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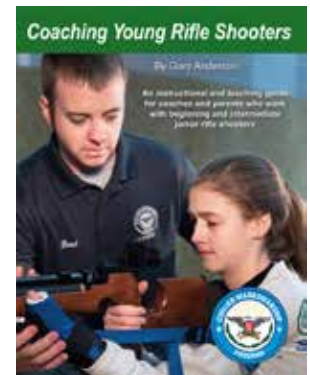


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**On the Cover:** Nash Neubauer was the High Junior of the Presidents Rifle Match, finishing in sixth place. His first time firing in the match, Neubauer was honored to earn his place in the President's Hundred.

## CMP Board Announces Retirement of Orest and Nina Michaels



ANNISTON, ALABAMA – Following a comprehensive management succession plan, the board of directors of The Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, commonly known as the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), has announced the upcoming retirement of Chief Operating Officer, Orest Michaels, effective 19 September, 2014.

Board Chairman, Judith Legerski, credits Mr. Michaels with the success of the company as it struggled through its early days to become a national leader in marksmanship safety, competition, junior shooting, and

training. Mr. Michaels began working for the CMP in 1997, shortly after its privatization. He initially took care of operations at CMP South and shortly thereafter began handling sales at both CMP North and CMP South. He served as the DCM for about a year, prior to Gary Anderson's being hired to fill the position. In late 2004 Mr. Michaels began directing the day-to-day operations of the corporation. His expertise will not be lost to the CMP. Immediately upon his retirement Mr. Michaels will take a seat on the board of directors of the CMP. Prior to his service with the CMP, he retired as a U.S. Army logistician and past Division Chief of the Defense Depot Anniston Weapons Division.

Nina Michaels will also retire on 19 September, 2014. Nina serves as the CMP South General Manager, and was one of the first employees employed by the company when it was privatized in 1996. Mrs. Michaels' consistent good sense and steady hand is responsible for the growth and development of the CMP South in Anniston, Alabama, where the rifle sales operation was originally conducted at the Anniston Army Depot until the organization expanded and moved to the city of Anniston.

Mr. Michaels will be succeeded by current Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Mark Johnson on 1 October. Johnson began his CMP career as an armorer in 2000, completed his education and rose through the ranks, having served as Deputy Chief Operating Officer for a number of years.

"The CMP has been fortunate to have the Michaels at the helm of our daily operations for the past 17 years," Mrs. Legerski said. "Orest and Nina have helped grow the organization from a very modest experiment to the vibrant and expanding organization it is today."

The Michaels plan to spend time with children and grandchildren in retirement.

"Nina and I are proud of what's been accomplished by the CMP over the past 17 years, thanks to a great CMP staff," Mr. Michaels said. "We've sold a lot of rifles and helped build a marksmanship culture that we hope will continue to grow, especially among young people."



# Neubauer, Chichkov and Other Juniors Succeed at 2014 National Matches

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*



*Glenn Zimmerman claimed the top spot in the Junior President's Pistol Match.*

The 2014 National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches hosted a crowd of nearly 4,000 competitors on the historical ranges of Camp Perry and the newly expanded Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center air gun range. Many notable juniors fired in the Matches – demonstrating exemplary marksmanship skills and the future the sport should expect from the next generation.

Leading the Junior Individual Pistol Match was Alexander Chichkov, 20, of Tampa, FL, with a score of 268-5x. Chichkov is no stranger to winning at the National Matches, having won the Junior President's Pistol Match in 2013 and the Junior Individual Pistol Match in 2012. Glenn Zimmerman, 17, of Waterville, OH, claimed the second place spot with a score of 265-5x, while Irina Andrianova, 18, of Schaumburg, IL, landed in third with her score of 262-2x.

The Junior President's Pistol Match follows the same Course of Fire as the adult match but is fired with a .22 caliber smallbore pistol. This year, 22 junior shooters competed in the match.

Glenn Zimmerman, 17, of Waterville, OH, led the junior group with a score of 368-11x – topping the field by 10 points. He was also the top junior marksman in the Overall Junior Pistol Ranking, with his combined scores from the Junior President's, National Trophy and National Trophy Team Matches – tallying an aggregate score of 909-24x.



*Alexander Chichkov won the 60 Shot Air Pistol Match as well as the Junior National Individual Pistol Match Trophy.*

Lisa Emmert, 18, of Houghton, MI, earned the second place position with her score of 358-5x, while Alexander Chichkov, 20, of Tampa, FL, landed in third with a score of 357-6x.

Brett (17) and Bryce (19) Tucker of North Canton, OH, members of the ORPA Gold team, won the National Trophy Junior Team Pistol Match, with their score of 535-11x.

In the 60 Shot Air Pistol Match, fired July 8-13, Alexander Chichkov earned the title of overall winner, with a score of 578-16x.

Robert Hudson II, of Halifax, VA, was the High Junior in the John C. Garand Match, with a score of 285-8X.

Forrest Greenwood, 18, of Ceres, CA, fired a 483-15x to receive the Golden Eagle Trophy, awarded to the High Junior of the National Trophy Individual Match. He was also the Overall Junior Rifle Individual.

Winning the Minuteman Trophy in the National Trophy Team Match, for the highest junior team, was CA – Coalinga Thumpers, with a score of 2853-71x. Members are Jacob Nelson, Morgan Owen, Lane Ichord, Forrest Greenwood, Joshua Bick and Kasey Nelson. The team was coached by Dirk Seeley and team captain was Lane Ichord. The team also received an A2 Service Rifle



donated by Rock River.

The National Trophy Junior Team Match is a two-person team match, following the same Course of Fire as the NTT. This year's match, fired on July 18, included 84 teams vying for the Freedom's Fire Trophy.

The winning overall team was CA Hodgdon, with a score of 970-28x. Team members are Morgan Owen, 18, of Sonora, CA, and Jacob Nelson, 16, of Escondido, CA. The team is coached by Jim O'Connell.

In second place was Verne Conant, 18, of Billerica, MA, and Olivia Fabrizio, 19, of Lynn, MA, a.k.a. Reading Rifle & Revolver #1, with a score of 963-30x. Conant was also the highest overall individual of the match, firing a score of 490-17x.

Daniel Hall, 18, and Josh Hanrahan, 16, of Green Bay, WI, WI Force Cheddar, recorded a score of 963-21x for third.

The CA Grizzlies Motherlode led the junior competition during the National Trophy Infantry Team Match, with a score of 1100. Members are Sophie Christensen, Sean Depolo, Andrew Miller, Kasey Nelson, Hollie Swenson and Peter Tidball. The team is led by coach Miles Grove and captain Cheyanne Acebo.

Nash Neubauer, 20, of Amston, CT, was the High Junior of the President's Rifle Match, coming in sixth

place overall. His first time firing the event, he earned his spot as a member of the esteemed President's Hundred. Other juniors to make the Top 20 in the match were Joseph

Albany, 19, of High Point, NC; Joseph Hendricks Jr., 18, of Wexford, PA; and Morgan Owen, 18, of Sonora, CA.

Gabe Rampy, 16, of Bremen, GA, was the High Junior of the Vintage Military Match, with a score of 273-2x, as well as the Springfield Match – firing a 282-3x.

High Junior of the Carbine Match was Ian Brown, 17, of Mansfield, OH, with a score of 360-7x.



*Ian Brown was the High Junior amongst all competitors during the Carbine Match.*



*Each year, members of the junior team from California find themselves in a hairy (sometimes hair-LESS) situation, as they break out their razors to stand out amongst the other competitors in the National Trophy Infantry Team Match.*



## Rimfire Sporter — Part II

# Rimfire Sporter Shooting — Part II

## Shot Technique – Positions – Starting a Program – Conducting Competitions

By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



*Rimfire Sporter shooting is becoming more and more popular with junior shooters because it's fun, easy to learn and does not require a lot of expensive, complicated equipment.*

In Part I of this two-part article (**On the Mark**, Spring 2014), we answered questions about what Rimfire Sporter is, what equipment can be used, safe range procedures and the course of fire. Rimfire Sporter is a relatively new shooting sports discipline that has become one of America's fastest growing shooting games because it is accessible, affordable and offers a uniquely challenging course of fire. Rimfire Sporter is especially suited for getting junior shooters into target shooting because its rifles are readily available in every community in the country, no other special equipment is necessary or even allowed and almost any safe outdoor range can be used for Rimfire Sporter matches without requiring special target equipment.

