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# CMP Promotes Safety to New and Experienced Shooters

With recent events around the country, gun safety has never been more of a hot button in American culture. Rumors that guns are unsafe for civilians to use are cascading across news mediums and public forums as never before. But, despite the bad publicity swirling around gun control, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) still stands committed to the teaching and practicing of firearm safety procedures within its ranges and competitions.

## CMP Safety Mission:

"The Civilian Marksmanship Program is dedicated to the respect for and safe handling of firearms, instilling patriotism and discipline in our youth participants. The CMP provides its constituents with the highest level of instruction in the proper control of firearms by highly-skilled coaches and veteran range safety officers in the classroom, at our ranges and wherever the CMP banner is displayed."



The CMP Safety Mission is constantly in the air at CMP competitions and training sessions, which accounts for the extremely safe environment for shooters, coaches and spectators that has been kept over CMP's long history.

Target shooting, as done during CMP events, established its record as one of the safest of all sports because everyone in it must learn and follow basic safety rules. There are several thousands of junior

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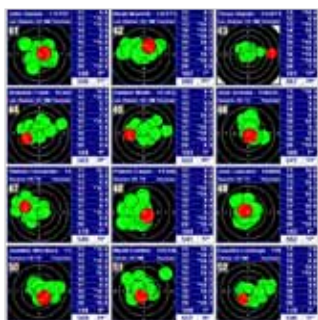
## Important Safety Tips

- ⊙ **ALWAYS** keep your guns unloaded until they must be ready for use. If there is no need to load a firearm until later, don't.
- ⊙ **ALWAYS** check for any obstruction in the barrel whenever there is reason to suspect a blockage. Bore obstructions are a major source of gun explosions.
- ⊙ **ALWAYS** positively identify your target and be sure there is a safe backstop behind it before you shoot.
- ⊙ **ALWAYS** hold your gun so that you can control the direction the muzzle points if you fall or stumble.
- ⊙ **NEVER** mix alcohol or drugs with shooting. Anyone handling and firing a gun must have a clear mind and be constantly alert.
- ⊙ **NEVER** allow any gun to point at you or pull a gun towards you by grasping its muzzle.
- ⊙ **NEVER** attempt to load or unload a gun inside a vehicle or building (except a properly constructed indoor range); there usually is no safe direction to point the muzzle.
- ⊙ **NEVER** shoot at a hard object or flat surface or at water. Bullets can glance off hard materials like rock, glass or steel, or skip off the surface of water to fly in unpredictable and sometimes dangerous directions.
- ⊙ **NEVER** set a loaded gun down or leave an unattended gun loaded. When a gun is loaded it should be controlled in the hands of a person who intends to fire it. If you must set a gun down, always unload it first.



# Sighting Shots

- © **CMP Air Gun Monthly Matches.** The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) invites you and your club rifle team to participate in the CMP's Monthly Matches. The matches will take place on 16 March, 20 April and 18 May at the CMP's Marksmanship Centers (Due to range renovation at the Camp Perry location, the April and May Monthly Matches will be in Anniston, Alabama only). The competitions will feature a Junior Air Rifle 3x20, 60 Shots Air Rifle Standing, 60 Shots Air Pistol, a 20 shot Novice Prone stage a National Match Air Rifle 20 Shot Standing, Garand Course and 3x20 events. Rental equipment is available for the monthly matches for a small fee. For more information, visit <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/MonthlyMatches.htm>.



- © The 2013 **National JROTC Air Rifle Championship** will be held 21-22 March in Anniston, AL. Over 7,300 cadets participated in the JROTC Postal Competition. Only the top teams and individuals from the JROTC Service Championships are invited to participate in the National JROTC Championship. Be sure to visit the CMP website at [www.TheCMP.org](http://www.TheCMP.org) to follow the Live Target images and cheer on your favorite cadet.
- © The dates for the **2013 GSM Master Instructor Courses** are now set and 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.

- © **Development of CMP's New Competition Tracker Will Expand Users' Ability to Update Profiles and Research Database.** The Civilian Marksmanship Program recently rolled out elements of its new Competition Tracker database program, which will allow competitors and clubs to update their own information, enter matches, get results, view historic match records and more. Visit <http://www.odcmp.org/1012/default.asp?page=CMPCT> for more information.

- © The **2012 CMP Annual Report** is posted on the CMP web site at <http://www.thecmp.org/Comm/publications/PDFs/AnnualReport12.pdf>. During the past fiscal year, the CMP not only provided an expanding array of firearm safety and marksmanship programs for U.S. citizens, but continued to support marksmanship training and competition activities for Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force JROTC units through funding, awards, and staff and volunteer expertise. The National Matches provide the setting for the rifle and pistol Small Arms Firing Schools where civilians are taught by the military's finest marksmen. Additionally, the CMP takes pride in participating with the Army and veterans' organizations by fully supporting the Ceremonial Rifle Program.



**On the Cover: A CMP Marksmanship Instructor works with a new shooter pointing out the CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator). Gun actions must remain open except when the gun is on the firing line and preparation or firing periods have begun. Learn more Safety Tips & Rules on Page 2.**

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## Conducting Finals

### Information about Finals and Their Use in Competition

*By Gary Anderson, DCME*

Finals are changing the sport of Shooting so that it is becoming more and more like other Olympic sports where the best athletes finish sports contests together in head-to-head competitions in front of spectators and television audiences. This article discusses finals and the current status of finals in Shooting. It follows these discussions with instructions on how to conduct junior 3-position air rifle finals according to the new **2012-2014 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules**.

#### A Short History of Shooting Finals

A “final” in a sports event is the last stage of competition where the best athletes from preliminary or qualification stages finish the competition in a head-to-head contest. Finals are meant to achieve maximum spectator, media and television impact. Finals were introduced in Shooting in 1986 and successfully brought the sport closer to most other Olympic sports that had used finals for decades. Events in those sports begin with qualifying or preliminary competitions that determine which athletes qualify for subsequent stages (quarterfinals, semifinals, etc.) and conclude with finals for the best athletes who advanced from the last preliminary stage.

For the first 90 years of its existence as an Olympic sport, Shooting was very different from other sports in the Games because Shooting fans could never find out who won until long after an event was over. Shooting competitors were spread out over long firing lines and

often fired in multiple relays so the best shooters never finished at the same time or in the same place. Shooting on paper targets made it impossible to know scores often until an hour or more after the event finished. After that there were long challenge periods before scores became final.

In the early 1980s, the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) recognized that Shooting could not remain as an Olympic sport if it did not change these practices and become more spectator and media friendly. In 1986, the ISSF adopted Shooting’s first finals. By 1990, electronic targets were used in most international competitions to give Shooting instant scores that were not subject to long backroom evaluations.

In Shooting event finals, all athletes shot a regular course of fire as a “qualification” that is scored in whole numbers. The top eight finishers advanced to the final. In the original ISSF finals format, which is still used in 3-position air rifle, qualification scores were carried forward to the final. The eight finalists then fired ten additional shots, one-at-a-time, that are scored in tenth ring values. Finalists’ qualification and final scores were added together to determine rankings. LCD projectors and computer results software allowed scores to be



*The London Olympic Games 10m Air Rifle Women's Final. The London finals hall was set up as a brightly lit stage for 2,000 spectators, 200-300 media representatives and a world-wide TV audience. Note the electronic scoreboards above the finalists, the video cameras in front of them and the table for the Chief Range Officer and Jury Chairman at the lower right.*

#### DEFINITIONS

**EVENT.** An “event” within a sport is a particular contest or competition that ends with rankings and awards. The High Jump is an event in Athletics, the 400m Freestyle is an event in Swimming and 10m Air Rifle is an event in Shooting. Competition events normally have preliminary and final stages.

**QUALIFICATION.** A preliminary stage within a competition event. The “qualification” in Shooting is the first stage where everyone entered in the event fires a prescribed course of fire while competing for rankings and a place in a final.

**FINAL.** The last stage in a competition event where medal winners are decided. The “final” in Shooting is the stage where the athletes with the best scores in the qualification complete the event to decide the medal winners.



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displayed for spectators. When the last shot was fired, winners were known and recognized, just like other sports have been able to do for many decades.

Finals brought Shooting closer to other Olympic sports by allowing the best athletes to finish each event in a format that keeps fans involved and that facilitates television productions. ISSF video productions of all World Cup and World Championship finals are posted on **YouTube** at ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=ThPlab4nkzw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ThPlab4nkzw)). In 2012, these productions also were shown on national television networks in over 60 countries.

Starting in 2013, the ISSF will eliminate the last major difference it has with other Olympic sports. Olympic sports either have had or have recently adopted competition formats where each stage of competition is separate. Athletes in each stage start from zero and results from previous stages are not carried forward. Preliminary stages determine who advances to the next, but scores do not carry forward. ISSF finals rules for the new Olympic cycle will have finalists start from zero, eliminate the lowest ranking shooters during the last shots of each final and end with two-person duels for gold and silver medals. This new format will be used in all World Cups, World Championships and the 2016 Olympics. Since qualifying scores are longer carried forward, the number of shots in rifle and pistol finals is increased from ten to 20 shots in single position events and to 45 shots in 3-position finals. In the new 3-position finals, finalists shoot 15 shots in each position and the position order has been changed to kneeling-prone-standing (see illustration).



*Virtually all major junior 3-position air rifle championships now use finals to decide individual winners. This is a sporter class final in a recent JROTC National Championship. Junior competitions can attract spectators when finals are included.*

### The New ISSF 50m 3-Position Rifle Final

The 2013 ISSF final for the 50m 3x20 and 3x40 is a 3-position final that follows these steps:

- Finalists start from zero; scores are cumulative
- Kneeling preparation and sighting, 5 min.
- Presentation of finalists
- **Kneeling Record**, 3x5 shots, 200 sec. per series
- Prone changeover and sighting, 7 min.
- **Prone Record**, 3x5 shots, 150 sec. per series
- Standing changeover and sighting, 9 min.
- **Standing Record**, 2x5 shots, 250 sec. per series, followed by 5 single shots, 50 sec. per shot
- **Eliminations** during standing occur after 10 shots (2) and shots 41-42-43-44. The top two shooters remain to decide the gold medal on shot #45.

### Why Have Finals In Junior Competitions?

When Shooting finals were first introduced 25 years ago, there was controversy over whether juniors should shoot finals. However, after trying finals in several major junior competitions, it was clear that junior shooters readily and enthusiastically adapted to finals. Juniors and their coaches want to shoot what world and national elites shoot. Finals make junior championships spectator events; this is especially appealing to parents. Finals showcase the skills of the best juniors. It is a big honor for juniors to “make the final” and have the experience of competing in front of an audience. Finals bring junior shooting closer to other youth sports. With finals, young shooters can experience the same thrills and excitement that young athletes experience in shooting a winning free throw or kicking the winning goal.

