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## **Sighting Shots**



National Match Camp Perry Housing.

Camp Perry is an Ohio National Guard post that offers huts (4-person), cottage housing, barracks and RV Spaces for competitors during the National Matches. All Camp Perry housing is managed by the Adjutant General's Department, State of Ohio, not the CMP or NRA. There is a high demand for housing during National Trophy Matches so it is essential to make housing arrangements early if you wish to stay on base at Camp Perry. All junior teams must be in good standing with the CMP in order make reservations. Contact Vera Snyder at the CMP, vsnyder@thecmp.org to update your CMP Club Affiliation status.

### Dates for 2016 National Match Reservations are:

March 1 - Junior Teams

April 19 - Pistol competitors April 26 - Rifle competitors

The online team housing request form can be found at <a href="http://www.cplcc.com">http://www.cplcc.com</a>, under the National Match Information tab.



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On the Cover: Cierra Terrizzi, 17, of Dallastown MCJROTC in Pennsylvania, won the Open Rifle competition during the Camp Perry Open in January. With her talents, she bested some of the best marksmen in the country.

# CMP to Introduce New 'Legacy Series' at 2016 National Matches at Camp Perry

After receiving many suggestions on how best to fill our recently-added competition week at the end of the National Matches in August, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has created a schedule of events.

The final week of competition is called the "CMP Legacy Series," and will include the following matches:

- CMP Heritage Match (Aug. 10)

   800 Aggregate event, 20 shots standing and 20 shots sitting at the 200-yard line, 20 shots rapid fire at the 300-yard line and 20 shots prone slow fire at the 600-yard line
- CMP Viale Memorial Match (Aug. 11) – 50-shot National Match Course of Fire
- CMP Critchfield 2-Man Team Match (Aug. 12) –
   50-shot National Match Course of Fire
- CMP Modern Military Rifle Match (Aug. 13) –
   55-shot match fired at the 200-yard line
- CMP Roosevelt Commemorative Match (Aug. 14) – Krag/1903 only, 30-shot match fired at the 200-yard line

The schedule above was chosen by an overwhelming majority of respondents to a recent survey sent to all CMP competitors. Of the 1,595 responses, 1,051 selected the new CMP Legacy Series of matches for the conclusion of the 2016 National Matches.

The series of rifle events was created to provide shooters with additional fun and challenging matches to round out the long gun portion of the schedule normally occupied by fullbore rifle matches.

The theme "Legacy Series" was chosen to honor both Camp Perry, home to the National Matches since 1907, and those individuals who have helped shape the nation's longest-running series of championship and recreational rifle events in America.

The CMP Heritage Match is typical of the National Match Course service rifle events fired at Camp Perry for more than 100 years. The CMP Viale Memorial Match celebrates the memory of 2LT Robert M. Viale, namesake of Camp Perry's 1,000-yard range. Viale was killed in combat in the Philippines in World War II. Viale Range is one of four ranges at Camp

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Perry named in honor of Ohio veterans who perished in combat in service to their country.

Team matches are very popular events, and the CMP Critchfield 2-Man Team Match will be no exception. The CMP Critchfield match is named in honor of Ammon B. Critchfield, Adjutant General of Ohio and founder of Camp Perry. It was Critchfield's vision of a range that could handle the "new" 1903 Springfield rifle with its .30-06 cartridge. It became the largest rifle range in the nation and made Camp Perry the mecca of the competitive shooting world for more than a century.

Critchfield would also be pleased to see those 1903 Springfields in action more than a century later on his range at the CMP Roosevelt Commemorative Match, open only to the Springfield and its predecessor, the Krag-Jorgensen rifle – chambered in U.S. caliber .30-40 Krag. All versions and variants were manufactured under license by the Springfield Armory between 1892 and 1903 and served as the long arm during the Spanish-American War.

The CMP Modern Military Rifle Match brings back Camp Perry memories from the 1960s to current day with a match open to semi-automatic military style rifles like the non-accurized M14/M1A, the original lightweight AR15 and many foreign military semi-autos and commercial equivalents.

