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Camp Perry, Ohio. For more information, visit <http://thecmp.org/cmp-establishes-monthly-bench-leagues-designed-ages/>

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On the Cover: Louis Slauterbeck, 14, of Port Clinton, Ohio, participated in his first National Junior Olympic competition in Colorado in April and brought home two gold medals. Full story on page 14. Photo courtesy of Facebook

CMP Awards 157 Scholarships to Student Athletes for 2019-2020 School Year

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



CAMP PERRY, OH – The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has awarded \$157,000 towards outstanding junior marksmen through its CMP Scholarship Program to be used for the 2019-2020 term. A total of 234 applications were received, with 157 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 208 fully-completed applications reviewed for consideration, 125 were submitted by female juniors and 84 by male. Students from Pennsylvania submitted the most, with 21, followed by Florida and Georgia (19 each). Hawaii, Alaska and overseas military posts were also represented in the process, with a total of 13 combined submissions.

In addition to the scholarships awarded to talented marksmen across the country, 10 local scholarships were awarded to athletes near the CMP offices in the Port Clinton, Ohio.

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



Randy Gregory, CMP State Director from Wisconsin, presents a scholarship certificate to Avery Apfelbeck.

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 2019 Scholarship Recipients link at <http://thecmp.org/communications/cmp-scholarship-program/>.

Granbury High School Recaptures Precision Title at 2019 JROTC National Air Rifle Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, Ala. – Defending National Champions, the Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC program athletes, arrived at the 2019 JROTC National Three-Position Championship, March 22-24, ready to reclaim their roles at the top of the podium. That's exactly what they did, and more, as they brought home not only team awards, but also individual wins in the precision class.

The two-day scholastic competition, held at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) South Competition Center in Alabama, hosts both precision and sporter class high school athletes in the three-position event. Each day consists of a qualifying match, followed by a finals event for the Top 8 highest scoring athletes of the day. Overall winners are determined from scores collected from both days.

Team member Makenzie Sheffield, 18, helped lead the Granbury, Texas, natives by earning first place in the overall precision individual competition, with a score of 1287.2. Sheffield led the precision class both days of the two-day competition after coming out on top of the eight-competitor final held at the conclusion of each day.

Only one-point shy of Sheffield's overall score was teammate Philip Becker, 17, who accumulated a score of 1286.4 over the course of the weekend. Last year's National Champion, Taylor Gibson, 18, of North Salem High School's Army JROTC in Oregon, earned the third place with a score of 1282.7 in the precision match.

With half of its members earning podium spots and the other half (Clarissa Layland and Elizabeth Plecity) landing in the Top 15 overall, Granbury High School took home the overall team competition for the second consecutive year, with a score of 4704-324x.

Earning second was Joshua High School Navy JROTC, also of Texas, with a score of 4672-295x, followed by Granbury Team 2, which earned third with a score of 4635-276x.

Joshua High School also set a Navy JROTC National Team record, with their score of 2335-151x. Member



Defending champions, Granbury High School, reclaimed their title in 2019.

Grace Sharp, 17, who finished fifth overall, set a new Navy JROTC National Record for her finals performance on Day 1 of the precision match, with a score of 104.8.

In the sporter event, Jaden-Ann Fraser, 16, of Volunteer High School Navy JROTC in Tennessee, overtook the individual competition by just one point, with a score of 1222.4. Kayla Kalenza, 15, of Nation Ford High School Marine Corps JROTC in South Carolina, followed in second with a score of 1221.2, as Andrew Larson, 18, of Jack C. Hays Red Marine Corps JROTC in Texas, with a score of 1206.9.

Fraser clinched the competition after claiming the Day 1 final and finishing just behind Kalenza in second on Day 2.

Kalenza's Nation Ford High School team, along with members, Deonte Hayes, Nick Noto and Sarah Leininger, led as the overall sporter team with a score of 4437-155x. Santa Fe Navy JROTC landed in second, with a score of 4377-144x, with Zion Benton Navy JROTC of Illinois earning third.

Placing teams earned monetary awards from the CMP for their outstanding performances – \$500 for fifth, \$750 for fourth, \$1,000 for third, \$1,500 for second and \$2,000 for first. The Top 5 individuals also earned money for placing in the competition: \$100 for fifth, \$200 for



Jaden-Ann Fraser claimed the overall spot in the National sporter individual match.



Makenzie Sheffield earned first place overall in the precision competition.

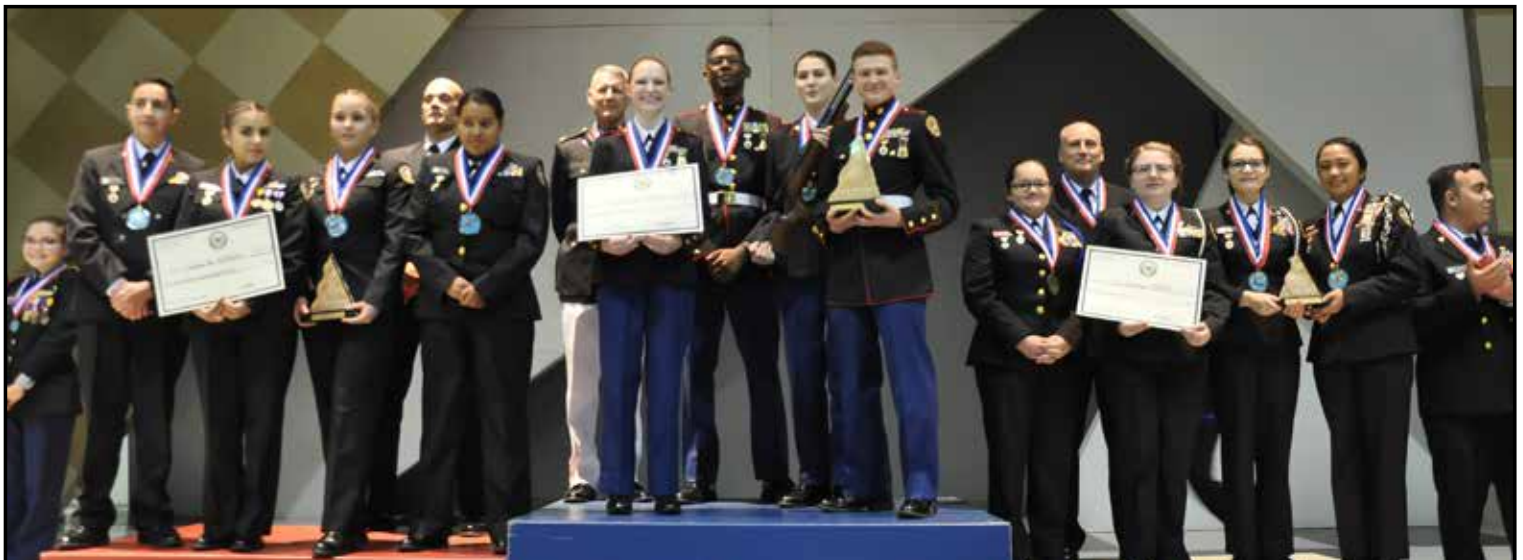
fourth, \$300 for third, \$400 for second and \$500 for first.

The CMP was proud to exhibit the talent and efforts of each junior participating in the JROTC Air Rifle Championships. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to next year!

For a complete list of results, visit the Competition Tracker page at [https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?](https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=18093)

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For more information on the JROTC Championships, visit <http://thecmp.org/air/jrotc-air-rifle-national-championship/>.



Leading the sporter teams was Nation Ford High School, followed by Santa Fe and Zion Benton High School.

Special Opportunities for Junior Shooting Programs

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus

From time to time it is worthwhile to step back and consider the special opportunities that can augment junior shooting programs and how those particular programs can benefit junior athletes, coaches or parents. In this *On the Mark* article, we'll take a look at one new shooting discipline, **Target Sprint**; one very old program, the **Distinguished Badge Program**; one concern that should be a priority for junior leaders, **keeping juniors in shooting** after they age out of their current programs and a new professional development opportunity, **CMP Range Officer Training Courses**.

- **Target Sprint** is a new shooting discipline that is especially appealing to juniors and adults who take physical fitness seriously. Junior programs should consider organizing Target Sprint events as fun-oriented experiences for youth and adults in their communities.

- The 135-year-old **Distinguished Badge Program**, which began as a military awards program, today offers six prestigious government-authorized badges of distinction, including the Junior Distinguished Badge. Junior programs should promote this badge as a worthy goal for junior three-position air rifle athletes.

- In addition to their regular training and competition programs, junior programs should also introduce junior shooters to **lifetime shooting opportunities** to ensure that they have possibilities for continuing to shoot after they age out of their current junior programs.

- Completing a **Range Officer Training Course** can be a great professional development opportunity for junior leaders and parents who serve as volunteers in junior competition programs.

