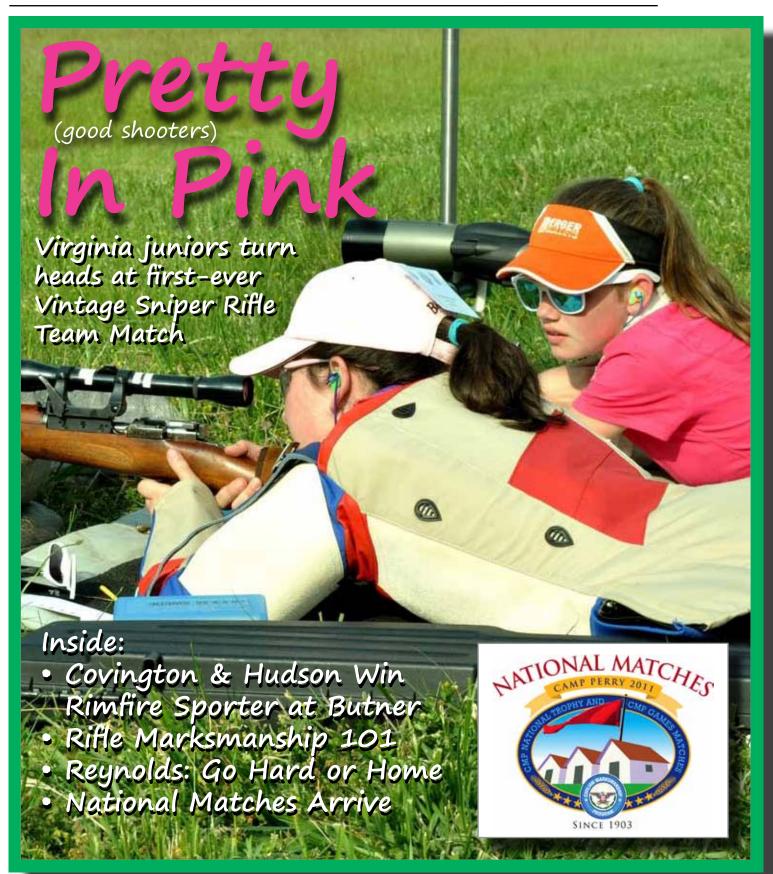
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Virginia Junior Girls Team Snaps In With Veterans At First Official Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP BUTNER, NC – It was an unlikely sight – two ponytailed girls walking onto the firing line at the first official CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle

a challenging rifle match, fired at long distances.

Team Pink turned some heads when southpaw Hudson opened with a 93 in

teams at the completion of the first stage. Then it was off to the pits to pull targets for two relays before hiking back to the 600 yard line, where they yielded somewhat to the experience of some of those gritty veterans.

As anyone who has fired long distance knows, there are many factors that affect the flight of a bullet at 600 yards and Team Pink had plenty of notes to enter in their Vintage Sniper Rifle Match data book.

Still, Hudson and Hodges kept their composure and finished ahead of seven other teams with a second half score of 135-2X and an overall aggregate of 320-3X.

"We've kind of taught them not to look at the Wailing Wall too much," Jessica's dad and team coach Robert Hudson said afterward, referring to the results bulletin board.

After the girls had time to reflect on the experience, they expressed their excitement.

"It was awesome and it was fun," Hudson and Hodges said simultaneously.

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Beth Hodges, center-left, and Jessica Hudson, center-right, were recognized at the 2011 Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match awards presentation as the top junior team to fire in the event. Also pictured from left: Beth's father, George, Jessica's brother Robert II and father, Robert.

Team Match on 10 May; and they weren't there to get a sun tan while watching grandpa shoot. They came to compete shoulder to shoulder with some of the grittiest veteran rifle shooters in the country in a new match that requires excellent marksmanship, wind-reading experience and decisive communication skills.

When Jessica Hudson, 12, of Halifax, Virginia, and Beth Hodges, 14, of Nathalie, Virginia, arrived in pink t-shirts and white-framed sunglasses, some may have thought it was a lark. But once they uncased their bolt action 6.5mm Swedish Mauser and rocked some sighter shots into the black at 300 yards, it was clear that they were for real. They didn't come with plans of winning the match, but wanted to prove to themselves, and anyone who questioned their abilities, that they could compete favorably in

her half of the team string and Hodges followed closely with a 92, giving them 185 points, placing them 21st out of 47



Jessica Hudson takes aim while Beth Hodges spots her shots and calls out corrections during the Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match at Camp Butner.

Sighting Shots

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has an official Facebook page. We encourage you to Like our page and receive the latest updates in CMP Programs and Sales updates, along with shooting sport news.



- Registration is now open for the 2011 CMP
- National Matches and CMP Games Events.
 Competitors may go online to register for the 2011 CMP National Matches and CMP Games Events.
 Please visit http://



www.odcmp.com/NM.htm for more detailed information. Official Match programs are now posted. The CMP will host a new match, the Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match, this year during the CMP National Trophy Rifle phase. We are excited to offer this new match and hope to see you on the firing line soon.

- Coaches' Courses held this Fall at Fort Benning, Georgia. The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host rifle, pistol, and high-power rifle beginning and intermediate level coaches' courses at Fort Benning, Georgia, this fall. The rifle coaches' course will be conducted Sept. 10-11, the pistol course Sept. 17-18, and the highpower rifle coaches' course will be held Oct. 1-2. Cost of the course will be \$125. Classes start at 8 a.m. each day and conclude at 4 p.m. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will be eligible to be awarded a NRA Level 1 Coach Certificate. Each participant must provide their own transportation, lodging and meals. For more information contact Coach Richard Hawkins at (706) 545-7022, or email richard.hawkins@usaac.army.mil.
- In Memoriam--Linda Davis Tucker, 52, passed away on Sunday, May 1. Ms. Tucker was a Director of the PA Rifle and Pistol Association and State Director for the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Ms. Tucker was active in promoting CMP programs and particularly enjoyed participating in the CMP Rimfire Sporter program. She was a Chief Range Safety

Officer and Director at Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association and Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers. She was an NRA Benefactor and NRA Senior Training Counselor. She enjoyed photography and competition shooting, was a 4-H Leader, and was very active in many state and local sportsmen's associations.