This "Rimfire Sporter Shooting - Part II" article examines the skills new shooters must learn and master to become active Rimfire Sporter competitors. It concludes with explanations about how club leaders can get Rimfire Sporter programs activated for junior shooters in their areas. Our discussion

*starts with three preliminary topics that must be decided or taught before teaching the shooting positions and practicing them.*

### Right- or Left-Handed Shooting?

Every new shooter must decide whether to shoot right or left handed. Many will have already decided that they are right or left handed, but a few will be unsure. The best way to decide this is to do an eye dominance check. If someone is right-handed and turns out to be right-eye dominant, they should shoot from the right shoulder. If they are left-handed and left eye dominant, they must shoot from the left shoulder. However, if someone is normally right-handed, but left eye dominant, or vice versa, they are "cross-dominant." Cross dominant shooters have two good options. They can shoot from the same shoulder as their dominant eye or they can shoot from the other shoulder and use some means of covering their dominant eye. A short strip of translucent tape on the shooting glasses lens will usually suffice.

### How to Use a Sling

The next step in preparing to go to the range is to learn the proper method of using the sling. Coaches must treat the sling as a vital necessity for good prone and sitting shooting, never as an option. Every Rimfire Sporter rifle should have a sling swivel attached to the fore-end and a simple loop sling (1 ¼" max. width) to go with it. The illustrations show how to set up the sling and put it on correctly. Teach this in a classroom before taking new shooters to the range. If a sling is being set up for the first time, be sure to extend the sling length so it will be too loose when the shooter gets into position for the first time. Tightening the sling must not be done until after setting up the position. After determining and marking how long the sling length should be for the prone and sitting positions, the sling can be preadjusted for that length before putting it on.

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**How to put the sling on correctly.** 1) With the sling attached to the rifle, extend it and open the arm loop. Turn the open loop  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn to the left so the loop faces the shooter. 2) Insert the left arm in the loop and place the sling high on the arm. Tighten the sling loop on the arm. 3) Extend the left arm and bring it over the sling and under the rifle. When building a new position, always start with the sling loose and tighten it only after establishing the body position.

### Shot Technique

The third preliminary step is to acquire an understanding of the proper method of firing a shot before they go to the range. The chart lists the five steps in firing accurate shots. New shooters must understand them before they start shooting.

**1. Shoulder the Rifle.** Firing a shot starts with placing the loaded or cocked rifle in the shoulder and bringing it into a firing position. The key to proper placement of the butt-plate is consistency. Put it in the same place for every shot.

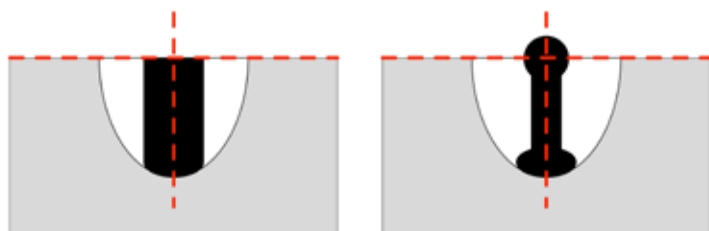
**2. Align the Sights.** The next step is to lower the head onto the cheek-piece to see and align the sights. With a telescope sight, all that is necessary is to look through the center of the scope; the optical design of the scope will handle the aligning. Aligning open sights means holding the front sight in the proper relationship with the rear sight "U" or "V" notch (see sight alignment illustration). Shooters must learn to do this by focusing on the front sight and letting the rear sight and bullseye be slightly fuzzy.

**3. Exhale and Aim.** You cannot hold a rifle still if you don't stop breathing. After aligning the sights, the shooter should take two or three more normal breaths while bringing

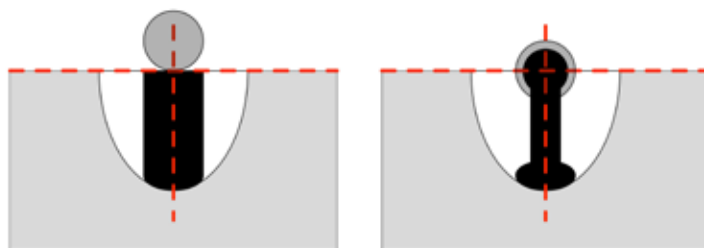
### 5 Steps in Firing a Shot

1. **Shoulder** the Rifle.
2. **Align** the Sights
3. **Exhale** and **Aim**
4. Trigger **Contact** and **Center**
5. **Press** Trigger and **Call**

the aligned sights onto the target. When the sights are on the target, exhale, stop breathing and start aiming at the target. Proper sight picture with a telescope is simple; hold the cross-hairs on the white dot (10 ring) in the center of the target. In a proper sight picture with open sights, the shooter must point the aligned sights at the correct aiming point. The best aiming point with a post front sight is to hold it at the 6 o'clock position on the target. With a bead front sight, center the bead over target (see sight picture illustration).



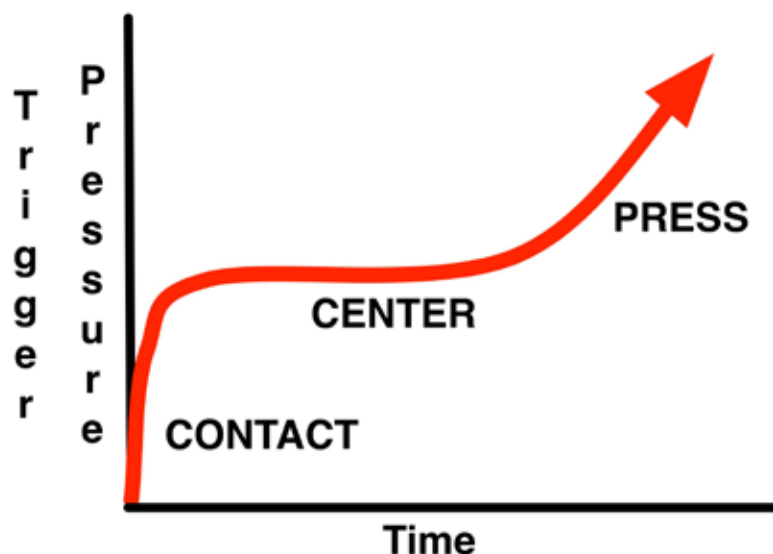
Sight alignment - post & bead front sights



Sight picture - post & bead front sights



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**4. Trigger Contact and Center.** As soon as aiming at the target begins, the index finger must move from the trigger-guard to contact the trigger. It is important to get initial pressure on the trigger as soon as aiming begins. Then the shooter must focus on the sight picture and centering the sight picture move-

ments over the aiming point. No one, not even champion shooters, can hold the aligned sights perfectly still. The sights are going to move a little bit or a lot, depending upon the shooter's skill level. The secret is to center those sight picture movements over the aiming point on the target (see "laser trace" illustration) before pulling the trigger.

### 5. Press the Trigger and Call the Shot.

When the sight picture movements on the target are centered, the last step in firing the shot is to add additional, smooth pressure on the trigger until the shot breaks. At the instant the shot is fired, the shooter must learn to make a mental "snapshot" of what the sight picture looked like. This is calling the shot. With practice, shot calls will become valuable tools to ensure follow-through and to analyze sight settings and shot technique.