Target Sprint

Target Sprint is a dynamic shooting sports discipline that combines air rifle standing position shooting with middle distance running. Target Sprint's closest relative is biathlon, a Winter Olympic sport. Biathlon competitions have a huge television following in Europe, mostly because

This succession of photos depicts the different phases of a Target Sprint race that include the start (top), running, shooting and the finish (bottom). The athlete shown at the finish is Madlen Guggenmos of Germany who won the gold medal in the Junior Women event in the 2018 World Target Sprint Championship. Her total race time was 5:08.7.



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of the visual appeal of its knock-down targets. The IBU, the international governing body for biathlon, has a summer biathlon program that features smallbore rifle shooting and running but the IBU had no real interest in a shooting discipline involving air rifle shooting and running, so the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) embraced Target Sprint as an ISSF discipline. The ISSF wanted a shooting discipline with a unique fitness challenge.

Target Sprint Events. Successful Target Sprint athletes must be both good middle-distance runners (400-800m) and good shooters. Target Sprint competitors start by running a 400 m loop. When they come to the range, they must fire at and hit five targets from the standing position before running another 400 m loop and returning to the range for a second five-target shooting session. If targets are missed, competitors must continue shooting until all five targets are down. Since the time spent shooting counts in the total race time, competitors must be able to load and fire very quickly. After hitting all five targets a second time, competitors run a third 400 m loop to the finish. Total running and shooting times decide final rankings. The chart explains the Target Sprint competition format.

Target Sprint Venues. Target Sprint venues are normally set up outdoors. They have a 400-meter running course, an air rifle range and a grandstand for spectators that allows them to see starts, the range and finishes. The 400 m running course does not have to be an oval running track; many resemble cross-country running courses. Some of the best venues in Europe have been set up in the center of cities. The diagram on page 8 illustrates the Target Sprint venue layout concept.

Target Sprint Targets. Target Sprint biathlon-type targets have five 35mm openings, which are the same size as the four ring on the 10m air rifle target. Hitting that target may sound easy but don't reach any conclusions until you've tried doing that after running 400 m at full speed and then shooting as fast as possible. Target mechanisms have pull cords so Range Officers can reset the targets during races. The BT-100 target made by Devin Manufacturing (Arcade, NY, 585-496-5770, www.devinmfg.com), which sells for \$124.95, complies with ISSF Target Sprint Rules and is relatively inexpensive compared with similar units sold in Europe. To maintain targets, use white paint to cover pellet marks made by shots that do not hit the knock-down plates.

Target Sprint Air Rifles. In countries where Target Sprint is practiced, precision 5-shot repeater air rifles originally designed for summer biathlon are the norm. In Target Sprint, rifles must be single loaded, and magazines



Shooting in Target Sprint is done in the standing position. The athlete in the photo is Jason Spaude, a University of Kentucky student who was the lone USA entry in the 2018 World Target Sprint Championship.

cannot be used, but competitors usually place pellet holders on their rifles to make loading as quick and efficient as possible. Precision repeater air rifles used for summer biathlon or Target Sprint in Europe are not commonly available in the USA and are far too costly to attract new participants here. Target Sprint events in this country should start with sporter class air rifles like the Crosman Challenger, Daisy M888/887/599 or Champions Choice T200 (ISSF TS Rule 6.1).

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TARGET SPRINT COMPETITION FORMAT

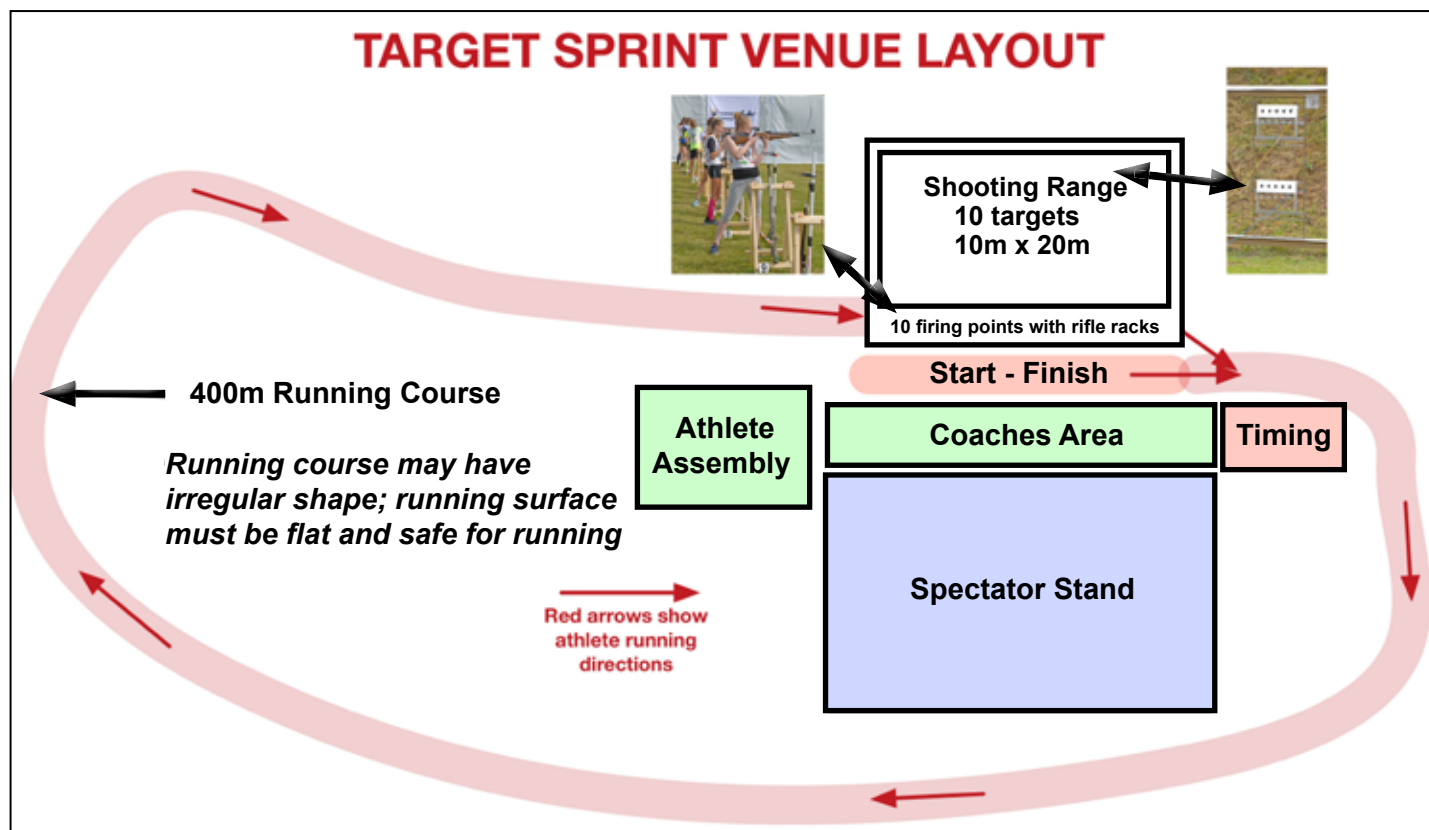
Stage	Activity	Description
0	Preparation Time (5 minutes)	When a competition relay is called, competitors go to their designated firing points to fire sighting shots or finish warming up on the running course.
0	Start	After 5 minutes, competitors are called to the start line and given the START signal.
1	Running	Competitors run 400m on the running course.
2	Shooting	Competitors go to their firing points, take their rifles from rifle racks and shoot at their targets. When all targets are hit, competitors place their rifles in rifle racks and resume running.
3	Running	Competitors run 400m on the running course.
4	Shooting	Competitors return to their firing points and shoot at their targets. When all targets are hit, they resume running.
5	Running	Competitors run 400m on the running course to the finish line.
Note	If a competitor does not hit all five targets in 15 shots, the competitor must place his/her rifle in the rack, go to a penalty box, wait 15 seconds, and then resume running.	

Target Sprint Events in the USA.

ISSF Target Sprint Rules, which can be downloaded at https://www.issf-sports.org/getfile.aspx?mod=docf&pane=1&inst=290&file=2019_ISSF_RULES_Target_Sprint.pdf, should be used as a basis for conducting Target Sprint events in the USA. To introduce Target Sprint in an area where no one has ever tried it, it is necessary to use these rules as a starting point, and also to innovate and adapt them to what is possible in a particular area. Here are some adaptations to consider:

- **Emphasize Participation and Fun.** The first Target Sprint events in any community should emphasize participation. Promote the idea of trying something new and how much fun it can be. Participants should be timed and ranked according to times and age groups but keep competitions low key. Everyone who completes a Target Sprint course of fire should receive some kind of recognition.

TARGET SPRINT VENUE LAYOUT



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• **Start Small—Start with Two or Three Targets.** A group or club that wants to try Target Sprint doesn't have to acquire a full range of ten or 12 targets. Think about acquiring two or three targets at first. A Target Sprint relay takes less than ten minutes so even with two or three targets, 12 to 18 participants per hour can be cycled through an event. If there is additional interest, more targets can be acquired.