Memoriam--TSRA Director Rick Crawford, 57, passed away on June 1st. Rick served as the TSRA highpower and service rifle director that led 29 Texas teams to the National Matches. Rick earned his Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1989, set numerous range records and won many State Team Championships Rick shot on the 2009 TSRA Team which won the Soldier of Marathon Trophy and was awarded two Elihu Root Medals at the National Matches. Texas competitors recently commissioned the Rick Crawford Service Rifle Championship Trophy in his honor. Rick is shown below receiving his Elihu Root Medal at the 2009 National Trophy Rifle Awards ceremony.



Linda Davis Tucker



Rick Crawford (right)

On the Cover: Members of the Team Pink 2-person Vintage Sniper Rifle Team, Beth Hodges and Jessica Hudson, were the youngest participants in the inaugural match at Camp Butner, North Carolina.

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Information about the CMP may be viewed on the CMP web site, www.odcmp.com or on the CMP online newsletter, The First Shot, at www.odcmp.org.

By Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship-Emeritus

Note: This article is one of a series of On the Mark articles on Teaching Rifle Marksmanship to Young Shooters. This article examines the very first things about this sport that someone new to shooting should learn. It is designed to give new shooting coaches basic information about the sport. It can be helpful to all coaches by highlighting the qualities of shooting to be taught to new shooters or their parents. Coaches are encouraged to make copies of this "Introduction to Target Rifle Marksmanship" for distribution to new shooters as part on an orientation program or to parents as part of their parent education program.

All participants in target rifle shooting need to under-

stand its objectives, basic rules, opportunities and benefits in order to better appreciate its appeal and challenges. This article seeks to answer basic questions about rifle marksmanship and therefore to serve

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as an "Introduction to Target Rifle Marksmanship." To do this, it asks and answers a series of questions about this great sport discipline.

WHAT IS RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP?

The first question that must be answered when intro-

ducing rifle marksmanship to new shooters and their parents is "what is it?" Rifle Marksmanship has been defined as a sports skill where competitors apply visual, mental and physiological control to fire a rifle at

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a distant, difficult target. The essential elements of this definition of rifle marksmanship are:

- 1. Rifle marksmanship is a sports skill involving an athlete, a rifle and a target.
- 2. The rifle, when used in a sport, is a piece of sports equipment. It is never a weapon.
- 3. Target shooting is a sport of extreme precision where the athlete's skill is measured by how close to the center and how often the athlete's shots hit the target.



This tomb art, dated about 1450 BC from ancient Middle Kingdom Egypt, is one of the world's oldest records of a target shooting activity. This image shows a target with a grouping of arrows that were shot at it, as well as two archery students and their instructors.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP?

The aim or objective of rifle target shooting is to achieve extreme precision in consistently hitting the target over an established course of fire. If all shooters fired just one shot, every competitor would have the possibility of firing the best shot. If all competitors fire a longer series of shots in an extended course of fire, it becomes more and more likely that the best rifle shooter will have the highest score.

HOW DID RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP GET STARTED?

One of the most fascinating aspects of the sport of shooting is its history. Target marksmanship traces its history back at least 3,500 years when Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs made lasting records of their prowess in shooting bows and arrows at targets.

Throughout its history, marksmanship evolved from being a key element in man's survival and preparation for war to becoming an important basis for social and cultural interaction and today to being one of the world's great sports. During the Middle Ages, the citizens of cities organized shooting clubs where they could practice shooting crossbows or bows at targets to be better prepared to defend their cities. These shooting clubs started to organize shooting festivals with competitions for valued prizes.

Starting in the 19th century, rifle target shooting developed both as a military training activity and as a civilian sports activity. Rifle and pistol competitions were included in the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 and have been in every Olympic Games since then except in

1904 and 1928. The first World Shooting Championships were held in 1897. National shooting federations began to emerge in the late 18th century.

Today there are more than 150 nations with organized target shooting programs. Shooting clubs and national federations have taken the lead in developing junior rifle marksmanship programs in order to promote youth participation in this popular sport.

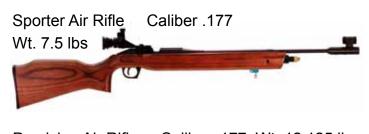
WHAT RIFLES ARE USED IN JUNIOR TARGET SHOOTING?

Rifles used in target shooting are items of sports equipment and have specialized features to adapt them to the challenges of the sport. Target rifle features that must be available on rifles used by junior shooters are:

- 1. Accuracy. Target rifles must be capable of greater accuracy than most other rifles in order to consistently shoot tens on difficult competition targets.
- 2. Adjustable Aperture Sights. Rifle target shooting generally requires non-optical or aperture sights. These sights must have precise adjustments for windage and elevation.
- 3. Front Sights with Interchangeable Inserts. Target rifles typically have hooded front sights and a selection of inserts that can be changed as shooter skill increases.
- 4. Sling Attachment Capability. Good shooting in the prone and kneeling positions is impossible without a sling. Sling swivels to which to attach slings may be fixed or adjustable.
- 5. Stock Length Adjustment. Matching rifle size and butt-stock length to the size of the shooter is critical. Most rifles used by juniors have some means of adjusting stock length to achieve this.
- 6. Trigger. Triggers on target rifles may be single or two-stage. Target triggers must be consistent, safe, break cleanly and meet legal trigger weight requirements.
- 7. Legal. Almost all rifle events have weight limits and rifle configuration limitations with which target rifles must comply.

There are five different types of rifles typically used in junior rifle marksmanship. They are identified in the chart at the right.

Note: The weight limit given for smallbore rifles is the weight limit for rifles used in USA Shooting competition. Typical junior smallbore target rifles like the one illustrated in the chart should weigh between 5.0 and 8.0 lbs





Smallbore Target Rifle Caliber .22 Rimfire Wt. 14.3 or 17.6 lbs



BB Gun Caliber .177
Wt. 6.0 lbs

HOW ARE RIFLE TARGETS CONFIGURED AND SCORED?

