

# ON THE MARK



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## **Juniors Excel at National Trophy and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry**

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# Morales and Osborn Set New Precedent at First-Ever CMP National 3P Air Rifle Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



*Kyle Morales of Bordelon Rifles in Texas took home the individual sporter gold medal after firing 646.8-21x.*



*Sarah Osborn was brought to tears after she became the first-ever individual champion of the CMP National precision match.*

ANNISTON, AL – The first-ever Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Air Rifle Championship for sporter and precision juniors brought the talents of individual, school, and club shooters to a realm of peak athleticism. With sweat, tears and smiles, legacies began as each winner became the first in the history of the competition.

Midway USA was the official sponsor of the CMP Postal, Regional and National Championships. Throughout the competitions, Midway awarded generous endowments to first, second and third place teams. Midway USA is a leading U.S. firearms products retailer, committed to helping sustain junior shooting programs across the country.

The competition started at the Postal and State levels before breaking into three Regional events in New Mexico, Ohio and Alabama. Winners of the Regional match were given a spot at the National competition at the CMP Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL.

The sporter competition was held on Tuesday, July 9. Individuals and teams earned awards in different categories during the competition.

Sierra Czap, 16, of Franklin County High School in Rock Mount, VA, earned the high prone award. The high standing award was presented to Kyle Morales, 16, of Bordelon Rifles from San Antonio, TX, while Rachael Schoenrock, 16, of Homestead 4-H Shooting Sports Club from Beatrice, NE, won the high kneeling award.

In individual awards, the top 8 shooters received medals from the CMP, while the top 5 received cash awards along with their medals.

Rounding out the top 3 was Jacob Cress, 16, of Zion Benton High School in Zion, IL, in third place with an aggregate score of 641.8-20x, just behind Ivan Roe, 17, of Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters in Bozeman, MT, who came in second place with a score of 643.2-19x. Roe also took home a check from the CMP for \$750, while Cress earned \$500 from CMP. Kyle Morales took home the gold for the individual awards, firing a combined score of 646.8-21x. Morales received a \$1,000 check from the CMP.

Dominic De Mesquita, 17, from the South African National School Shooters Union received the high visitor award, outshooting the Americans with a score of 646.9-22x. De Mesquita received a CMP medal for his outstanding skills. With a giant exhale and a large smile on his face, De Mesquita could only get out, "I'm very excited," after his win.

He and his South African teammates were also presented a special appreciation plaque for their efforts in making the journey to the United States to compete. Team members are Dominic De Mesquita, Ernie Weyers, Christo Coetzee, Franco van Zyl and coached by Mr. Ernie Weyers. **Continued on Page 10**



*The South African National School Shooters Union*



# ◎ Sighting Shots ◎

## ◎ U.S. Army National Junior Air Rifle Championships.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit has announced dates for the Junior Air Rifle Championships.

The State Championships and National Qualifiers will be held Oct. 1 - Dec. 2013, with Nationals being held at Fort Benning Feb. 24-26, 2014. For more information on the Championships, visit <http://www.usaac.army.mil/amu/competitions/schedule.asp>.



## ◎ New "Where To Shoot" Phone App.

The All-New 'Where To Shoot' App for iOS and Android Finds Ranges Near You - Looking for a place to shoot? There's a new-and-improved app for that. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has released an all-new Where To Shoot mobile app - available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices - that locates shooting ranges near you. Available for free in the Apple App Store and Google Play, Where To Shoot puts North America's most comprehensive directory of shooting ranges in the palm of your hand. It also includes video tips for shooters, news and firearm safety information. Read more at [http://www.outdoorhub.com/news/the-all-new-where-to-shoot-for-ios-and-android-finds-ranges-near-you/?utm\\_source=SilverpopMail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=July%2012%202013%20Daily%20Newswire%20\(1\)&utm\\_content=](http://www.outdoorhub.com/news/the-all-new-where-to-shoot-for-ios-and-android-finds-ranges-near-you/?utm_source=SilverpopMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=July%2012%202013%20Daily%20Newswire%20(1)&utm_content=).

## ◎ Reminder of CMP 2013 Rulebook Changes.

The CMP Rules Committee approved the new 1st Edition CMP Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches and the 17th Edition of the CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Service Pistol on March 6, 2013. The Committee adopted a few changes, mostly in the protest and appeals rules. Visit <http://www.odcmp.org/0313/default.asp?page=2013RULES> for additional information.

## ◎ 2014 CMP Scholarship Applications Now Available.

The CMP offers \$1,000, one-year scholarships each year to encourage and reward outstanding high school seniors on the basis of merit and rifle or pistol marksmanship activity. Applicants must currently be competing regularly in marksmanship activities to be eligible. Other information about eligibility and the application process can be found at <http://www.odcmp.com/competitions/Scholarships.htm>.

## ◎ The dates for the 2013 GSM Master Instructor Courses

are set for experienced rifle marksmanship instructors and shooters who would like to receive advanced training and be certified as "Master Instructors" to teach CMP-sanctioned Garand, Springfield and Vintage Military Rifle or Rimfire Sporter Clinics are invited to apply to attend a CMP Master Instructor Training Workshop. Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/Training/GSM.htm> for additional information.



**On the Cover: Isaac Dow shot a stunning 392-11x to earn fourth place in the President's Rifle Trophy Match during the National Trophy Rifle Matches at Camp Perry. Dow was one of the two juniors to make it to the shoot off.**

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# Ten Lessons I Wish I Had Learned As A Young Shooter

By Gary Anderson, DCME

In my shooting career I was fortunate to win many championships and awards. I was also privileged to learn many lessons that helped me become a better shooter. The disconcerting thing about those lessons, however, was how long it took to learn them. Many lessons came late in my shooting career; many didn't come until after I retired from active competition. It is useless to ask how much better I could have been if I had learned them earlier, but it is essential to ask how coaches and parents can help today's new and young shooters by teaching these lessons to them.

I've often asked myself what are the most important lessons I wish I had learned earlier in my competition career. The result is what I called "ten lessons I wish I had learned as a young shooter." These are lessons I believe would have made the biggest difference for me and that could also make big differences for today's new and young shooters.

## LESSON 1 – NATURAL ABILITY WILL NOT MAKE YOU A SHOOTING CHAMPION

When I started shooting I was in awe of other beginners who found it easy to shoot good scores. I thought they had natural ability and I didn't. In the years since, I have taught many groups of new shooters. There were one or two in every group who shot better than the others. It was only natural to expect that they were the ones destined to become champions.

In some sports it is possible to evaluate young athletes and decide if they have the physical qualities and talent to become great in that sport, but that is definitely not the case in shooting. It didn't take me long to pass those who started out shooting better scores than I did. In the many training groups I have worked with, I have never found any correlation between new shooters' scores and long-term results. I have also heard many anecdotes about shooting champions who began at the bottom of their instructional groups. The difference was that they liked shooting and decided to work harder than the others.

**HARD WORK, TRAINING EFFORT AND PERSEVERANCE, NOT NATURAL ABILITY, MAKES YOU A SHOOTING CHAMPION.**



*The pathway to becoming a great shooter is paved with lessons that emphasize hard work, self-control, emotional control and a mindset that stresses consistent, controlled performance. Kim Rhode, who won five Olympic medals in five Olympic Games in Double Trap and Skeet, is known throughout the world as a great champion who personifies these attributes.*

We underscore that reality in the JROTC Marksmanship Instruction Course (JMIC) by telling JROTC Instructors the best way to select promising rifle team members is not by holding score-based tryouts for new shooters, but by looking at their "interest and work ethic."

What I learned is that the real difference in shooting success is always hard work, training effort and perseverance. Indeed, one of the reasons shooting is such a great sport is because shooting champions are the ones who work the hardest, not the ones who have the most natural ability.

## LESSON 2 – ANGER IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD SHOOTING

After I was assigned to the U. S. Army International Rifle Team at Fort Benning, Georgia, and began to train and compete with this group of top shooters, I remember many times when a more experienced team member would fire a bad shot and then react with a loud, angry and often profane outburst. Those of us who were new were led to believe that this was the thing to do. Go ahead, get mad, express your feelings and get it out of your system.

Only much later did I start to figure out that angry outbursts didn't help me shoot better. Instead they were usually the start of a downward spiral that ruined a day of practice or produced a really bad match.