• **New Competitors.** Invite runners and fitness enthusiasts who have no shooting experience to try Target Sprint. Offer a brief shooting clinic before the race starts and let inexperienced shooters shoot off of rifle rests (see illustration).

• **Age Groups.** One of the best ways to encourage younger and older shooters to participate in Target Sprint is to have age groups. Possible age groups are: Sub-Junior - 14 & under; Mid-Junior - 15-17; Junior - 18-20; Senior I - 21-45; Senior II - 46-55 and Senior III - 56+.

• **Women.** Every category used in a competition should have both a men's category and a women's category.

• **Try Target Sprint Alone.** When Target Sprint is done with air rifles, it is easy for someone interested in trying it to acquire a single target mechanism and to set up the target and a running course at home or in a nearby open area. The running course does not have to be 400 m; it can be whatever is challenging to you. Recording course times and competing against yourself can make Target Sprint runs especially interesting.

• **Offer Training Opportunities.** If Target Sprint targets and a running course can be left set up at a range complex, allow interested persons to bring their own air rifles and running shoes and try running Target Sprint courses on their own.



This Target Sprint target mechanism shows two hit targets on the left and three targets remaining to be hit. This unit is produced by Devin Manufacturing (www.devinmfg.com).



Allow new shooters to shoot off of rifle rests.

Require both hands to be behind the rifle rest.

Let competitors with no shooting experience shoot off of adjustable rifle rests in a separate novice class. New competitors need to be able to get hits when they shoot, or they won't come back.

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Target Sprint at Camp Perry

The CMP plans conduct a Target Sprint event on 16 July, during the 2019 National Matches. Anyone who is interested in trying Target Sprint who will be at Camp Perry in mid-July is invited to participate.

Plans for this event are still being made as this is written, but sporter class air rifles will be available for anyone who wants to try Target Sprint.

Details will be posted on the CMP National Matches webpage and in CMP Shooting News as soon as they are available.

The Distinguished Badge Program

The Junior Distinguished Badge is a prized icon of excellence among junior rifle shooters. The badge has been presented to 1,400 outstanding junior three-position air rifle competitors since the first badge was awarded in 2001. The badge is part of a national Distinguished Badge Program that was initiated by the U. S. Government and now features six different Distinguished Badges that are presented to the best shooting competitors in the USA.

Junior leaders should educate new junior shooters about the badge and encourage them to make earning the badge a personal goal. To do this effectively, junior leaders need to understand how the Junior Distinguished Badge fits into the overall Distinguished Badge Program and how to explain its significance to juniors and parents.

U. S. Army leaders inaugurated the Distinguished Badge as a special award to distinguish the best rifle marksmen. The first gold Distinguished Marksman Badges were awarded in 1884. This program began as a military awards program, but it ultimately became an esteemed awards program for all U. S. citizens. Distinguished Badges promote marksmanship skill development among U. S. citizens, affirm our country's respect for great marksmanship and officially recognize shooters who consistently place at the top in the most important competitions.

In 1891, the program expanded to offer separate Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badges. The first U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badges were awarded in 1963 at the height of the Cold War when Department of Defense officials sought ways to encourage U. S. international shooters to challenge Soviet Union (USSR) shooters who dominated Olympic and World Championship competitions at the time.



Left: The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded annually to outstanding junior three-position air rifle athletes who distinguish themselves by achieving multiple high place finishes in designated competitions.

Right: President John F. Kennedy presented the first International Distinguished Badge to the author, Gary Anderson, in April 1963, after he won four World Championship gold medals in the 1962 World Championship.

The original criteria for receiving the International Distinguished Badge was to win a gold, silver or bronze medal in an Olympic, World Championship or Pan American Games individual or team event. With the advent of the Championship of the Americas in 1973 and ISSF World Cups in 1986, award criteria were modified to establish the current 30-point requirement that assigns different point values for medals won in championships governed by the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF). A junior athlete, then 18-year-old Virginia Thrasher, earned International Distinguished Badge #510 with her gold medal victory in the 2016 Olympics.

In 2013, the International Distinguished program was expanded to include medal-winning performances in competitions governed by World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS). That change made U. S. athletes who win medals in the Paralympic Games, WSPS World Championships and WSPS World Cups eligible to earn International Distinguished Badges. The first International Distinguished Badge earned by a Paralympian was presented to Roger Withrow, who won a gold medal in the 1984 Paralympic Games.

A recent change to badge criteria also awards credit points to U. S. juniors who win medals in ISSF Junior World Championships or Junior World Cups. Two athletes, skeet shooter Katarina Jacob and rifle shooter Morgan Phillips, recently earned International Distinguished Badges while competing in 2017 and 2018 ISSF Junior Championships.

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The Department the Army administered the Distinguished Badge program for many decades but when Congress and President Bill Clinton enacted legislation to privatize the Civilian Marksmanship Program in 1996, legal authority to administer this program was transferred to the CMP. The CMP subsequently added three new badges to the program, the Junior Distinguished Badge in 2001, the .22 Rimfire Pistol Badge in 2015 and the Distinguished Marksman Badge in 2019. The latter badge will be awarded to competitors with disabilities who earn EIC credit points in national competitions. The first Junior Distinguished Badge was presented to Army JROTC Cadet Brandon Green in 2001. SFC Green is now a member of the U. S. Army Service Rifle Team. He holds National Match records for the Presidents Rifle Match (400-20X) and the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match (499-30X).







The chart on this page identifies the six Distinguished Badges that are now part of this program. Detailed regulations for awarding all badges are found in CMP Rulebooks. To earn the Junior Distinguished Badge, juniors must acquire 30 EIC (Excellence-In-Competition) points in designated three-position air rifle competitions. In CMP Cup Matches and State Championships, EIC points are earned by shooting minimum scores. EIC points in national level Championships are awarded according to where juniors place. Detailed information about the Junior Distinguished Badge, including lists of juniors with EIC points earned, are found on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/>.

Introducing Juniors to Lifetime Shooting Opportunities

One of the real shortcomings of junior shooting programs in the USA is that while many different national organizations sponsor junior shooting, these programs have maximum ages, and few have any links to programs offering opportunities to continue shooting. BB Gun participants are too old to shoot at age 16. 3-position air rifle shooters are too old at age 19.



CMP staff member Katie Harrington, who earned Junior Distinguished Badge #63 in 2004, is pinning the badge on new Junior Distinguished athletes during the 2019 National JROTC Championship. Distinguished Badges are awarded during special presentation ceremonies.

U.S. DISTINGUISHED MARKSMAN BADGES			
Badge	Awarded For	First Awarded	Photo
U.S. Distinguished International Shooters' Badge	Excellence in ISSF or WSPS Championships	1963	
Distinguished Rifleman Badge	Excellence in Service Rifle EIC, National Trophy or military command Matches	1884	
Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge	Excellence in Service Pistol EIC National Trophy or military command Matches	1891	
Junior Distinguished Badge	Excellence in National and Regional Championships sponsored by members of the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council	2001	
Distinguished .22 Rimfire Pistol Badge	Excellence in Rimfire Pistol EIC or National Trophy Matches	2015	
Distinguished Marksman Badge	Excellence by persons with disabilities in Service Rifle or Pistol	2019	

Special Opportunities for Junior Shooting Programs

College rifle team members become too old to continue at age 22 or 23. Juniors who age out of their programs are left on their own and most drop out of shooting.

Junior shooting programs do a great job of introducing youth to gun safety training and teaching target shooting skills needed to continue shooting, but the big question is where do these youth go to find those opportunities. Coaches, instructors, junior program leaders and parents have responsibilities to give juniors contacts and special experiences that introduce lifetime shooting opportunities to them. Here are some programs to consider:

- **Rimfire Sporter Rifle.** Junior shooters with experience in BB Gun or 3-position air rifle are well prepared to compete in Rimfire Sporter Matches because competitors in this discipline also shoot in ordinary clothing, not supportive precision rifle clothing. Rimfire Sporter Rifle is the most accessible and least costly target discipline because legal rifles are easily obtained and there are minimal requirements for other equipment. To learn more about this discipline, download the **CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter** (<http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rimfire.pdf?ver=20180406>). Rimfire Sporter Matches are offered at CMP Travel Games as well as at many local shooting clubs. The biggest smallbore rifle match in the country, the National Rimfire Sporter Rifle Championship, takes place annually during the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. This year there is a new



Several 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs and shooting club teams make annual treks to Camp Perry to shoot in the National Rimfire Sporter Championship. Competitors shoot smallbore rifles with telescopic or open sights (separate categories). In Rimfire Sporter, the middle position is usually sitting, and coaching is permitted.



Three-fourths of the competitors in the 2018 CMP National Smallbore Position Championship were juniors. With the appeal and special programs offered by the CMP, the number of juniors is expected to increase even more in 2019.

shooter clinic on 20 July and a full day of competition on 21 July (find detailed information at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/>).

