, Smyrna, TN

Arab High School JROTC, Arab, AL



CMP, Ohio State Directors Donate Air Rifle Package to Local Club to Boost Programs

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), with the help of the CMP State Directors from Ohio, Russ and Vickie Evans, recently donated a beginning air rifle program kit to the Lowellville Rod & Gun Club in Lowellville, Ohio. The kit, which includes four Daisy M853 reconditioned pneumatic air rifles, four tins of .177 caliber pellets, a pack of air rifle targets, three-position air rifle rules and shooters journals as well as an air rifle safety poster, was donated to the club in the hopes of furthering the involvement of its juniors in air rifle shooting programs.

In a letter to Russ and Vickie, the club responded in thanks, touching on the importance of educating juniors on responsible practices within the sport. Steve Rasetta, trustee of the club, also said, "The youth members are our future in conservation and outdoor sportsmanship activities. These items will add tremendous value to our club, as it creates more opportunities for our youth members to develop shooting skills."

Russ and Vickie have praised the leadership of the club and its continued commitment to its smallbore program for the past several years. The couple also mentioned their interest in helping the club motivate its juniors to pursue the benefits of other disciplines by encouraging participation in local air rifle events.

"We hope that Lowellville will start juniors in sporter air rifle and bring them to competitions," Russ said, "Vickie and I had spoken to some of the Lowellville leadership about junior competitions but have not been able to get their juniors into competitions. The donation of the air rifle package has helped us establish a more creditable relationship with the club."

He went on, "[The donation] shows the CMP's effort to assist the local clubs and encourage the leadership to look at junior shooting competitions as an option for their junior shooters. It shows that someone is interested in helping them to be successful."

Each fiscal year, State Directors are given a Special Fund of \$400 to use towards programs within their states. At the 2011 State Director Workshop, the New Air Rifle Team Package was introduced, which consists of four Daisy M853 reconditioned pneumatic air rifles, four tins of pellets and a pack of targets. The State Directors can request one package per year in lieu of their Special Fund to donate to a new team just starting out with no equipment.

Since its installment, many State Directors have taken



advantage of the New Air Rifle Team Package for clubs in their states. The contribution from the CMP and Russ and Vickie in Ohio is just the most recent example of shooting community members becoming actively involved in building juniors and the future of safe and sensible marksmanship.

"This is a great starter package to introduce a club to safety, marksmanship and the CMP," said CMP staff member Lue Sherman, who works directly with the State Directors.

She went on, "To quote our mission statement, 'The Civilian Marksmanship Program is a national organization dedicated to training and educating U. S. citizens in responsible uses of firearms and airguns through gun safety training, marksmanship training and competitions... that places its highest priority on serving youth through gun safety and marksmanship activities that encourage personal growth and build life skills.' And that's what this program ensures."

The CMP State Directors of each of the 50 states are appointed to provide leadership, coordination, networking, motivation and publicity for shooting sports in their geographic areas. They work directly with coaches and individuals to provide enjoyable, informative and fun opportunities for junior competitors across their states and help lead them in positive directions.

Thank you to our hardworking State Directors, coaches, parents and other individuals who continue to constructively support junior programs.

For more information about CMP State Directors, including biographies and contact information, visit <http://thecmp.org/training-tech/state-director/>.

Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the JROTC National Championship and the Oklahoma and Eastern CMP Games.



JROTC Nationals



Oklahoma CMP Games



Eastern CMP Games

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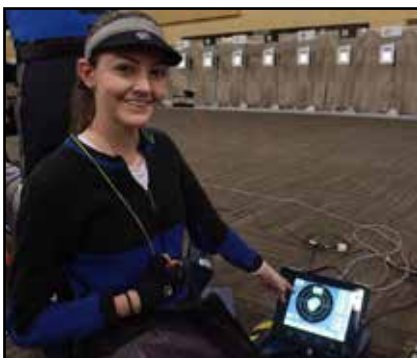
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