Almost all major junior 3-position air rifle championships now use finals to decide individual winners. Whether regional and local junior matches include finals depends upon how much time is available and how the matches are structured. Many junior matches have multiple relays where it is not possible for the best

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shooters on early relays to wait for a final at the end of a long competition. When having a final end a competition is not practical, special rules make it possible to shoot min-finals for the top eight shooters at the end of each relay and then to count the finals scores only from the shooters who end up with the eight highest qualification scores.

Junior Shooting competitions should include finals when they can be worked into the schedule, both because juniors like them and because juniors who want to shoot in college or for positions on the national team need lots of finals experience.

#### Conducting Junior Finals on Paper Targets

Finals at national and international levels are now almost always fired on electronic scoring targets (EST) where instant, final scores and rankings are displayed. A few junior matches have access to ranges with ESTs, but finals in most junior matches must be shot on paper targets where special adaptations are necessary.

With paper targets, instant, official scores are not available after each shot. However, spotters behind each finalist with a spotting scope can look at each shot and call out estimated shot values to be displayed for coaches and spectators. Paper targets must be scored after the final. There are two scoring options. They can be scored by hand in whole numbers or an Orion Electronic Scoring System can be used to score all shots in tenth ring values (<http://www.orionscoringsystem.com/orion/Home.aspx>).

Finals spotters who are familiar with tenth ring scoring can estimate tenth ring values with reasonable accuracy. However, whether they call out scores in whole numbers or tenths, everyone at the final needs to understand that official scores will vary from estimated scores by a point or two when whole numbers are used or by a few tenths if Orion scoring is used.

With either paper target scoring method, estimated shot scores should be posted on a scoreboard or in a spreadsheet that can be projected on a wall or screen. Immediately after the final is finished and guns are cleared and grounded, targets must be retrieved and scored. It is important to do this quickly so scores can be displayed and winners recognized as soon as possible. Orion scoring can produce results in less than a minute, but the rules do call for a two-minute challenge period. Then official results can be announced.

Because of difficulties inherent in conducting shoot-offs, there are no tie-breaking shoot-offs when finals are

shot on paper targets. The higher final score decides ties in finals on paper targets.

#### Summary of Three-Position Finals Rules

The new **9th Edition 2012-2014 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules** released this past September contain some changes in how 3-position air rifle finals are conducted. Previous rules were modeled after previous ISSF finals rules that were in effect since 1986. Rules for finals in the new 3-position air rifle rules combined those rules with some changes to make finals more suitable for junior shooting. The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council discussed the new ISSF finals format for 2013 that has finalists start from zero, but the Council decided that since the ISSF final would not be implemented until 2013, it would continue to use the older, traditional final.

Basic steps for conducting finals according to 3-position air rifle rules are:

**Schedule.** Finals are scheduled to start at a specific time. The finals start time is when commands for the first record shot start. Finalists must report to the Chief Range Officer at least 20 minutes before the start time.

**Control.** A Chief Range Officer (CRO) is responsible for conducting the final. A separate Announcer may be used to introduce finalists and comment on their scores or the CRO may do this.

**Targets.** If the final is shot on paper targets, eight volunteers should be recruited to spot and call estimated shot values. If the final is shot on EST, one or two Range Officers may be needed to confirm when finalists fire their shots.

**Squadding.** Each finalist is assigned to one of eight firing points according to qualification scores, starting with the highest-ranking qualifier on the left.

**Firing Position.** Finals are shot in the standing position.

**Scoring.** Finals must be scored in tenth ring scores if EST or Orion scoring is available.



*The Chief Range Officer is the key official who is responsible for the conduct of the final. The CRO controls the pace and flow of every final and must always work from a script.*

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**Call to the Line.** Finalists must be called to their firing points 12 to 15 minutes before the start time. Finalists must then ground or bench their rifles and turn to face spectators.

**Presentation.** The finalists must be introduced by announcing their names, club or team names and qualification scores. Introductions start with the finalist on the right in eighth place and end with the finalist in first place.

**Preparation and Sighting.** After the presentation, the CRO commands finalists to take their positions. After a short pause, the CRO will give commands to start an eight (8) minute combined preparation and sighting stage. During this stage, finalists must finish preparing their positions and fire unlimited sighters.

**30 Second Pause.** After the **STOP** command at the end of the sighting stage, there is a 30 second pause. When ESTs are used, targets must be reset for record firing.

**Record Firing Procedure.** For each record shot, the CRO gives a **LOAD** command, pauses 10 seconds, and then commands **START**. There is no longer any countdown, but there must be a 10 second pause to give the athletes time to load and assume their positions.

**10 Second Warning.** After 35 seconds, the CRO will give an audible signal to warn finalists that 10 seconds remain or the CRO may command **10 SECONDS**.

**STOP and Commentary.** After 45 seconds or after all eight finalists fire, the CRO commands **STOP**. The announcer should then give 15-20 seconds of commentary on the scores and ranking (EST) or announce the scores (paper target score estimates).

**Final Continuation.** The CRO and Announcer continue this record firing procedure and commentary until all ten shots are fired.

**Paper Target Conclusion.** The CRO must clear the line and have targets retrieved and scored. As soon as scoring is finished, the Announcer must give the scores and recognize winners.

**EST Conclusion.** Immediately after the tenth shot, any ties for the first three places only must be shot off. When all final rankings are decided, the Announcer must recognize medal winners.

### Tips to Prepare For Finals

There are several measures match sponsors can take to ensure excellent finals.

**CRO Script.** The **National Standard Rules** now provide a detailed finals script for CROs to use in calling the line. The script begins on page 57 of the rulebook. It includes both formal commands and an explanation of specific rules to apply at each step in the final. Anyone who will work as a finals CRO really must prepare a copy of this script and follow it precisely.

**Finals Range.** Designate eight adjacent firing points for the final. Select points with sufficient space behind them for spectator chairs or bleachers. Place firing point designations "1" through "8" on those points.

**Finals Attendance.** Encourage all shooters in the competition as well as their parents and friends to attend the final.

**New Finalists.** When finalists report, ask if any of them have never shot a final before. Give all new finals shooters a short briefing to explain how they will be called and introduced, the preparation and sighting period and the shot-by-shot firing procedure.

#### COMMANDS FOR CONDUCTING A FINAL

COMMANDS AND INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES (Range Officer actions are in bold)
FOR THE FIRST COMPETITION SHOT, <b>LOAD...</b> (10 second pause)... <b>START</b>	After the command <b>LOAD</b> for each shot, there is a ten (10) second pause to give finalists time to load their rifles and get into their firing positions.
After 35 seconds	The time limit of 45 seconds begins when the command <b>START</b> is given.  An audible signal should be given to let finalists know 10 seconds remain in the time limit.
After 45 seconds:	
<b>STOP</b>	The Range Officer must command <b>STOP</b> .
SCORES FOR THE FIRST SHOT: (Family name of 1st Finalist), (score). (Family name of 2nd Finalist), (score). This continues until all eight scores are announced.	The Range Officer or Announcer can announce scores immediately after the <b>STOP</b> command. After announcing scores, short comments about the rankings and any changes in rankings can be made.
FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT, <b>LOAD...</b> (10 second pause)... <b>START</b>	Commands for the next Final Round shot begin immediately after the scores and comments.
After 35 seconds	An audible signal/warning should be given.
After 45 Seconds, the <b>STOP</b> command is given. The announcement of scores and comments and commands for succeeding shots continue until ten Final Round shots are fired. No scores are announced after the tenth shot.	
After the 10th shot (electronic targets, with no ties for places 1-3).	

*A page from the finals script, "Commands for Conducting a Final," that is found in the 2012-2014 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. CROs who conduct finals should always work with a script.*



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**Finalist Behavior.** Encourage all finalists to acknowledge spectators when they are introduced before the final or recognized at the end of the final. Interaction between athletes and spectators is part of what makes finals interesting.

**Spectator Behavior.** If the final is new to spectators, provide a brief explanation to them before it starts. Make sure they understand that clapping and cheering for the finalists is desired.

### The Future of Finals in the USA

Most coaches and junior shooters are quite satisfied with how finals are conducted under the present 3-position air rifle rules, that is, with 3x10 or 3x20 scores being carried forward and finals scores added to them to produce official score totals and rankings. On the other hand, ISSF finals with qualifiers starting at zero, eliminations and two-person duels at the end are here to stay. They will be used in all future ISSF Championships including Americas Championships, World Cups, World Championship and the Olympics. That means they will also be used in high-level national competitions. Many juniors will want to shoot what national and international elite shooters shoot so we can expect some future junior championships to begin experimenting with the newest finals format.



*Nicco Campriani, Italy, acknowledges spectators and a worldwide TV audience when he is introduced before the 2012 Olympic Games 50m 3-position rifle final. He went on to win the gold medal. Building sympathetic relationships between athletes and fans is part of making finals interesting.*

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*Gary Anderson the IOC's highest honor, the Olympic Order "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."*



### USA Shooting President and Two-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Gary Anderson Receives IOC's Olympic Order

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President and IOC member Olegario Vazquez Raña had the honor to award the IOC Olympic Order to Anderson during ISSF Meetings taking place in Alcapulco, Mexico, on behalf of IOC President Jacques Rogge. The Olympic Order is the highest award of the IOC and was created in May 1975 as a successor to the Olympic Certificate. The Olympic Order is awarded to individuals for distinguished contributions to the Olympic Movement. The Olympic Order insignia resembles a collar with the five Olympic rings framed by olive branches. Read the complete article at <http://www.odcmp.org/1112/default.asp?page=OLYMPICORDER>.

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shooting clubs, JROTC unit rifle teams, 4-H Shooting Sports clubs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews, youth camps and junior shooting organizations that practice and compete in position air rifle shooting and other air rifle activities.

These programs have more than 100,000 participants in the United States. These youth marksmanship activities have compiled an outstanding safety record where gun-related accidents are extremely rare. Rifle marksmanship activities are indeed among the safest of all youth sports. Target shooting is a sport of control and discipline where everyone involved, including participants, instructors, coaches and range officers, is expected to know and apply the sport's safety rules at all times.