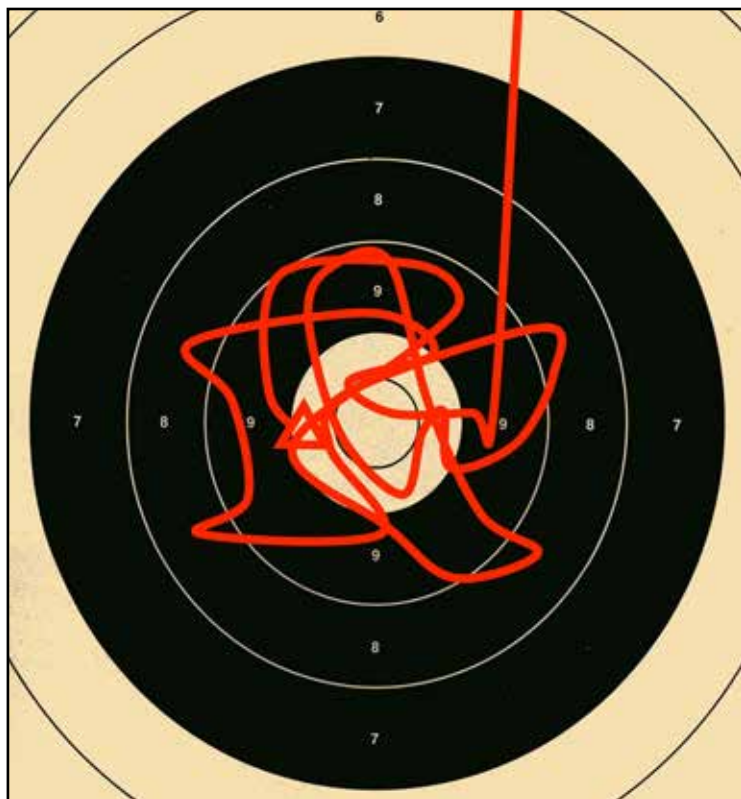
After the new shooter has decided which shoulder and eye is best to use for shooting, has learned how to put on a sling correctly and understands the steps in firing a shot, he/she is ready to learn the three firing positions.

### The Prone Position

The keys to building a stable prone position are getting the left elbow in the correct location, using the sling to support the rifle and orienting the position so the rifle and sights point naturally at the target. Before teaching a new shooter the prone position, study the prone illustration or review the prone position instruction in the CMP Rimfire Sporter Master Instructor Clinic.

### The Sitting Position

Shooters can choose to shoot the third and fourth stages of the Rimfire Sporter course of fire in either sitting or kneeling. Sitting is best choice for almost all Rimfire Sporter shooters because its lower center of gravity and support from both arms makes it steadier. The only exceptions might be juniors who shoot lots of 3-position air rifle or smallbore and who have already developed excellent kneeling positions. There are two equally good sitting position variations and the choice depends upon the shooter's body proportions, not on what someone else uses. Someone with a relatively short torso or longer arms is ideally suited for the cross-legged position where the crossed legs are pulled back close to the body. Someone with a relatively long torso or shorter arms is best suited for the cross-ankled position where the crossed legs are extended out in front of the body. This allows the shooter to lean further forward and lower the head and shoulders as they find full support from the elbows. New shooters should try cross-legged first, but if they have difficulty getting the rifle high enough for a comfortable head position, they should switch to the cross-ankled position. The sitting position illustrations here identify the key teaching points for this position.



An imaginary "laser trace" of a shooter's point of impact movements when sight picture movements are centered over the aiming point.



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**Features of a good prone position are:** 1) the body lies on the mat at an angle of 20-30 degrees to the target; 2) the left elbow (right handed shooter) lies directly under an imaginary straight line drawn along the left side of the body; 3) the butt-plate is well up in the shoulder so aiming is easy; 4) rifle height is determined by the placement of the hand that supports the rifle; 5) the sling is adjusted so it supports the rifle and upper body and 6) the position is fine-tuned so that the rifle points naturally at the target (left-right, up-down).



**Features of a good sitting position are:** 1) the body is turned 30-60 degrees from the target; 2) the left leg is crossed over the right leg and pulled back to the body (left) or extended in front of the body (right); 3) the elbows rest in the Vs formed by the bent legs (left) or on the legs below the knees (right); 4) rifle height is controlled by the placement of the left hand on the fore-end; 5) the sling is tightened to support the rifle and bond it to the body and 6) the position is rotated on the buttocks to orient the rifle and sights on the shooter's target.



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**Features of a good standing position are:** 1) the feet, hips and body are turned 90 degrees away from the target; 2) the support elbow is directly under the rifle, 3) the butt-plate is high in the shoulder to keep the head reasonably erect and 4) the support arm is configured to hold the rifle up at target level. Different hand positions are used to determine rifle height. Note how both shooters shown here keep their wrists straight.

### The Standing Position

In Rimfire Sporter, the standing position is fired at a shorter distance, 25 yards instead of 50 yards, so standing scores are similar to prone and sitting scores, but the importance of practicing to develop a stable standing position is not reduced. The beauty of standing is that building a good position is simple; there are only four essential teaching points. From there on, getting good standing scores is a matter of practice and repetition. Study the standing position illustrations to gain a clear understanding of what must be taught to get a new shooter in a good standing position.

### Shooting the Course of Fire

After working out prone, sitting and standing positions and practicing proper shot technique in each position, new shooters will be ready to fire the Rimfire Sporter course of fire in

practice and soon in matches. Here are some things to keep in mind while shooting the regulation course of fire.

**Preparation Periods.** The sighting stage has a 3-minute preparation period; all six competition stages have 1-minute preparation periods. It is important to use these periods not just to set up the firing position, but to orient the position on the target and to dry fire two or three repetitions.

**Sighting Stage.** Shooting the Rimfire Sporter course begins with a 10-minute sighting stage. Almost all competitors fire this stage in prone because the primary purpose is to be sure the rifle is sighted in. New shooters should fire 3-shot groups to determine if the rifle is zeroed. Especially if they are shooting with a telescope, they must make sight adjustments if their groups are not well-centered. O-Class shooters may have to modify their aiming points if their sighting shots are not centered.



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**Slow-Fire Stages.** Each of the three positions start with a 10-minute slow-fire or precision stage. Competitors must load a magazine with five rounds, fire those shots, reload a second magazine with five rounds and fire those shots. In slow-fire stages, there is plenty of time to take the rifle down from the shoulder to rest after each shot. Many experienced shooters, however, prefer to reload with the rifle in the shoulder and to continue firing all five shots before reloading, albeit at a somewhat slower pace than in rapid-fire. Shooters with telescopic sights should not be afraid to make sight adjustments, if shot groups are forming off-center.

**Rapid-Fire Stages.** Rimfire Sporter shooters soon learn there is nothing to fear from the rapid-fire stages and that their rapid-fire scores will average almost as high as their slow-fire scores. The 10-shot rapid-fire stages are fired in two series of five shots, with each beginning from a standing ready position. Staggered starts where shooters with manually-operated rifles get the **START** command 5 seconds before shooters with semi-auto rifles are used. During the 30 and 25 second time limits, shooters must get into position, cycle actions to chamber their first rounds and fire five shots. That gives shooters with bolt action or manually-operated rifles a little extra time to cycle their rifle actions after each shot. A decisive skill in rapid-fire is being able to quickly assume a good position and make slight body adjustments to get the sights and rifle oriented on the target. Shooters should practice this to make sure they can do this in 10 to no more than 15 seconds. That leaves somewhere between 10 and 20 seconds or two to four seconds to fire each of the five shots. Good rapid-fire technique requires quickly centering sight picture movements and applying absolutely smooth pressure to the trigger.

**Changing Stages and Positions.** In the Rimfire Sporter course, shooters must change from slow-fire to rapid-fire three times and from one position to the next two times without being able to take additional sighting shots. To do this effectively and efficiently, shooters must know the exact sling adjustments for their prone and sitting positions. They must also know if any sight adjustments from slow-fire to rapid-fire or from one position to the next are needed. It is normal for different positions and different shooting tempos to have different zeros. Keeping a shooter's journal where this information is recorded can help determine any necessary sight changes.