## Ten Lessons I Wish I Had Learned As A Young Shooter continued...



*Junior shooters who attend CMP summer camps now learn how to make and use shot plans as one of their most important lessons.*

After experiencing how anger did not solve problems or help me shoot better, I finally started to understand that angry outbursts after a bad shot come from a lack of self-control. Anger, whether manifested by verbal outbursts or physical actions like jerking the action open or slamming the rifle down, are harmful because they distract the shooter from focusing on good performance and leave the next shot to chance.

I also learned that when I heard other shooters on the firing line express anger that meant they were in trouble and it would be easier to beat them. I did not want to help them by giving any clues that I was in trouble. It was difficult to develop sufficient emotional control to stay calm and enough

self discipline to shift my thoughts to asking, "What did I do wrong? What do I have to do to fix that?"

The key to recovering from a bad shot or series of shots is to stay cool, no matter what happens. To conquer anger, the shooter must first envision himself/herself staying calm after a bad shot. Taking a couple of deep breaths to relax can often help. Then it is necessary to refocus on the shot plan. Bad shots usually happen because one or more steps in the shot plan were not performed correctly. Staying calm and refocusing on the shot plan is the best way to get back on track.

### LESSON 3 – BAD SHOTS CAN TEACH YOU MORE THAN GOOD SHOTS

It is still standard coaching advice to tell shooters to forget their bad shots and scores. It is common practice to throw away bad practice targets thinking we should just forget them. In those early years I did not realize I was throwing away valuable information that could help me shoot better.

The turning point for me came some years later when LTC Bill Pullum became the coach of the Army International Rifle Team. He watched our shooting closely, but almost never gave any coaching advice until a teaching moment occurred. When I fired a bad shot he never told me what to do. He simply asked me to explain what happened. At first my answers weren't very good, but he insisted that I try to explain those shots.

When I could finally explain what I did wrong, he asked the follow up question, "What should you have done on that shot? Let's work on that."

Today error analysis is one of the most powerful tools for improving scores. But it only works if the reason for a bad shot is converted into what you must practice to produce good shots. The shooter who learns to treat bad scores as "lessons learned" has gained access to a treasure trove of clues for becoming a better shooter.

**BAD SHOTS CAN MAKE US BETTER SHOOTERS IF WE TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE DONE TO PREVENT THEM AND THEN PRACTICE THOSE SOLUTIONS.**

### LESSON 4 – NEVER GO WITHOUT A SHOT PLAN

This is one lesson I did not learn until after I finished competing. We had intuitive, primitive shot plans that were reinforced by practicing what worked best for us, but we never had precise, step-by-step plans that controlled how every shot was fired. Given what I know now about shot plans, I can only

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## Ten Lessons I Wish I Had Learned As A Young Shooter continued...



*One of the most critical lessons for young shooters is to learn to judge their performances by how hard they tried to win and not by whether they won or lost. (Photo taken during the junior women's 10-meter air rifle final in the 2013 Bavarian International Air Gun Championship.)*

look back and say, "wow, how did I ever get by without a shot plan!"

Today in the CMP Junior Rifle Camps, shot plans are a key instructional priority. Campers are taught how to prepare a detailed plan for each position and then practice the plan until they are able to use it in competitions. A shot plan is a detailed breakdown of each of the steps involved in firing a shot, starting with loading and shouldering the rifle. A good shot plan details each step and how it is performed. A well-practiced shot plan ensures consistency and is especially valuable in dealing with match pressure and preventing bad shots.

We were able to get by without shot plans when I was competing because no shooters knew about them, but for today's young shooters to be competitive, learning how to make, practice and use a shot plan is absolutely essential.

**LEARNING HOW TO MAKE, PRACTICE AND USE A SHOT PLAN IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS IN SHOOTING TODAY.**

### **LESSON 5 – PRACTICE IN BAD CONDITIONS AS WELL AS GOOD CONDITIONS**

When I was a young shooter I wanted to practice on a firing point on the side of the range where I was less likely to be disturbed. Many shooters and coaches still insist on keeping practice ranges quiet. I've had major military service rifle teams tell me they only practice in the morning because there is too much wind in the afternoons when they cannot shoot good scores.

The idea behind this is that shooters can only learn to shoot good scores by practicing in good conditions and that by practicing in windy conditions or on a range with lots of distractions you will only learn bad habits. This thinking is correct to a point, but it breaks down when you realize that most competitions are fired in windy conditions or where there are plenty of distractions.

### **LEARNING TO BE A GREAT COMPETITION SHOOTER REQUIRES PRACTICING IN BAD CONDITIONS AS WELL AS GOOD CONDITIONS.**

I started to realize how harmful this thinking was when I became active in outdoor highpower rifle shooting where shooting in difficult wind conditions was normal. And I had a terrible time shooting standing in wind. I finally decided to try a new approach. What if I practiced in the afternoons when the wind was blowing the strongest?

That's when my outdoor shooting changed. I learned that when the wind is blowing on your body position strong enough to move it, I had to use muscle tension to fight against the wind. I also learned that my trigger control had to be much more aggressive and that I had to settle for good shots rather than great shots. But the final result was that I became a very good wind shooter and started winning National Highpower Rifle Championships. With that lesson in



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mind, I could look back at my early practice experiences and see how I should also have looked for ways to practice in bad conditions. I should have practiced in the middle of the range where distractions were the worst. I should have welcomed situations where loud discussions took place behind me. That would have done more to develop my ability to concentrate on performance and not be bothered by anything that was happening on the range.

The lesson for all of us is that practicing in good conditions will help us learn how to shoot good scores, but we also must practice in the worst conditions that we will face in competitions if we are going to be prepared for them.

### **LESSON 6 – CHAMPIONS ARE POSITIVE, OPTIMISTIC PEOPLE—NEGATIVE PEOPLE ARE LOSERS**

I never had any problems being positive and optimistic, but I never understood the role this played in my career until I had a chance to study hundreds of other shooters and why some succeeded and others did not.

**WINNERS ARE POSITIVE, OPTIMISTIC PEOPLE; THEY NEVER USE NEGATIVE WORDS AND THOUGHTS; THEY SPEAK AND THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES THAT COME FROM HARD WORK AND EFFORT.**

The difference is as simple as this: One shooter says, "I am not a good kneeling shooter." Another shooter says, "I need to do lots of extra work to get my kneeling scores up." Or, one shooter says, "I'm never going to be as good as she is; she is shooting super scores." Another shooter says, "Wow, I'm going to have to practice extra hard to beat those scores."

In these cases, we see negative-thinking shooters who see no hope that they can overcome a performance deficit and we see positive, optimistic shooters who believe they can become winners if they keep working hard at becoming better. Negative shooters expect bad results; they do not believe that becoming a winner is a real possibility. Positive shooters see deficiencies in their shooting as special challenges to be addressed, usually with extra work and more focused training. Positive, optimistic shooters believe that becoming the best is possible, IF they continue to train hard.

In over simplified terms, negative shooters expect bad results; positive shooters expect to train hard to change bad results. In a very real sense, we are what we say or think we are. If we think winning or being the best is impossible, it will

not happen. If we think winning or being the best is possible if we work to make it happen, winning or being the best is possible.

### **LESSON 7 – IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE; IT'S ABOUT HOW HARD YOU TRY TO WIN**

This is another lesson where I really had to struggle to avoid the pitfall of judging my match results and myself by whether I won or lost. Winning always felt good and losing felt bad.

Youth sports all too often are lured into placing too much emphasis on winning and not enough emphasis on how we play the game. When a junior baseball team plays their hearts out, but loses to another strong team, should they feel badly about losing or good about how they played their hearts out? When a youth soccer league goalie makes an all-out leap to stop a great shot on goal only to see it get past her, should she feel badly about letting her team down or good about how she made a superb attempt to stop a great shot? When a junior shooter goes to a competition where he is expected to win, but loses to another junior who shot her best score ever that day, should he feel badly about losing or good about performing well and beating his practice average?

The lesson for all of us is to learn to judge how well we do in competitions not by whether we win or lose, but by how hard we work to win. Did we practice well in the days before the competition? Did we prepare to win? Did we perform well during the competition? How well did we follow our shot plans during the competition? How well did we keep our emotions under control?