### Firearms Safety and the CMP

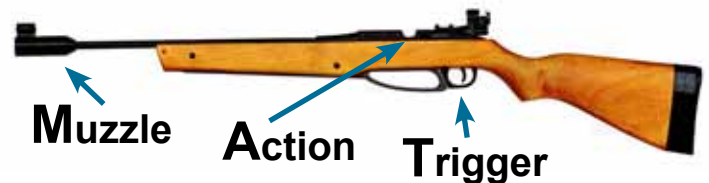
The federal law that established the Civilian Marksmanship Program makes firearms safety one of its highest priorities. This law specifically states that a primary function of the CMP is "to instruct citizens of the United States in marksmanship; (and) to promote practice and safety in the use of firearms." To fulfill this responsibility, the CMP produces a variety of safety materials. CMP safety materials can be ordered through the CMP E-Store at <http://estore.thecmp.org> or visit <http://www.thecmp.org/Comm/Publications.htm> and click on the "Safety & Rules" tab.

Everyone should know the primary parts of a gun, whether or not they will ever participate in target shooting, so that they can apply the rules for safe gun handling any time they are in a situation where a gun is present.

**MUZZLE.** The forward end of the barrel. The muzzle is the point where the pellet or projectile leaves the barrel when the gun is fired. A gun is aimed by pointing its muzzle at the target. Whenever a projectile is fired, it will strike exactly where the muzzle is pointed.

**ACTION.** The working mechanism of the gun. Gun actions typically have a bolt or cocking lever that is used to open and close the action so that the gun can be loaded and unloaded. A gun cannot ordinarily be fired unless its action is closed and locked.

**TRIGGER.** The trigger is part of the action or working mechanism of the gun. The trigger is a lever that projects out of the bottom of the action. A trigger guard protects the trigger. After a gun is loaded and the action is closed, the gun is fired by pulling or applying pressure to the trigger.



**TIP:** An easy way to remember the Rules for Safe Gun Handling is to use the key word **MAT**. **MAT**, of course, stands for **M**uzzle-**A**ction-**T**rigger. **MAT** is also useful because that is the order in which the three safety rules must be applied. Whenever you handle a rifle always start by controlling the muzzle.

### Rules for Safe Gun Handling

1. **MUZZLE.** Always keep gun muzzles pointed in a safe direction. Gun muzzles must never be pointed at other persons under any circumstance. On a range, the safest directions to point a gun muzzle are usually upward or downrange towards the target.
2. **RIFLE ACTION.** When handling any rifle or firearm, the action must be open with a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator), ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) or OBI (Open Bolt Indicator) inserted. Gun actions must remain open except when the gun is on the firing line and preparation or firing periods have begun. When shooting is finished, the action must be open and a CBI/ECI/OBI must be inserted, even when the gun is on the firing line. The gun action may be closed when it is placed in a gun case or storeroom, but must be opened and a CBI/ECI/OBI inserted as soon as it is picked up again.
3. **TRIGGER.** Keep your finger off of the trigger until after placing the gun in the shooting position and preparing to fire a shot. It is especially important to keep the finger outside of the trigger guard when loading the gun and placing it in the shooting position.

### When You First Pick Up a Rifle

When you pick up a rifle or take a rifle from another person, always grasp the rifle with your fingers outside of the trigger guard. Do not place your index finger on the trigger when you pick up or take a rifle from someone. Later we will explain that the only appropriate time to place your index finger inside the trigger guard and on the trigger is when you are starting to aim at an actual target. While holding the rifle with your fingers outside of the trigger guard, you can apply the three safe gun handling rules that are paramount to assuring that you will never fire an unintentional shot.

## Protect Your Eyes & Ears

Everyone on a range where firearms of any type are used is urged to wear eyeglasses or shooting glasses to protect their eyes and ear plugs or ear muffs to protect their hearing. Your vision and hearing are priceless and irreplaceable so protect them. At the range, it is common courtesy not to begin firing until everyone nearby has been given an opportunity to put on their eye and hearing protection.



## Firearm Transportation

When you are transporting your rifle or other firearms from your home to the range or elsewhere, there are some precautions to take to be sure your guns are transported safely. Transporting firearms may also be governed by laws in your state, so you need to make sure you are in compliance with your state or local laws. To travel with your firearms, follow these precautions:

- ⊙ Keep firearms unloaded. The action on a firearm may be closed during travel, but only after you double-check to be sure the chamber and magazine are clear.
- ⊙ Place firearms to be transported in a protective, locked case.



- ⊙ When using public transportation, check with the carrier prior to departure to find out what regulations apply.
- ⊙ As soon as you arrive at the range with your firearms, open the action of any gun you bring to the range (insert an ECI especially if required on your range).

## Safe Storage of Firearms

Firearms that are not in use must be stored. The fundamental rule in storing firearms is to use a method of storage, which ensures that no unauthorized or untrained person has access to them. Younger children and their friends or anyone who has not received firearms safety training should not have access to firearms. Firearms storage procedures are also intended to protect firearms from damage or theft. Keep these things in mind when you store your firearms:

- ⊙ Recommended firearms storage methods are a gun safe or a locked gun cabinet.
- ⊙ If firearms are not kept in a safe or locked cabinet, they should be secured from access by unauthorized persons by attaching a trigger lock.
- ⊙ Firearms should be cleaned and lightly oiled prior to storage.
- ⊙ When a firearm is placed in storage, check it again to be sure it is unloaded and clear. You may then close the action and pull the trigger to release tension on the hammer or firing pin spring.
- ⊙ When removing any firearm from storage, immediately open the action and handle it with the action remaining open.

## Trigger Locks

A trigger lock is a two-piece device that clamps over the trigger and trigger guard so that when it is locked in place, the trigger cannot be accessed or pulled. Trigger locks are secured by a key or a locking mechanism.

Trigger locks should never be used if the firearm is loaded or as a substitute for proper and safe firearm handling. A responsible adult who has had firearms safety training should retain control of the trigger lock key or combination. Trigger locks suitable for use with rifles sold by the CMP may be purchased from the CMP.



## Ammunition and Ammunition Storage

ALWAYS use high quality ammunition made to American industry standards. Make sure it is clean, dry,



in good condition, and of the proper type and caliber for your gun. Defective or improper ammunition is responsible for many malfunctions and blown-up guns. It is a good practice to store ammunition separately from your firearms. If unauthorized persons might have access to it, ammunition should be stored in its own locked containers.

### Individual Junior Shooter Safety Pledge

Junior Shooters are required to sign a Safety Pledge that is reviewed and affirmed by every junior shooter who uses an air rifle in youth marksmanship programs.

### The Goal—No Gun Accidents

In addition to learning to follow safe gun handling rules, range commands and established range and safety procedures, there are two additional safety concepts that must become part of your constant efforts to be safe with guns.

**Everyone is a Safety Officer.** In an emergency when a safety hazard occurs or when someone in your presence does something unsafe with a gun, you can and must become an “Emergency Safety Officer.” If you

see someone close the action on a gun or fail to open the action of a gun while handling it, it is necessary for you to step in and make sure the action is opened.

**Self-Discipline and Focus.** Gun safety is not a matter of learning safety rules and then assuming you will always be safe with guns. Gun safety requires that you consciously practice safe muzzle control, check for open actions and keep your fingers outside of the trigger guard every time you handle a gun. That requires self-discipline and focus. You must discipline yourself to always pay attention to safety — for yourself and for those around you.

Everyone who completes marksmanship and safety training learns how to be safe while handling any type of rifle or firearm. By learning and following the rules of safe gun handling and by practicing those rules during target rifle practice, you will not only assure safety during your rifle marksmanship training and competitions, but you will ensure that any encounter you have with a firearm is safe and enjoyable.

For more information about target shooting and safety, contact CMP Programs at [info@thecmp.org](mailto:info@thecmp.org).

### Safety Instruction Resources

- ◎ **Junior Shooter’s Guide to Air Rifle Safety**, NLU # 741. A 20-page booklet; written for junior air rifle shooters, but it provides safety rules, procedures and guidelines that can be used by youth or adult shooters in any range firing situation. Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/Comm/publications/PDFs/JrSafetyGuidetoARSAFETY.pdf>.
- ◎ **Cadet Safety Exam**. A 25-question Cadet Safety Exam to be given at the end of their gun safety and range procedures instruction. Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/JMIC/MIFiles/5.2%20Safety%20Exam.pdf>.
- ◎ **CMP Rifle Safety Guide**, NLU #744. A 32-page booklet; written for owners of CMP rifles. This guide includes safe gun handling rules and safety guidelines, explains how the rifle operates, range safety rules, how to deal with special problems, tips for accurate shooting, proper care of your rifle and CMP Programs for new rifle owners. Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/Comm/publications/PDFs/CMPSafetyManualBook.pdf>.
- ◎ **Rifle Safety & Marksmanship Training CD-ROM**, Item # 772. This CMP produced CD-ROM is designed for use by coaches, instructors and youth who are teaching or learning target rifle shooting. It presents a complete basic rifle marksmanship course plus an impressive array of additional resources for new shooters and instructors. Visit <http://estore.thecmp.org/Store/catalog/catalog.aspx?pg=product&ID=772>.
- ◎ **Rifle Safety & Marksmanship Training Test** - For coaches to use coinciding with the Rifle Safety & Marksmanship Training CD. Visit [http://www.thecmp.org/Training/CR/Rifle\\_Safety\\_Training\\_Test.pdf](http://www.thecmp.org/Training/CR/Rifle_Safety_Training_Test.pdf).
- ◎ **How to Make a Pellet Discharge Container**. Visit [http://www.thecmp.org/Training/Pellet\\_Discharge\\_Container.pdf](http://www.thecmp.org/Training/Pellet_Discharge_Container.pdf).
- ◎ **Safety Trigger Lock**, Item # 844. Visit <http://estore.thecmp.org/store/catalog/catalog.aspx?pg=product&ID=844>.
- ◎ **Single Rifle soft side Case**, Item # 846. Visit <http://estore.thecmp.org/store/catalog/catalog.aspx?pg=product&ID=846>.
- ◎ **CMP Hard Rifle Case**, Item # PC006. Visit <http://estore.thecmp.org/store/catalog/catalog.aspx?pg=product&ID=PC006>.
- ◎ **Open Bolt Indicator** (set of 12), Item # 244. Visit <http://estore.thecmp.org/store/catalog/catalog.aspx?pg=product&ID=244>.
- ◎ **CMP Decal with Safety Message** (6x18”), Item # 528. Visit <http://estore.thecmp.org/Store/catalog/catalog.aspx?pg=product&ID=528>.