### Starting a Rimfire Sporter Junior Program

Rimfire Sporter is becoming more and more popular with shooting clubs, junior clubs and 4-H clubs that want to start junior rifle programs, but don't have the resources to support a traditional smallbore rifle competition program. Rifles needed for Rimfire Sporter are rifles that are already owned by most gun club members and parents who want to get their sons and daughters started in rifle shooting. Clubs don't have to raise a lot

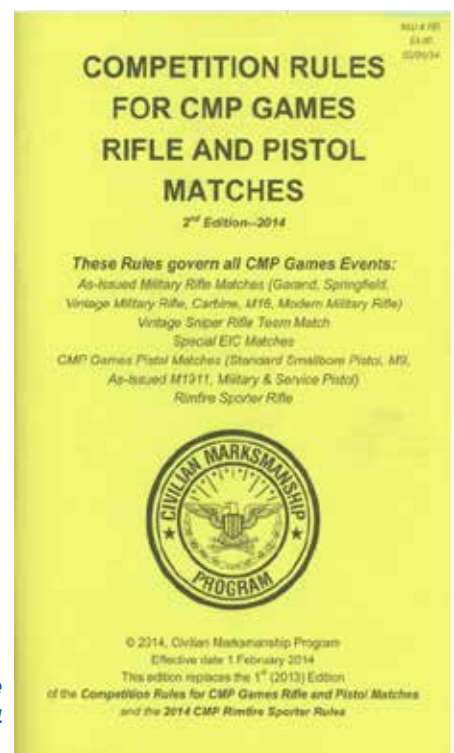


*Rimfire Sporter shooters who use manually operated rifles must learn to operate actions while keeping their rifles in the shoulder during rapid-fire series. The best method is to lift the whole arm to grasp and cycle the bolt. This minimizes rifle movements.*

of money to buy special equipment. Rimfire Sporter is, in fact, the best, cheapest and most practical way to get large numbers of youth involved in target rifle shooting. Here are some things to consider in getting started.

**Rimfire Sporter Rules.** A starting point for Junior clubs that want to start Rimfire Sporter Programs is to obtain a copy of the official rules. These rules are now contained in the **Competition Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches** (see especially Rule 8.0). The 2014 version of this rulebook can be downloaded at (<http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/CMPGamesRules.pdf>).

*Rimfire Sporter rules are now found in the 2014 CMP Games Rules.*



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*For most matches, the most convenient method of scoring is to have competitors score each other's targets. Shooters on odd and even numbered firing points exchange scorecards.*

**Rimfire Sporter Information.** An excellent source for additional information is the CMP Rimfire Sporter webpage at <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Rimfire.htm>. Clubs with new Rimfire Sporter programs should also obtain and study a copy of the CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting that can be downloaded at <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Rimfire.htm>. This 48 page booklet provides many additional details about how to conduct RS events and prepare shooters to participate in them.

**Instructor Training.** Each year, the CMP offers several comprehensive one or two-day courses to train shooting club Master Instructors how to teach rifle new shooter clinics and conduct Rimfire Sporter Matches. These courses cover safety, range operations and "best practice" methods for teaching fundamental marksmanship skills. Detailed information on the Master Instructor program and the next available courses are posted at <http://www.thecmp.org/Training/GSM.htm>.

### Rimfire Sporter Competition Opportunities

One of the most appealing features of Rimfire Sporter shooting is that the competitions are non-intimidating, relaxed, friendly and welcoming. New shooters at matches typically are offered help and support. Experienced shooters who try this game often come away saying, "this is the most fun I have ever had in shooting."

**CMP Sanctioned Matches.** The CMP offers three levels of sanctioned Rimfire Sporter competitions. The first level is local and state competitions conducted by CMP affiliated clubs. These are almost always one-day affairs that are either open for adults and juniors or are juniors-only competitions. The second level is Regional CMP Games Matches that are conducted by CMP staff at Camp Butner, North Carolina (May) and Phoenix, Arizona (October). Both have major Rimfire Sporter matches on their schedules. At the third level is the biggest and most prestigious of these matches, the National Rimfire Sporter



## Rimfire Sporter — Part II

*Championship.* The National competitions take place each year at Camp Perry, Ohio during the National Matches. All levels of Rimfire Sporter competitions are open to all shooters regardless of previous experience.

**Range Configuration.** Clubs that decide to promote Rimfire Sporter will find it is easy to set up ranges and conduct competitions. Rimfire Sporter matches are conducted outdoors at 50 and 25 yards distances or indoors at 50 feet. Ranges need to have target or backer boards on which to mount targets, preferably large enough to hold at least two and as many as six or seven targets. Covered firing points are ideal, but not necessary.

**Range Operation.** There must be a Range Officer in charge of firing. If the range has more than 10 firing points there should be a Chief Range Officer and one Range Officer for each additional 10 firing points. The CMP Games Rulebook includes a detailed script for conducting firing at Annex F ("Rimfire Sporter Firing Procedures"). Anyone who will conduct firing must study this script carefully and follow it as closely as possible.

**Scoring.** Scoring targets at Rimfire Sporter matches can either be done by competitors or by a separate crew of volunteers. The easiest method of scoring is to have competitors score each other's targets. Shooters on each pair of firing points (1-2, 3-4, 25-26, etc.) should exchange scorecards and score their partner's targets. Basic scoring rules that match officials and competitors need to know are:

- **Scorecards for 60-shot Rimfire Sporter matches are available on request from the CMP.**
- **All shots are scored according to the highest value scoring ring that is hit or touched. A shothole that just touches a higher value scoring ring receives that value.**
- **A match official with a scoring gauge and template should be available to score doubtful shots and judge whether they touch a higher value scoring ring.**
- **Always score shots and record shot values from the highest value scoring ring (usually the X or 10 ring) and work out from there.**
- **If there are fewer than 10 hits on a target score only the shots that are there and record misses for missing shots.**
- **If there are more than 10 hits on a target, score the 10 highest value shots. Extra shots cannot be transferred to another target.**

- **Enter the stage and 60-shot totals on the scorecard, have both the scorer and shooter sign the scorecard and turn it in to match officials.**

**Special Rules.** Rimfire Sporter rules are simple, but there are a few additional rules that new shooters and their coaches should know. Coaching of shooters on the line is generally allowed if it involves assisting them to get into position, adjust slings or make sight corrections. Refires for malfunctions are not allowed. This means that during slow-fire series, any malfunction or misfire must be cleared and the shooter can continue. If a malfunction occurs in a rapid-fire series, it can be cleared and the shooter can continue if time is available. Since there are no refires, malfunctions in rapid-fire must be avoided or minimized by making sure the rifle is clean and functioning reliably with the ammunition being used.

**Start Your Rimfire Sporter Program!** The information we've given you in this two-part article should give you a foundation for getting a Rimfire Sporter program started for youths in your area. If you have any additional questions or would like to sanction a Rimfire Match, contact the CMP at 419-635-2141 ext. 1106 or [kfilipiak@thecmp.org](mailto:kfilipiak@thecmp.org).

### About the Author

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

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

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



# Elite Junior Marksmen Determined at CMP National Air Rifle Championships

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



*The Top 3 precision marksmen represented excellence in shooting as first place finisher Alec Patajo set two new National Records, second place finisher Sarah Osborn won the Junior Olympic event and third place finisher Madeleine Godwin earned a \$1,000 scholarship from the CMP.*

CAMP PERRY, OH – Junior air rifle competitors and supporters from around the country ventured to the new Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center June 24-28 to compete at the USA Shooting National Junior Olympics, as well as the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Three Position Air Rifle Championships. The week marked the end of a competitive expedition that began in November and was the last opportunity for some competitors at air rifle glory.

MidwayUSA, the official sponsor of the CMP National Three Position Air Rifle Championship,

contributed over \$460,000 throughout the competition – doubling their prize amounts from last year's National Championship event. The organization is a leading U.S. firearms retailer, committed to helping sustain junior shooting programs around the country by offering generous endowments.

Overall winning teams received substantial amounts of prize monies from both the CMP and MidwayUSA towards their programs. Third place teams received \$1,500 from the CMP and \$5,000 towards their Midway endowment, second place teams earned \$2,500 from the CMP and \$7,500 towards their Midway endowment, while first place teams secured \$4,000 from the CMP and an unbelievable \$10,000 for their Midway endowment.