Every sport must have a means of measuring athlete performances or of keeping score. In target shooting keeping score is done by using targets with concentric scoring rings with values from ten points for shots in the center of the target to one or zero points for shots away from the target center. Shots hitting the target are scored according to the highest value scoring ring that the shot hole hits or touches.

Targets originally were made of wood or metal, but today most targets are printed on paper and scored by human visual evaluation and the use of a scoring gauge (plug) when necessary. It is now also possible to score

paper targets electronically using a scanner and computer evaluation. Electronic scoring targets have been available for the last 25 years and are in use in the very best

ranges where they have done much to make shooting a spectator sport.

Targets used in junior rifle shooting vary in difficulty. The BB gun target is proportionately the largest since it is used with the youngest shooters and the least accurate rifles. The most difficult target is the 50-meter smallbore rifle target and its reduced 50-foot version. The chart at the



The 10-meter air rifle target. To score a ten, the shot must hit or touch the 0.5mm ten dot in the center of the target.

bottom of the page compares their relative sizes.

WHAT FIRING POSITIONS ARE USED?

Three-position target rifle events require shooters to fire equal numbers of shots in the following three positions:

Prone. The shooter lies on the floor while holding the rifle with both hands and shoulder. A sling is used on the arm that supports the rifle to steady the rifle. Since it has the lowest center of gravity and the largest base of support, prone is the steadiest position and generally produces



the highest scores. Many competitions also have special

prone only events in addition to the standard three-position events.

Standing. The shooter stands on both feet while holding the rifle with both hands and the shoulder. The arm that supports the rifle is allowed to rest on the left side or hip. A sling cannot be used in this position. Standing has the highest center of gravity and the smallest base of support so scores produced in standing are generally lower than scores fired in the other posi-



tions. As a result, most target shooters spend more time practicing standing.

Kneeling. The shooter establishes a foundation for this position by placing a cylindrical kneeling roll on the floor and then kneeling so that the ankle rests on the kneeling roll and the body sits on the heel that is sup-

ported by the kneeling roll. The other leg is bent so that the knee is elevated to provide a support surface for the arm that supports the rifle. The shooter holds the rifle with both hands and shoulder just as in the other positions, but this time the elbow of the support arm for the rifle rests on the knee



Kneeling scores generally fall between prone and standing scores. It is often regarded as the most complicated of the firing positions.

RIFLE EVENT	DISTANCE	SIZE OF 10 RING	TARGET IS SAME SIZE AS:	RELATIVE SIZE: MINUTES OF ANGLE
Air Rifle	10 meters	0.5 mm	Touch this dot: .	1.80 moa
Smallbore Rifle	USAS 50 feet	-0.38 mm	Cover this dot: •	1.14 moa
Smallbore Rifle	50 meters	10.4 mm	.41 caliber bullet	1.15 moa
Rimfire Sporter	50 & 25 yards	50 mm	Silver dollar	4.37 moa
BB Gun	5 meters	.125 inches	This symbol: ®	5.01 moa

Sitting. One additional position, sitting, is used in

two events that juniors often fire, four-position BB Gun shooting and Rimfire Sporter shooting where the positions are prone, sitting or kneeling and standing. In the sitting position, the shooter sits on the buttocks, holds the rifle



with both hands and the shoulder and then leans forward to rest both elbows on the legs. The legs may be either crossed and drawn back or crossed and extended. When shooters have a choice between sitting and kneeling, sitting is usually preferred because it is lower and somewhat steadier.

WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT COURSES OF FIRE AND RULES?

Every sport has rules to describe the event or game that is played by participants. In target rifle shooting, the game played by participants is defined by its course of fire. The most common shooting events in junior target rifle shooting are:

- Three-Position Air Rifle. Competitors are divided into Sporter and Precision Classes. Standard courses of fire are the 3x10 consisting of 10 record shots each in the prone, standing and kneeling positions or the 3x20 consisting of 20 shots in each position. Positions must be fired in that order and are timed separately. Competitors may fire sighting or practice shots in each position before starting record shots, but must complete all sighting and record shots within the time limit. In precision class shooting, competitors may wear special shooting jackets, trousers and boots (see the kneeling and standing position illustrations above). In sporter class competition, only ordinary clothing may be worn (see the prone and sitting position illustrations).
- Air Rifle Standing. In international competitions, air rifles are fired only in the standing position. The standard courses of fire, which also are used for junior competitions, are 40 shots standing for women and 60 shots standing for men. Air rifle standing events are normally fired with precision air rifles and rules that permit special shooting jackets, trousers and boots.

- Smallbore Rifle Three-Position. Smallbore three-position events are designed for firing at a distance of 50 meters, but junior events are often fired in indoor ranges on proportionately reduced targets placed at a distance of 50 feet. Junior smallbore three-position courses of fire also are 3x10 and 3x20 courses. In international-type competitions, women fire a 3x20 course while men fire a 3x40 course. Special shooting clothing and a wide variety of accessories are permitted in these events.
- **Finals**. In air rifle standing and three-position and in smallbore three-position events, many individual competitions end with a final round or stage for the top eight competitors after all competitors have completed the basic course of fire. The finalists shoot an additional ten shots, one-shot-at-a-time, with separate 75-second time periods for each shot. Final round scores are added to the scores those shooters fired in the regular course of fire. When electronic targets or electronic scoring is



Finals for the top eight shooters are often used to conclude three-position competition events. Successful firing in a final requires shooters to have good, well-practiced shot plans and the discipline to follow them.

available, the ten final round shots are scored in tenth ring values where each scoring ring is divided into ten sub-rings. For example, a shot that just touches the ten ring would score 10.0 while a perfect center shot would score 10.9. Finals were developed to give a more spectacular ending to shooting competitions and to appeal to spectators and the media.