#### A JUNIOR SHOOTER'S GUIDE TO AIR RIFLE SAFETY

A guide for junior shooters on all aspects of air gun safety including safety rules, range procedures, air rifle range operations, proper storage and personal safety



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## Registration Open for 2013 CMP Junior Rifle Camps

Each summer the Civilian Marksmanship Program sponsors a popular series of Junior Air Rifle Camps and Clinics to teach intermediate and advanced rifle marksmanship skills to junior shooters and their adult leaders. The 2013 CMP Junior Rifle Camps are posted online at <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/Camp.htm> and include camps in Anniston, AL, Camp Perry, OH, Phoenix, AZ, Linn, MO and Colorado Springs, CO.

CMP Junior Rifle Camps are for high school-age athletes with at least one year of three-position air rifle competition experience. There is no minimum score requirement for the weeklong camps--CMP camps are open to all athletes who want to improve their rifle marksmanship and competition skills. Many shooters of all skill levels who have attended previous years' camps have achieved remarkable improvements in their performances and scores.

An important feature of the CMP Junior Rifle Camp format is the emphasis on athletes and adult leaders learning together. At least one adult leader (coach, team or club leader, parent, etc.)

must accompany each athlete or group of athletes who attend. Adults may not attend camp unless accompanying athletes. Adult leaders are encouraged, but not required, to attend instruction and coaching sessions with their athletes. Sessions specifically covering coaching topics will be held for interested adults.

The camp schedule includes a variety of instructional topics and activities designed to help the participant develop the tools necessary to excel as a

three-position air rifle shooter. Athletes will be divided into training groups and assigned a specific firing point throughout the camp. Each training group will be under the direction of a counselor who is a collegiate rifle team member. Each training day starts with light warm-up and stretching exercises followed by several hours of short presentations and range firing or other training exercises.

A formal competition (3x20 plus final) will be conducted on the last day of each camp full-length camp. Medals will be awarded for both sporter and precision classes after each camp competition. Each camp concludes with a competition awards ceremony following the finals. Participants will also be awarded a distinctive camp t-shirt and certificate at the end of camp.

**Register Today as Camps fill up fast!!**



### 2013 CMP Junior Rifle Camp Counselor Announcement

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is seeking qualified individuals to fill counselor positions for its Junior Rifle Camps program. This premier program has a long established history of providing the highest quality three-position air rifle instruction in the country for high school athletes. For more information, please visit <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/CampCounselor.htm>.



# New Mobile Range Right on Target for Shooters Across the Country

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, AL, CAMP PERRY, OH – In the summer of 2012, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) constructed a portable air gun range in an attempt to expand its outreach to shooters around the country. The Mobile Range brings all of the luxuries of a state-of-the-art air gun facility without forcing shooters to make the trek to CMP's northern or southern locations. Now, air rifle enthusiasts in other regions will be able to enjoy a CMP-constructed range right in their own community.

"With travel being difficult for competitors to make it to Ohio or Alabama, the idea of the mobile range arose to transport electronic targets to the shooters instead of them coming to us," said James Hall, CMP Program Outreach Supervisor.

The \$425,000 "to-go" range is comprised of 60 electronic MEGALink targets. MEGALink is the leading producer of electronic targets in Norway, as well as one of the leading producers in the world. All 60 targets have color monitors next to the shooter so he or she is able to see each shot after it's fired. MEGALink is the same target system the CMP North and South stationary air ranges use on a daily basis.

"The appeal of electronic targets is the quick and accurate results, as well as the benefit for spectators to see the targets as competitors are shooting," Hall explained.

Because of its versatile design, the range can be used as either a 60-point range or broken down into three sets of 20 targets or two sets of 30 targets. Its ability to adapt to different areas of space gives the range the flexibility to be used in a variety of settings.

"The range can be set up in almost any combination of targets, which allows small gyms and conference centers to host a match with maximum target use," said Hall.

Three small trailers were purchased to transport each 20-target set, and a



*The mobile range consists of 60 targets, target screens, tables and chairs.*

larger trailer was purchased later to transport all 60 as a unit. The new range also features LED targets set up downrange, with a lift system for 3-position shooting, as well as eight, 60-inch TV's to show the scores, tables and chairs so spectators can sit, relax and watch as the results are displayed from the targets. The program is run by a three-computer system constructed in the middle of the range, which operates the targets, lifts, results and TV's.

The first "trial" match of the Mobile Range was at the Montgomery Bell Classic in Nashville, TN. in October 2012. All of the targets were transported in the three trailers from Anniston, AL to Nashville. With

an abundance of workers to help with the set up, the 60 targets were assembled and ready for use in just a few short hours.

All of the components are designed so that the range can be quickly constructed using as few as three people. Most of the range parts are light to carry and easy to compile, with wire hook up and the compilation of



*CMP Workers and volunteers construct the metal frames and range targets from the many assembly pieces.*

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# Christenson and Gratz Shine in Air Rifle as Brown and Pierson Win Air Pistol at Anniston's Dixie Double

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Marketing Manager*

ANNISTON, AL – Dempster Christenson, 22, of Sioux Falls, SD, grabbed the early lead in the open division of the fourth annual Dixie Double and never looked back, winning by 16 points over the next closest open division competitor, SPC Erin Lorenzen, U.S. Army.

Elizabeth Gratz, 16, of Sigel, IL, won the junior division, leading both days and scoring high enough to place second among junior AND open shooters, which included a field of notable U.S. and international competitors.

Christenson turned in a stunning performance in the 10-meter, 60-shot times-two standing event, scoring a 594 on Day I and backing it up with a 596 on Day II. In addition, his finals were equally impressive – a 104.6 on Day I followed by a 104.9 to cap off the event with an aggregate score of 1399.5.

The open division included several notable shooters including U.S. Olympian Jonathan Hall, 24, of Columbus, GA, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit veteran SSG Hank Gray, 33, USAMU teammate Lorenzen, 24, and West Point cadet and former JROTC national champion Richard Calvin, 20, of Murfreesboro, TN, to name a few.

Lorenzen, of Ft. Wayne, IN, fired an aggregate score of 1383.7 in the open division, including strong finals on both days (102.4 on Day I and 103.3 on Day II). Calvin placed third with a two-day score of 1381.6.

Gray finished fourth, followed by Hall, Ethel-Ann Alves, Lisette Grunwell-Lacey and Mark McClallen.

*LEFT: Elizabeth Gratz, of Sigel, IL, won the air rifle junior division, leading both days and scoring high enough to place second among junior AND open shooters.*

*RIGHT: SPC Erin Lorenzen, of Ft. Wayne, IN, placed second in the open division of the Dixie Double air rifle match.*



*Dempster Christenson, of Sioux Falls, SD decisively won the open class division of the 2012 Dixie Double air rifle match at the CMP Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL.*





In junior competition, Gratz was followed by Quintin Wotring, 15, of Kingsport, TN, with an aggregate of 1356.1 and Jedidiah Huie, 20, of Oneonta, AL, who fired a combined score of 1354. Wotring's performance in the final on both days was instrumental in moving him into second place.

The top eight were rounded out by Shelby Brummett, Rachael Schoenrock, Spencer Brandon, Robert Broadstreet and Makennon Doran.

U.S. National Development Team member Will Brown, 20, of Twin Falls, ID, outlasted USAMU's SFC James Henderson, 45, of Midland, GA, in a two-day dogfight to win the 60-shot, 10-meter air pistol event with an aggregate score of 1363.2 to Henderson's 1358.7. Brown led after Day I, 681-676 but Henderson kept the pressure on Brown, but Brown's consistency prevailed. Henderson made the Day II final interesting, matching his younger opponent's Day II score of 681.8 after the 10th shot, forcing a one-shot shoot-off. In the extra competition shot, Brown fired first and scored a deep 10. Henderson raised and lowered his pistol, raised it a second time and fired a 10.1, conceding the match to Brown.

Nick Mowrer, 24, of Ramsay, MT, a member of the U.S. National Team, placed third with an aggregate score of 1351.2. Mowrer came back from a disappointing Day I score of 570 to hang a 581 on the Day II leader board.

Finishing out the top eight in the two-day event were John Ennis, Greg Markowski, Sandra Uptagrafft, Seth Berglee and Patrick Franks.



*Will Brown, left and SFC James Henderson squared off in a one-shot tiebreaker following the Day II final in which both shooters scored a 681.8. Brown edged Henderson with a deep 10 to sweep both days of air pistol competition in the open division.*



*Members of the Blocton Bullets, Blocton, AL, shooting club dominated the junior air pistol lineup at the 2012 Dixie Double. Pictured from left are Zachary Miller, Kara Moody, Ronnie Pierson, Ashley West and Layne Smith.*

In junior air pistol shooting, Ronnie Pierson, 16, of West Blocton, AL, placed first with an aggregate score of 1247.7. Pierson fired a 509 on Day I and jumped to 549 on Day II with finals of 95 and 94.7, respectively.

Pierson was followed by Kara Moody, 16, of West Blocton, AL, who finished with a two-day total of 1185.4. Zachary Miller, 12, of Sylacauga, AL placed third with a combined score of 1155.2. The remaining junior pistol shooters were Layne Smith, Ashley West and Zackery Benson.

In team competition, two-person teams comprised of one open and one junior shooter in both air rifle and air pistol, combined their two-day aggregate totals to determine place finishes.

In air rifle, the team of Richard Calvin and Quentin Wotring placed first with a combined score of 2338. Jonathan Hall and Jedidiah Huie placed second with 2331 and SPC Erin Lorenzen and Hannah Richardson, 17, of Davison, MI, combined on a 2321 for third place.



*Ronnie Pierson, 16, far left, prepares to send a pellet down-range at the Dixie Double in Anniston. Pierson was the high junior in the air pistol match.*

In air pistol, the team of Nick Mowrer and Kara Moody placed first with a total score of 2166. SrA Alex Callage, 23, USAF, and Ronnie Pierson combined for a score of 2160 and placed second and Will Brown teamed with Zachary Miller for third place with a score of 1164.

For complete results of the 2012 Dixie Double, log onto <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9135>. To view, download and order photographs taken during the 2012 Dixie Double and awards ceremony log onto <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com>.

# Shooters Break Nine National Records at 2013 Army & Air Force JROTC Service Championship

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*

ANNISTON, AL, CAMP PERRY, OH & SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Records were made to be broken, and that certainly was the case at the Army & Air Force JROTC Service Championship, held Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 17-19, 2013.

Charles Collins of McMichael High School in Mayodan, NC fired a 191-10 in the 20-shot kneeling position, setting a new sporter class Air Force JROTC national record at the Camp Perry location, Feb. 14-16.

"It feels awesome," Collins said with a smile. "It was kind of a surprise.