If you have questions regarding the CMP Legacy Series, please contact Christina Roguski at croguski@ thecmp.org, Shannon Hand at shand@thecmp.org or Kim Filipiak at kfilipiak@thecmp.org. We hope to see you there!

# More Outreach and Advanced Clinics Available for 2016 CMP Summer Air Rifle Camps

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

Though still months from the start of the 2016 CMP Junior Air Rifle Camps, planning and preparation is well underway. With some groups already collecting forms to sign-up before their favorite camp fills and others fundraising to pay for camp tuition, the CMP is also diligently at work – organizing new ways to make the camps even better for the growing number of enthusiastic participants.

"Registrations start pouring in from day one, and this continues until all the camps are full," said Sommer Wood, CMP Summer Camp director. "Vera Snyder is the primary person at CMP processing these registrations, and she does an excellent job keeping track of the hundreds of people signing up for camps."

The ever-expanding camps and clinics train highschool age (9-12 grade) junior shooters on intermediate and advanced air rifle marksmanship skills through various exercises and demonstrations. In the last decade, from 2006 to 2015, the camps have grown by 804 participants – an equivalent of 245 percent.

In 2015 alone, the camps catered to 820 junior athletes and 1,120 total participants (including adult leaders). Of those, 708 were attending a CMP Junior Rifle Camp for the first time.

Remarkably, the camps have also shown an increase in diversity. The past 10 years have seen an escalation in female athletes participating in the camps, from 25 percent to 41.5 percent, with summer camp staff consistently at or over 50 percent female.

And there is still have room for growth in 2016, especially with an expanded number of Outreach Clinics and Advanced Standing Camps for the 2016 season.

"The Outreach Clinics are shorter programs compared to our weeklong camps, but they are by no means lesser in the quality of instruction," explained Wood. "The biggest difference between the two are the target systems used."

Clinics are shot on paper targets, whereas the weeklong camps are shot on state-of-the-art electronic targets. The instruction is almost identical, with the majority of the week-long curriculum worked into the three-day clinic format.

The Advanced Standing Camps are designed to be a follow-up program for those who have attended one or more of the three-position camps or clinics. The camps elaborate in even more detail each individual's strengths and weaknesses to better the athletes for future competition.



"It is an intense camp, and we build on the material that we covered in the three-position camp program." Wood added. "It is an especially attractive camp to those athletes looking to make the jump to the college level."

The campers are trained by qualified student athletes from the top NCAA rifle teams in the country – the majority of whom had participated in the camps themselves as juniors. These camp counselors will lead the juniors in discussions and drills during the camp in small groups where they are able to give each participant personal attention.

The CMP is currently in the process of hiring counselors as well as finalizing the complicated logistics of transporting staff and mobile targets around the country for the 10 weeks of camps.

"It is a lot of work, but it is fun seeing the process come together, especially when the first camp starts and all the pieces have fallen into place," said Wood.

Sommer Wood and Dan Durben are the chief instructors for the camp programs, with over 20 years combined air rifle summer camp counseling experience between them – 13 years for Wood and 14 for Durben.

Both holding notable accomplishments of their own, Wood is a graduate of Clemson University, where she was an athlete on the air rifle team, while Durben is an Olympic athlete and former U.S. Olympic Rifle and Paralympic Shooting Team coach.

During the course of the camp, juniors will learn tips for both the physical and mental aspects of competition shooting. Topics to be discussed include proper positioning, goal setting, anxiety control and how to optimize equipment performance. Campers will also take a look into competition and finals performance, learn leadership roles and building self-confidence on the firing line – along with an assortment of skills that can be carried from the range into every day life.



Each group or athlete must be accompanied by an adult leader (coach, club leader, parent, etc.) for the duration of the camp. Recent high school graduates are not eligible to partake in the air rifle activities, but may attend as an adult leader. Chaperones are to provide transportation for the campers each day and are encouraged to attend the coaching sessions in order to gain a sense of the outstanding education their athletes are receiving.