• Rimfire Sporter. Competitors are divided into two classes according to the type of sights on their rifles. T-class shooters use rifles equipped with telescopic sights (6X max.) while O-class shooters must have traditional open sights on their rifles. The course of fire is 60 shots

with 10 shots slow fire and 10 shots rapid-fire being fired in each of three positions, prone, sitting or kneeling and standing. Prone and sitting are fired at 50 yards; standing is fired at 25 yards. Only ordinary clothing may be worn.



Shooting is an Olympic Sport. The 2008 Olympic 50-meter men's rifle prone medalists included Matt Emmons, USA (left), who won the silver medal.

• **BB Gun.** The standard BB Gun course of fire is a 4x10 event with sighters and 10 record shots fired in prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions, in that order. The maximum age for BB Gun shooters is 15. Since BB Gun competitors are younger, they are permitted to have a coach with them on the firing line. The coach also serves as a loader.

WHAT ARE THE GOVERNING ORGANIZATIONS?

Several different organizations govern or control important aspects of target rifle shooting. Rulebooks governing different shooting events can be downloaded from the websites of the governing organization. These organizations are: • International Shooting Sport Federation. http://www.issf-sports.org. The ISSF is the shooting world's primary governing body. ISSF rules and supervision govern shooting in the Olympic Games and many other international champion-

ships.

• USA Shooting. http://www.usashooting.org.
USAS is the national governing body in the U.S. for Olympic and international style shooting. USAS provides rules and competition sanctioning for the Air Rifle Standing and Smallbore Three-Position events.

• National
Three-Position Air
Rifle Council. http://
www.odcmp.com/3P/
Council.htm. The

NP3ARC is a consortium of U. S. organizations that promote three-position air rifle shooting, including USA Shooting and the CMP. The Council's National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules govern most junior three-position air rifle competitions in the U. S.

• National Rifle Association. https://www.nrahq.org/compete. The NRA governs a wide array of shooting sports disciplines including BB Gun, some three-position smallbore and air rifle events.

• Civilian Marksmanship Program. http://www.odcmp.com. CMP governs Rimfire Sporter shooting. It's the national governing body for service rifle and pistol shooting.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO JUNIOR TARGET RIFLE SHOOTERS?

For young people who become active in target rifle shooting there is a wide range of opportunities available:

- Club Activity. Almost all youth are attracted to the fun and camaraderie that comes from participating in club activities.
- Learning a New Sport. Target rifle shooting is a challenging and fulfilling sport. Youth who participate in organized shooting programs will learn and practice the skills of this sport in safe, structured settings.
- Competition Sport. The test of trying to perform your best in a competition is appealing to most young people. Goals for competitions can be anything from competing against yourself and having fun to striving to win.
- **High School Sport.** In many areas of the country rifle is a high school varsity or club sport where youth who are motivated by the idea of working hard to make the rifle team can experience the rewards of representing their school or club in team competitions.
- College Sport. The NCAA recognizes rifle as an intercollegiate varsity sport. College rifle offers scholarships for the best shooters and prestigious competitions to determine annual NCAA Rifle Champions. There are also many collegiate rifle and pistol clubs that welcome students interested in pursuing regular practice and enjoying club membership.
- Olympic Sport. For some special junior shooters who decide to work incredibly hard at becoming the

very best, their goals become focused on making the USA Shooting Team so they can represent their country and win medals in ISSF World Cups, World Shooting Championships and the pinnacle of sports competition, the Olympic Games.



Shooting is a lifetime sport. Youth who enjoy target rifle shooting can look forward to a lifetime of shooting sports fun and fulfillment.

• Lifetime Sport. For many junior shooters, the skills they learn and the fun they have in junior club and competition activities leads them to seek ways to continue participating in target shooting as adults. Many adults compete in smallbore position, air rifle and Rimfire Sporter shooting. Many others transfer their skills to service rifle, pistol or other shooting sports disciplines. In target shooting, participation from ages eight to eighty is possible.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TARGET RIFLE SHOOTING?

One of the great things about youth sports in general and youth shooting in particular is that when winning and losing is kept in perspective, the efforts youth make to improve and perform their skills in practice and competition can be very beneficial to their development as persons. There are many life skills that target shooting does an especially good job of developing:

• Concentration Skills.

The heart and soul of firing consistent series of accurate shots is concentration. Learning the skills of properly firing shots develops concentration skills to a high degree. Many young shooters and their parents also discovered that these skills transfer over to schoolwork.

- Self Control and Emotional Control. Good shooters learn to control themselves and their emotions exceptionally well. In shooting, competitive energies are directed towards an inanimate object, the target, and never towards an opponent. Target shooting is the antithesis of violence.
- Self Discipline. Self discipline is emphasized in target shooting from the first safety lessons to disciplining oneself to get the most out of every practice to the self-discipline that determines how hard and how often one practices.
- Responsibility. Gun safety begins with accepting full responsibility for handling the guns used in shooting safely. Progress in shooting depends upon accepting full responsibility for both good scores and bad scores.
- Fair Play and Sportsmanship. In shooting, the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship lead to a commitment to always follow the rules and respect other competitors as well as coaches and competition officials.
- Rewards of Hard Work. Shooting is a sport where strength, size or speed make no difference in how well one can shoot. Instead, shooting is a sport where how hard

one works makes all the difference. This can be a vivid and long-lasting lesson.

• Self-Image Enhancement.

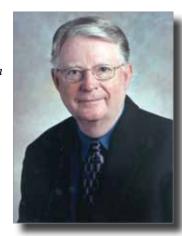
Participating in target shooting where progress is almost solely dependent upon how hard one works has helped many young people learn to believe in themselves and to understand that they can realize goals and meet difficult challenges.

In addition to the great opportunities and personal benefits that come from target rifle shooting, young shooters, coaches and parents must know that their sport is 1) one of the safest of all youth sports, 2) a sport where how hard one works and not so-called natural ability determines success and 3) one of the most popular participation sports in the world. Whether you are involved as a shooter, a coach or parent, the sport of target rifle shooting welcomes you.