Also surprised by a place in the record books was Rachel Mangan of Walhalla High School in Walhalla, SC who fired a 200-19 in the 20-shot prone position to set a new sporter class record for both Open and Overall for the Army JROTC, also at the Camp Perry location. The previous record of 199 was set in 2006 by Micaela Jochum and tied in 2010 by Tyler Rico.

Mangan's trip to Camp Perry also became memorable to her when she took home gold at the regional match for the first time in an Army JROTC Service Championship sporter match at the Ohio venue. Mangan also placed 2nd overall.

"It's pretty amazing," she said, modestly.

Mary Pratt of Monroe Area High School in Monroe, GA had an outstanding showing in Anniston, AL during the two-day event – breaking not one, but four national Air Force JROTC records. On Day 1, she broke the standing record with a 192-11 and the 3x20 record with a 590-41. Then, as if that wasn't enough, she came back on Day 2 to break her own records with a standing 196-9 and a 3x20 592-39.

Pratt also got her name etched into the record books next to her teammates, after her Monroe Area High School team broke the Air Force JROTC precision team national record with a 2299-108.

Duncan Pawloski of Lady Bird Johnson High School in San Antonio, TX won the overall individual Army JROTC precision class after competing at the Salt Lake

City location over its own two-day competition Feb. 17-19, with an aggregate score of 1266.8. Todd Mazur of Killeen High School in Killeen, TX won the Army JROTC sporter division championship, at the Anniston venue. Mazur fired an aggregate score of 1226.7.

In Army JROTC precision, Benjamin Estes of Ozark HS, MO, placed 2nd with an aggregate of 1265.8. Erika Hoffman of Patch High School in Stuttgart, Germany took 3rd, with a combined score of 1264.2. Both cadets competed at the Anniston range.

Taking 2nd in Army sporter, at the Camp Perry location, was record-breaker Rachel Mangan with an aggregate score of 1220. Jared Sarkela of North Brunswick High School in Leland, NC secured the 3rd place spot, firing a 1207.2 in Anniston.

Kenneth Corona of South Anchorage High School in Anchorage, AK secured the Air Force sporter 1st place spot at the Salt Lake City venue with a combined score of 1192.6. Brantley Santrock of Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA came in 2nd at the Anniston location with an aggregate score of 1188.1, and Christian Russell of Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque, NM claimed the 3rd place position with a score of 1176.7, also in Salt Lake City.

Although Santrock didn't take home the gold at the event, he did make JROTC air rifle history by breaking the Air Force 3x20 record – shooting a 557-19.

In Air Force precision, Mary Pratt seized the 1st place spot, firing a 1282.2. Mary Simonton of Northgate High School in Newnan, GA grabbed 2nd place, with a score of 1257.5, followed by 3rd placeholder Maggie Mason of Monroe Area High School in Monroe, GA with an aggregate score of 1243.3.

This year, 2,182 Army JROTC cadets and 536 Air Force JROTC cadets participated in the JROTC Postal Matches, which began in October 2012.

For the nationwide-match, participants fired upon paper targets sent by CMP at their home ranges and returned them to CMP Programs



*Rachel Mangan received the a National Record certificate from Gary Anderson, DCME, after breaking the Army JROTC sporter class prone position record for Open and Overall competition.*



HQ through mail. The results were then tabulated using the Orion scanning system. Individual and team service championships were comprised from the preliminary postal results.

Shooters who made the cut were invited to the CMP Marksmanship Centers in Anniston, AL, Port Clinton, OH or Salt Lake City, UT. The Utah location was added this year to accommodate shooters out West, with hopes to prevent them from making expensive travel arrangements in order to compete in the match.

In overall team competition, last year's reigning National champions, Ozark High School of Ozark, MO, claimed the 1st place precision team spot once again, with a combined score of 4646-280. Helping to reclaim that position were team members Benjamin Estes, Makennon Doran, Logan Hunt and Shelby Brummett.

North Salem High School of Salem, OR stood at 2nd place, with an aggregate score of 4604-251. Members of the North Salem JROTC are Kasey Rysavy, Alec Delzer, Taylor Phelps and Jed Adams. Third place was secured by Patch High School in Stuttgart, Germany.

Killeen High School in Killeen, TX captured the 1st place sporter class spot with a combined score of 4381-147, thanks to team members Todd Mazur, Aaron Silva, Richard Moebius and Trenton Wiles.

Placing 2nd was Daleville High School in Daleville, AL, with a combined score of 4312-123. Team members include Katlyn Bass, Jared Nabinger, Juan Escalante and Christofo Burns. The 3rd place spot was filled by North Brunswick High School in Leland, NC, tallying an aggregate score of 4308-131.

In Air Force sporter overall team competition, Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, Va. Team 1 overtook 1st place, with an aggregate score of 4339-121. Team members include Brantley Santrock, Jonathan Gove, Cody Ashby and Michael Barton.

The team also broke the four-member team 3x20 national record, firing a team score of 2192-69.

Coming in 2nd in Air Force sporter was Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque, NM Teammates Christian Russell, Darby Pruitt, Allen Cohenour and Samuel Elliott tallied a combined score of 4278-112. Western Hills High School in Benbrook, TX came in 3rd, with a 4232-96 final aggregate score.

In Air Force precision overall team competition, Monroe Area High School in Monroe, GA, set a new record firing



*TOP: Kenneth Corona of South Anchorage High School in Anchorage, AK took home the overall Air Force sporter medal.*



*LEFT: Brantley Santrock of Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA broke the Air Force 3x20 national record with a 557-19.*



*Monroe Area High School in Monroe, GA set the new Air Force JROTC precision team national record, firing a 2299-108 combined score. Mary Pratt, left, also broke four national records during the two-day event.*

a 2299-108. Team members include Mary Pratt, Maggie Mason, Matthew Waters and Jeremiah Peterson. Volcano Vista HS, NM, placed second with a team score of 4496-197 and Battle Ground HS, WA, finished third with a 4477-191.

For complete results of the Army JROTC Service Championship, log onto <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9433>. See photos of the event online at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.

# Kirby, Gross Lead Precision Class at 2013 Marine Corps & Navy JROTC Service Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, AL, SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Heather Kirby of Shelby County High School in Shelbyville, KY brought home the gold in Marine Corps precision for the Marine Corps (USMC) JROTC, while Anna Craig of Gulfport High School in Gulfport, MS took home the title of overall sporter champion during the Marine Corps & Navy JROTC Service Championship, held Feb. 21-23, 2013.

Craig finished the match with an aggregate score of 1106, beating out the second placeholder by only 4 points, while Kirby fired a 1281.8 combined score. Placing second in USMC overall precision was Brandon Muske of Brenham High School in Brenham, TX, with an aggregate score of 1271.2. Third place precision was earned by Miquel Batz of Shelby County High School in Shelbyville, KY.

Leading the Navy overall sporter class was Matthew Miller of East Aurora High School in Aurora, IL, with an aggregate score of 1193.8. Colt Gross of North Augusta High School in North Augusta, SC topped the Navy overall precision shooters with his 1276.5 aggregate score he fired over the course of the championship.

Second for the Navy overall sporter class was Hunter Cushman of King George High School in King George County, VA, with an aggregate score of 1193.1, followed by Makayla Ragnone of Carson High School in Carson City, NV. Ragnone finished with a combined score of 1184.5 to secure her place.

"I'm happy I won, but I'm just really proud of my team," said Ragnone, who competed at the Salt Lake City location. "They've done really great this year."

Rosemary Kramer of Upson Lee High School in Thomaston, GA claimed the second place spot in the overall Navy precision class competition, with an aggregate score of 1264.3, followed by Samuel Harris of New Albany High School in New Albany, IN, who fired a 1264.2 for third place.

All of the first place overall individual shooters fired at CMP's world-class air gun range in Anniston, AL. Although no individuals competing in Salt Lake City took home the overall gold, cadets and coaches did get a look at CMP's new portable air gun range – out on its first trek across the country.

"This range is great," said Major Walter Finney, team coach of Rio Rancho High School of Rio Rancho, NM. "I told my shooters in five years, you'll be seeing something

like this in schools. The technology is just amazing."

Major Finney's Marine Corps sporter team seemed to be fans of the range as well, finishing in third place at the Salt Lake location and seventh overall.

Also competing in the USMC sporter team competition at the Salt Lake City mobile location was Tuba City High School in Tuba City, AZ, who took the overall first place award with an aggregate score of 4255-112. Team members include Alexander Nez, Jade Yazzie, Thomasina Dinehdeal and Bethany Haley.

For their overall win, along with gold medals to hang around their necks and a transparent, engraved team trophy, first place teams also received a \$100 merchandise certificate, donated by Daisy, a Crosman Challenger air rifle, donated by Crosman, and a \$1000 check from the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

"We had a lot of fun," said Tuba City shooter Alexander Nez, who also placed four overall in the USMC sporter division with a combined score of 1187.7. "I'm happy."

Second place overall in the individual USMC sporter competition was Murphy Michael of R-S Central High School in Rutherfordton, NC, with an aggregate score of 1188.9. Jackson Thompson of Sapulpa HS, OK (1185.8)

Placing second in USMC overall sporter team results was Des Moines – North High School

of Des Moines, Iowa, with an aggregate score of 4253-98. Members are Courtney Wright, Sara Crampton, Griselda Sandoval and Jackie Navarro. North High School fired at the Salt Lake location.

Picking up the third place USMC sporter overall team competition seat was Fort Mill High School in Fort Mill, SC with a combined score of 4241-107. Contributing to their team score were cadets Brian Hampton, Dan Sheppard, Lucas Stalnaker and Sean Moughan, at the Anniston, AL facility.

Winning the first place spot in the USMC precision overall team competition was Shelby County High School in Shelbyville, KY with an aggregate score of 4663-294. The champion cadets are Heather Kirby, Miquel Batz, Frank Hargadon and Cristina Sanchez. Second place was secured by North Forsyth High School in Cumming,



*Heather Kirby, 2012 National JROTC Precision Individual Champion, fired the high USMC precision score securing her spot in the 2013 National JROTC Championship.*





*New Albany High School in New Albany, IN, received a check for \$1,000 from CMP for placing 1st overall in the Navy precision team competition.*

Georgia, firing a 4574-208. Contributing team members were Rebecca Godwin, Alyson Godwin, Cameron Houston and Oscar Zavala. La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, NM claimed the third place seat with a combined score of 4562-216. Team members of the La Cueva team are Cassandra Suter, Richard Abeyta, Joseph Phillips and Diego Vigil.