- **Smallbore Rifle.** A goal of many junior 3-position air rifle shooters is to obtain a scholarship to shoot on a college rifle team. To be considered, however, it is necessary to be active in both air rifle and 3-position smallbore shooting and to own a smallbore rifle. During this summer's National Matches, junior air rifle athletes will have a unique opportunity to be introduced to smallbore rifle shooting. Athletes who qualify for the CMP and Junior Olympic National Three-Position Precision Air Rifle Championship at Camp Perry on 13-15 July, have been invited to remain at Camp Perry and participate in the CMP National Smallbore Rifle Championships. The Army Marksmanship Unit International Rifle Team will conduct a special Small Arms Firing School on 16 July where the emphasis will be on introducing these juniors to smallbore rifle shooting. The CMP Smallbore Championships begin on 17 July.

Juniors who have their own smallbore match rifles already have the equipment they need to participate in this program. For juniors who do not have smallbore rifles, the CMP has acquired 50 match grade smallbore rifles that it plans to loan to junior smallbore championship competitors. Details regarding this great opportunity to get started in smallbore rifle shooting are available at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/smallbore-matches/>.

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National Matches Junior Camp

This junior rifle camp, which offers intermediate to advanced instruction in both smallbore and air rifle, also takes place at Camp Perry during the National Matches. 2019 dates are 17-22 July. This camp is another excellent opportunity for juniors to receive smallbore rifle training. Details can be found on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/cmpnmjrcamp/>.

- **State Junior Service Rifle Teams.** Service Rifle shooting is done outdoors with M16/AR-type rifles at distances of 200 to 600 yards. Juniors who have done well in three-position air or smallbore rifle shooting have many of the skills needed to shoot service rifle. They already have good standing and prone skills and can quickly learn the sitting position. Many state shooting associations and a few shooting clubs sponsor junior service rifle teams that they equip, train and take to the National Matches. Most of these programs have service rifles available for juniors who make their teams. These teams also receive financial support from the CMP through its Junior Highpower Support Program. At the National Matches most teams receive advanced training during the USMC Junior Highpower Clinic and then compete in National Matches highpower rifle events that include three prestigious junior trophy team events. For example, 15 states entered 51 different junior service rifle teams in the 2018 National Trophy Junior Team Match. The top ten teams represented the states of Washington, Arizona, California, Wisconsin, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Junior shooters who are interested in trying highpower rifle shooting should contact their state shooting association to find out if there is a state junior service rifle team in their state (use the listing at <https://thecmp.org/clubs/state-associations/state-association-listing/>).

Range Officer Training Courses

One of the attributes of junior programs that consistently produce winning teams and athletes who receive college scholarships or win places on national teams is their competition programs. They conduct matches and they cooperate with other programs in their areas to conduct matches. And to conduct excellent competitions, it is essential to have a well-trained cadre of volunteers who know and follow the rules. The CMP

Range Officer Training Courses

Full details about the CMP Range Officer Training Course can be found on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-rangeofficer-program/>.

developed its Range Officer Training Courses to be sure there are plenty of match officials who know and follow the rules. Junior programs that sponsor matches should encourage the parents and supporters who volunteer to serve as match officials in their competitions to obtain their certification through the CMP Range Officer Training Course.

Everyone who signs up for Range Officer training starts with Phase I training that provides students with a home study manual, ***Becoming a Range Officer***. After completing an on-line test on the contents of the manual, students become eligible to attend Phase II courses in the discipline of their choice, Highpower Rifle, Bulls-Eye Pistol or Smallbore and Rimfire Sporter Rifle. All of these Phase II courses will be available this summer during the National Matches.

About the Author

Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, retired as the full-time CMP Director at the end of 2009. He continues to work with the CMP as the senior marksmanship instructor. During his remarkable career, he won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championships and 16 National Championships. He served as a Vice President of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) from 1990 through 2018. He is a former Nebraska State Senator and Past President of USA Shooting. He served as a Technical Delegate for Shooting during the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games as well as for the 2014 and 2018 World Shooting Championships.

In 2012, the International Olympic Committee awarded Gary Anderson with the Olympic Order, its highest honor "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."

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



Para-athlete Wins Gold at First Junior Olympic Air Rifle Competition

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

Unlike most 14 years olds, Louis Slauterbeck has admirable goals and is hastily in pursuit of them. Also unlike others his age, Louis was given an extra challenge in life that causes him to need a little added support to reach his dreams – both emotionally and physically.

Before birth, Louis was diagnosed with myelomeningocele, the most severe form of spina bifida. He was actually “born twice,” after doctors removed him from his mother’s womb and applied an experimental surgery before placing him back inside to await natural birth.

Even with the surgery, his diagnosis was bleak. Doctors suggested to his parents that Louis would most likely be bound to a wheelchair with a brain stint and maybe even require a feeding tube.

Shocking many, he overcame his diagnosis. Instead of living an immobile life, Louis is able to walk and move around completely on his own with only a slight limp from a weak right leg, which certainly hasn’t slowed him down. He’s been involved in archery, played basketball and even tried his musical hand with his school’s orchestra.

“I try not to let [my leg] get the best of me and try to do the best that I can,” he said.

Now, he’s putting his resilient efforts towards a new venture – one that began in his backyard and has taken him across the country.

For almost two years, Louis has been a precision air rifle competitor, firing as a para-athlete. His passion for marksmanship started with a small .22 rifle he shot at his home before moving on to training in a 4-H club that ultimately led him to real competitions on the firing line.

During his fresh yet eventful shooting career, he has competed in nearly every Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)* Monthly Match held at Camp Perry in Ohio, along with taking part in such popular CMP annual events as the Gary Anderson Invitational and the Camp Perry Open. Louis has also competed in a number of National and Regional events and even tried competing in the National Rimfire Sporter Rifle Match at Camp Perry in July.



Louis Slauterbeck is new to the sport of air rifle, but he has already accomplished inspiring things.

His opening large-scale competition came in December, when he fired in the SH1 category (for those para-athletes who do not require a shooting stand for stability) during the Junior Olympic Resident Qualifier event at the University of Akron. It was his first time shooting in a range outside of Camp Perry, which gave him a few butterflies.

“I was really nervous,” he admitted. “I didn’t get the best score I could possibly get.”

Though not his best, his performance in Akron was enough to carry him on to Colorado Springs, Colo., to compete at the Olympic Training Center during the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships in April.

“I wasn’t expecting to make it there (Colorado),” he said. “That was very nerve-wracking, but I did feel kind of confident because it’s somewhere I had never shot before and it just seemed like a good experience.”

He didn’t falter in Colorado, remaining consistent, taking first in his class and even shooting his personal best. With his scores, Louis was able to bring back two shiny gold medals around his neck to his hometown of Port Clinton, Ohio.

Growing up in Port Clinton couldn’t be more perfect for Louis. His location puts him only 15 minutes from the Camp Perry National Guard Training Base, which is not only the site of the world-famous National Trophy Pistol

and Rifle Matches every July, but it's also the home of the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center – a facility that houses an 80-point indoor air gun range that is equipped with high-tech electronic targets. The facility is so impressive that it has hosted multiple USA Olympic Team air rifle qualification matches, as recently as 2016.

Despite all of his natural talents and motivation, Louis hasn't reached his current skill level on his own. His time training at Camp Perry has opened his access to many other experienced athletes and coaches who have provided their own genuine advice for his physical and mental game.

Among those individuals is the 2018 USA Shooting Paralympic Athlete of the Year, Taylor Farmer, who is a nearby Castalia, Ohio, native. When she comes to Ohio to visit her former Gary Anderson home range, Taylor works with Louis, even helping him before his big trip out West.

CMP staff members, like Chance Cover and Catherine Green, are past NCAA rifle athletes who have lent their assistance to Louis, along with Matt Muzik, a former Marine sniper who helped lead Louis during his time with the Ottawa County 4-H Shooting Stars rifle club. Matt even traveled with Louis for his Akron match.

CMP employee Michelle Woods, who works many CMP matches as a knowledgeable range officer and also monitors the firing line at other National and World Cup events, contributes the rules aspect of the game. A licensed International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) International and Para judge, she can often be found assisting visitors during the CMP's Open Marksmanship Nights, held every Tuesday and Thursday at the air range in Port Clinton, and is involved with the Ottawa County Shooting Stars club.

"Louis has a few coaches, which makes him a better shooter, because they see more," said Michelle.

Michelle was one of the first to help Louis with air rifle marksmanship, finding ways to enhance his performance and improve his instability brought on from his weak right leg.

"He was a very good shot, but he needed just a little help with support," she said.

A musician, Michelle one day came across a drum stand while at a lesson and found that it would be the perfect support for Louis because of its steadiness.



Louis trains at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Port Clinton, sometimes alongside fellow para-athlete Taylor Farmer (back).



The stool created and customized for Louis



Louis took gold on his first trip to the Junior Olympics. Photo courtesy of Facebook



Louis poses at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Photo courtesy of Facebook

Its collapsible legs also give it the ability to become easily portable. Michelle added a bicycle seat and had a few other parts welded on to create a solid support for Louis.