About the Author

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Paralympian Greg Reynolds' Credo: "GOBIG or GOHOME"

By Maureen L. Trickett

International Certified Coach Level 3, ISSF Judge

WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS - A couple of months ago Bob Foth, Director of the USA Shooting Paralympics Team contacted me about helping a young man, Greg Reynolds, train in air rifle

MRA Advanced Juniors Expand Their Knowledge and Welcome a New Team Member

Greg was new to the sport but Bob felt he had a very promising future with the right training and support. We were very anxious to meet Greg and expand our world of shooting friends and to broaden both our and his knowledge of the art of air rifle.

Earlier, Greg enlisted into the US Army National Guard while a senior in high school and left for training 10 days after graduation. He trained at Fort Benning, Georgia where he graduated in the top four out of 250 soldiers. He served 15 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003-2004.

He was presented the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his "extraordinary actions during an enemy ambush" as well as other numerous commendations and awards. During his military service he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and earned his Air Assault wings.

In three seconds on June 22, 2008 he went from being in control of his life to fighting for his life after a life-

threatening motorcycle accident.

Greg's injuries included the loss of his left arm. (a fore-

quarter amputation), a traumatic brain injury, dislocation in his right hand with nerve damage, among numerous other injuries. He spent almost six weeks in a coma and three months in the hospital.



Reynolds frequently drops and gives folks a 20 push-up demonstration - a part of his desire to stay in shape and illustrate his "can do" attitude.

Photo courtesy of www.aheroheals.com

But Greg isn't one to give up. He learned how to walk, talk and dress himself again.

He went on and finished his hard-

earned degree in criminal justice, graduating Cum Laude from Bridgewater State College after only missing one semester. He was the student speaker at his graduation where he stood in front of hundreds of students and told them "I don't care what battle you're fighting, just never give up," he said.

With fantastic support from family and friends he has pushed his way back to achieve all he can achieve. He is a member of the first and only all-amputee Wounded Warrior Softball Team and they have nicknamed themselves the "body

"At the time of my accident I was wearing an approved DOT and SNELL full face helmet. The estimated speed I was traveling was between 35 to 43 mph.

The person that pulled out in front of me taking a left turn off of the highway had a stop sign.

He "thought he could make it."

I still struggle with this. I've never heard from him, no apology or anything."

- Greg Reynolds

www.aheroheals.com



Members of the Massachusetts Rifle Association precision air rifle team, coached by Maureen Trickett, center.

parts". They had their first game May 6th against the FBI and won.

"I love sports. I never imagined playing after my injury. I will say that playing on this team is perfect for me. I love being athletic and accepting a challenge that has been placed before me.

"I've already set a goal to hit a home run this year! Playing with one arm is very difficult - so is hitting! My time I put into my training will show on the field!!!"

Greg has also created a one-arm dumbbell chest press event for the Paralympics that debuted in June at the National Endeavor Games in Oklahoma. This came about as there were no weight lifting events for upper extremity amputees. He intends to change that!

Only to add to his mounting lists of accomplishments; Greg is now training for a spot on the USA Paralympic air rifle team and has a good shot at it. He was in need of training and a range to help him accomplish

his dream. My team welcomed Greg as part of our unit and we now push ourselves harder to work as hard as he does and to never settle for anything less.

We had a little shoot off at the end of training the other day and we had Greg join in and after several tied rounds Greg squeaked out the winning shot. We are teaching him and he is teaching us. Greg believes "GO BIG or GO HOME" - I will continue to develop, grow and prosper.

If you see us on the range, feel free to stop in and meet anyone of the advanced team, we are always happy to meet new friends and to talk about our sport. Mass Rifle is one of the oldest active shooting clubs in the United States.

The advanced juniors come from clubs such as MRA, Reading Rifle, and Woburn Sportsman, just to name a few. Juniors come to the team to advance their training and to move on to compete at national levels and hope to one day be a member of a

college team or even move on to the Olympic level.

We were honored to be invited to another adventure at the end of June when the team qualified for the final round of the 3P Junior Air Rifle Olympics at Camp Perry, Ohio.

We will then continue to Fort Benning GA. for the Nationals and compete. Greg will also be down in Fort Benning shooting, trying for a spot on the 2012 Paralympics Team to that will compete in London.

We will be there rooting him on.



Robert Hudson, coach of Team Pink, provides some last-minute advice to Beth Hodges during the sighting period prior to the team match. Hodges, 14, had not fired a highpower rifle prior to training one week before the Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match.

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Both commented that the actual firing of the match was the most fun. Hodges had never fired in a highpower match of any kind prior to the Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match. In fact, she had never fired a highpower rifle, period. Jessica has shot service rifle with an AR-15 and was staying at Camp Butner to shoot in the Creedmoor Cup matches.

"She (Hodges) stepped up last week. We were desperate for a female shooter to pair with Jessica. She took her first highpower shot a week ago at 600 yards," Coach Hudson said. "We didn't have time to shoot the entire course of fire, so we decided to get set up at 600 yards," he said.

"It took her two shots to get on paper with the scope. I knew we had something going when that happened," Hudson explained.

"Can you imagine how incredibly

brave you have to be to step up and take that shot at 600 yards," he asked rhetorically. "I think it's incredible."

Team Pink chose to shoot the 6.5mm Swede because of its relatively low recoil, Hudson said. "We didn't want to beat up the girls, so it was the best choice."

The girls both got started in shooting

with the 4-H program.

"The 4-H is a great way for youngsters to learn discipline and the values that we want all of our kids to have. The CMP and the military a s s i s t a n c e they provide demonstrates the extreme

discipline you need to have in this sport," Coach Hudson said.

Complete scores for the 2011 Eastern CMP Games rifle events are posted at http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=6477. Photos are posted at http://cmp1.zenfolio.com.



Hodges and Hudson fired scores of 92 & 93, respectively at 300 yards.