**The Top 3 winning teams in each discipline were:**

**Sporter:**

1. Zion Benton NJROTC Team 1, IL – 2185-65x



2. American Legion Post #42, IA – 2157-66x
3. Gulfport High School MCJROTC Team 1, MS – 2155-66x

#### **Precision:**

1. Patriot Shooting Club, VA – 2352-158x
2. Hardcore 4 Red, GA – 2330-148x
3. Ashland Eagles, OH – 2328-146x

In individual action, Gabriel Palermo, 17, of Freeport High School, IL, moved from third place to first to earn the gold in the finals match during the sporter competition. Palermo fired impressive numbers during the final, including a 10.8, to receive an overall score of 648.7-16x. He also received \$1,000 from the CMP.

"He's a great shooter, and we're very proud of him," said his coach, Sgt. Maj. Michael Dechy.

Following in second place was Jackson Thompson, 17, of Sapulpa High School MCJROTC, OK, with a score of 645.9-19x. Thompson set a Marine Corps JROTC National Record in standing during the CMP event, with his exceptional score of 181-5x. He also took home a check for \$750 from the CMP.

Brian Hampton, 16, of Charlotte Rifle & Pistol Jr. Team, NC, trailed closely behind with a score of 643.5-22x for third. Hampton also shot remarkably well during the final, recording an outstanding 10.9 during his performance.

"I didn't know what to think after I shot that. I tried not to think about it so I could go on shooting the rest of the final," he said with a laugh.

Hampton also set two National Records for Junior Clubs during the Junior Olympic match: 96.6 finals score and an overall score of 653.6x. For his third place finish in the CMP Nationals, he earned a check of \$500, courtesy of the CMP.

In the precision competition, Alec Patajo, 14, of West Seattle Totems Thunderbirds, WA, fired a superior score of 697.3-48x to earn the gold medal. He also set two Age Group III National Records with his performance: a 3x20 score of 595-48x and a 3x20 plus finals score of 697.3.

Sarah Osborn, 15, of Patriot Shooting Club, VA, secured second place with her score of 695.5-45x. Osborn also broke the National kneeling record in four categories, including the overall record, for her score of 200-19x.

Teammate Madeleine Godwin, 18, took the third place spot on the podium, firing a 692.4-43x. Patriot Shooting Club of Virginia was well represented in the final, with three members firing and finishing in the Top

4. The girls used the opportunity to build each other up as well as gain valuable competitive experience.

"They're your teammates, and you want them to do well when you shoot against them, but they also push you to do better yourself," said Godwin. "It's great for all of us."

With their combined scores, Patriot Shooting Club finished in first place during the competition and broke three National Records, including the overall team record for their score of 2352-158x.

Also breaking an overall team record during the week was Gulfport High School, which set a Marine Corps JROTC National Record during the sporter Junior Olympic competition, with an overall score of 2184-72x.

As a reminder of the CMP's commitment to supporting the lives and futures of its junior marksmen, the Top 3 placing graduating seniors in the sporter and precision disciplines during the CMP Nationals event received \$1000 scholarships to use toward their vocational school or college tuition.

In sporter, Bryce Boden, 18, of Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports, WI; Kevin Hamilton, 18, of Zion Benton; and Nathaniel Cimino, 18, of Fountain-Fort Carson High School JROTC, CO; each earned scholarship checks from the CMP. In precision, Madeleine Godwin; Selina Curren, 18, of MCGC Kats, AL; and Kristyn Trump, 18, of DuBois Jr. Rifle Team, PA; earned the scholarships.



*Gabriel Palermo of Freeport High School, IL, powered his way from third place to first during the CMP sporter finals to be crowned the overall champion.*



The CMP would like to extend an incredible amount of gratitude towards MidwayUSA for their exceptional commitment to the event and junior marksmen around the country. Congratulations to all competitors for reaching the National level, and good luck to all graduated seniors in their futures.

### Junior Olympic Recap:

Brian Hampton, 16, of the Charlotte Rifle & Pistol Jr. Team, NC, was the overall leader during the sporter competition with his score of 653.6-23x. Brittany Robins, 16, of Gulfport High School MCJROTC, MS, followed closely in second with her score of 651.1-27x, while Isela Velazquez, 16, of RL Paschal JROTC, TX, rounded out the top three with a score of 646.1-14x.

### Top 5 Sporter Teams:

1. Gulfport High School MCJROTC Team 1, MS – 2184-72x
2. Zion Benton NJROTC Team 1, IL – 2160-59x
3. Daleville High School JROTC Team 1, AL – 2159-60x

4. South Panola High School AFJROTC, MS – 2149-58x
5. Lebanon High School JROTC, OR – 2146-66x

Sarah Osborn, 15, of Patriot Shooting Club, VA, took home the gold during the precision competition for the second year in a row, firing an overall score of 696-49x. Kristyn Trump, 18, of DuBois Jr. Rifle Team, PA, earned a hard-fought race for second with her aggregate score of 692.6-42x, as Justin Kleinhans, 14, of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle, OH, landed in third with his score of 691-3-41x.

Osborn and Kleinhans, as the top male and female juniors of the competition, secured spots on the USA National Junior Shooting Team and official USA Shooting jackets.

### Top 5 Precision Teams:

1. Hardcore 4 Red, GA – 2345-159x
2. Patriot Shooting Club, VA – 2344-158x
3. CRPA Sutter Union Gold, CA – 2334-138x
4. Lumpkin Co. High School, GA – 2332-137x
5. MCGC Kats, AL – 2328-141x



*Zion Benton High School finished in first place during the CMP sporter competition, followed by American Legion Post #42 and Gulfport High School MCJROTC. Gulfport had an outstanding performance at the Junior Olympic event, setting a new Marine Corps JROTC National Record with their overall score of 2184-72x.*



# Neubauer and Graw Top EIC Match During CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*



*Nash Neubauer of Amston, CT, was the overall winner in the junior EIC match.*

CAMP PERRY, OH – On July 15-17, a group of 147 junior marksmen gathered at Camp Perry to take part in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)/United States Marine Corps (USMC) Junior Highpower Clinic. The course is designed to enhance rifle knowledge and skill, both mechanically and during competition. Juniors just beginning their rifling careers and those looking to further develop their abilities participate in the course year after year.

"I took this because I wanted to get better, and I think I accomplished that," said Nathaniel Lapp, 14, of Strongsville, OH. "Before, I was dry fire practicing every day, and this has given me more knowledge in windage and things like that."

The clinic offers advanced instruction on service rifle technique from members of the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team, with support from the CMP. Clinic-goers receive classroom training as well as hands-on experience at the range from the 200-, 300- and 600-yard firing lines. Juniors must complete the Small Arms Firing School before attending the USMC Clinic.

"Everything here went pretty well. I had a crossfire from the 600, which wasn't good, but I still came off better than my average from there, so I was happy," said Charlie Pistole, 18, of Bumpass, VA. "The instructors were very good and patient. I'll most likely take this clinic again."

On the final day of the course, all juniors compete in a true Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Match. The top 10 percent of competitors who have not received previous points have an opportunity to receive their introductory leg points towards earning a Distinguished Badge.

Obtaining his first EIC points was Jack Graw, 15, of Murrysville, PA, who fired 476-12x. Sean Depolo, 20, of Escondido, CA, finished just behind Graw in second place with a score of 472-8x, while Jared Lindsley, 15, of Waterford, PA, recorded a score of 470-10x for third. A total of 11 eligible juniors received their first 4 points. The cut-off score was 453-10X.

In the overall match, including competitors who have received previous EIC points, Nash Neubauer, 20, of Amston, CT, led the pack.

Following Neubauer in second place was Lane Ichord, 20, of Waterford, CA, with a score of 478-12x. Jacob Nelson, 16, of Escondido, CA, earned the third place spot with his score of 478-10x.



*Participants in the USMC clinic received classroom education from the instructors before heading out on the range for dry and live firing.*

# CMP Announces Paver Project at Talladega

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



***Choose from one of three sizes OR purchase multiple pavers to be displayed throughout the park!***



\$40 4"x4" Junior Paver  
(only available to Juniors)

Elberton Gray Granite Pavers  
are Engraved and Filled in Pavers



\$100  
4"x8" Single



\$250  
8"x8" Double

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is offering a unique opportunity for all to become permanently a part of our expanding history at the Talladega Marksmanship Park by allowing interested persons to become imprinted into the ground of our groundbreaking park through our CMP Paver Project.