If we prepared to win by practicing hard, kept ourselves under control and focused on good performance on each shot, we should feel good about our competition result regardless of whether we won or lost.

We cannot control how well the other team plays, but we can control how hard we play. We cannot control how an opposing soccer team player makes a great shot on goal, but we can control the effort we make to see and reach that shot. We cannot control when another shooter shoots their best score ever, but we can control how well we prepare and perform during that same match.

**WE MUST JUDGE OUR COMPETITION RESULTS, NOT BY WHETHER WE WON OR LOST, BUT BY WHAT WE CAN CONTROL, HOW HARD WE WORKED TO TRY TO WIN.**

## Ten Lessons I Wish I Had Learned As A Young Shooter continued...



*No matter how high a score or how great a victory, champions are shooters who seek continual improvement and who believe they have never shot their best score.*

### LESSON 8 – YOUR DOG WON'T BITE YOU WHEN YOU COME HOME AFTER SHOOTING A BAD SCORE; HOPEFULLY YOUR COACH, PARENTS AND FRIENDS WON'T BITE YOU EITHER

It is natural for us to fear what our coach, family and friends will think about us if we shoot a bad score, especially in an important match. Worrying about their expectation can add a lot of pressure during a competition. We want our coach, family and friends to be proud of us and we are afraid that will only happen if we shoot well. This fear affected me and it took me a long time to learn that those who truly care about us and not themselves will not withhold their support, friendship or love because of how we shoot in a competition.

Your dog won't bite you when you come home after shooting a bad score because your dog's love for you is unconditional. Your dog accepts you because of your relationship with him; not because of what you do outside of that relationship.

Actually, this is a lesson for coaches, parents and friends to learn and practice. The coach or parent who becomes angry or upset because a young athlete did not shoot a good score needs to rethink their relationship. Coaches

and parents should be there to teach and encourage good performance; their concern should be for you as a person, not as someone who can win competitions and make them look good or fulfill their dreams. True friends stand by their friends regardless of the outcome of a sports competition.

There is a lesson to be learned from our dog's unconditional love. Knowing that those who mean the most to us are going to continue to support, love and be concerned about us as persons and not as winners or losers can make a huge difference in how we perform in competitions. Knowing they will continue to accept and support us regardless of the competition outcome makes it a whole lot easier to perform well.

### LESSON 9 – YOUR PRESS CLIPPINGS CAN HURT YOU OR HELP YOU

One of the most dangerous minefields for young shooters comes when they start winning. They win a big competition and get their photo and story in the newspaper or on television. Everyone starts telling them how good they are. I had to learn how to handle these accolades and every young shooter who works hard and starts to enjoy some success will

**YOUNG SHOOTERS MUST KNOW THAT THEIR COACHES, PARENTS AND FRIENDS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND LOVE THEM REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOMES OF THEIR COMPETITIONS.**

have to learn this as well.

The first problem is that winning can go to our heads. We start thinking we are so good we don't have to work hard any more. As soon as we see another victory in the next match, we have been distracted from focusing on practicing and performing well. The fall from the victory stand can be quick and dramatic.

The second challenge is that publicity puts extra pressure on us. When we know people expect us to win, we start thinking about not disappointing them instead of about practicing and performing well in the next competition.

In my first competition years, I dealt with this by telling myself, "don't take your press clippings seriously." This worked to a point, because it helped to avoid the distractions that media attention can become. By remaining humble about these tributes, it was easier to remember that practicing hard and focusing on performance must continue.

There is also another way to look at press accolades. This is to recognize that good publicity confirms how you have reached a new level where you will have to work even harder to stay out in front. After a few years of being afraid of the



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consequences of media accolades, I slowly began to realize that I could transform this fear into a stronger will to become an even better shooter. If I wanted to be seen as someone who truly deserved my press clippings, I had to keep working on improving so my next scores would prove that the first score was not an accident.

The lesson for young shooters is that they must become aware of how media attention and publicity can help or hurt them. They must be encouraged to accept accolades with humility and to use them as a motivation to work even harder in preparing for the next competition.

### LESSON 10—YOU NEVER SHOT YOUR BEST SCORE

This lesson has to do with a mindset that real sports champions all seem to develop. It has to do with whether a record score is a mountain peak or a stepping stone on the way up to a mountain peak that one never quite reaches. It encompasses the idea that no matter how good a winning score or new record was, there are still ways to make that score even better.

This was a lesson I unintentionally started to use early in my competition career. However, I didn't understand it until much later. From the very beginning, I kept careful records in my "shooting diary." As I recorded my scores I added pages in the back of the diary to list personal records in both practice and matches. This meant that every time I shot, I engaged in personal contests to improve those records.

Of course there were practice sessions where I shifted the emphasis to experiments or work on a particular aspect of my technique or positions, but almost every training day included a competition with my personal records. Later when I was shooting with the Army International Team, the same coach who insisted that I analyze my bad shots also began to insist that I find things I could do better even after I won a big match or shot a new record. Yes, even when there was a new world record, there had to be things I could do better.

The result of this succession of lessons for me was a record of consistent improvement over the years when I actively trained and competed in international competitions. I knew that no matter how high a record was, someone was going to come along and shoot an even better score. The only way to continue to win was to continually improve.

Of course it is important to celebrate a winning score or a new record, but part of the celebration should also be an

**GOOD PUBLICITY CAN HELP OR HINDER YOUNG SHOOTERS; USE YOUR PRESS CLIPPINGS TO MOTIVATE YOU TO WORK TO BECOME EVEN BETTER.**

analysis of where improvements are possible. I have always been impressed with shooters who finish a victory celebration by picking up their shooting journal to write notes about what they have just done. These are the shooters who have a mindset that says, "no matter how well I shoot today, I must look for ways to shoot better tomorrow."

There are shooters who shoot one great score to win a major competition and there are shooters who shoot great scores match after match and year after year. The difference is that real champions believe they never shot their best score. To them each new victory offers both joy and challenge. Victories are to be enjoyed and celebrated, but they also bring a new challenge to become even better in the next competition.

**GREAT CHAMPIONS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE, EVEN WHEN THEY WIN OR SET NEW RECORDS.**

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*My "Ten Lessons I Wish I Had Learned As A Young Shooter" came from practical experiences that led to attitudinal, emotional and mental changes that made or could have made a big difference in my competition results. Our challenge now is to help today's new and young shooters learn these lessons even earlier.*

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*Frazier Simplex Center Shots overtook the first place position in the overall precision team competition.*

"On behalf of the South African team, thank you very much for your friendliness. We really enjoyed it. For us, it was really a privilege being here, and luckily we didn't do too bad," Coach Weyers said to the crowd at the awards ceremony. "Hopefully we can come visit in the near future."

In overall team competition, Franklin County High School took home the first place trophy with a combined score of 2180-72x. Team members include Brantley Santrock, Cody Ashby, Michael Barton, Jonathan Gove and coach Lt. Col. William Carter. Along with a \$4,000 check from CMP, the team also received \$5,000 from Midway USA towards their endowment.

Coming in second was Zion Benton High School Team 2, with a score of 2172-72x. The team earned a \$2,500 check from CMP and \$3,500 towards their Midway endowment. Members of Zion Benton Team 2 are Kevin Hamilton, Justine Hamilton, Ragel Ibarra, Zachary Dumyahn and coach Master Chief Dan Hackstein. Zion Benton's Team 1, including members Jacob Cress, Kayla Savage, Mitchell Csorba and Tyler Kerbs, took home the third place trophy, firing a 2171-72x. The third place team received a \$1,500 check from CMP and \$2,500 towards their Midway endowment.

The precision competition was held on July 14. Tied scores and a dramatic final topped off the exciting day of shooting for the competitors.

A three-way tie was set for the high prone award by Shelby Sandstrom, 17, of the Post 435 X-Men of Minnesota, Ariana Grabowski, 17, of Frazier Simplex Center Shot in Pennsylvania and Megan Stulken, 16, of Pierre, SD, who all shot 200-20x.

The high standing award went to Alison Weisz, 18, of Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters, firing a score of 197-13x, while Jack Anderson, 16, of Oil City Junior Rifle in Oil City, PA, took home the high kneeling award with his score of 198-17x.