Covington and Hudson Win Eastern Rimfire Sporter Titles

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP BUTNER, NC - Cameron Covington, 13, of Alton, Virginia took top honors in the open sights class and fellow Virginian, Robert Hudson II, 15, of Halifax, won the telescopic sights class in the Rimfire Sporter match at the 2011 Eastern CMP Games in May.



Cameron Covington takes a break between stages in the 2011 Rimfire Sporter match at Camp Butner, North Carolina. Covington won the O-Class championship and fired the best center shot among junior shooters.

It was the third annual Rimfire Sporter match held at the Eastern Games.

Covington fired an aggregate score of 550-8X out of a possible 600 in the six-stage match fired at 50 and 25 yards. He also won a .22 caliber smallbore rifle, presented by Savage Arms for firing the best center shot in the match in the junior category.

Hudson fired a 585-26X aggregate score in the T-Class of the match, which is fired in the same 600-point format, the only exception being the use of a scoped rifle with a 6-X maximum magnification.

In O-Class, Hudson's sister Jessica, 12, placed second with a 573-16X. Logan Westphal, 12, of Manteo, North

Carolina, placed third with an aggregate of 555-9X.

In T-Class, Cayce Kaminski, 16, of Clayton, North Carolina, fired a 540-9X for second place and Alec Justason, 14, of Apex,

NC, finished third with a total score of 438-5X.

In the adult division W i 1 1 i a m Flagg, Jr. from Ashland, Virginia, fired a near-perfect 598-44X in

his third-ever competition to win the 2011 Eastern Games Rimfire Sporter T-Class. Paul Snider, of Kill Devil Hills, N. Carolina, fired a 597-27X to finish second and perennial challenger Ron Villanueva, of Parma Heights, Ohio, finished third with a score of 593-34X.

William Mayor, of Gibsonville,

the

Carolina.

O-Class (open sighted rifles) award with an aggregate score of 569-18X. Donald Flanagan, of Marietta, New York, took second place with a total score of 568-11X and Jason Ruhala, of Hedgesville, W. Virginia, placed third with an aggregate score of 566-14X.

won

William Ellis, of Slough, England, defeated John Kerrigan, of Annapolis, Maryland, in the tactical rifle class with an aggregate score of 571-21X to 557-15X, the T-Class competition.



Robert Hudson, II, fired the top score in the Rimfire Sporter match in the T-Class. Hudson was presented his gold achievement medal by Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus.

respectively. The tactical class is in just its second year in the Rimfire Sporter program.

The Rimfire Sporter event was added to the Eastern Games program in 2009 to introduce shooters in the Mid-Atlantic region to this fast growing discipline. In its third season at the Eastern CMP Games, three relays of shooters participated in, telescopic class (52 shooters), open class (18 shooters) and tactical rifle class (2 shooters).



Henry Baulier, of Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada, participated in his first-ever rifle match at this year's Eastern Games in the T-Class competition.

NMAR Shooter Taking Airgun Skills to Outdoor Ranges

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO - Ian Foos, 14, of Bellevue, Ohio is a lot like his classmates - lots of energy, lots of social networking and lots of big ideas.

But unlike some kids his age more concerned with other things, Foos is dedicating himself to becoming the best competitive rifle shooter he can and he's willing to sacrifice a chunk of his free time to pursue his goal.

Foos discovered the National Match Air Rifle program at CMP's indoor Marksmanship Center in 2010 and has been religiously attending public shooting



At 14, Ian Foos is growing into highpower shooting with a little help from his family and the CMP NMAR monthly matches.

nights at the range to build familiarity and muscle memory with the AR platform.

"I love the technology," Foos said. "Who would have thought of that?" he asked in reference to the completely electronic scoring system. "No more shoot, walk and shoot, and there's no doubt about the accuracy of the scoring either," he said.

Not only does he compete in the newly-created CMP league air rifle matches, but he also goes head-to-head with shooters considerably older and more seasoned in the CMP's monthly air rifle matches.

"There are a lot of nice people here - and they're always helpful," he said.

League matches provide shooters the opportunity to come in on public shooting nights and shoot as many NMAR stages as they wish at the cost of \$1 per entry. At the end of the month, the shooters with the highest scores get bragging rights for that month.

The CMP monthly matches are considerably more intense, using a simulated National Match course fired at simulated 200 yard standing, 200 yard rapid sitting and 600 yard prone targets.

Foos has done well in the league matches and is now challenging to win the monthly matches as well, shooting regularly in the 570s.

Training with the NMAR air rifle closely imitates the look, weight and sight picture of an AR platform service rifle. The obvious difference is the lack of recoil and outdoor

conditions, but practicing with the AR platform and unforgiving computer-scored MegaLink targets at the Competition Center is a great way to stay sharp.

The seventh-grader at Immaculate Conception middle school started shooting as a child with BB guns, pellet guns and .22 caliber rifles. Today he likes competing with his AR15 service rifle at his "home" range at the Erie County Conservation League (ECCL), which is located about 20 minutes away from home.

He shoots monthly highpower matches at ECCL and his indoor/outdoor transition is going well. Foos is among the leaders in both places each month.

During the winter months and those times when the cost of ammunition makes regular practice less practical, Foos brings his Creedmoor/Anschutz air rifle to the CMP Competition Center to hone his skills. Thanks to his supportive parents and maternal grandfather, Foos gets lots of opportunites to practice.

"I really like shooting better than anything else," he says. Having played baseball, football and basketball for 10 years, he decided to try something new with competitive shooting.

One of five brothers, and the second youngest, Foos said he's the typical middle child with brothers from age 13 to 26 competing with him in virtually every sport to video games.

Foos recently competed in the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association's service rifle team match on the outdoor range at Camp Perry and it was his first opportunity to shoot 600 yards. He did well in spite of using 55-grain .223 rounds.

At the end of June he attended the CMP-USMC Eastern Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship at Camp Butner, North Carolina where he got hands-on training with this AR15 and an opportunity to square off with other competitive junior shooters.

Foos is considering ROTC rifle shooting at Michigan State University and a possible career in the Marines.