"That's how this is done, because not every body is created equal. But you want everyone on a fair playing field," Michelle explained, saying unique ways of support is not uncommon in the para-shooting world.

Louis's coaches have also found a way for Louis to legally fire in three-position matches, which require prone, standing and kneeling positions. For Louis, a disc on a table is used where his elbows are placed, to simulate the kneeling position.

Louis has also been lucky enough to connect with Greg Drown, a para-athlete who once fired for The Ohio State University.

"What's nice about Greg is they speak the same language," Michelle said. "An able-bodied coach doesn't necessarily do that."

Louis also spoke warmly of Greg, saying, "He's become one of my friends, and he helps me be the best I can possibly be with this."

All of the coaching Louis has received at the air rifle range has made him more well-rounded. As the only SH1 shooter throughout several states, he was able to take what he learned and apply it during his trip to Colorado.

"He did very well there, and I knew he would because he has all the skills to be able to do that," Michelle said.

"I was very proud of him. It shows me he was listening to whatever anyone had to say and went along with it. So that was awesome," Michelle added with a smile.

Off the range, Louis's mother Adria and his father Troy operate tirelessly to fulfill their son's dream – working late and long hours, taking turns getting him to and from the range. Adria traveled with him to Colorado and plans on traveling with him wherever else his new sport may take him.

"They're always finding ways to help me get better and ways to support me with this," Louis said of his parents. "When I'm on the line, I think about how everyone wants me to do good – my friends and family. I want to make them proud, and I think I do."



Michelle Woods, among many others, helps coach Louis during his training time.

"I just pray while I shoot, I do that a lot, and I tend to do good then," he said with a grin.

From here, Louis would like to continue on his path with air rifle marksmanship. His next step is to travel to the USA Shooting National Championships in Fort Benning, Ga., in June, where he can become Internationally classified and eventually reach his ultimate goal – the Paralympic Games.

"There are only so many things that he's capable of doing, and this is one of them, and this is a big thing. To end up with two gold medals – that's a huge thing for him," Michelle said.

"He's a great kid. If he continues, he will go far. This could be a career for him, and I know he has that ability. He just has to stick with it, and he's well on his way."

*The Civilian Marksmanship Program, an organization dedicated to teaching marksmanship skills and safety, especially to youth, is continuously growing its programs and events to involve everyone interested in the sport of competitive

shooting, including para-athletes. To learn more about the Civilian Marksmanship Program and its available programs, competitions, clinics and other opportunities, visit www.thecmp.org.



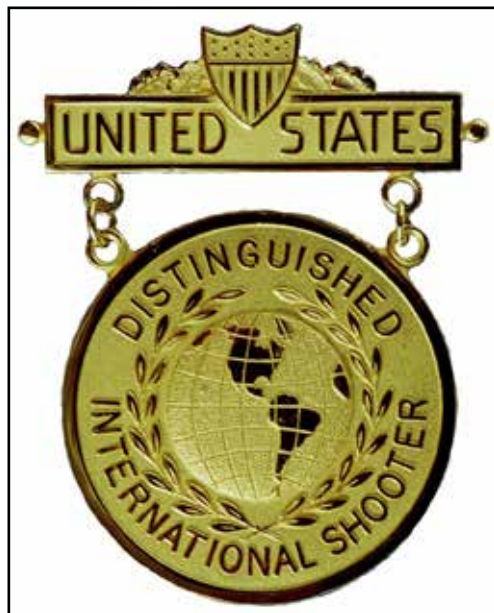
In the future, Louis hopes to continue air rifle competitions and one day make it to the Paralympic Games.

CMP Resumes International Distinguished Badge Presentations

By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



Army 1LT Sarah Beard, USAMU, won two gold medals and an Olympic quota place in the 2018 Championship of the Americas. She earned her International Distinguished Badge there to join her father Bill Beard as an International Distinguished Shooter.



The U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge was established by the Department of Defense to provide official U. S. Government recognition of athletes who excel in international shooting competitions.

Gold Distinguished Marksman Badges are the highest and most prestigious marksmanship awards authorized by the U. S. Government. The Distinguished International Shooters Badge is arguably the most difficult of the Distinguished Badges to earn because International Distinguished shooters must not only qualify for a U. S. National Team but must then produce medal winning performances in international championships where the best shooters in the world participate. The Civilian Marksmanship Program, which now administers the Distinguished Badge program, recently resumed the presentation of Distinguished International Shooter Badges (USDISB) after a long program break. During this interim, the CMP staff had to recover many years worth of data that was lost when a service provider's computer crashed. A new database with the records of athletes who earned points that count towards the awarding of this badge has been re-established and International Distinguished Badges are being awarded again.

The U. S. Government's Distinguished Badge program began as a military awards program, but it ultimately became an esteemed awards program for all U. S. citizens. Distinguished Badges affirm our country's respect for great

marksmanship, recognize shooters who consistently place at the top in the most important competitions and promote marksmanship skill development among U. S. citizens. The first Distinguished "gold badges" were awarded to Army marksmen in 1884. In 1891, the program expanded to offer separate Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badges. The first U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badges were awarded in 1963.

The completion of this new database has now enabled the CMP to identify athletes who earned U. S. Distinguished International Shooters Badges between 2010 and 2018 that were not previously awarded. The list published here identifies all athletes who reached the 30-point threshold during this period, including those who have already received their badges. Their names are listed with their shooting disciplines, years when they earned their badges and badge serial numbers.

Nick Mowrer's achievement in earning the International Distinguished Badge is particularly significant because this makes him a rare Triple Distinguished shooter. He earned his Distinguished Rifleman Badge as a junior in 2005 and his Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 2013. Mowrer's accomplishment is also unique because he is the only

known athlete to have earned International Distinguished credit points in more than one shooting discipline. Mowrer earned points in both rifle and pistol. The updated list now also includes a father-daughter combination. The father, William Beard, earned his International Distinguished Badge in 1982. The daughter Army 1LT Sarah Beard went over the 30-point threshold during the 2018 Championship of the Americas to become the second International Distinguished shooter in their family.

The International Distinguished Badge was inaugurated in 1963 at the height of the cold war when shooters from the Soviet Union (USSR) were dominating Olympic and World Championship competitions. The purpose of this badge was to encourage more U. S. citizens to dedicate themselves to doing the intensive high-performance training necessary to win medals in international competitions. An Executive Order signed by President Dwight Eisenhower had already established the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit in 1956 and had given it a mission of winning international competitions. To further U. S. efforts to excel in Olympic and World Championship competitions, the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP), which operated as a Department of Defense organization, recommended the creation of the International Distinguished Badge. That recommendation was approved in 1962 and in April 1963, President John F. Kennedy presented the first International Distinguished Badge to Gary Anderson, after he won four World Championship gold medals in the 1962 World Championship. Anderson later became the CMP Director of Civilian Marksmanship and is now the CMP's Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus.

The original criteria for receiving the badge was to win a gold, silver or bronze medal in an Olympic, World Championship or Pan American Games individual or team event. The first 28 badges were awarded in 1963 to athletes who won individual or team medals in the 1962 World Championship. That Championship marked an important milestone in U. S. marksmanship history because NBPRP and U. S. Armed Forces support was instrumental in sending a full, well-prepared USA team to Cairo to challenge the then dominant USSR team. After those initial badges were awarded, badge recognition was made retroactive to USA shooters who won medals in earlier international competitions. The oldest badges date back to the 1920 Olympic Games. With the advent of the Championship of the Americas in 1973 and ISSF World Cups in 1986, award criteria for the International Distinguished Badge were modified to establish the current 30-point requirement that awards different point values for medals won in championships governed by the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).

In 2013, the International Distinguished program was expanded to include medal-winning performances

in competitions governed by World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS is the world governing body for Paralympic shooting). U. S. athletes who win medals in the Paralympic Games, WSPS World Championships and WSPS World Cups are eligible to win International Distinguished Badges. The first International Distinguished Badge earned by a Paralympian was presented to Roger Withrow, who won a gold medal in the 1984 Paralympic Games. Army Staff Sergeant John Joss III became just the second Paralympian to earn the badge in 2015.

Current badge criteria also award extra credit points for establishing a new World Record (20 points or 10 points for junior records), equaling a World Record (10 points or 5 points for junior records) or for earning an Olympic Games quota place (10 points). A recent change to badge criteria awards credit points to U. S. juniors who win medals in ISSF Junior World Championships or Junior World Cups. The "International Distinguished Badge Credit Points" chart at the end of this article provides details about how credit points may be earned.

Since the first International Distinguished Badges were awarded in 1963, 495 badges have been awarded, including 121 badges awarded to women. This total covers the total scope of U. S. international shooting history from 1920 until today and includes the badges that have been or are now being awarded for athletes who earned their badges in the last decade.

The International Distinguished Badge program is part of the overall Distinguished Badge program that was originally established by the U. S. Government in 1884. The program was administered by the Department of the Army for many decades but when Congress and President Bill Clinton approved legislation to privatize the Civilian Marksmanship Program in 1996, legal authority to administer this program.