For a list of dates and more detailed camp information, visit the Junior Air Rifle Camps and Clinics page on the CMP website at http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-center-event-matches/junior-air-rifle-camps-and-clinics/.



The Summer Camp counselors are comprised of some of the best collegiate marksmen in the country. As juniors, many of the counselors even attended the camps themselves.

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



The name of this CMP publication, **On the Mark**, comes from early American frontier target shooting contests that are depicted in this 18th century painting titled **Shooting at the Mark**. Participants in a prize shoot for a prize of a young steer (on left) are shooting to see who came closest to hitting a mark inscribed on a slab of wood (far right) and win the prize.

Marksmanship is the human quest to "hit the mark" while using projectile arms. World history is embellished with records, both legendary and factual, of great feats and pivotal events involving marksmanship. This *On the Mark* "history of marksmanship" celebrates the events and people who hit their marks while performing great acts of human skill with projectile arms; they are people who are remembered, revered and celebrated in the culture and history of their nations. These marksmanship history stories constitute an especially meaningful heritage for modern sport shooting that can make participation in it even more meaningful.

By learning about these great events in marksmanship, we gain a better appreciation for why

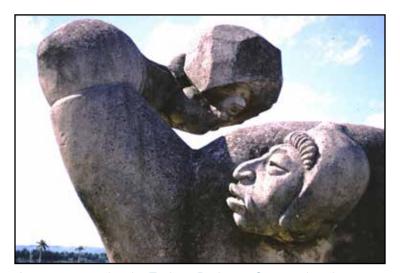
sport shooting inspires such passion in its participants today. The human quest to "hit the mark" is an endless challenge for perfection in aiming and controlling a gun while overcoming the fear of missing the mark. Hitting the mark is a cause for joy and triumph whether the marksman is a first-time junior who just shot his first ten or an Olympic athlete who fired a 10.9 on her last shot to win an Olympic gold medal.

This **On the Mark** article presents a selected series of significant events to show how hitting the mark has always been a human pursuit and how marksmanship traditions have become such important parts of the culture and social structure of nations all over the world.

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## **500,000 BCE -- Man's First Projectile Weapons**

Man's marksmanship attempts quite possibly began when pre-historic people invented a game of throwing stones at a mark on a tree or the ground to see who could come the closest to the mark. Archaeological evidence shows that the spear, one of the most important tools invented by humans, came into use around 400,000 BCE. The human desire to demonstrate skill in using this new weapon probably also led to throwing contests to hit the mark with spears.



A statue erected at the Enrique Borbonet Gomez shooting range near Havanna, Cuba, depicts the evolution of man's projectile weapons from primitive stone throwing to modern firearms.

# **10,000 BCE – Advanced Projectile Weapons**

Around 10,000 BCE, slings and spear throwers were invented to throw projectiles with greater velocity and

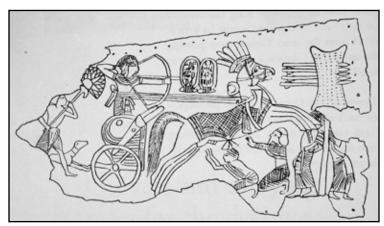


A diorama in Vienna's Kunsthistorisches Museum depicts a Cro-Magnon man using a spear-thrower.

range. It is possible that the Cro-Magnons, who lived in western and southern Europe and probably used these advanced weapons to practice and engage in marksmanship skill contests by using them to try to hit more distant targets. One of the oldest marksmanship accolades involves the skilled use of the sling and appears in the book of Judges (20:16) in the Hebrew Bible: "Among all of these people there were seven hundred elite men who were left-handed, each of whom could sling a stone at a hair and not miss."

# **1,500 BCE – The First Records of Target Shooting**

The world's first pictorial records of actual target shooting come from ancient Egypt. Several kings who ruled during the 18th dynasty (1543-1292 BCE), including King Ay, left tomb or other inscriptions depicting them shooting bows from moving chariots at targets. The depicted targets typically hold arrows from several previous shots, all in tight groups that confirm their skills as marksmen, charioteers and warriors – signifying their fitness to rule. The oldest record of target shooting actually portrays a woman, Queen Hatshepsut. A stone relief carving of the Regent Queen shows her shooting arrows from a moving chariot at a cylindrical target that is held by two slaves. The Queen apparently was sufficiently skilled at hitting the target that the safety of the slave target holders was not a concern.