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@odcmp. com, or call 419-635-2141, Ext.1111. Please include the name of the event, date, whom the event is open to and contact information and web site (if available). The CMP will do its best to accommodate each request to be included in the Calendar of Events.

1-3 July 2011

Daisy Air Rifle Championship - Rogers, AR

6-8 July 2011

Junior Air Rifle Outreach Clinic - San Juan, TX

11 July 2011

CMP-USAMU Pistol SAFS & M9 EIC Match - Camp Perry, OH

11 July - 5 August 2011

National Match Air Gun Events - Camp Perry, OH

12 July 2011

CMP Warm-Up Pistol Match - Camp Perry, OH

12-14 July 2011

Junior Air Rifle Outreach Clinic, Wall, NJ

13-15 July 2011

Junior Air Rifle Outreach Clinic, Phoenix, AZ

14-16 July 2011

Junior Air Rifle Outreach Clinic, Mitchell, SD

17 July 2011

CMP President's 100 Pistol Match, NTI/NTT - Camp Perry, OH

18-22 July 2011

Junior Air Rifle Camp 4-Anniston, AL

23 July 2011

CMP Free Rimfire Sporter Clinic - Camp Perry, OH

23 July 2011

CMP Rimfire Sporter Match - Camp Perry, OH

25-29 July 2011

Junior Air Rifle Camp 4-Anniston, AL

29 July - 31 July 2011

 $CMP\text{-}USMC\ Jr\ HP\ Clinic\ and\ CMP\text{-}Remington\ Advanced\ Adult}$

Highpower Clinic - Camp Perry, OH

30 July - 31 July 2011

CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS - Camp Perry, OH

1 August 2011

CMP President's 100 Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH

2 August 2011

CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH

3 August 2011

CMP Hearst Doubles Match, CMP National Junior Team Match,

CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH

4 August 2011

CMP National Trophy Team Match and CMP M1 Carbine

Match - Camp Perry, OH

5 August 2011

CMP National Trophy Infantry Match and CMP Springfield/

Military Bolt Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH

6 August 2011

CMP National John C. Garand Match and CMP Springfield/

Military Bolt Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH

17-18 September 2011

GSM Master Clinic - Camp Perry, OH

17 September 2011

Monthly Match - Camp Perry, OH & Anniston, AL

8 October 2011

Monthly Match - Camp Perry, OH & Anniston, AL

14-18 October

Western CMP Games - Phoenix, AZ

19-23 October 2011

Creedmoor Western Cup Matches - Phoenix, AZ

CMP Welcomes Newly-Affiliated Clubs

The CMP would like to welcome newly affiliated clubs. If you would like more information on affiliating with the CMP, please visit http://www.odcmp.com/Clubs/Affiliate.htm.

Narragansett Gun Club, Exeter, RI

Port Clinton Police Department, Port Clinton, OH

William A. Hough JROTC, Cornelius, NC

Boy Scout Troop 257, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Venture Crew 357, Chelsea, MI

Exeter Sportsman's Club, Exeter, NH

Enfield Outing Club Youth Shooting Team, Enfield, NH

New Jersey Firearms Academy, Jersey City, NJ

Inwood Fire Department Rod & Gun Club, Harbor Isle, NY

Daisytown Sportsman Club, Johnstown, PA

4th Armored Historical Preservation Group, Glenside, PA

Tri State Gun and Archery, Counsel, TN

Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club, Broken Arrow, OK

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club Inc., Drake, CO

Floyd County Conservation Club, Georgetown, IN

Plummer Area Sportsman's Club, Plummer, MN

Missouri University of Science & Technology Army ROTC, Rolla, MO

Caribou County Shooting Club, Montpelier, ID

Fighting Eagles Club, Cheney, WA

4-H Patriot Shooting Club, Hampton, VA

Crawford County 4-H Shooting Sports, Vail, IA

Ridge Community High School, Davenport, FL

Boone County 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Albion, NE

Elite Equestrians 4-H Club, Alliance, OH

Bucks County Council BSA, Pipersville, PA

Box Butte Co. 4-H Shooting Sports, Alliance, NE

Osceola County 4-H Shooting Sports, Kissimmee, FL

Tok High School Rifle Team, Tok, AK

CF Royal Palm Gun Club, Coral Springs, FL

Portal High School JROTC, Portal, GA

American Legion Post 294, Powder Springs, GA

Jackson County 4H Shooting Sports Club, Murphysboro, IL

Sullivan County VFW Post 2459, Sullivan, IN

Bullseye Shooting Sports 4H Club Menominee County, Menominee, MI

Fairmont HS JROTC, Fairmont, NC

Saraspa Rod & Gun Club, Greenfield Center, NY

Ohio FFA Camps, Inc., Carrollton, OH

Boy Scouts of America Troop 313, Findlay, OH

Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 120, Hillsboro, OH

Boy Scouts of America Troop 170, Mansfield, OH

Ottawa County Conservation League, Martin, OH

New Birth Freedom BSA Camp Tvekahoe, Dillsburg, PA



3-P Air Rule Interpretations

These rule interpretations are based on questions received by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council Rules Hotline and are answered based on the *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules*.

Q: Can I wear modified clothing like a heavy jacket or boots when shooting in sporter competition?

A: Three-Position Air Rifle Rule 4.3.1 states that shooting jackets and special shooting pants are not permitted. A maximum of two loose fitting shirts or sweatshirts may be worn. A light, loose-fitting T-shirt or undershirt may be worn under the two shirts or sweatshirts. Shirts or sweatshirts may not be twisted or

rolled or otherwise configured to provide additional layers of clothing thickness or to provide additional support for a position. Shirts or sweatshirts may not be tucked into the trousers (does not apply to the T-shirt or undershirt). A hook, safety pin or button attached to the sling arm or shoulder is allowed to prevent the sling from slipping. Special shooting sweaters, shirts or jackets with additional or special pads are not permitted.