The CMP Paver Project will be a collection of engraved pavers that anyone may purchase and personalize for an individual, club or company, to mark a significant date or with a special message. The pavers come in 4"x8" or 8"x8" granite slabs or 4"x4" slabs for junior marksmen.

Each paver will be embedded adjacent to the concrete firing line pads throughout the Marksmanship Park, including in Clubhouse

Row, the practice rifle range, pistol ranges and the sporting clays and trap fields. The new CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park will feature a 600-yard rifle range with 50 electronic firing points, 100 yard multi-purpose range with 40 electronic firing points, 50 yard pistol range with 25 electronic firing points, 50 foot pistol qualification range, 15 action pistol bays, trap field with 5 stand overlay with automated trap machines, and 15 station sporting clays field with automated trap machines.

Paver donations may be tax deductible as charitable gifts to the Civilian Marksmanship Program, a 501(c)(3) organization. Orders for pavers and junior pavers may be submitted online or by filling out and returning a Paver Order Form.

More information about the CMP Paver Project, including printable order forms, can be found at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmppaverproject.htm>. For questions, please contact Jim Townsend at [jtownsend@thecmp.org](mailto:jtownsend@thecmp.org) or call (256) 835-8455, ext. 1126.



## 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.



### 2014

#### September

19-21 Sept  
**3PAR Outreach Clinic**  
Clemson, SC

20 Sept  
**CMP Monthly Match**  
Camp Perry, OH  
Anniston, AL

26-28 Sept  
**3PAR Outreach Clinic**  
Fresno, CA

26-28 Sept  
**CMP Advanced Maintenance Clinic**  
Anniston, AL

27 Sept  
**Ottawa County Day at the Range**  
<http://www.abilitycenter.org/oh-day-range>  
Camp Perry, OH

#### October

1 Oct-14 Dec  
**JROTC Postal Championships**  
National Competition

3-4 Oct  
**State Director Workshop**

Camp Perry, OH

10-11 Oct  
**GSM Instructor Training**  
Phoenix, AZ

10-14 Oct  
**Western CMP Games**  
Phoenix, AZ

14-24 Oct  
**Wounded Warrior USMC**  
Anniston, AL

15-19 Oct  
**Creedmoor Cup Matches**  
Phoenix, AZ

17-19 Oct  
**3PAR Outreach Clinic**  
Bismarck, ND

18 Oct  
**CMP Monthly Match**  
Camp Perry, OH  
Anniston, AL

#### November

5-7 Nov  
**CMP Advanced Maintenance Clinic**  
Anniston, AL

7-8 Nov  
**Area 3 NJROTC Match**  
Camp Perry, OH

15 Nov  
**CMP Monthly Match**

Camp Perry, OH  
Anniston, AL

21-23 Nov  
**Dixie Double**  
Anniston, AL

#### December

5-6 Dec  
**Gary Anderson Invitational**  
Anniston, AL

6 Dec  
**Gary Anderson Invitational**

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# Virginia Juniors Make Challenging Transition From Air Rifle to Highpower

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*



For a group of juniors from Virginia, a routine outing left them thinking outside of the box, or rather, outside of the air range. With open minds and a fearless leader, they stepped outside and into the unknown – the domain of highpower.

Maj. Mike Darnell is the junior highpower program director for the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA). He began as the air rifle coach for the Brooke Point High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) in Stafford, VA, before a trip to the United States Marine Corps base in Quantico, VA, with four of his shooters for a community service project opened an entirely new marksmanship perspective.

The team traveled to the base to help with hospitality aspects of the Remember the Brave Match – filling water, pulling targets and other small tasks. While there, they took notice of the service rifles the competitors were firing and quickly became intrigued, asking their coach how they could get involved in the world of highpower.

“It peaked their interests a bit,” said Darnell. “The ones that wanted to do it, they didn’t even test the waters. They just jumped. They were encouraged by a lot of the other shooters they saw at that first match, and the community was very receptive to them.”

From there, the VSSA loaned the team four rifles

within a week. Within the month, Darnell packed up his group of shooters to participate in a junior highpower clinic at Camp Butner, NC. Despite the sweltering days of 100-degree heat, the kids still found themselves hooked to their new venture.

“They really enjoyed it, even though it was in brutal conditions – very hot,” he explained. “A couple of them even suffered the effects of it, and they still wanted to come back and shoot again.”

Fortunate enough to be so close to Quantico, the group decided to take advantage of the facilities. The Quantico Shooting Club soon began to support the team with scheduling time in the indoor range for dry firing and instruction.

“It’s ideal,” said Darnell. “Quantico has been fantastic. I can’t really imagine trying to find another facility we could do all of this with. We’re lucky to have them right next door.”

The local American Legion Post #290 has also given the team additional support, offering a covered pavilion where the juniors can dry fire and perform maintenance.

As the team began to find its structure, other area schools also wanted to join the club, including nearby Colonial Forge High School, Mountain View, Stafford and North Stafford. With its gained popularity, the team has now grown from its original four members to 20, with ages ranging from 12 to 19.

“I was surprised with how much interest there was,” said Darnell. “We could’ve had more kids, but we ran out of coaches and equipment. We just couldn’t support it, logistically. It kind of caught us off guard.”

Gathering equipment for his shooters was one thing, but actually conveying the fundamentals of highpower shooting was another. After research and practice, Coach Darnell’s team quickly found that though the basics are the same, there are certainly unique differences between air rifle and highpower – both mentally and physically.



"With air rifle, it was basically just position and patience. The mental discipline, sight alignment – those things are the same. There's a physical burden of hauling the gear up and down the line and being able to maintain your focus. It's a challenge," said Darnell.

Anne Slota, 19, was one of the original four members who told their coach they wanted to make the transition into highpower. After giving the new rifle a try, she finds that her heart still lies within the air range, but highpower has become an enjoyable challenge.

"Air rifle is a lot more finicky, but if you figure it out then it's really easy to maneuver. Highpower is a lot harder," she said. "I'm a lot better at air rifle, but highpower is fun. There are a lot of nice people you meet."

Having personally made the switch from one discipline to another, Slota's advice to others thinking of doing the same is simple.

"Try it out before you invest, and listen to all of the advice that you get. It's helpful," she said. "I think everybody should try it. It's fun."

Teammate Jessica Kelley, 16, believes that her three years of air rifle has prepared her for the realm of highpower.



*Anne Slota was one of the original members who decided they wanted to make the transition into highpower. At 19, she now serves as a mentor for the younger shooters on the team.*



*Maj. Mike Darnell began as the air rifle coach for Brooke Point High School before a few of his juniors became interested in highpower. The 2014 National Matches at Camp Perry was Darnell's second trip as coach of the VSSA team.*





*Coach Darnell meets with his juniors during the matches to go over windage and other elements.*

"Air rifle teaches you the foundation of the positions, and it helped me especially with standing, because air rifle is a lot more precise. You have to have a lot more consistency," she said. "If I didn't do air rifle, I would've been pretty bad at highpower. It really helps a lot."

Kelley has fired at the CMP's world-class air gun range twice in her lifetime: once for a NJROTC match and also during one of CMP's summer air rifle camps. She now uses what she learned from the summer camp in her every day shooting, both in air rifle and highpower.

"It carries over really well. It's important to set goals and always try to break your personal best. I learned that in camp," she said. "Eventually you'll break your personal best, and it feels really good to do that. It gives you something to work for."

Adversely, she says highpower has enabled her to learn things that she can carry over into air rifle as well. With having to read wind, account for other outside conditions and shorter prep times and changeover periods, highpower shooting has led her to become more

organized.

"Highpower is definitely intimidating to air rifle shooters, and it's also intimidating when you do it because there's a lot more stuff, like pulling targets, and you're outside. You have to take care of a lot more," she added. "The transition from air rifle to highpower was hard, but it was definitely worth it."