This tracing made of an engraved gold leaf in the Egyptian National Museum depicts Egyptian King Aye shooting his bow from a moving chariot with amazing accuracy at a cylinder target being held by two slaves (lower right). King Aye was the successor to the famed King Tutankhamen and the father of Nefertiti. He died around 1320 BCE.

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## **1,400 BCE – The First Marksmanship Instruction**

Ancient Egypt's 18th Dynasty was a great military state that ruled over the entire known world. Achieving world dominance required a huge army of trained warriors. This scene from a Theban tomb painting depicts military marksmanship training that emphasized the critical role instructors play in teaching marksmanship skills and the high esteem that these ancient peoples had for accuracy in hitting the middle of the target.



This Theban tomb painting portrays the world's oldest known record of marksmanship instruction. This remarkable artwork shows two students being mentored by instructors while learning to shoot bows and arrows at targets.

#### 1,000 BCE - David and Goliath

The Biblical story of David and Goliath is a well-known, legendary account of accuracy with a projectile weapon. David, a young shepherd and future King of Israel, accepted the challenge of Goliath, a giant Philistine warrior, to an epic duel between the champions of the two armies to decide which army would become subject to the other. David chose a simple sling and stone as his weapon. In their high stakes combat, David hurled his stone with such force and accuracy that it

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The Biblical record of the David and Goliath duel (1Sam. 17): "Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the

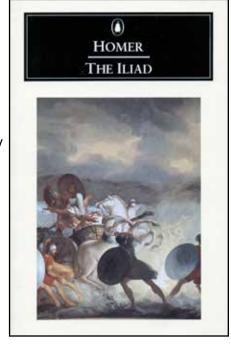
forehead....So David triumphed over the Philistine

with a sling and a stone."

struck Goliath on his forehead and killed him, hitting the only vulnerable part of his body not protected by armor. David's marksmanship feat embraced the essence of competition marksmanship, extreme skill and precision performed under the psychological pressure of knowing the consequences of missing the mark.

# 750 BCE – Marksmanship in Greek Mythology

The *Illiad*, written by the Ancient Greek poet Homer, presents the first known literary record of a marksmanship contest. Book 23 of the *Illiad* describes funeral games held by Achilles to honor the fallen hero Patroclus. Greek funeral games featured sports competitions that many scholars see as the origin of the Ancient Olympics. One of Achilles' funeral games contests was an archery competition



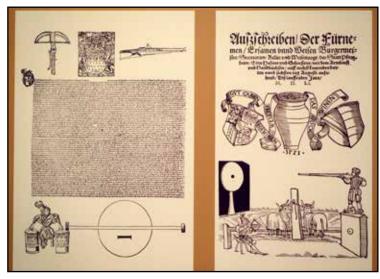
where the winner would be the first contestant to hit a dove tied to the top of a tall pole. Teucer drew lots to shoot first and missed the dove, but his arrow cut the cord that tied the dove to the pole. The dove flew up toward the clouds, but Meriones pledged a suitable sacrifice to the gods and felled the flying dove with his arrow to win the prize. Similar competitions to see who could shoot a bird tied to a tall pole with an arrow or crossbow bolt became popular marksmanship contests in many countries during the Middle Ages.

#### 1200 AD - The First Shooting Clubs

City councils and the territorial nobles in Medieval German cities placed great value on having their citizens well practiced in using crossbows. They recognized that this strengthened their ability to defend their cities. Shooting ranges were erected to encourage

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crossbow practice, usually just outside the city wall. When the citizens realized how much they enjoyed the camaraderie of their shooting practice sessions, they decided to form shooting clubs. Their shooting clubs soon began to organize shooting festivals or competitions where they invited shooters from other cities to participate. The oldest shooting clubs were founded in the 11th and 12th centuries and most of those clubs are still active today.