Pockets or double layers of material are not permitted on shirts, sweatshirts or trousers in any of the normal rifle or position contact areas (shoulder, sling location, under standing support arm, knee). One pair of ordinary sport or casual trousers or jeans is allowed. Trousers must not fit so tightly as to provide additional support. If a skirt is worn, it must fall loosely over the legs so that it does not support the legs or restrict their movement in the standing or kneeling positions. Hooded sweatshirts may be worn, but the hood must be down.



Note: Tight fitting undergarments such as Under ArmourTM are not permitted because they vary in thickness and strength and do in some cases provide support.

4.3.2 Shoes

Only normal low-cut, street-type or light athletic shoes are permitted. Shoes may not extend above the midpoint of the ankle and must have a flexible sole. Only one pair of shoes may be used and they must be a matched pair. Shooters may, however, elect not to wear shoes in one or more positions. All types of high-top boots, including military issue or "combat" boots, commercial shooting boots or special low-cut commercial shooting shoes are prohibited.

For more information about 3-P Air rules, download the rulebook at http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Rules.pdf

Look Outside the Box When Considering Rifle & Pistol Scholarships

Courtesy www.scholarships.com

Marksmanship is one of those rare disciplines where you may have more luck looking outside of your college for scholarship funding to land the most generous awards.

As competitive marksmanship grows in popularity, state-wide and local groups looking to promote the sport do as well. While some of these groups can get political on the issue of gun laws, others are more concerned with keeping competitive rifling alive, and only want to know that you have a history in the sport before considering you for an award.



Teammates and supporters of Rose-Hulman Institute and The Ohio State University air rifle teams react to scoring in a high-spirited challenge match at the 2011 Camp Perry Open.

If you're a member of these groups, you're in even better shape, as some groups require membership in their organization before awarding you a scholarship. To make yourself stand out among these organizations, try out a few competitions. Some want to see that you've had a sustained interest in the sport, even if you plan on only pursuing it as a hobby while in college.

Many outside organizations also award scholarships based on criteria outside of your marksmanship abilities. If you're good at the sport but don't necessarily want to compete in the sport on the college level, look at scholarships from rifle groups that reward you for other criteria, such as academic achievement or community service.

Some groups also consider your financial need before making a determination. Those interested in pursuing marksmanship on the college level, however, should be aware that college-based awards will require a minimum GPA for you to get on a team and receive an award.

The NCAA, while usually more competitive than awards doled by outside groups and organizations, also rewards athletes on the postgraduate level.

Check out some examples of where to find



marksmanship scholarships below. For additional information about scholarships and awards based on different criteria, try conducting a free college scholarship search at Scholarships. com.

NCAA Scholarships

About \$1 billion in full and partial athletic scholarships are awarded each year by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to more than 126,000 undergraduate student-athletes at Division I and Division II schools. Although these scholarships are awarded and administered directly by each academic institution, not the NCAA, you'll be required to meet the requirements of the NCAA to receive any funding. Those requirements include a minimum GPA for both the college-bound and those already on campuses, and qualifying standardized test scores. Contact your intended school's athletic department for more information if you have the academics and the skill to play on a college team.

College-Based Scholarships

If you plan on rifling in college your intended institution could have funds and endowments set up by alumni who participated in the sport before you ever set foot on that campus or in honor of relatives and important figures to your school. The University of Wisconsin at Madison, for example, offers the Doctor Herbert M. Aitken Scholarship to promote rifling and marksmanship. The amount of each annual award varies, but the scholarship is part of a permanent endowment fund. Make sure you do your research, and talk to your financial aid office and athletic departments about local and college-based awards you could be eligible for.

Scholarships by State

State and local rifle and pistol organizations can be good sources of scholarship money. The Dave Ward Memorial Scholarship, for example, is available through the Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club in Maryland. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 award, and you don't need to be a part of the association to win. Make sure you're looking locally when applying for scholarship funding to fund your college education and interest in the sport, especially if you already belong to a rifle or pistol club in your community.

CMP offers 75 \$1,000 scholarships each year for qualifying JROTC and ROTC cadets. Browse http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Scholarships.htm for more information.

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 rank-

Badge #	Name	Hometown
403	Jasmine Juarez	El Paso, TX
404	Jose Arras	El Paso, TX
405	Gregory Dunlop	Mt. Juliet, TN
406	Allen Cohenour	Albuquerque, NM
407	Alex Murray	Rutherfordton, NC
408	Amber Swink	Rutherfordon, NC
409	Daniel Lowe	Olympia, WA
410	Denise Martin	Chewelah, WA
411	Alan Agnew	Graham, WA
412	Shelby Brummett	Ozark, MO
413	Logan Hunt	Ozark, MO
414	Rachel Mangan	Walhalla, SC
415	Dawn Bettasso	Winthrop Harbor, IL
416	Tyler Christopherson	Laramie, WY
417	Sarah Osborn	Hampton, VA
418	Alyssa Gestl	Palmyra, PA

ings 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.

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recognize all juniors who achieve this outstanding goal in each issue. A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is at www.odcmp. com/3P/EIC.pdf. For more program info, log onto www.odcmp.com/3P/Forms/ EICProgram.pdf or email CMP Competitions at <u>3PAR@odcmp.com</u>.

Get Your New Gear Through the CMP Catalog or Online!

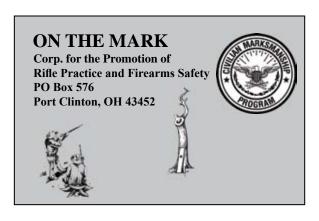
Get into the game with a Daisy or Anschutz air rifle available through our online sales home at www. TheCMP.org, our sales catalog at www.thecmp. org/pdfs/catalog.pdf or visit our CMP South or North stores for more information!



Parting Shots: Photos from Recent Junior Events & Competitions

The Eastern CMP Games at Camp Butner, North Carolina in May 2011 gave juniors, parents and coaches lots of opportunities to compete and enjoy the company of fellow shooters in Rimfire Sporter, the John C. Garand Match and Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match among others. The youngest junior at the event, 18-month old Natalia Saltsman, of Chesapeake, Virginia joined mom, Caroline in support of her dad Brett at the matches.





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