Last year, Darnell brought a group of eight shooters to Camp Perry. This year, with the growing attention the team has received from other young area marksmen, the Camp Perry bunch nearly doubled – growing to 14.

The young rifleman worked hard to earn their trip to the World Series of Shooting by selling raffle tickets, pulling targets at charity events, as well as participating in other fundraising endeavors. The newer marksmen are strategically housed with the more experienced ones in order to set up a sort of mentoring system.

"For the diversity, the age span and being from different schools, they've really come together well," said Darnell.





*John Reinboldt has fired at Camp Perry twice now and enjoys the stories he hears and the people he meets while on the firing line during the National Matches.*

Anthony Kissik, 12, is one of the youngest marksmen on Darnell's team. His first year in highpower and his first trip to Camp Perry, he enjoyed the full experience – including his stay in the base's famous living quarters.

"It's really cool staying in the huts. It's basically like

camp, with guns," he said, with a smile. "It's really fun. Highpower is a lot more mature than air rifle because you have to do more. Out here, you have to deal with the wind – the mirage, the distance. You actually have to be conditioned to it."

John Reinboldt, 17, celebrated his second year at Camp Perry. He agrees that highpower can be more difficult than air rifle – with the movement back and forth between yard lines, unlike air rifle's static position – yet he still finds the latter to be more of a challenge.

"Honestly, I think, in a lot of cases, I find air rifle a lot more difficult than highpower," he said. "You have to be really pin-point accurate, as opposed to highpower where center is a couple of inches across. That was a big change."

His experience with air rifle has also expanded his understanding of marksmanship, in general, saying the transition between the two has helped him in more ways than one.

"I gained a huge appreciation for marksmanship, especially because I'd never really taken it seriously before. But air rifle showed me I should take it seriously, and it made highpower a lot better for me," he said. "You've learned all of the positions and all of the things that help you out before you go into highpower."

Still, there are things that highpower can offer that air rifle can't. For that reason, Reinboldt says all junior marksmen should get out on the line and try the sport for themselves.

"Honestly, if you've done air rifle, you already know how to shoot highpower. I think air rifle shooters are already well prepared for it, almost overly prepared for it over other juniors," he said. "People in air rifle are nice, but out here, there's so many years of experience, and they're just great people. Definitely go for it. It's a lot of fun."



*Darnell coached the juniors through the Rattle Battle for the second year. The team showed improvement during this year's match – scoring nearly 150 points more than the previous year.*

## Challenging Marksmanship Events Offered at 2014 Western CMP Games



PHOENIX, Ariz. – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches will return to the Ben Avery Shooting Facility Oct. 10-29, 2014 to a growing crowd of enthusiastic competitors. New and experienced marksmen alike are welcome to participate in these recreation-oriented competitions.

Popular events being featured during the Western Games include the Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military, Modern Military, Rimfire Sporter, Carbine and Vintage Sniper matches. A rifle Small Arms Firing School will also be featured for the second year. The school is designed to help beginners learn the fundamentals of marksmanship and competition shooting.

The Rifle Small Arms Firing School is a great opportunity for new shooters to participate in the Western CMP Games. AR-15 rifles and ammunition are provided for

the school and participants are teamed up with experienced CMP Rifle Master Instructors for on-the-line training and instruction. The CMP also offers a Garand-Springfield-Vintage Military clinic for new shooters on Saturday, Oct 11.

Special clinics will also be offered, including a two-day Remington Highpower Shooting Clinic and a Garand-Springfield-Military (GSM) Rifle Master Instructor Course – led by two-time Olympic gold medalist and DCM Emeritus Gary Anderson.

A sales tent will be on hand all four days of the Western Games for those interested in purchasing a few CMP items before hitting the firing line. Each day will end with a casual reception and an opportunity for fellowship with other competitors and CMP staff members.

The Creedmoor Cup Matches will include a 4-Man Team Match, High Power Rifle Clinic, Creedmoor EIC Match and the Creedmoor Cup Match. The Creedmoor Cup Matches will begin on October 15 and conclude on October 19.

Join us for a week of competition, new experiences and fun! More information about the Western CMP Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches and registration forms can be found by visiting <http://thecmp.org/Competitions/WesternGames.htm>.





# CMP Encourages All to Attend Open Public Shooting Nights



Public shooting is now open at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) world-class air gun facilities in Camp Perry, OH, and Anniston, AL. All ages and genders are welcome and urged to take a "shot" at the rousing world of shooting from our safe and fun indoor ranges.

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry is the completed result of the \$1.1 million-dollar expansion to the formerly known CMP North Marksmanship Center. The expansion includes an open reception and common area, fully equipped classrooms, cylinder filling room and CMP retail store. The addition also includes projection screens and flat-screen television sets throughout the building.

Connected to the new expansion is the existing 80-point air gun range, which replicates the impressive South Range in Anniston. Each 10-meter firing point is equipped with state-of-the-art electronic targets to accommodate air rifle, air pistol or National Match Air Rifle shooting. Shooters who wish to fire in the range must complete a one-time CMP Eligibility Affidavit and a Liability Waiver, as well as attend a short safety briefing. Shooters under the age of 18 must have a parental consent form signed.

For those new to the sport, the lightweight, easy-to-use air guns are available for loan at both ranges. Sporter class air rifles are free of charge, while the National Match Air Rifles are available to rent for a reasonable fee. Participants must supply their own pellets or may purchase

them at the range. Shooters who own personal air guns may use them at the range as well, as long as they are under 600 fps.

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center is open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., September through June, except for holidays and special events. The range can also be rented for a fee for your next company or business/family outing.

The 20,000 sq. ft. CMP South Competition Center, located in Anniston, AL, houses classrooms, offices and changing rooms. Open Shooting hours for the public at the South Range are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

Both ranges also host Monthly Matches, open to the public for viewing and participation. The next Monthly Match will be held on September 20. Registration information for the Monthly Match can be found at [www.thecmp.org/3P/MonthlyMatches.htm](http://www.thecmp.org/3P/MonthlyMatches.htm).

For more information on Open Public Shooting, visit [www.thecmp.org/3P/PublicShooting.htm](http://www.thecmp.org/3P/PublicShooting.htm). Questions may be directed to Lue Baxter at [lbaxter@thecmp.org](mailto:lbaxter@thecmp.org) or 419-635-2141 ext. 1107 for the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center and Matt Carroll at [mcarroll@thecmp.org](mailto:mcarroll@thecmp.org) or 256-835-8455 ext. 1015 for the CMP South Competition Center.





## CMP Junior Rifle Camp Counselors Proven to be Impressive Role Models



*Ashley Rose*



*Tim Sherry and Lauren Phillips*

A big congratulations to CMP summer camp assistant director Ashley Rose, who was named the head coach of the University of Nebraska Rifle Team! She has been working with the summer camps for five years, and we know she will be a great fit for the Huskers!

Additionally, counselor and assistant director Dan Hermsmeier will be the Graduate Assistant Coach this year at West Virginia University.

Finally, five of the summer camp counselors qualified for the World Championships in Spain that will take place in September. Tim Sherry qualified for the open team. Sonya May, Dacotah Faught, Lorelie Stanfield and Lauren Phillips made the junior team. The World Championships is the biggest shooting match in the world, even bigger than the Olympics because they have more athletes and more events.