Topping out the Navy sporter overall team results was Oviedo High School Team 1 of Oviedo, FL, taking the first place position with an aggregate score of 4308-121. Team members are Danielle Baroody, Natalie Hudson, Shelbi Sessions and Mackenzie Campbell. Second and third places were held by Zion Benton High School of Zion, IL, Teams 1 and 2, respectively. Team 1 fired a 4308-110 score by members Ragel Ibarra, Mitchell Csorba, Iran Rodriguez and Jacob Cress, while Team 2 finished with a combined score of 4261-97. Shooting for Team 2 was Kayla Savage, Tyler Kerbs, Justine Hamilton and Zachary Dumyahn.

Receiving gold medals for first place in the Navy precision overall team results was New Albany High School in New Albany, IN, with a combined score of 4589-245. New Albany shooting cadets are Samuel Harris, Kathryn Davis, Caleb Hardin and Brandon Longacre. The team that obtained silver was Union Grove High School in McDonough, GA, with an aggregate score of 4585-236. Team members are Mitchell Miller, Austin Garvey, Abigail Rigsby and Annie Lunsford. Finishing out the top three was La Plata High School in La Plata, MD. Members Tyler Thorne, Cody Thorne, Christopher Boyle and John Hancock fired a combined 4553-221 to capture the third place bronze medals.

Earlier this year, 1,521 Marine Corps and 3,062 Navy JROTC cadets participated in the CMP's JROTC Postal



*Makayla Ragnone of Carson High School in Carson City, NV finished 3rd overall in the Navy sporter class.*



*Tuba City High School in Tuba City, AZ received a check for \$1,000 from CMP for placing 1st overall in the USMC sporter team competition. Alexander Nez, 2nd from right, placed 1st in the USMC sporter competition at the Utah location, as well as 4th overall.*

Matches. For the nationwide-match, participants fired upon paper targets sent by CMP at their home ranges and returned them to CMP Programs HQ through mail. The results were then tabulated using the Orion scanning system. Individual and team service championships were comprised from the preliminary postal results. A total of 189 Marine Corps cadets and 196 Navy cadets competed at the service championships in Alabama and Utah during the two-day event.

The final phase of the tournament, the National JROTC Championship, will be fired in Anniston March 21-23, where JROTC cadets from Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force cadet commands will compete for national honors.

For complete results of the Army JROTC Service Championship, log onto <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9430>. See photos of the event online at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.

# Advice for being a Student Athlete

*Submitted By Jason Fearing*

I can't speak to shooting in college, at the time I went I wasn't interested in shooting and the school I went to didn't offer it. I did however go to a Division I tennis school (and played for 4 years) under a pretty nice scholarship package. So I hope that my below advice for being a "student athlete" will carry some merit:

1.) **The hardest part of the transition is going to be the first semester of your freshman year.** I experienced it, the guys before me experienced it and I watched 3 years of underclassmen behind me experience it. You'll need to find the right balance of classwork, practice, the college experience and finding the "right crowd" that you want to associate with on campus. Balancing those can be difficult at first but you always want to make sure your class attendance and time for homework does not suffer.

2.) **Several of my teammates valued "fun" over "getting work done" but still tried to fit everything in.** It never worked. My freshman year I was expected to play 3rd or 4th singles (out of 5) and because I prioritized having fun more than focusing at practice I rode the pine the first half of the season.

Once I got my head screwed on, I finished the season playing 4th singles. My coach made a few things very clear to me and the other incoming freshmen right out of the gate (he had been the men's coach for 19 years):

- He's not here to babysit us. We're to show up to practice when it doesn't conflict with our classwork and we're expected to be ready to play at practice with no distractions or "screwing around."

- Be upfront with him when you need extra time hitting the books. He monitored our grades but he didn't go over them with a fine toothed comb. If we needed to show up late or leave early for a student group or get some extra help he was 100% on board but he just wanted to know about it with as much advance notice as possible. He also expected us to make up for missed practice with our free time. So rather than going to the frat's Friday night bash, I would instead hit the weights or the track for an hour or so because I didn't log the same hours earlier in the week due to course work.

- Enjoy college, enjoy all the opportunities it offers you. But find the right balance and learn to

prioritize. For most student athletes their social life revolves around their team and/or their sport.

Often times your social life is an off shoot of that in addition to as 95% of us valued our commitment to the team as our #2 priority (behind class).

3.) **Get into a routine.** Most of us had morning classes as practice was 3-5:30pm everyday. Some of us would take a night class but most of it started at 8:00am and went to about 1:30-2:00pm and then headed to practice.

I wasn't a morning person so it took me a while to make sure I was awake enough in the AM to learn but still have enough energy at night (after practice) to put 2-4 hours in the library/study hall. This required a diet change, a sleep cycle change and most importantly the ability to remove distractions at night when I was in my dorm (girls, video games and beer runs). Thankfully my roommate was an athlete as well so we were on the same page some of my teammates were not so lucky and really struggled with fatigue as a result of this.



*Congrats to 2012 Olympian Sarah Scherer who set an NCAA record with a 597 in smallbore in a showdown with the UTEP Rifle Team. She also tied the NCAA record with a 1,195 aggregate in leading the defending NCAA Champion TCU Women's Rifle Team to their 22nd consecutive victory.*  
*Photo Courtesy of Daniel Shirey*



#### 4.) **Identify where you stand going into the program.**

Before I even applied to the college where I ultimately ended up I evaluated my skill set in Junior/Senior year to see if I had what it took to be a Division I (or whatever) athlete. I use to try and hustle the local college guys for some court time on weekends or weeknights as often as I could (they were Division II). I quickly discovered that I was the one about to be hustled but it made me work harder, focus on different game improvements and really push myself.

It also made me realize that I was not going to be the best on a Division I team but that if I worked hard enough I could hang with them enough to hopefully get the coach to notice me. Summer of my Junior year when I made the college my first choice I reached out to the coach via film, monthly score updates or whatever relevant information I thought was valuable. I also made a long weekend trip to the university (twice) during their peak season and I asked to work out with the team. I wanted to run with them, train with them and scrimmage with them so I could see if it was a "fit" for me. Were these guys jerks? Were they cool? Could I be friends with any of them? Etc.

#### 5.) Last piece of advice and this was the tough one.

##### **Learn to admit defeat.**

While I wish you all the best in your collegiate aspirations, I'm frequently reminded of the popular tagline of NCAA commercials. "There are more than X hundred thousand student-athletes and most of them go pro in something other than sports." Towards the end of my Junior year I realized that while I loved tennis, was pretty good at it and had a lot of fun it was time to start focusing on internships, putting myself in the best possible position for a job/career upon graduation and what was also a great relationship with my girlfriend. I began to value all of these things over my success on the court as such did not play my Senior year. I essentially (with the approval of my coach) "red shirted" myself. I practiced, trained and scrimmaged but I never played in matches and never traveled with the team. But I boosted my GPA up a bit, landed a great internship and ended up with a minor I wanted but wouldn't have been able to get if I played. The result? A career opportunity waiting for me immediately upon graduation.

All the best.

#### **CMP Mobile Range Continued from Page 13**

extensive pieces being the longest part of the assembly. Coinciding with the simple set up, range tear down is also an almost effortless process.

After the competition in Nashville was complete, the experimental trailer range trip proved to be right on target for both competitors and supporters.

"The match was a success, not only for the Montgomery Bell Academy, but also for the CMP," Hall said. "The targets ran well, and we received a positive response from spectators."

Other CMP events where the range has been put to the test include the 5th Brigade Championship in Kerrville, TX in December 2012 and the Bass Pro 600 in Leeds, AL in January 2013.

"The Bass Pro 600 was an interesting event because it was hosted inside of the boat area of a Bass Pro Shop," Hall described. "This gave the sport a great opportunity to be visible to a unique crowd of people. It also generated a lot of interest for people to attend our open public shooting nights in Anniston."

All packed up and ready to go, the wheels of the range trailers will roll on as they travel to future events, including the JROTC Service Championship in Salt Lake City, UT, 4-H Nationals in Grand Island, NE, the American Legion Championship in Colorado Springs, CO and use for summer camps and clinics.



*Spectators can watch the live firing results on one of the eight large, LED televisions placed around the mobile range.*

#### **Interested in having the CMP Mobile Range at your next event?**

The CMP Mobile Range is portable and available for a fee for your next event. Contact James Hall, CMP Program Outreach Supervisor at [jhall@TheCMP.org](mailto:jhall@TheCMP.org) or (256) 835-8455, ext. 1145. See photos of the CMP Mobile Range at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.

## 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
#518	Jared Sarkela	Wilmington, NC	#532	Michael Murphy	Forrest City, NC
#519	Jessie O'Kelley	Wahalla, SC	#533	Brian Hampton	Fort Mill, SC
#520	Abigail Rigsby	McDonough, GA	#534	Juan Escalante	Daleville, AL
#521	Julian De La Rosa	San Antonio, TX	#535	Jasmine Hailey	Augusta, GA
#522	Todd Mazur	Killeen, TX	#536	Kevin Hamilton	Zion, IL
#523	Brantley Santrock	Hardy, VA	#537	Lawrence Benally	Farmington, NM
#524	Katlyn Bass	Daleville, AL	#538	Tanner Combs	Wytherville, VA
#525	Natalie Miller	Annapolis, MD	#539	Reniel Alijibe	Anchorage, AK
#526	Jenna Fees	Nokesville, VA	#540	Daylin VanSteenburg	Grove City, OH
#527	Jared Nabinger	Daleville, AL	#541	Ragel Ibarra	Beach Park, IL
#528	Rebecca Godwin	Cumming, GA	#542	Sonya May	Rockland, MA
#529	Darby Pruitt	Albuquerque, NM	#543	Selena Powell	McDonough, GA
#530	Selina Curren	Pelham, AL	#544	David Nieto	Phoenix, AZ
#531	Glen Lauzon	Senoia, 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.