Current official regulations for the International Distinguished Badge appear in the **CMP Highpower Rifle Competition Rules** (<http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/HighpowerRifleRules.pdf>) or the CMP Pistol Competition Rules (<http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/PistolRules.pdf>). The chart, which is published in these regulations, shows how and where USDISB credit points can be earned. A total of 30 points are required to earn the badge.

Any shooters who have earned EIC points in international competitions or in other Distinguished Badge programs can check their personal records on the CMP webpage at: <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=reportShootersWithDistinguishedPoints>. Anyone with questions regarding their credit point status should contact the CMP Competitions Department (Vera Snyder, vsnyder@thecmp.org, 419-635-2141, ext. 782).

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
#1338	Dimitri Celentano	Gulfport, MS	#1351	Hunter Drinnon	Church Hill, TN
#1339	Jadan Olson	Tombstone, AZ	#1352	Megan Heflinger	San Diego, CA
#1340	Colin Stevens	Gray, TN	#1353	Emily Buck	Alabaster, AL
#1341	Jonathan Clark	Gray, TN	#1354	Brady Fowkes	Mayport, PA
#1342	Kaitlyn Rendon	Tucson, AZ	#1355	Alexia Resendiz	Zion, IL
#1343	Patrick Johnson	Augusta, GA	#1356	Cody Burks	Joshua, TX
#1344	Emily Brock	Delmont, SD	#1357	Julia Flake	Fountain, CO
#1345	Cody Main	Carson City, NV	#1358	Hannah Frybarger	Sparks, NV
#1346	Adam Stemmler	St. Louis, MO	#1359	Maritsa Wolfe	Church Hill, TN
#1347	Chase Kuhlman	Walhalla, SC	#1360	Andrew Duryea	Crossville, AL
#1348	Mateo Romero	Santa Fe, NM	#1361	Nicholas VanRyswyk	Coopersville, MI
#1349	Elizabeth Plecity	Granbury, TX	#1362	Cole Cook	Fairmount, GA
#1350	Geoffory Hamilton	Joshua, TX	#1363	Kayla Walker	Batesville, MS



**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.

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

27-29 June
National 3PAR Sporter Championships
Camp Perry, OH

July

8 July
1st Shot Ceremony
Camp Perry, OH

8-11 July
National Matches – NRA Pistol
Camp Perry, OH

12 July
CMP Pistol Check In, CMP Range Off. Level II Course Bulls-Eye Pistol
Camp Perry, OH

13- 15 July
National 3PAR Precision Championships
Camp Perry, OH

13 July
CMP-USAMU SAFS, CMP M9/EIC Match, CMP EIC Pistol Match, CMP .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC, Glock (GSSF) Match
Camp Perry, OH

14 July
CMP President's 100, CMP NTI, CMP Shooter's Reception, CMP National Pistol Award Ceremony
Camp Perry, OH

16 July
Smallbore Check-in & Practice (PM), AMU SAFS, CMP Range Officer Level II Course (AM) Smallbore – Bulls-Eye Pistol
Camp Perry, OH

18 July
3- Pos. Any Sight Champ., CMP NM Jr. Rifle Camp
Camp Perry, OH

13-16 July
CMP Precision Nationals
Camp Perry, OH



19 July
Jr. Team Match, 3x20 Team Match, Smallbore Prone Check-in & Training, 3P Award Ceremony, CMP Rifle Camp
Camp Perry, OH

20 July
Prone Iron Sight Champ. Day 1, CMP Rimfire Check-in, CMP NM Jr. Rifle Camp
Camp Perry, OH

21 July
Prone Iron Sight Champ. Day 2, CMP Rimfire Sporter Match, CMP Rimfire Sporter Awards, CMP NM Jr. Rifle Camp
Camp Perry, OH

22 July
Prone Elimination Match, Prone Team matches, CMP NM Jr. Rifle Camp
Camp Perry, OH

23 July
Prone Any Sight Champ. Day 1, CMP 4-Man Team match (KTS) (PM), CMP Range Officer Course (AM)
Camp Perry, OH

24 July
Prone Any Sight Champ. Day 2, Prone Award Ceremony, CMP Cup Match 1000 Aggregate (KTS)
Camp Perry, OH

25 July
CMP Cup Match 1000 Agg. (KTS), CMP Cup Awards
Camp Perry, OH

26 July
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Clinic, CMP Adv. HP Clinic
Camp Perry, OH

27 July
CMP/USAMU SAFS Rifle, CMP/USMC Jr. HP Rifle Clinic, CMP Adv. HP Clinic
Camp Perry, OH

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for ALL
upcoming clinics
and competitions!

Bourgeois, Perkowski Lead CMP's Regional Three-Position Air Rifle Events in April

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



The Great Trail Musketeers topped the precision teams during the competition.

During the month of April, the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) annual Three-Position Regional Air Rifle events were fired, with over 450 talented junior athletes aiming for a trip to Ohio for the Three-Position National Championship in June and July.

Each Regional match is a 3x20 (three-position) air rifle competition, where sporter and precision class athletes from 4-H, Scouts, American Legion, club or JROTC rifle programs fire 20 shots at three positions: prone, standing and kneeling. Three separate matches were held at CMP venues around the country, including the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio, the CMP's south air gun range at the South Competition Center in Anniston, Ala., as well as through the use of its Mobile Range in Sandy, Utah.

Qualifiers for the National competition are chosen from the overall scores from the combined regions.

Leading overall in the sporter Regional event was Mackayla Bourgeois, 18, of Gulfport MCJROTC in Mississippi, with a total combined score of 1230. Following Bourgeois were Nation Ford MCJROTC team members Kayla Kalenza, 15, and Deonte Hayes, 18, with respective scores of 1214.3 and 1210.1. The Nation Ford team out of South Carolina led the sporter class

at the National JROTC Air Rifle event in March, with Kalenza earning second overall.

In precision, Gavin Perkowski, 17, of the Great Trail Musketeers in Ohio, fired a score of 1282.5 to lead the Regional event. Sarah Frantz, 16, of Ontelaunee Jr. Rifle in Pennsylvania, recorded a score of 1277.2 for second, as Anusha Pakkam, 17, of the Ole Mill Rangers in Georgia, followed closely in third with 1276.9.

The Great Trail Musketeers claimed the top spot in the precision team event, with a score of 4673-289x, as Nation Ford led the sporter class, totaling 4455-173x.

Top performers at each location include:

Camp Perry, Ohio:

Sporter:

Bailey Hoenig, Zion Benton Team 1, IL – 1198.2
Linsey Kleckner, Freeport High School, IL – 1184.9
Nathan Adomaitis, Seneca Valley AJROTC, PA – 1184.5

Precision:

Gavin Perkowski, Great Trail Musketeers, OH – 1282.5
Sarah Frantz, Ontelaunee Jr. Rifle, PA – 1277.2
Derek Keiser, Great Trail Musketeers, OH – 1275.0



The CMP Three-Position Regional events were fired in Ohio, Alabama and Utah. Shown here is the CMP's mobile range set up in Utah.

Anniston, Ala.:

Sporter:

Mackayla Bourgeois, Gulfport MCJROTC, MS – 1230.0

Kayla Kalenza, Nation Ford MCJROTC, SC – 1214.3

Deonte Hayes, Nation Ford MCJROTC, SC – 1210.1

Precision:

Anusha Pakkam, Ole Mill Rangers, GA – 1276.9

Emily Buck, Shelby Co. Shooting Sports, AL – 1273.0

Brianne Staton, Calhoun Hawkeyes, AL – 1272.2

Sandy, Utah:

Sporter:

Samantha Louie, Selma High School, CA – 1190.2

Kevin Nguyen, Des Moines North MCJROTC, IA – 1189.2

Jake Slingluff, Lebanon High School, OR – 1187.4

Precision:

Nina Schuett, Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters, MT – 1274.7

Jonna Warnken, Hellgate, MT – 1273.8

Kim Jettenberg, Borealis Bullseyes, AK – 1273.3

Overall teams:

Sporter:

Nation Ford High School, South Carolina – 4455-173x

South Panola, Mississippi – 4368-135x

Zion Benton High School, Illinois – 4359-135x

Precision:

Great Trail Musketeers, Ohio – 4673-289x

Ole Mill Rangers, Georgia – 4650-280x

Ontelaunee Jr. Rifle, Pennsylvania – 4644-296x



Mackayla Bourgeois was the overall sporter competitor.

Leading teams and individuals are invited to the 2019 CMP National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship, held at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio, June 27-29 for sporter and July 13-15 for precision. The event is free and open to the public.

Junior marksmen participating in the CMP National Championship will also be automatically entered in the USA Shooting National 3P Junior Olympics, also held at the Gary Anderson Competition Center on June 28 (sporter) and July 14 (precision).

Junior Marksmen Stories...