In individual awards, Elizabeth Marsh, 15, of Searcy, AR, took the third place spot with a score of 690.8-46x. She also received a \$500 check from CMP. Michael Steinel, 16, of Great Trails Musketeers from Ohio came in ahead of Marsh with a score of 691.1-38x for the second place spot, earning a check

for \$750 from the CMP. Taking the top spot in the individual awards was Sarah Osborn, 14, of Patriot Rifle Team from Virginia, with her combined score of 691.3-40x. Along with a gold medal, she was also given a \$1,000 from the CMP.

Osborn was brought to tears after her win, firing a 10.5 to surprisingly jump from third place to first, overtaking the other competitors by only 0.2 of a point on the last shot of the final.

"I saw in my sighters that I had a pretty big group, so I thought 'I've got to get this together.' And I just prayed, and God brought it together," she said after her winning shot, her face still red from her tears of joy.

The high visitor award was given to Sybrand Laurens, 16, from South Africa, with a score of 586-39x.

Taunton Marksmanship Unit from Massachusetts took the third place overall team spot with their aggregate score of 2321-140x. Team members are MacKenzie Martin, Sonya May, Brendan Whitaker, Beck Gerritsen and coach Kevin Winter. The team received the third place trophy and a \$1,500 check from CMP. Coming in second was the Oil City Junior Rifle Team from Pennsylvania with a score of 2329-145x. Contributing to the team's overall score was Jack Anderson, Molly Hensley, Ashley Ahrens and Logan Fink. The team is coached by Gregory Hensley. CMP also awarded Oil City with a check for \$2,500, while Midway USA provided \$3,500 for the team's endowment fund.

Overall team competition was led by Frazier Simplex Center Shots, who took home the first place trophy, a check for \$4,000 from CMP and a \$5,000 endowment from Midway. Securing the team's first place spot with their aggregate score of 2339-162x was Ariana Grabowski, Nicolle Thiry, Morgan Duerr and Nicholle Benedict. Frazier Simplex is coached by Thomas Benedict.

"They shot great. We wanted today. We posted our highest score of all three days, so this is nice – nice. They stepped it up," Coach Benedict said as he held the team's first place trophy. "With the endowment, it's unbelievable. Really remarkable."

With overwhelming participation at the first-ever CMP National 3P Air Rifle Championships, CMP and their partners at Midway USA have given talented junior shooters another place to shine. Coaches and shooters should anticipate even more gifted competitors and opportunities for success at next year's competition.

Full results for the 2013 National 3-Position Air Rifle Championships can be found by logging on to <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=10175>.

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# Ohio Youth Inspired by CMP Air Gun Range During JAKES Camp

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*



*Many smiles were seen throughout the afternoon along the shooting line. Parents, grandparents and other adults came to the range to watch the kids try their hands at air rifle shooting.*

CAMP PERRY, OH – On Saturday, June 22, 31 juniors and their accompanying adults from all areas of Ohio gathered at the CMP Marksmanship Center at Camp Perry to shoot during the Ohio State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTF) JAKES Campout.

JAKES, an acronym for Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship, is meant to inform and involve youth in wildlife conservation and the stewardship of natural resources. Hundreds of JAKES events are held across the United States and Canada each year, along with the Xtreme JAKES and JAKES Take Aim events. The JAKES program focuses specifically on responsible hunting techniques, ethics and safety and the principles of habitat management.

Participants in the Ohio State Chapter of JAKES camped at East Harbor State Park in Lakeside Marblehead, OH, about 16 miles east of Camp Perry, June 21-23 for a weekend of outdoor adventures. It was the first time the NWTF has ever

held a weekend-long outing. Some activities included during the weekend were a movie showing at the East Harbor State Park amphitheater, a self-guided shoreline fishing trip, pond and charter fishing, turkey calling contest, archery shooting, a rescued wildlife presentation and the trip to the CMP air gun facility.

"Our goal is to get kids outdoors – off of their phones and computers – so this is introducing them to a lot of different things," said Ted Johnson, chairperson for NWTF. "The other part of it is that we're bringing adults and kids together to do things outside. I think that's important."

Though bringing the kids to an indoor rifle range isn't exactly an outside activity, it's a great place for kids to learn about gun safety and marksmanship. Many CMP staff members and volunteers were on hand to give assistance and to ensure the wellbeing of all of the participants.

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# Junior Rifle Camps Prepare Juniors for the Future

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



*Each day of the camp ends with reflections from the counselors on training points and improvements.*

CAMP PERRY, OH – The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Marksmanship Center at Camp Perry was host to a nearly packed building at the CMP Junior Rifle Camp, held June 24-28. A group of 76 participants filled the 80-point range, along with their adult chaperones and coaches.

The Junior Air Rifle Camp is a summer program conducted each year around the country to teach intermediate and advanced rifle marksmanship skills to high school junior shooters through exercises and demonstrations. Camps are one week long, highlighting the three positions used during air rifle competitions, and are headed by counselors from some of the top NCAA rifle teams in the country.

Dan Durben, one of the directors and a chief instructor for the camps, was present during the Camp Perry session. Durben, in his ninth summer with the camps, is an Olympian and former U.S. Olympic Rifle and Paralympic Shooting Team coach.

"I've always been really interested in working with juniors at the development level. And my real interest was in working with top level shooters – ways that we can present things to developing shooters to make them better and to make them better, faster," he said.

One of the main goals of the camps, according to Durben, is to teach the juniors how to be leaders and how to be unafraid to show others their talents and leadership skills.

"Some of that applies to shooting, but I think a lot of it also applies to other aspects of their lives," he said.

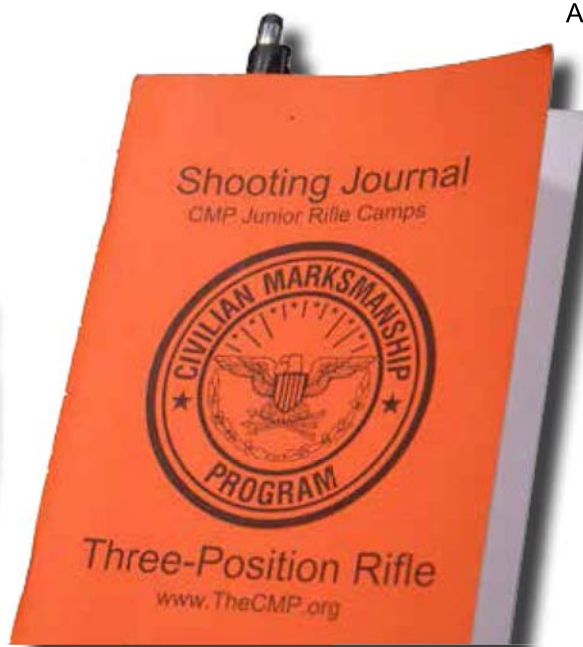
Positive cultural changes in how the junior shooters approach training and competitions, as well as how they carry themselves on the range, are all things Durben has noticed over the years at his camps. He also mentioned that he has been impressed with the shooters and coaches who attend the camps, saying they often have an "engaged" presence.

"I think the coaches all did really well with their kids at Camp Perry, and that's important to the experience that they have while at the camp," he added. "An interesting comment from one of the coaches at one of the camps was that he was hesitant when he first came to one of these a few years ago because of costs, since it's hard to come up with funding.

And then he said after coming to one of these, he can't afford not to come."

Many coaches from schools bring their teams to the camps year after year because of the impact it makes on their juniors, both in their shooting talents and personally in their lives. Some coaches even bring their kids over great distances just to receive the benefits the training will give their shooters for the future.

"The week was fantastic. The counselors were great, the instruction was professional, and I felt like it was a very calm, cool, collected environment," said SMA Michael Dechy with Freeport High School NJROTC in Freeport, IL. "The kids are just amazingly happy, so we're really pleased with that. It was worth all of the time and effort to get to here."





Another important aspect of the camp is the pairing of the juniors with college shooters, who serve as their counselors. All of the juniors are sectioned off into training groups with a few of the counselors, to allow for better interaction and instruction.

"I think it's just the right age difference to where there is some authority, but they'll actually listen to the counselors," said Durben. "These collegiate athletes really do get through to the shooters."

"This week went pretty well. We saw a lot of good scores, and we said a lot of really solid positions built. It shows a lot of potential for the kids," said Dan Hermsmeier from the University of Memphis, who has been a counselor at the camps for three years.