*Dan Hermsmeier*



*The 2014 Summer Camps saw the largest participation ever, with 1,100 campers.*



## 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
#711	Brittley Ball	Rockford, IL	#727	Jesse Bustillos	Lebanon, OR
#712	Jenna Bethea	Milledgeville, GA	#728	Ashlynn Cook	Covington, GA
#713	Maggie Ehmann	APO, AP	#729	Dakota Spivey	Dahlonega, GA
#714	Alejandro Grijalva	Albuquerque, NM	#730	Morgan Tritt	Dahlonega, GA
#715	Judith Hinson	Daleville, AL	#731	Alexander Eikelenboom	Lebanon, OR
#716	Brandon Muns	Rio Rancho, NM	#732	Ian Hollins	Freeport, IL
#717	Byanka Padilla	Sierra Vista, AZ	#733	Morgan Howard	Anchorage, AK
#718	Darrell Ray	Moss Point, MS	#734	Erin Leary	Peoria, IL
#719	Tessa Snyder	Los Alamos, NM	#735	Alexis Poke	Daleville, AL
#720	Alec Patajo	Puyallup, WA	#736	Bailey Rueckert	Clearfield, UT
#721	John Williams	Lithia, FL	#737	Alex Tamboli	Batesville, MS
#722	Madie Snyder	Kimball, NE	#738	Jillian Tyler	Gulfport, MS
#723	Kasey Rysavy	Salem, OR	#739	Sierra Czap	Hardy, VA
#724	Erik Cossentine	Nevada City, CA	#740	David Johnson	McDonough, GA
#725	Angel Aguilar	Batesville, MS	#741	Brittany Robins	Gulfport, MS
#726	Zachary Beene	Joshua, TX	#742	Josh Martin	Hershey, PA
			#743	Haylee Schoenrock	Cortland, NE
			#744	Dakota Carter	Freeport, IL
			#745	William Dixon	Kempton, PA
			#746	David Trumbull Jr	Libertytown, MD
			#747	Samuel Elliott	Albuquerque, NM
			#748	Trace Haynes	Hazlehurst, GA
			#749	Alana Kelly	Acworth, GA
			#750	Jasmine Wiles	Lebanon, OR
			#751	Dana Bowen	Winder, GA
			#752	Alberto Estrella	Phoenix, AZ
			#753	Alfredo Gonzalez	Daleville, AL
			#754	Thomas Hennig	Tekamah, NE
			#755	Rachel Kimbell	Jackson, GA



### 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.



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

## Virginia Firearms Education and Marksmanship Inc. Wins NTIT at National Matches



*Winning the NTIT was the civilian team VFEMI. The team is only the third civilian team in over 90 years to defeat military marksmanship units in the match.*

On July 20, for only the third time in the event's 92-year existence, a civilian team outshot the rest in the National Trophy Infantry Team (NTIT) match. Nicknamed the "Rattle Battle" for the quick strings of rapid fire the match demands, the NTIT hosts civilian, junior and military teams – requiring an astounding amount of concentration and comradery for success.

Making history as overall champions of the 2014 match was the Virginia Firearms Education and Marksmanship, Inc. (VFEMI), with a score of 1359. Team members are Alvin Bethel, John Boynton, Clyde Bryant, James Otto, Roman Podshivalov and Gregory Spitzer. The team is coached by David Kozikowski, while Jon Geel serves as Captain. VFEMI is only the third civilian team in the history of the NTIT to earn the overall title.

"To be on the top of the winning civilian list is one

thing, but to be on the top of the list over everyone – it's unbelievable," said team member John Boynton, 50, of Springfield, VA.

Because of their home location in Virginia, the team has the advantage of being able to practice at the nearby Marine Corps base at Quantico. Now, with their recent win, the team may have to look for new facilities to hone their skills.

"We're fortunate to have that facility so close. We can't brag there now or we might get disinvited for beating the Marine Corps team," said Boynton, jokingly.

**Find a CMP Affiliated Club in  
your State. Visit [ct.thecmp.org](http://ct.thecmp.org).**



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

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

Washington Township AFJROTC, Sewell, NJ  
 Bill Moose Muzzleloading Gun Club, Derby, OH  
 Maribel Sportsmans Club, Maribel, WI  
 Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America #096,  
 Macon, GA  
 Lincoln Union Shooting Sports, Canton, SD  
 4-H Outdoor Sports, Rosenberg, TX  
 Troop / Crew 10 Grace Episcopal Church,  
 Jefferson City, MO  
 Methow Valley Nordic Ski Education Foundation,  
 Cashmere, WA  
 Meade County 4-H, Sturgis, SD  
 Campbell Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Club,  
 Halifax, VA  
 Kendall County 4-H Shooting Sports,  
 Comfort, TX  
 Hendricks Public School, Hendricks, MN  
 Denmark Rod & Gun Club, Denmark, ME  
 Luna County 4-H Shooting Sports, Deming, NM  
 Richardson County Hot Shots, Humboldt, NE  
 Coral Lakes Gun Club, Boynton, FL  
 Germania Schutzen Verein, Cincinnati, OH  
 Marshyhope Rod & Gun Club Inc,  
 Federalsburg, MD



Rosebud Treasure Shooting Sports 4H Club,  
 Forsyth, MT  
 BSA Troop 3187, Minneapolis, MN  
 Venturing Crew 2273, Stow, OH  
 BSA Troop 7 Petaluma, CA  
 Take Aim Training Range, Pageland, SC  
 Camp Wilderness Northern Lights Council BSA,  
 Park Rapids, MN  
 Oak Hill Academy Scholastic Rifle Team,  
 West Point, MS  
 Moss Hill Sportsman's Club, Citronelle, AL  
 Glacier's Edge Council BSA 620, Belleville, WI  
 Deuel County 4H Shooting Sports Club, Chappell, NE



# CMP CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

## From the Forum

The CMP Forum is an online resource through the CMP website for users to ask questions and exchange thoughts on gun handling, equipment, CMP events or sales and to even share personal experiences. Whether into pistol shooting, highpower or air rifle, the Forum is open to enthusiasts of all ages to discuss virtually any topic imaginable. The post below has been edited for print.

**Shooter Highlight (Junior):** Laura Melancon, Lafitte, LA (6-12-14)

**Shooter:** Laura Cecilia Melancon  
**School/Club:** De La Salle High School/West Feliciana 4H - Lafitte, LA

At the age of eight, my dad sat me on his lap at the computer to choose the stock color of my first rifle, a .260 M1A and I chose red, white and blue. Though I had to grow into it, I finally shot it when I was fifteen. Getting the M1A was the first step to learn about gun safety and competition shooting and that was through the 4-H program. I began with the smallbore, shooting at 50 feet, then sporter air rifle and BB gun.

My first ever shooting competition was with smallbore, outside in this dreadful Louisiana heat. 4-H gave me the start, however, the CMP, NRA and USA Shooting has given me the opportunity to expand and grow in the sport. Traveling to Anniston, Rogers, Fort Benning and Colorado Springs competing in Precision Air Rifle has afforded me an experience not heard of in the area where I am from.

My dad has given me this opportunity and if not for him, I would not be shooting at these high level competitions. With his expertise and knowledge of the sport, and knowing the basics, he taught me how to shoot even though there are times when our heads bump.

I would like to shoot on a college team. I visited North Georgia, Ole Miss and Tennessee Martin shooting at the invitationals. All three colleges are wonderful, however, leaning toward Tennessee Martin because of their awesome Agriculture program.

I need to work on my kneeling position, I sure would like to clean it during a competition. When I kneel, it feels like I am slouching down, while putting pressure on my wrist. And then there is standing...could use some tweaking, I just know that I am capable of shooting in the 94% range.



**The CMP Forum can be found at <http://forums.thecmp.org>. Besides receiving answers to popular inquiries, users also gain the opportunity to connect and interact with other shooters around the country and the world. To become involved with the CMP Forum, visit the CMP website and click on the "CMP Forum" link under the Communications tab. Simply register a username and password to share your own experiences!**



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

*Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the CMP National 3P Air Rifle Championships and the National Matches.*



*Competitors are always encouraged to smile on the firing line. After all, there's nothing more fun than marksmanship!*



*Alec Patajo had an outstanding time at the 2014 CMP National 3P Competition, finishing in first and setting records.*



*Juniors took advantage of the new "photo studio" set up at the air range during the National Competition.*



*Juniors were all smiles as they improved their skills during the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic.*



*The Junior Olympic and CMP Nationals were held in the recently expanded Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center.*



*Just a reminder that bags of Cheetos found on the firing line will be confiscated and probably eaten.*



*Sometimes your service rifle just needs a splash of color!*



*Jackson Thompson threw his arms in the air after finishing second and setting a new record at the CMP 3P Nationals.*



*Don't forget to give a smile and wave at your favorite CMP photographers!*

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