Juniors Encouraged to Participate in CMP's National Matches in 2019

Just the title of the “National Matches” can scare even the most seasoned shooters. For juniors (those younger than and through his/her 20th birthday), or those starting off in the shooting sports, attending the National Matches is something that some put off until they feel “ready” enough. In reality, the National Matches is a fantastic place to get started shooting with the Civilian Marksmanship Program’s many clinics, not to mention an enthusiastic and helpful crowd of shooters from across the country.

Pistol Small Arms Firing School (SAFS)

Participants must be at least 12 years of age and firing a .22 rimfire pistol to attend the Pistol SAFS. (If the applicant is qualified and can safely handle a pistol and is under 12 years of age, the parent may submit an age restriction waiver for review.) The Pistol SAFS is a great event for new shooters to learn from qualified instructors and shoot with family and friends. Safety training, position work, one-on-one training, ammunition and a gun are provided for use. There is also a match at the completion of the course.

National Trophy President’s Pistol Match

Though this prestigious match is fired with Service Pistols, juniors can compete with .22 rimfire pistols. In fact, there is a special award for the highest scoring Junior firing a rimfire .22 pistol. The course of fire includes 40 standing shots: two series of 10 shots each (10 minutes per series) from 50 yards, timed fire from 25 yards (two series of five shots, 20 seconds per series) and 10 rapid-fire shots from 25 yards (two series of five shots, 10 second per series).

National Trophy Individual Pistol Match

Like the National Trophy President’s Pistol Match, juniors are eligible for junior-specific awards if competing with a .22 rimfire pistol. Most shoot this match hoping to



Two juniors learn the fundamentals of competitive shooting from Marine Corps instructors.

earn Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) points towards the Distinguished Pistol Badge. The course of fire starts with a 10 minute slow-fire stage of 10 shots from 50 yards. The second and third stages are the same as the National Trophy President’s Pistol Match: timed fire from 25 yards (two series of five shots, 20 seconds per series) and 10 rapid-fire shots from 25 yards (two series of five shots, 10 second per series).

National Trophy Pistol Team Match

This match traditionally consists of four firing members, but juniors compete for the Junior Pistol Team Trophy in teams of two. The 30-shot Pistol National Match course is fired.

Smallbore

After a successful premier in 2018, the CMP will again be bringing Smallbore back to Camp Perry in 2019. To enhance the schedule, changes have been made to this year’s Prone Championship, and the CMP has purchased new smallbore rifles for a newly developed Smallbore Small Arms Firing School (SAFS). The goal of the SAFS

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class is to provide new opportunities to junior shooters in an effort to grow the smallbore shooting community. The SAFS class will be instructed by the renowned U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. The Smallbore lineup will also feature three-position individual and team events.

Rimfire Sporter Clinic and Match

The Rimfire Sporter clinic presents an opportunity for individuals who do not have access to equipment for air rifle, smallbore or highpower service rifle to compete and enjoy the National Matches. This is a great way for juniors to get started as it requires minimal equipment and expense. The CMP offers a training clinic as well as a match for rimfire sporter. It is designed as a recreation-oriented competition limited to .22 caliber sporter rifles. There are three classes: the "O class" for open-sighted rifles, the "T-Class" for rifles with telescopic sights or rear aperture sighted rifles and a "Tactical Rimfire" class for a .22 caliber A4 or AR15 style rifle. Firing is conducted from 25 yards and from 50 yards. The current National Record, a perfect score of 600x600, was fired in 2015 by a junior, Samuel Payne.

Rifle CMP Cup Series

This series, fired before the traditional National Matches, offers competitors a chance to shoot on CMP's electronic targets, powered by Kongsberg Target System technology. The first day includes a four-person team match. The rest of the Cup Matches are two days of 1,000-aggregate matches. Rapid-fire stages begin from position. Each 1,000-point match has four stages with two sighters per stage: 20 shots standing at 200 yards, two series of 10 shots rapid-fire sitting or kneeling from 200 yards, two series of 10 shots rapid-fire prone from 300 yards and two series of 20 shots slow-fire prone from 600 yards.



Juniors dry-fire from the standing position during the 2018 USMC Junior Clinic. During the clinic, juniors work on dry-firing from each position before live-firing on the second and third days of the class.

Rifle Small Arms Firing School (SAFS)

The rifle Small Arms Firing School is a wonderful way to introduce juniors and adults to highpower service rifle. Even if people do not pursue competitive service rifle, SAFS teaches them firearm safety, handling practices, shooting fundamentals and how to properly use an AR-15.



Focus is critical in the standing position – resting between each shot is paramount to good scores.

The Army Marksmanship Unit takes a starring role in largely coaching individual competitors, though trained CMP instructors and other military marksmen also help lead the class. Ammunition and a rifle for use during SAFS is provided. Participants receive training and can participate in a match the next day. The top 10 percent of non-distinguished competitors in the match earn four Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) points towards the Distinguished Rifleman's Badge. An advanced SAFS is available for returning students and/or more accomplished shooters.

CMP/USMC Junior High Power Clinic

The CMP/USMC Junior High Power Clinic is an annual favorite of many juniors. This class, taught by the United States Marine Corps, offers an in-depth look into position work and also includes a live fire portion at 200, 300 and 600 yards. This clinic gives juniors a chance to interact and receive individualized training as well as to confirm zeroes prior to the rest of the National Matches. This course is for juniors who have completed SAFS or have prior marksmanship experience.

CMP Advanced High Power Clinic

The CMP Advanced High Power Clinic is designed for seasoned shooters, juniors and adults who are looking for position-training and looking to remedy specific issues they face in improving their high power service rifle competition scores. The clinic includes a classroom portion and a dry-fire portion and is taught by members of Team CMP.



The NTT provides a unique opportunity for juniors and adults to shoot side by side with their teammates and spend time off the firing line together. Many lasting friendships are formed and strengthened here. Shannon Heist (left) and Brianna Haynes (right) of Zanesville Rifle Club wait for their turn to pair fire from the standing position at the 200-yard line.

President's 100 (P100) Rifle Match

The President's 100 Rifle Match is incredibly prestigious. The 30-shot course of shots includes 10 shots standing in a time period of 10 minutes from 200 yards, 10 rapid-fire prone shots in a time period of 70 seconds from 300 yards and 10 slow-fire prone shots in a time period of 10 minutes from 600 yards. The top 20 competitors in the match engage in a 10-shot slow-fire prone shoot-off from 600 yards.

National Trophy Rifle Individual (NTI) Rifle Match

The NTI follows the National Match course of fire. Competitors must start from the standing position for rapid-fire stages. The 50-shot course of fire includes 10 shots slow fire standing from 200 yards (10 minutes), 10 shots rapid-fire sitting or kneeling from 200 yards (60 seconds), 10 shots rapid-fire prone from 300 yards (70 seconds) and 20 shots slow-fire prone from 600 yards (20 minutes). The top 10 percent of non-distinguished competitors earn 10 Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) points.

National Junior Team Match

The National Junior Team Match is a two-person match only for juniors. Juniors pair-fire the National Match course of fire and have a coach. There is a P100/NTI/National Junior Team Match aggregate award.

Hearst Doubles Match

The Hearst Doubles Match is another alternative for juniors without a coach or pit-puller. Two competitors pair-fire and pull targets together. It is a great match for parents and children to shoot together.

National Trophy Team Match

The NTT match is a coached match with six firing members on a team. There are both junior and adult teams. Each competitor fires the National Match course of fire. The team score is the aggregate of all six members' scores.

National Trophy Infantry Team Match (NTIT/Rattle Battle)

The NTIT is a fun match where teams strategically fire 384 rounds in total, all rapid-fire for varying amounts of points which vary by the yard line. Hits on a silhouette target earn different points, most from the furthest distance. Teams

advance together in a line with other teams. There are four 50 second stages: prone from 600 yards, prone, sitting or kneeling from 500 yards, sitting or kneeling from 300 yards and standing from 200 yards. There are both junior and adult teams for this match, fondly called the Rattle Battle.

Games Matches

The CMP Games Matches are a variety of vintage-rifle specific competitions that attract both high power service rifle competitors as well as military enthusiasts or those looking to shoot vintage military rifles. There are medal awards for scores as well as junior and adult awards. Matches include the M1 Carbine Match, Roosevelt Commemorative Match, Modern Military Match, John C. Garand Match, Springfield Rifle Match, Vintage Bolt Rifle Match, Springfield M1A Match and CMP Vintage Sniper Match.

As-Issued Military Rifle Clinics

These one-hour long clinics are free of charge and review the rules and courses of fire for the Garand-Springfield-Vintage Matches. Scoring techniques, target pulling rules and shooting positions are discussed. These are great introductions and required for new CMP Games competitors, but they are open to all.

Long Range Matches

For those who compete in long range matches, the CMP offers matches for competitors looking to shoot Match Rifle/Any Sights, Service Rifle or Palma Rifle. Individual matches for all three of these classes include the Viale Memorial Match, Critchfield Memorial Match, Kerr Memorial Match, Henry Memorial Match, McMaken & Speaks Memorial Match and Baesel Memorial Match. Team matches include the Bataan Memorial Team Match and the Winder Memorial Iron Team Match. Pair-firing is not required for these team matches. The Long Range Matches conclude with a Palma Match.