Kelsey Emme, from Murray State University is in her second year of counseling. Like Hermsmeier, she also travels with the camps because she enjoys watching the juniors take an interest in the shooting sport and to improve within it.

"We had some difficulties this week, but I saw a lot of improvement in positioning," she said. "It was fun watching them excel."

Along with a slew of other junior shooters, Katherine Burroughs of Calvert High School JROTC shot her personal best during the camp, saying that the week was really worth the work.

"I shot my best and I had a lot of fun," she said with a smile. "I had a good week."

With more than satisfied coaches and improved junior shooters, the week at Camp Perry began and ended with smiles on the firing line. But, as Durben said, there's more to the camp than improving scores – it's about preparing for the future.

"My favorite part is actually watching the shooters a few years later, to see how these camps affect people. It's really rewarding to see people from the camps move on and do great things, whether it's in shooting or other things," said Durben.

He says he's still waiting to see his first Olympian camper. But, he's patiently waiting, and the potential is certainly there.

In addition to the week at Camp Perry, other Junior Rifle Camps were held in Colorado Springs, CO; Albuquerque, NM; Phoenix, AR; and Anniston, AL. Outreach Clinics were held in Texas, California, New Jersey, Utah and Missouri.

Sommer Wood, the camps and clinics program coordinator and a chief instructor, oversaw the Anniston camp that was taking place at the same time as the Camp Perry



*The 2013 Camp Perry Summer Camp Counselors*

camp. "This is a very exciting year for the Junior Rifle Camps Program. When I first became involved with the camps 10 years ago, we were reaching about 350 athletes each summer. This year we will reach a new camp record of 700 athletes, which is just an amazing number of juniors coming through the program," said Wood.

If you want to see the success stories from the summer camps, Wood points out that you don't have to look much further than the counselor staff. "Nine of our current counselors were once campers, and the number of former campers that are returning to work for us in the summer is growing every year. It is very exciting to see these shooters pursuing the paths that we introduced them to at the camps, and achieving great success at the next level. We even have several former counselors who now coach at the NCAA level, or work fulltime for CMP. So this program has truly made strides in developing leaders through teaching both campers and counselors life skills that will benefit them beyond their shooting careers," said Wood.

For more information on the summer camps, visit [www.thecmp.org/3P/Camp.htm](http://www.thecmp.org/3P/Camp.htm).



# 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.

A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is at [www.thecmp.org/3P/EIC.pdf](http://www.thecmp.org/3P/EIC.pdf). For more program info, log onto [www.thecmp.org/3P/Forms/EICProgram.pdf](http://www.thecmp.org/3P/Forms/EICProgram.pdf) or email CMP Competitions at [3PAR@TheCMP.org](mailto:3PAR@TheCMP.org).



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#582	Emily Capaul	Maridian, CA	#604	Elizabeth Bark	Catonsville, MD
#583	Greta Ochsner	Sutter, CA	#605	John-Keith Verble	Jonesborough, TN
#584	Anna Craig	Gulfport, MS	#606	Mariann Medlin	Pelion, SC
#585	Ariana Grabowski	Beaver, PA	#607	Alan Soto	Phoenix, AZ
#586	Duncan Pawloski	San Antonio, TX	#608	Dustin Jackson	Gulfport, MS
#587	Adam Wheland	Williamsburg, PA	#609	Maggie Guetersloh	Albuquerque, NM
#588	Hana Kenny	Venice, FL	#610	Jackson Thompson	Sapulpa, OK
#589	Jason Spaude	Saginaw, MI	#611	Jesus Torres	Aurora, IL
#590	Vladimir Govorkov	Kirtland, NM	#612	Alathea Sellars	Puryear, TN
#591	Michael Barton	Boones Mill, VA	#613	Christina Holden	East Canton, OH
#592	Justine Hamilton	Zion, IL	#614	Kyle Morales	Cibolo, TX
#593	Zachary Dumyahn	Winthrop Harbor, IL	#615	Ivan Roe	Manhattan, MT
#594	Kayla Savage	Beach Park, IL	#616	Madison Abeyta	Rio Rancho, NM
#595	Shaquanna James	Kirtland, NM	#617	Derek Savino	Middletown, NY
#596	Summer Donald	Gray, TN			
#597	Sasha Perez	Newberg, OR			
#598	Michael Morrow	Locust Grove, GA			
#599	Justin Kleinhans	Port Clinton, OH			
#600	Matthew Arnold	Quincy, IL			
#601	Alan Miller	Minerva, OH			
#602	Frank Hargadon	Shelbyville, KY			
#603	Laken Berry	Pelion, SC			

## Want to Earn YOUR Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?

Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/JrDist.htm> or contact the CMP at [3PAR@thecmp.org](mailto:3PAR@thecmp.org) or call (419) 635-2141, ext. 1102.



*Junior Nathan Evagash received his Distinguished badge during the Remington-Bushmaster Advanced Highpower Clinic, given by retired U.S. Marine GySgt. Ken Roxburgh.*



## JAKES Day continued from page 11

"The kids are having fun," added Johnson as participants shot at the range. "There's so much to do outside in the Port Clinton area, and this is just one more thing we can offer them. They're having a blast."

Echoes of ooo's and ahh's were heard as the group stepped through the threshold of the Marksmanship Center and into the range after their CMP safety briefing. The state-of-the-art MEGALink electronic targets at all of its 80 firing points were awe-inspiring to the group members who had never seen a range quite so advanced.

"I love the facilities. This is very nice," said Jamie Kinner of Batavia, OH, who brought her three children to participate in JAKES for the weekend. "You don't have to deal with the weather, and the electronic targets are amazing. I can't wait to see the printouts of the kids' scores."

The shooters were given the option to collect printed copies of their target scores to keep as a memento of their experiences at the CMP range. Jamie's daughter, Grace Kinner, 16, fired many praise-worthy marks, outshooting most of the boys around her.

"This is even more fun than shooting with my shotgun," she said as she laughed.

Jamie said her daughter, who used to want a new shotgun, now wants a new air rifle instead, thanks to her trip to the CMP range. The rest of the family also enjoyed the afternoon of air rifling as Jamie and her husband Michael joined in on the firing line, along with son Ethan, 11, and daughter Claire, 12.

As a shooter from the Port Clinton area, D'arcy Egan of Marblehead, OH, has been to the air range before, confessing it's a place he looks forward to visiting as often as possible. Egan decided that now was the time to introduce his grandson, Seamus Bradnan, to the world-class facilities of the CMP and the world outside through the JAKES camp.

"I love coming here," Egan said with a smile. "At home, [Seamus] is always inside. He hardly ever goes out to play, so I wanted to get him to try some outside activities – get his knees a little dirty."



*CMP staff and volunteers were present during the afternoon to answer questions and give helpful tips for proper shooting techniques.*

Seamus, 13, of Bay Village, OH, had nothing but praises about his trip to the Marksmanship Center, saying he was very impressed with the quality of the rifles the CMP provided during JAKES.

"I've shot air rifle before, but they weren't as good as these air rifles," he said. "I've been having fun."

After a successful first year of the aspiring annual event, the coordinators of JAKES will have a lot of planning to do to top next year's campout. With all of the smiling faces and laughter produced from the afternoon of air rifle shooting, the CMP range will hopefully be on the top of the list of activities to return.

"We'll definitely be back next year," said Johnson.

### About the CMP Marksmanship Center

The CMP Marksmanship Center is housed on the Ohio Army National Guard Training Site at Camp Perry and is used by both military personnel and civilians alike. Large display screens allow for spectators to keep track of the action during the exciting Air Rifle and Pistol events that are regularly held within. The Marksmanship Center is open to the public and is also dedicated to encouraging youth teaching programs.

For more information on the JAKES program, visit <http://www.nwtf.org/jakes/about.html>. To find out more about the CMP Marksmanship Center at Camp Perry, as well as the facilities in Anniston, AL, go to <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/MarksmanshipCenters.htm>.

# CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic Teaches Fundamentals of Shooting and Life

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*

CAMP PERRY, OH – At the Small Arms Firing School in 2011, new shooter Matt Lovre's dad told him that if he beat the man next to him on the line, he'd buy him his own AR. The man, though equipped with a top-of-the-line shooting jacket, head gear and all of the other gadgets and gizmos, was outshot by a newbie that day – and Matt got a new gun.