## 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.

16 March

### Monthly Air Gun Matches

Anniston, AL &amp; Camp Perry, OH

21-23 March

### National JROTC Championship

Anniston, AL

4-7 April

### CMP Games Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, OK

4-6 April

### CMP Regional 3-P Championship

Camp Perry, OH

11-13 April

### CMP Regional 3-P Championship

Albuquerque, NM &amp; Anniston, AL

20 April

### Monthly Air Gun Matches

Anniston, AL

3-4 May

### GSM Master Instructor Course

Camp Butner, NC

4-7 May

### Eastern CMP Games

Camp Butner, NC

18 May

### Monthly Air Gun Matches

Anniston, AL

10-14 June

### 3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL



17-21 June

### 3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

24-28 June

### 3P Summer Camp

Camp Perry, OH

1-3 July

### Outreach Clinics

6-9 July

### National 3P Air Rifle Championship

### NRA-Junior Olympics-CMP National (Sporter)

Anniston, AL

10 July

### 3P Clinic & Training Day

Anniston, AL



8 July

### CMP-USAMU Pistol SAFS

### CMP M9/EIC

### 1st Shot Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

9 July – 3 August

### National Match Air Gun Events

Camp Perry, OH

9 July

### CMP Warm-Up Pistol Match

Camp Perry, OH

11-14 July

### National 3P Air Rifle Championship

### NRA-Junior Olympics-CMP National (Precision)

Anniston, AL

14 July

### CMP President's 100 Pistol Match

### NTI

### NTT

### CMP Pistol Awards Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

15-19 July

### 3P Summer Camp

Phoenix, AZ

17-19 July

### 3P Outreach Clinic

Linn, MO

20 July

### Rimfire Sporter Clinic

Camp Perry, OH

21 July

### Rimfire Sporter Match

Camp Perry, OH

22-26 July

### 3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

26 July

### CMP-USMC Jr Highpower Rifle Clinic

### CMP-Remington Adv. Highpower Clinic

### GSM Master Instructor Course

Camp Perry, OH

27 July

### CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS

### CMP-USMC Jr Highpower Rifle Clinic

### CMP-Remington Adv. Highpower Clinic

Camp Perry, OH

28 July

### CMP-USMC Jr Highpower Rifle Clinic

### CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS/ M16 EIC Match

### CMP-Remington Adv. Highpower Clinic

### CMP Squadd Practice

Camp Perry, OH

29 July

### CMP President's 100 Rifle Match

Camp Perry, OH

29 July- 2 August

### 3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

29 July- 2 August

### 3P Summer Camp

Colorado Springs, CO

30 July

### CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle

Match Camp Perry, OH



31 July

### CMP Hearst Doubles Match

### CMP Springfield Clinic

### CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle Match

### CMP Junior Team Rifle Match

Camp Perry, OH

1 August

### CMP National Trophy Team Rifle Match

### CMP M1 Carbine Match

Camp Perry, OH

2 August

### CMP National Trophy Infantry Team Match

### CMP Springfield/Military Bolt Rifle Match

### CMP Garand Clinic

### CMP Awards Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

# Grabowski and Cress Win Individual Championships at 2012 Gary Anderson Invitational 3P Air Rifle Event

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Marketing Manager*



*Precision and sporter air rifle competitors toe the line at the CMP's Camp Perry marksmanship center in Ohio on 1 December.*

ANNISTON, AL & CAMP PERRY, OH – Ariana Grabowski, 17, of Altoona, PA, won the 2012 Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI) precision air rifle class competition and Jacob Cress, 16, of Winthrop Harbor, IL, was the winner of the sporter division in the three-position match held simultaneously at the CMP's twin marksmanship centers in Alabama and Ohio on 1 December.

Grabowski qualified with a 60-shot score of 591 and finished with 690.4 aggregate points to outlast Benjamin Estes, 17, of Ozark, MO, who claimed second place with a combined qualification and final score of 687.1. Estes fired the high final score of the precision class (102.1), but came up three points shy of Grabowski.

Marissa Furney, 17, of Columbus, GA, placed third in the

precision air rifle class with an aggregate score of 684.2. Ian Foos, 15, of Bellevue, OH, placed fourth with an aggregate score of 683.3 and Colt Gross, 17, of N. Augusta, SC, finished fifth, two-tenths behind Foos, at 683.3.

The GAI is a 10-meter three-position air rifle event for junior precision and sporter air rifle shooters that consists of three stages of record fire – 20 shots prone, 20 shots kneeling and 20 shots standing, plus a 10-shot final for the top eight finishers in both divisions. The match is fired as both an individual and team match, with team scores accrued by the aggregate scores of four individuals firing under the banner of the same school or club.

This event is named after the former Director of the Civilian Marksmanship, Gary Anderson, whose influence and guidance has significantly impacted the success of three-position air rifle shooting.



*Sarah Sutton, a member of the Ottawa County, Ohio 4-H Shooting Stars concentrates prior to firing a shot in the precision air rifle standing stage.*



Anderson earned two Olympic gold medals, seven world championships, six world records and 16 national championships during his career. No other American has won more Olympic and world championship 3P rifle titles. Anderson eventually transitioned from world champion to mentor - authoring, instructing and leading thousands of US shooters, young and old, civilian and military alike down a path of marksmanship, firearms safety and sportsmanship.

In the sporter class, Jacob Cress emerged victorious with an aggregate score of 643.7 after qualifying with a preliminary 60-shot total of 552. Cress fired a 91.7 in the final.

Alexi Henry, 17, of Batesville, SC, placed second, edging third-place finisher Ragel Ibarra, 17, of Beach Park, IL, by just three-tenths of a point, 641.0 to 640.7. Jacob Stitt, 17, of Augusta, GA, placed fourth with an aggregate total of 639 and Brian Hampton, 15, of Fort Mill, SC, placed fifth with a combined score of 635.7.

The overall top three place-finishing schools or clubs in precision and sporter team competition were awarded cash prizes by the CMP, with \$500 going to the first place team and \$300 and \$200 prizes were awarded to the second and third place clubs or schools, respectively.

In overall precision air rifle team competition, GCS Squares led all teams with a team aggregate score of 2297. Team members are Mary Simonton, 17, of Sharpsburg, GA, (581), Glen Lauzon, 16, of Senoia, GA, (575), Mary Pratt, 15, of Loganville, GA, (572) and Matthew Waters, 17, of Monroe, GA, (569).

Ozark High School JROTC Precision, of Missouri, captured second place with a team total of 2292. Firing members are Makennon Doran, 18, of Ozark, MO, (579), Shelby Brummett, 17, of Ozark, MO, (574),

Robert Broadstreet, 16, of Ozark, (570 and Logan Hunt, 17, also of Ozark (569).

In third place, Magic City Gun Club, of Alabama, fired a team aggregate of 2287, led by top shooter Selina Curren, 16, of Pelham, AL, (580). Joining Curren was Sarah Banks, 16, of Hueytown, AL, who shot a 578, followed by Nathan Williams, 18, of Gardendale, AL, (570) and Breonna Gochee, 14, of Pinson, AL (559).



*Shooters at the CMP South marksmanship center in Anniston, Alabama, compete at the same time as their counterparts in Ohio. Final standings reflect the ranking of all shooters at both locations.*

Zion Benton Team 1 took the top spot in sporter air rifle team competition, scoring an aggregate of 2169. The team was led by Jacob Cress (552), Ragel Ibarra (547), Iran Rodriguez, 16, of Zion, IL, (541) and Tyler Kerbs, 17, also of Zion (529).

Second place went to Daleville High School Army JROTC (2151). Katlyn Bass, 17, was high scorer (542), followed by Juan Escalante, 17, (541), Jared Nabinger, 18 (539) and Christofor Burns, 16, (529), all of Daleville, AL.

Zion Benton Team 2 placed third with a team aggregate of 2124 and was led by Alec Dumyahn, 15, (545), followed by Zachary Dumyahn, 15, (531), Kevin Hamilton, 17, (525) and Justine Hamilton, 15, (523).

Teams were also classified as clubs or scholastic organizations. For complete results of the 2012 Gary Anderson Invitational, log onto <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9095>. To view, download and order photographs taken during the 2012 Gary Anderson Invitational, log onto <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com>.

*Participants in the 2012 Gary Anderson Invitational in Anniston fire their 20-shot prone stage prior to kneeling and offhand (standing) stages.*



# Gratz and Coscia Win Junior Division 60-Shot Championships at Camp Perry Open Using Modified ISSF 20-Shot Final Format

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Marketing Manager*

CAMP PERRY, OH – Elizabeth Gratz, 17, of Sigel, IL, won the junior division of the Camp Perry Open 60-shot air rifle competition with an aggregate score of 1391.6 and high final of 206.6 and Erin Coscia, 17, of Zionsville, IN, captured the junior 60-shot air pistol CPO championship with a total score of 1276.6 and high final of 193.6, at the CMP Marksmanship Center on January 13.

Gratz doubled as the winner of the air rifle match open division and Lea Wachowich, 31, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, won the air pistol open division championship with an aggregate score of 1334.7 and high final of 200.3. All winners were determined using a hybrid version of the new international style scoring format effective January 1.

In air rifle junior shooting, Sonya May, 18, of Rockland, MA, placed second with an aggregate score of 1366.6 and a best final score of 205.6. Gregory Hagar, 19, of Burke, VA, placed third with a total score of 1344.2 and a best final of 180.2.

In air rifle open competition, Lisette Grunwell-Lacey, 38, of Old Lyme, CT, placed second with an aggregate score of 1365.2, with a high final of 202.2.



*MacKenzie Martin, a junior from Fairhaven, Massachusetts, envisions her shot plan prior to firing a shot at the 2013 Camp Perry Open.*

Hank Gray, 33, U.S. Army, placed third with a total score of 1362 and high final of 182.

In air pistol junior competition, Glenn Zimmerman, 16, of Waterville, OH, took second place with an aggregate score of 1273.8, with a high final of 195.8. Kathryn Robertson, 19, of Lynden, Ontario, Canada, placed third with a total score of 1233, with a high final of 168.

In air pistol open shooting, Greg Markowski, 39, U.S. Army, placed second with an aggregate score of 1333.3 and a best final of 200.3. Patrick Franks, 34, of Williamsport, TN, placed third with a combined score of 1319.7, with a high final of 191.7.

Under the new International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) 60-shot match format, scores fired in the qualification round are still used to determine the top eight shooters but the procedure is considerably different going forward. Once the final begins, qualification scores are left behind. Essentially, shooters line up and fire a best-of-20 final in which lower-scoring finalists are gradually eliminated, leaving the top two shooters to battle for the championship.

All eight shooters fire two three-shot series with comments made by the match director or dignitary after each series. Two more shots are fired, followed



*In air pistol junior competition, Glenn Zimmerman, of Waterville, Ohio, took second place to Erin Coscia (center). Kathryn Robertson, of Lynden, Ontario, Canada, placed third at Camp Perry.*



by commentary and eliminations begin with the eighth shot. At that point, the eighth place finisher is eliminated and leaves the firing line. The process continues with one elimination after every second shot going forward. The bronze medalist is declared after shot 18 and silver and gold medalists are declared after the 20th and final shot.

In the Camp Perry Open, the CMP used a complex process to determine the two-day winners, honoring the old system and the new format alike. Instead of a Day I and Day II champion, shooters in the 60-shot air rifle and air pistol matches needed to make the final both days and their highest final of two were combined with two-day qualification scores to produce aggregate winners. The twist of firing two 20-shot finals, eliminating finalists along the way, achieved the desired effect of blending the old and the new formats.