National Match Air Gun Events

National Match Air Gun events are matches that take place over the course of the National Matches – competitors can come in during the different phases of the matches to compete in air pistol and air-rifle matches. The pistol phase features the 30-Shot Air Pistol Re-Entry Match and the 60-Shot Air Pistol Championship. The highpower phase includes the AiR-15 Challenge Re-Entry Match. Three



Members of the junior Gem City X-Men team take advantage of the air conditioned Gary Anderson Competition Center, shooting air rifles during the National Matches.

events, the 30-Shot Air Rifle Re-Entry Standing Match, the 60-Shot Air Rifle Championship, and the 30-Shot Air Rifle Re-Entry Bench Match are open during all phases. Entries are accepted any time the range is open at the Gary Anderson Competition Center. Equipment is available for rent and pellets are available for purchase.

Commercial Row

Commercial Row is a staple at the Camp Perry National Matches. Competitors can leisurely stroll down the row of shops vendors set up for each stage of the National Matches. These shops contain nearly anything you may find yourself needing at the matches, along with Creedmoor's store inside the CMP headquarters. Powder, bullets, gloves, coats, ear and eye protection and, of course, rifles – it is easy for shooters to find everything they need to get started. The wonderful thing about Commercial Row is that some vendors offer Camp Perry only discounts, particularly to junior shooters to help them get started with their own equipment at a more affordable cost.

There are many opportunities available for juniors as well as families at the CMP National Matches. There are also CMP Travel Games held across the country and support available for juniors attending the National Matches. Many competitors will do anything to help a junior and many will lend equipment to those who need it. At the heart of the matches is a love of the Second Amendment and a passion for marksmanship – it is an experience like no other that brings people together from around the world.

View the 2019 National Match program, schedule of events and registration information at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/>. We hope to see you on the firing line at Camp Perry!



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.

Mother Lode Juniors Present Top Area Athletes

Submitted by Connie Taylor

A total of 52 out of the 59 who signed up completed the junior .22 seasonal program led by Jim Owen and Roger Wilson, with the aid of former and current California Grizzlies and 4-H leader Steven Treat and Tim Finicle. Juniors attending were from Sonora, Jamestown, Groveland, Vallecito, Soulsbyville, Twain Harte, Coulterville, Columbia, Big Oak Flat, Mi Wuk and Altaville, Calif.

Special certificates from U.S. Congressman Tom McClintock and California Assemblyman Frank Bigelow were presented to the 12 top juniors in the Winter .22 program at the Mother Lode Gun Club. California State Senator Andreas Borgeas also supported the program.

The Fall program will have its signups online Tuesday, Sept. 17, with the safety briefing Tuesday, Sept. 24. The program will run every Tuesday night, finishing with awards on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Top shooters in each category:

MARKSMAN B2:

FIRST: Conor Lott, 11, Soulsbyville; 426
SECOND: Tate Crook, 10, Jamestown; 398
THIRD: Mesa Barnum, 10, Jamestown; 354

SHARPSHOOTER B2

FIRST: Ian Smith 14, Mi-Wuk Village; 460
SECOND: Christyannah Danicourt, 14, Sonora; 434
THIRD: Nicholas Roe, 15, Sonora; 429

EXPERT A17

FIRST: Quinn Lucas, 15, Sonora; 287
SECOND: Kevin Mark-Liljedahl, 16, Sonora; 241
THIRD: Braden Keller, 11, Soulsbyville; 239



Top winners pose for a photo. Photos courtesy of Maria Hines

MASTER THREE-POSITION

FIRST: Belle Bloom, 15, Sonora; 396
SECOND: Alexander Jukes, 15, Sonora; 366
THIRD: Brandon Butler, 16, Groveland; 332



Two past Grizzlies and three current helped with the juniors.

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/>.

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American Marksman Training Group,
Diamond Bar, CA
Caribou County Shooting Club, Montpelier, ID
Homedale Rod and Gun Club, Caldwell, ID
Net Competitor, Sandpoint, ID
Yellowstone Rifle Club, Billings, MT
Montana Rifle and Pistol Association,
Ramsay, MT
Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Range, Hamilton, MT
Circle Rifle Club, Circle, MT
Last Chance Handgunners, Helena, MT
Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.,
Boulder City, NV
University of Nevada Rifle Club, Reno, NV
Palomino Valley Gun Club, SPARKS, NV
Military Arms (\$20 per year), Davis, CA
American Legion Nevada Post 76,
North Las Vegas, NV
Medford Rifle & Pistol Club & Jr. Div.,
Medford, OR
Newberg Rifle & Pistol Club & Jr. Div.,
Newberg, OR

Colonel Allison Jr. Rifle Club,
Keizer, OR
Albany Rifle & Pistol Club, Shedd, OR
Willamette Valley Rifle Club,
Lebanon, OR
Utah Precision Marksmanship Society,
Salt Lake City, UT
Centralia Rifle Club & Jr Div,
Centralia, WA
Marysville Rifle Club & Jr Division,
Arlington, WA
Yakima Rifle & Pistol Assn & Jr Div.,
Yakima, WA
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Custer, WA
Wildlife Committee of Washington,
Bothell, WA
Vancouver Rifle & Pistol Club,
Vancouver, WA
Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club,
Langley, WA
Cascade Shooting Facilities,
Ravensdale, WA
Fighting Eagles Club, Cheney, WA



Spotlight on Arizona Junior: McKenna Beckham

By Serena Juchnowski, CMP Contributor

McKenna Beckham started out shooting from an early age with her father. She fondly recalls trips to the range and shooting in the desert with family. Currently 16 years old, she has been shooting competitively for nearly three years, having started in early 2016.

Beckham was introduced to smallbore rifle through the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association (ASRPA), shooting the Western Wildcat match three short months after starting smallbore. Participating in the NRA Winchester Marksmanship Qualification Program, McKenna gained a good basis for high power positions, shooting four-position smallbore rifle.

For McKenna, each shooting experience builds on the previous.

"Marksmanship has taught me discipline and maturity," McKenna says. "It has also taught me [that] goals that seem nearly impossible can be achieved through hard work and dedication."

Over the past two years, McKenna has not only been continuing to improve as a shooter but has been helping others improve while coaching the Naval Sea Cadets in three-position smallbore.

One unique aspect of the shooting sports is that they allow one to be independent, yet provide the opportunity for one to grow alongside and learn from others. McKenna likes that shooting allows her to depend on herself, but that there exist teams and team matches.

Describing her shooting experience, she says, "I...love the shooting community and how my relationships with others have grown from shooting. I have met some of my best friends through shooting high power."

She adds, "The shooting community is unlike any other group I've been a part of. The members of this community are incredibly gracious and willing to help others. I've been lent just about every piece of gear out there (including rifles)."

It is this support that has helped McKenna to get to where she is now. Her greatest accomplishments include placing High Woman at the 127th Washington's Birthday Match and High Junior at the Arizona State Smallbore Prone Championships.

McKenna offers the following to new shooters, saying, "If I had to give one piece of advice it would be...don't get discouraged. It is a very difficult sport in the beginning, but once you start to improve it becomes incredibly rewarding."

She also stresses the importance of comfort. If one does not find a comfortable position, or is uncomfortable



on the range in general, it will be harder to shoot, focus and perform well. This is another reason having such an inclusive shooting community is so crucial to the future of the sports.

Outside of shooting, McKenna runs cross country, plays flute in concert band and enjoys hiking and playing with her dogs. She also spends a good bit of time cooking and baking.

McKenna recalls that when she was a toddler she had plans to become a baker. Nowadays, she says "my plans have definitely changed. I would like to attend a service academy and eventually serve in the U.S. Secret Service. It has always been my dream to serve my country in the military and law enforcement."

Shooting high power introduces one to a significant number of service men and women as well as teaches leadership skills and develops character. McKenna Beckham continues to use her experiences to encourage others and her plans shall undoubtedly inspire younger shooters as others have inspired her.

Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

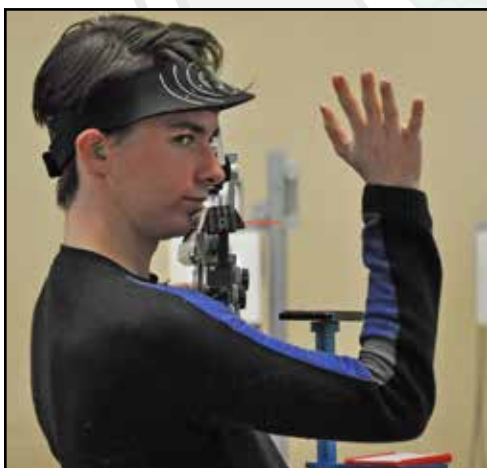
Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including JROTC Nationals, CMP 3P Regionals and Monthly Matches.



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