"Two years later, here we are," said Matt's dad, Matt Sr., as he watched his son participate in the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic held July 26, 27 and 28, just prior to the start of the highpower events at the 2013 National Matches.

The clinic is geared toward youth marksmen who are involved in service rifle shooting or are members of state association junior highpower teams. This year, the clinics were conducted to a class of over 150 junior shooters.

Shooters who participate in the clinic must have some prior highpower rifle competition experience and must have attended the Rifle Small Arms Firing School or the Eastern Junior Highpower Clinic at Butner, NC.

"This is such an inexpensive way to learn. My son loves it," Matt Sr. went on.

The clinic is organized by the Civilian Marksmanship Program and led by members of the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team. Classroom instruction was held in the Camp Perry Clubhouse by USMC Rifle shooters Cpl. Neil Sookdeo, Sgt. Joshua Peterson, SSgt. Sean Pickle and SSgt. Mark Altendorf before live firing began.

SSgts. Pickel and Altendorf each discussed elements of rifle competition outside of gun handling, such as pit procedures, sportsmanship and mental health, as well as briefly covering weapons maintenance. Cpl. Sookdeo touched on topics like fundamentals and the effects of weather, while Sgt. Peterson, chief instructor for the course at Camp Perry, briefed the class on rifle safety, zeroing and positioning.

"The biggest thing we want to teach the juniors is responsibility, safety, and since they obviously they get to meet a lot of others, we want them to learn to be nice to each other," said Sgt. Peterson. "But, firearms safety is one of the most important things we teach them, because of recent events in the country."

Along with the fundamentals of rifle mechanics, Sgt. Peterson said they also want to teach elements to the juniors that can be used on and off the range.

"They like competition, and we stress competition, mental management, attention to detail, and things like that can actually carry on through the rest of their lives," he said. "They may not think about it now, but 10 years from now, they'll be able to say, 'Hey, I learned things like that when I was shooting.'"

Having also taught in the Marine Corps, Sgt. Peterson has a lot of experience instructing others. To him, it's more than a job – it's a way of shaping the futures of these young shooters.

"I get a lot of satisfaction seeing the light in their eyes and the smiles on their faces when they come off and they've shot a good

score. Not necessarily a winning score, but even if they've bettered themselves in some way," he said.

Once class work was completed, days two and three were spent on the range, firing from 200, 300 and 600 yards while being coached by a Marine Shooter. Juniors



*Marine Corps shooters were on hand to instruct the juniors on proper techniques on and off the line.*





*Morgan Fadeley, who has attended the clinic five times, won the overall gold in the EIC Match, held at the end of instruction.*

were also given the opportunity to shoot in an Introductory Excellence-In-Competition Match (EIC). Qualified shooters were eligible to compete for 4 introductory EIC points, which are the same points offered in the Rifle Small Arms Firing School.

Winning this year's match was Morgan Fadeley, 18, of Phoenix, AZ, with a score of 382-6x. Fadeley has taken the clinic five times in the past, but this was his first time winning the EIC Match.

"I really like this clinic. That's why I keep coming back. I'm going to keep doing it until I age out," he said with a smile.



*Ryan Richileau, 16, of Plain City, OH, was the top eligible competitor in the USMC Clinic EIC Rifle Match and earned his first four EIC points.*

Coming in second place was Morgan Owen, 17, of Sonora, CA, with a score of 381-8x. Ryan Richileau, 16, of Plain City, OH, fired a 381-7x for the third place spot. Richileau was also the top competitor with no EIC points and earned his first 4 EIC points. Eleven other junior shooters received their first 4 points. The cut-score was 368-1X.

More information on the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic can be found by visiting <http://thecmp.org/NM/JrHPClinic.htm>. Photos may be viewed at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/p495037277>.

## *Juniors Also Receiving EIC Points:*

	Competitor (Comp Num)	Hometown	Standing	Sitting	Prone RF	Prone SF	AGG
1	Richileau, Ryan (146803)	Plain City, OH	96 - 1	95 - 2	96 - 1	94 - 3	381 - 7
2	Voros, Stephen, Jr. (145474)	Medford, NJ	85 - 0	99 - 3	98 - 2	94 - 2	376 - 7
3	Gaddie, Jedidiah (75920)	Mason, MI	91 - 1	97 - 1	99 - 2	88 - 0	375 - 4
4	Ramage, Hayden (176403)	Bedford, TX	89 - 0	97 - 1	95 - 2	94 - 0	375 - 3
5	Pappageorge, Bradley (108094)	Copperopolis, CA	92 - 2	93 - 0	100 - 0	89 - 0	374 - 2
6	Kerin, Kevin (147878)	Indiana, PA	89 - 1	98 - 3	98 - 4	87 - 2	372 - 10
7	Chirco, Michael (167515)	St Louis, MO	92 - 1	99 - 2	95 - 3	84 - 1	370 - 7
8	Thome, Dominic (155520)	Stafford, VA	88 - 3	100 - 1	97 - 1	85 - 0	370 - 5
9	Gilmore, Charles (165440)	Stafford, VA	88 - 2	93 - 1	92 - 2	95 - 3	368 - 8
10	South, Colton (145018)	Wentzville, MO	93 - 1	95 - 2	90 - 1	90 - 0	368 - 4
11	Huang-Lee, Eugene (93321)	Voorhees, NJ	84 - 1	97 - 1	93 - 0	94 - 1	368 - 3
12	James, Trevvor (120293)	Lebanon, OR	93 - 0	95 - 0	93 - 0	87 - 1	368 - 1

# Talented Juniors Exceed Expectations at 2013 National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*



*Very excited McClain, winner of the EIC Rifle Match, received a new Colt Match Target 6700 5.56 Rifle, donated by Colt Manufacturing. Mrs. Judith Legerski, CMP Chairman, was the presenter.*

CAMP PERRY, OH – Rifle and pistol enthusiasts return to the National Trophy Matches at Camp Perry year after year in hopes of fulfilling the dreams they once created as young shooters. It's the young shooters that continue on the tradition of excellence in competition shooting, and the juniors at this year's Matches lived up to that concept.

Brian Hughes, 18, of Glens Falls, NY, was the High Junior in the Service Pistol Warm-Up Match with his score of 337-4x, while Alexander Chichkov, 19, of Tampa, FL, won the Junior President's Pistol Match Trophy with his aggregate score of 369-4x. Glenn Zimmerman, 16, of Waterville, OH, won the G.P. Perry DeFino Trophy, awarded to the junior high scorer in the Individual Pistol Match. Zimmerman fired a 283-11x. He was also High Junior in the Overall Junior Pistol Ranking.

Ottawa Sportsman Club Junior Team won the Junior Team Trophy Pistol Match and the Riding the High Places Team Trophy with a combined score of 546-8x. Team members are Lisa Emmert, 17, of Houghton, MI, and Jacob Tuomi, 18, of Chassell, MI.

Ben Cleland, 20, of Swanton, OH, shot an aggregate score of 581-21x to come out on top of the O-Class in the Rimfire Sporter Match. Cleland also managed to snag the High Junior award in the class. Steven Stewart, 19, of Troy, MI, received the High Junior award with his combined score of 569-11x for the Tactical Class, while Samuel Payne, 14, of Kingston, GA, was the High Junior in the T-Class, firing a 586-23x.

Robert McClain, 15, of Walkersville, WV, took home the

overall first place prize in the Small Arms Firing School M16 Match, firing a 390-14x, followed in second by Makayla Douthit, 15, of Walden, CO, with a score of 388-10x. Both juniors outshot Jeremy Bogdany, 37, of Felton, PA, who fired a 387-19x for third.

McClain was surprised on stage during the awards ceremony with a new Colt Match Target 6700 5.56 Rifle, donated by Colt Manufacturing. He was put into shock as he was handed the rifle, gazing at it with wide eyes and a smile. The gun McClain was offered on stage was meant for photo op purposes only, but he was so excited to have the new rifle in his hands that he nearly walked off stage with it, gaining laughs and applause from the crowd.

Junior Isaac Dow, 20, of Grand Junction, CO, stunned the crowd at the President's Rifle Trophy Match as he claimed fourth place with a score of 392-11x. He was also the High Junior of the match and one of the two juniors to compete in the shoot off.