In air rifle, Gratz combined qualification scores of 597 and 588 and her best final (Day I) of 206.6, producing an aggregate of 1391.6. Though it didn't count toward her total score, Gratz fired a 204.5 final on Day II, leaving no doubt that she deserved the victory regardless of format.

The fact that more competitors worldwide are shooting perfect or near-perfect qualification scores is what moved the ISSF to develop

a system that is less likely to produce winners based on a single dramatic final shot, measured in fractions of a millimeter. The ISSF is attempting to declare clear-cut winners, plus produce an

elimination-based finals format that is easier for the media and spectators to follow without mathematical complexity.

The ISSF, in 2013, is experimenting with decimal scoring of qualification rounds in matches where electronic scoring is used in World Cup events. Until



*Lisette Grunwell-Lacey, of Old Lyme, Connecticut, (left) placed second in the air rifle open class with an aggregate score of 1365.2, with a high final of 202.2. At right, next to open champion Elizabeth Gratz, is Hank Gray, U.S. Army, who placed third with a total score of 1362 and high final of 182.*

this year, decimal scoring has been used in finals. In a decimal scored match where a center shot value of 10.9 is possible, 54 more points would be possible in a 60-shot qualification round using the new method. The elimination-based 20-shot final further separates the field and reveals the highest-performing competitors, the ISSF says.

After Day II official competition, CMP held a recreational Super Final match for precision air rifle and air pistol competitors, fired under "less than desirable" conditions. The event is noisy shot-for-shot elimination "guts" match which eliminates shooters until the last two are standing, literally.

At this year's competition, U.S. Army Marksmanship shooter, Greg Markowski, edged AMU teammate Patrick Frank for the air pistol Super Final championship. Markowski was awarded a CMP check for \$200. In air rifle Super Final shooting, Ann Alves captured first place and a \$200 prize, while Sonya Mays took second place and a cash prize of \$150.

For complete results from the Camp Perry Open 60-shot air rifle and air pistol championships, log onto CMP's Competition Tracker at <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9102>.



*Sonya May, of Rockland, Massachusetts, captured second place among juniors in the CPO air rifle championship. May also won a \$150 cash prize from the CMP for placing 2nd in the 2013 Camp Perry Open Super Final match, a recreational event that's highlighted by music, cat-calls and other distractions created by spectators during the competition.*

# May Wins Camp Perry Open 3x20 Precision Air Rifle Title and VanSteenburg Captures CPO Sporter Air Rifle Championship

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Marketing Manager*

CAMP PERRY, OH – Sonya May, 18, of Rockland, MA, fired an aggregate score of 690.7 to win the Camp Perry Open 3x20 precision air rifle class championship at the CMP Marksmanship Center on January 12. Daylin VanSteenburg, 15, of Grove City, OH, won the sporter air rifle class with an overall score of 644.6.

May fired a qualification score of 589 and entered the final in second place behind Ariana Grabowski, 17, of Beaver, PA, who fired a 590 and 685.8 overall. She expanded her lead with the first three shots in the final, but May came back strong, dropping just one point in her final seven shots while the leader slumped in her fifth through eight shots. May closed the match with a 101.7 final with a 685.8 aggregate.

Alexa Aguiar, 17, of Dighton, MA, finished third with a total score of 683.9 after qualifying with a 588 in the three-position

match fired in prone, standing and kneeling. Brendan Whitaker, 15, of Bridgewater, MA, jumped from sixth to fourth place with a 100.6 in the final.

In sporter, VanSteenburg entered the final with a 555 qualification score with an 11-point lead over second place finisher Matthew Miller, 17, of Aurora, IL, and 15-point lead over Luis Gamon, 17, of Aurora, who placed third. VanSteenburg fired an 89.6 final with a shaky 7.0 on his final shot, but still held a comfortable lead.

*Sonya May, of Rockland, Massachusetts, contemplates a shot during her championship performance during the 2013 Camp Perry Open 3x20 precision air rifle class competition.*





Miller fired a 92.7 final to finish at 636.7 and Gamon carded an 87.1 final to post an aggregate score of 627.1. Gustavo Caltzontzin, 18, of Aurora, scored a 90.1 final and leap-frogged three competitors to finish fourth with 625.1.

In precision air rifle team competition, Alexandria Junior Rifle of Pennsylvania, edged Taunton Marksmanship Unit Gold of Massachusetts, by one point 2326 to 2325 to win the team championship. Ottawa County 4-H Shooting Stars of Ohio, placed third with an aggregate team total of 2298.

Alexandria Junior's team was comprised of Ariana Grabowski (590), Amanda Ruffner (581), Adam Wheland (581) and Mary Sloan (574). Taunton Gold was led by Sonya May (589), Alexa Aguiar (588), MacKenzie Martin (581) and Sarah MacLagan (567). Ottawa County 4-H was comprised of Ian Foos (580), Justin Kleinhans (578), Sarah Sutton (577) and Sean Roehrs (563).

In sporter team competition, Tomcat 1 of Illinois, led all teams with an aggregate score of 2119. Zion Benton Team 1 of Illinois, placed second with a team total score of 2107 and Zion Benton Team 2 placed third with a combined score of 2100.



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Tomcat 1 was led by Matthew Miller (544), Gustavo Caltzontzin (535), Jesus Torres (524) and Diana Ramirez (516). Second place Zion Benton 1 was comprised of Ragel Ibarra (536), Iran Rodriguez (530), Jacob Cress (524) and Tyler Kerbs (517). In third, Zion Benton team 2 was fielded by Mitchell Csorba (532), Alec Dumyahn (526), Zachary Dumyahn (522) and Justine Hamilton (520).

For complete results of the 2013 Camp Perry Open 3x20 Championship, log onto <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9102>. Photos may be viewed and downloaded at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.



*Daylin VanSteenburg, of Grove City, Ohio, won the sporter air rifle class with an overall score of 644.6.*



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### Looking for a Match to participate in?

Visit the CMP's Competition Tracker website at <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php> and click on "View Upcoming Matches".

## ***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>.

Snowshoe Gun Club, Kenai, AK

Lake and Peninsula School District, King Salmon, AK

Arab Practical Shooting Club, Arab, AL

Faulkner County 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Enola, AR

Montgomery County 4-H Shooting Sports Team, Oden, AR

Arizona Air Rifle Club, Surprise, AZ

Santa Rosa Valley 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle Discipline  
Santa Rosa Valley, CA

Phoenix Gun Club, Brooksville, FL

Oasis High School, Cape Coral, FL

Gainesville HS NJROTC Red Elephants, Gainesville, GA

Georgia Competitive Shooters, Griffin, GA

Griffin Gun Club, Griffin, GA

Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Savannah, GA

Homedale Rod and Gun Club, Caldwell, ID

Iroquois West HS Jr. Rifle Team, Gilman, IL

Williamson County 4-H Shooting Sports, Marion, IL

Clay County 4-H Top Shots Shooting Sports Club, Brazil, IN

Bourbon Co 4H Shooting Sports, Fort Scott, KS

Franklin County AFJROTC, Frankfort, KY

Calcasieu 4-H Shooting Sports, Lake Charles, LA

Top Shot Shooting Facility LLC, Quitman, LA

Marshfield Rod & Gun Club, Marshfield, MA



Sagamore Rifle Club Inc, Sagamore, MA

Maryland Thompson Collectors Association  
Marriottsville, MD

American Legion Post 166, Ocena City, MD

Mount Washington Rod & Gun Club Inc, Riderwood, MD

New England Camp Cedarbrook, Alfred, ME

BSA Troop 1033, Lone Jack, MO

Coast Rifle & Pistol Club, Bay St Louis, MS

Yalobusha County 4-H Shooting Sports, Coffeerville, MS

Liberty Lions Royal Rangers Program, Gautier, MS

MCL Detachment 1320, Boone, NC

Cass County 4-H Council, Fargo, ND

Lincoln AFJROTC Marksmanship Club, Lincoln, NE

Douglas/Sarpy 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Papillion, NE

Quay County 4-H Council, Tucumcari, NM

American Legion Nevada Post 76, Las Vegas, NV



Navada Firearms Coalition, North Las Vegas, NV

Plattsburgh Rod & Gun Club, Champlain, NY

Boy Scout Troop 15 Holy Family Parish, New Rochelle, NY

Mud Run Sportsmen, Canton, OH

Land of Legend Rifle and Pistol Club, Newark, OH

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Corry Rod & Gun Club, Corry, PA

Boy Scouts Troop/Crew 151, Harborcreek, PA

Pardoe Sportsmens Association, Mercer, PA

Boy Scouts of America Troop 461, Taft, TN

Clear Falls HS Army JROTC, League City, TX

Magnolia 4-H Shooting Sports, Magnolia, TX

Progreso Army JROTC, Progreso, TX

Boydton 4-H Shooting Education, Halifax, VA

Chatham 4-H Shooting Education, Halifax, VA

Goochland 4-H Shooting Education Club, Manakin - Sabot,  
VA

BSA Troop 2860, Midlothian, VA

West Springfield HS, Springfield, VA

Cheyenne East HS AFJROTC, Cheyenne, WY

Laramie County Shooting Sports Complex, Cheyenne, WY



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

*Several junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the National Trophy Rifle & Pistol Matches, National Rimfire Match and the Western CMP Games.*



*Smiles from Air Force JROTC Cadets as they prep for the Air Force JROTC Service Championship Final at Camp Perry, OH.*



*CMP Board Member Mahlon Love, right, helps 8-year old Jalin Griffin line up his shot during the annual Moriarty Rotary Club's Pheasant Hunt. The hunt is put on with the help of the Friends of the NRA and Torrance County Extension Agency. Photo Courtesy of Rory McClannahan/Telegraph.*



*The CMP State Directors met in Las Vegas, NV for their State Director Workshop. After the day long workshop, the State Directors were invited to attend the Shot Show and explore the many booths and new marksmanship items.*

*Congratulations to former CMP Junior Rifle Camp Counselor, Natasha Dinsmore, being named the inaugural GARC Assistant Coach of the Year. Visit <http://www.olemisssports.com/sports/w-rifle/spec-rel/022213aaa.html> for additional information.*



*19-year old Patrick Skoll, of Long Beach, CA, participated in the 2012 Western CMP Games in Phoenix, AZ.*



*The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and Bass Pro in Leeds, Alabama, hosted an inaugural Bass Pro 600 air rifle competition on January 5-6, 2013. This year's event included a three-position air rifle competition and an international air rifle (all standing) competition. View video coverage and photos from the event at <http://youtu.be/T1HWaAoPjqE>.*

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