Additionally, Dow was awarded the Golden Eagle Trophy, earned by the top junior in the National Trophy Individual competition, with his score of 488-15x. Nearly catching Dow's lead was Joseph Hendricks Jr., 17, of Wexford, PA, who fired a 488-14x for second place, followed by Mary London, 19, of Statesville, NC, with her score of 486-9x for third.

The juniors from California cleaned up a number of trophies at the team events during the matches and even managed to put their names into the record books, thanks to the combined efforts of their talented young shooters.

The California Grizzlies O'Connell claimed the second place spot in the National Trophy Infantry Team (NTIT) Match with an aggregate score of 1242. The team is coached by Bradley Pappageorge and consists of Hugh Braly, Forrest Greenwood, Lane Ichord, Sagen Maddalena, Morgan Owen and Kevin Tandoc.

The California Grizzlies also received the Leatherneck Trophy, earned by the top Civilian team of the match, as well as the Junior Infantry Team Trophy, for the top juniors.

The Grizzlies O'Connell etched its name into history in 2009 when they became the first junior team to ever win the NTIT and only the second Civilian team to win the competition in the match's existence.

In the National Trophy Team Match, the Minuteman Trophy, awarded to the top junior team, was claimed by the California Grizzly Team Seeley, with a score of 2850-66x. Team members are Kevin Tandoc, Kasey Nelson, Forrest Greenwood, Bradley Pappageorge, Morgan Owen and Hugh Braly.

The CA Grizzly Team Heidi's Dream, consisting of Sagen



Maddalena, 19, of Groveland, CA, and Lane Ichord, 19, of Waterford, CA, took the first place spot in the National Trophy Junior Team Match, held on Rodriguez Range at Camp Perry. Firing a 974-32x, the team not only received their names on the Freedom's Fire Trophy, but also set a new national record. The previous record of 968-21x was set by the California Grizzly Berger team back in 2012.

The name "Heidi's Dream" was chosen in memory of a mother of a former Grizzly shooter who recently lost her battle with cancer. She was an avid supporter of the California Grizzly Rifle Club, and always enjoyed watching them succeed. The team wore pink ribbons on their hats as a reminder of the woman who pushed them to be the best shooters they could be, and on the day of the Junior Team Match, they were.

Coming in second place was fellow Grizzly Team, Team RCBS, consisting of Forrest Greenwood, 17, of Ceres, CA, and Morgan Owen, 17, of Sonora, CA, firing a 965-22x. Brothers Morgan and Fredric Fadeley of Phoenix, AZ, comprised the Desert Sharpshooters Fadeley team. Morgan, 18, fired a 488-13x, while Frederic, 20, contributed a score of 476-13x to give the team an aggregate score of 964-26x – securing them the third place spot in the competition.

In air rifle and pistol action, Alexander Chickov, 19, of Tampa, FL, fired a 558-6x to become the High Junior in the 60 Shot Air Pistol Match.



*Isaac Dow shot a stunning 392-11x to earn fourth place in the President's Rifle Trophy Match. Dow was one of the two juniors to make it to the shoot off.*

Brooke Nofzinger, 12, of Fremont, OH, overtook the 20 Shot Sporter Standing match with her score of 196, followed by Jessica Gibson, 14, of Evergreen, OH in second with 195. Brian Tabares, 22, of Emporia, KS, filled the third place position, firing a 190. Dominic Greco, 15, of Atl. Highlands, NJ, took third in the NMAR Match Rifle 20 Shot Standing match with his score of 131.

Charles Sherer, 10, of Middle Point, OH, fired an impressive 200-10x for first place in the 20 Shot Novice Prone match. The second place score of 197-7x was fired by Luke Young, 10, of Delphos, OH, followed by Brooke Nofzinger in third with her score of 196-8x.

Sagen Maddalena, 20, of Groveland, CA, won the 20 Shot AiR Rifle Standing event with a score of 194-4x. In second was Ken Van Huis, 47, of Holand, MI, with 192-1x, followed closely by fellow junior Michael Chirco, 16, of St. Louis, MO, with 191-4x for third.

Richard Calvin, 21, of Murfreesboro, took first place in the 30 Shot Air Rifle Match with an aggregate score of 296-22x. Ann Alves, 53, of New Castle, DE, took the second place position, firing a 294-16x, while junior Mark Matheny, 17, of Middletown, DE, shot a 293-17x for third. Shooters participating in the match fired unlimited sighters and 30 record shots. A "Top Center Shot" was also awarded for this match. Ethan Cook, 17, of Marshall, MI, fired the winning 10.9, 0.067 radius shot.

The 60 Shot Air Rifle Match was topped by Richard Calvin with a score of 595-48x, while Brandon Muske, 19, of Burton, TX, fired a 585-32x for third. High Woman of the 60 Shot Air Rifle Match match was Ariana Grabowski, 17, of Beaver, PA, with a score of 584-36x.

Back outdoors on the range, Briar Mullally, 16, of Essexville, MI, was the High Junior of the Springfield match, firing a 283-3. Austin Farnsel, 20, of Berkey, OH, fired a 271-2x to become the High Junior of the Vintage Military Rifle Match. Robert Davis, 20, of Wichita Falls, TX, was the High Junior of the Garand Match.

Andrew Williams, 18, of Granby, MA, was the High Junior in the M1 Carbine match, with a combined score of 354-2x.

First-time Carbine shooters Angelynn Hernandez, 15, of Odessa, FL, and her sister Danielle, 21, came off of the line looking as if they were filled with joy – and relief in knowing that their relay was finally over.

"My shoulder is a little sore now. I didn't realize how much the gun would be pushing against it," Angelynn said, smiling as she rubbed her injury. "But it was still a lot of fun."

Her sister Danielle added, "It was a lot harder than I thought, but I'm ready to do it again."

For experienced juniors and those just beginning, competition shooting draws outstanding abilities and smiles. It has always been and will continue to be the talented and driven youth who ensure the future of shooting sports and the future of the National Matches.

# Juniors Take Advantage of Small Arms Firing School Experience

By Steve Cooper, CMP Marketing Manager



*A U.S. Army National Guard instructor assists a junior shooter with his standing position during practical training period on the firing line on Viale Range at Camp Perry.*

CAMP PERRY, OH – Junior rifle enthusiasts from across the country came out in record numbers for the rifle Small Arms Firing School during the 2013 National Matches, and for many it was their first competitive experience.

Of the nearly 800 attendees who participated in the SAFS basic and advanced classes, 649 returned the second day to fire the Excellence-In-Competition match, taking home a wealth of experience.

Junior competitor Robert McClain, 15, of Walkersville, WV, shot an outstanding 390-14X aggregate score out of a possible 400 and captured the high junior and high overall shooter awards. The young Mountaineer fired a perfect 100 slow fire prone stage, a 99 rapid prone, a 98 rapid sitting and a 93 in standing, coming within four points of tying the national record.

Makayla Douthit, 15, of Walden, CO, placed second with a 388-10X and Jeremy Bogdany, 37, of Felton, PA, placed third with an aggregate score of 387-19X. The match is fired using rifles and ammunition provided by the CMP.

The EIC match caps off a two-day SAFS program that teaches firearm safety, the operation of the AR-15 rifle, range safety & procedures, fundamentals of marksmanship and three-position shooting. Normally broken into basic and advanced sections, this year's entire class received advanced instruction due to rainy weather during the morning of Day 1.

Typically, all students receive basic instruction in the Hough Auditorium and the basic group heads to the range for practical application with instructors. This year both groups stayed inside and were provided detailed instruction with emphasis on position work, zeroing, wind & weather and using a data book normally reserved for seasoned shooters.

Most participants had an opportunity to get position work done on the firing line in the afternoon, followed by 30 rounds

of practice fire in each position. Unfortunately, a thunderstorm intervened, shortening the fourth relay and canceling practice for the fifth.

Matthew Nielson, 13, of Canfield, OH, and his 14-year-old brother Patrick joined their father Eric, 46, for their first SAFS rifle experience together. Eric, a U.S. Marine veteran, said he wanted to get back into the highpower sport now that his sons are old enough to participate.

"It's a lot of fun and this class is a great place for the boys to learn from the best," he said. "Matthew and Patrick shoot some rimfire sporter at the Eastern Ohio Conservation Club, and we thought Camp Perry would be a great experience."

The SAFS course is taught by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit with assistance on the firing line from fellow military competitors and Civilian Marksmanship Program master instructors.

"We'll be back next year to compete in rimfire sporter and we'll do the SAFS class again – it was a lot of fun," Nielson said.

Cierra Fletcher, 14, of Medina, OH, joined her grandmother, Cherie Grivna, on the SAFS firing line to rekindle some family marksmanship memories. Cherie said she worked with Cierra's mother in the 1990's at the SAFS school. The family shoots together at home at the South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association.

"I liked it a lot," Cierra said. "The instructor was really helpful and it was fun working on the targets in the pits too."

To view complete results of the CMP SAFS rifle EIC competition, log onto <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=9827>. To browse photos of the event, log onto <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>



*Cherie Grivna, left, brought her granddaughter Cierra Fletcher, of Medina, Ohio, to Camp Perry for a reunion of sorts. Grivna did the same for Cierra's mom in the 1990s.*



## 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](mailto:onthemark@thecmp.org). 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.

### 2013

5-6 September  
**GCA Convention**  
Cody, WY

21 September  
**Monthly Air Gun Matches**  
Camp Perry, OH  
Anniston, AL

28-29 September  
**GSM Master Instructor Course**  
Anniston, AL

11 October  
**GSM Master Instructor Course**  
Phoenix, AZ

12-20 October  
**CMP Western Games**  
Phoenix, AZ

19 October  
**Monthly Air Gun Matches**  
Camp Perry, OH

16 November  
**Monthly Air Gun Matches**  
Camp Perry, OH  
Anniston, AL

6-7 December  
**Gary Anderson Invitational**  
Anniston, AL

7 December  
**Gary Anderson Invitational**  
Camp Perry, OH

### 2014

24-25 Jan  
**Wiregrass Inv.**  
Mobile Range

11 Jan  
**WarHawk Open**  
Anniston, AL

18 Jan  
**Area 8**  
Anniston, AL

25 Jan  
**Area 12**  
Anniston, AL

1 Feb-1 May  
**Junior Olympic State**  
**3PAR Championships**  
**State Qualifying Matches**

1 Feb  
**Dixie Challenge**  
Anniston, AL

14-16 Feb  
**Western Region JROTC**  
**Service**  
**Championships**  
Albuquerque, NM

14-16 Feb  
**USMC and Navy JROTC Service**  
**Championships**  
Anniston, AL

20-22 Feb  
**Camp Perry Region**  
**JROTC Service**  
**Championships**  
Camp Perry, OH

20-22 Feb  
**Army and Air Force**  
**JROTC Service**  
**Championships**  
Anniston, AL

1-9 Mar  
**MacDill Air Force Base**  
**Mobile Range**

8 Mar  
**State 4-H Meet**  
Anniston, AL

20-22 Mar  
**JROTC National**  
**Championships**  
Camp Perry, OH

27-29 Mar  
**CMP Regional**  
**Championships**  
Camp Perry, OH

3-5 April  
**CMP Regional**  
**Championships**  
Anniston, AL

3-5 April  
**CMP Regional**  
**Championships**  
Layton, UT

9-13 April  
**CMP Oklahoma Games**  
Oklahoma City, OK

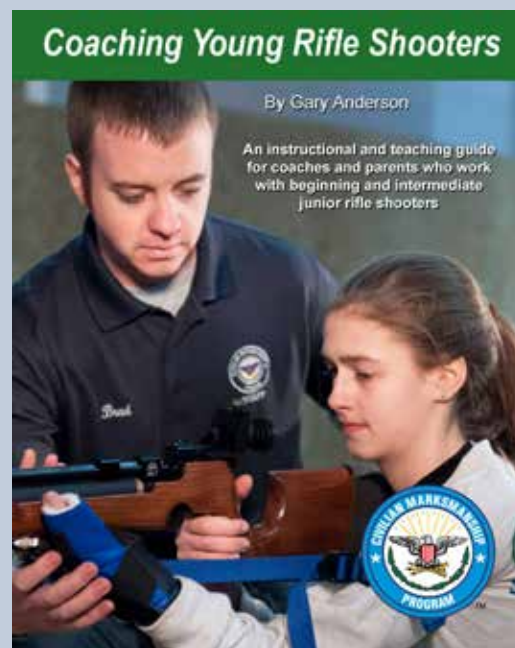
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**National Three Position**  
**Air Rifle Junior Olympics**  
– **Sporter**  
Camp Perry, OH

25 June  
**CMP National**  
**Championship –**  
**Sporter**  
Camp Perry, OH

27 June  
**National Three Position**  
**Air Rifle Junior Olympics**  
– **Precision**  
Camp Perry, OH

28 June  
**CMP National**  
**Championship –**  
**Precision**  
Camp Perry, OH

## CMP to Release 3P Instructional Book



### *Coming Soon!*

The most comprehensive guide to instructing junior shooting, written by one of the nation's premier shooters, Gary Anderson. In his 11 years of international competition, Gary has won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championship gold medals, six world records, and 16 national titles.

In the 200-page book, loaded with illustrations, Gary provides coaches with all the tools needed to develop the young shooter and improve the skills of us and coming juniors.

*Watch for a release date very soon from the CMP!*

## ***CMP Welcomes Our Newly-Affiliated Clubs***

Logan County 4-H Shooting Sports,  
East Liberty, OH  
Roberts County 4-H, Miami, TX  
BSA Troop 148, Hudson, WI  
North Coast Defense Academy,  
Cleveland, OH  
Norva Rod & Gun Club, Vienna, VA  
Full Quiver Kids 4H, Sedro Woolley, WA  
Silver-Bow County 4-H Shooting Sports,  
Buute, MT  
BSA Troop 315 Crew 2315, Olathe, KS  
Carolina Creek Christian Camp,  
Huntsville, TX  
Cresap Rifle Club, Frederick, MD  
Green River Shooting Sports Park,  
Green River, UT  
Unami Fish & Game Protective Assoc. Inc.,  
Emmaus, PA  
BSA Venture Crew 11, Alameda, CA  
Banks County JROTC, Homer, GA  
Sotoyome American Legion Post 111,  
Healdsburg, CA  
Troy Deary Gun Club, Pullman, WA  
Ridgecrest Summer Camps, Ridgecrest, NC  
Kellogg Sportsman Club, Ceresco, MI  
Anderson Creek Sportsmen Club Inc., Rockton, PA  
Guan Ho Ha 4-H Shooting Team, Glenville, NY  
BSA Tukabatchee Area Council, Montgomery, AL  
Babbitt Conservation Club, Babbitt, MN  
Bighorn Co 4-H Shooting Sports, Hardin, MT  
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, Windsor, CO  
Louisville Sportsman's Club, Uniontown, OH  
American Legion Hickory Post 48, Hickory, NC



Ola HS AFJROTC, McDonough, GA  
Girl Scouts Heart of the South, Tupelo, MS  
Laporte Co 4-H Shooting Sports, Michigan City, IN  
Oregon State University Pistol Club, Corvallis, OR  
Edgar Co 4-H Shooting Sports, Paris, IL  
BSA Troop 32, Keller, TX  
4-H Shooting Sports: Rifle, Ottawa, IL  
Putnam Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Cookeville, TN  
Green River Outreach for Wilderness Foundation, Boulder, WY  
Viola Rod & Gun Club, Hyde Park, NY  
Living Church of GOD, Walnut Creek, OH  
Hagerty HS JROTC, Oveido, FL  
Adams County 4H Littlestown Sharp Shooters, Littlestown, PA  
Leon County 4H Shooting Sports, Centerville, TX





## Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

*Several junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the CMP Eastern Games, National 3P Air Rifle Championship, and the National Trophy Matches.*



*Rachael Schoenrock set three new national records and took home the gold during the Junior Olympic competition.*



*Alexander Chichkov won the Junior President's Pistol Match Trophy.*



*Alex Carr attended SAFS for the first time at the National Trophy Rifle Matches.*



*Victoria Allgeier was the High Junior in the Eastern Games Springfield Match.*



*Michael Steinel secured the second place spot in the CMP 3P National precision competition, firing a 691.1-38x.*



*Ryan Ward was the High Junior in the T-Class during the Rimfire Match at Eastern Games.*



*Remington hosted a pizza party for the CMP-USMC Junior Clinic attendees before awards were given on the final day of instruction.*

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