The official program for a 1551 prize shoot in Germany. The first prize was a pair of oxen (lower right).

## 1307 – William Tell and Swiss Independence

One of the world's best-known marksmanship sagas features the legendary Swiss hero, William Tell. Tell's skill and exploits as an expert crossbow marksman are part of the story of the Swiss struggle for independence and the establishment of the Swiss Confederation in the late 13th and early 14th



A portrait of William Tell and his son with the apple where Tell "hit the mark." Tell Museum, Bürglen, Switzerland.

centuries. According to the Tell legend, a tyrannical Austrian Habsburg bailiff ordered Swiss citizens to pay homage to his hat that he hung in a town square. Tell refused, and as punishment, the bailiff forced him to shoot an apple off his son's head. Tell hit the mark, but he was then taken captive by the bailiff. Tell later escaped, shot the bailiff from ambush and went on to help organize the Swiss forces that expelled the Austrians from Switzerland.

#### 1500 - A Patron Saint for Shooters

The growth of shooting clubs and the active roles shooters played in the social, cultural and religious lives of their cities led to the designation of a Patron Saint for shooters. St. Sebastian was a 3rd century Christian martyr who is commonly depicted in art as having been tied to a tree and shot with arrows. An early 16th century altar painting by Hans Holbein memorialized St. Sebastian's martyrdom, but it

also illuminates



The Martyrdom of St. Sebastian, from an altar painting by Hans Holbein, Alte Pinakotek, Munich, Germany.

marksmanship practices of that era. The crossbowmen in the painting are performing three phases of crossbow shooting as it was practiced in the early 1500s: cocking (lower left), loading (upper right) and shooting (upper left).

## 1504 – A Swiss Crossbow Shooting Tournament

The Great Shooting Festival at Zurich, Switzerland in 1504 may have been the biggest international competition of the 16th century. The competition lasted six weeks and included crossbow marksmen from several different cities as far away as Cologne in Germany and Venice in Italy. The illustration provides many details about target shooting competitions in

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the 15th and 16th centuries. The competitors (upper left), sat on stools and shot their crossbows, in turn, at a round wooden target (on right). A target marker worked from a small hut below the target and used a paddle to show the locations of each shot. These contests typically attracted many spectators who are shown watching the competition from the sides of the range.



The shooting range for the Great Shooting Festival in Zurich, Switzerland, 1504.

## 1824 – The First Swiss Federal Shooting Festival

The first Swiss Federal Shooting Festival (Eidgenössisches Schützenfest) was organized in Aarau, Switzerland in 1824, the year of the founding of the Swiss National Shooting Federation. Competitors shot percussion rifles in unsupported positions at targets that were 540 shoe lengths ("Schuh Berner Mass") away. There were seven events where 10,000 Francs in cash



The official print of the 1st Swiss Federal Shooting Festival in Aarau shows the City of Aarau on the right and the shooting range (right center) that was built for this occasion. The cannon signaled the start and stop of each day's shooting.

prizes as well as silver and other prizes were awarded. This competition started a tradition that continues to the present day. Huge Swiss Federal Shooting Festivals are organized in different cities every five years. The 1969 Eidgenössisches, for example, attracted over 90,000 competitors.

## 1848 – The First Marksmanship Instruction in the USA

Organized target shooting began to emerge as a sport in the young nation of the United States of America in the early 1800s. The USA's first marksmanship instruction publication appeared in 1848 when a civil engineer and sport shooting enthusiast named John Ratcliffe Chapman published Instructions to Young Marksman,

that read: "in all that relates to the general construction, practical manipulation, causes

with a sub-title

POSITION AT OPPHAND RIVLE PRACTICE

The standing position taught in the USA's first marksmanship instruction publication.

and liability to error in making accurate performances, and the theoretic principles upon which such accurate performances are founded." Chapman's book expounded on the techniques of shooting rifles from benches while striving for accuracy as well as the skills of accurate standing position shooting.

#### 1860s - German Shooting Festivals

A liberal idealist, Prince Ernst II of Saxe, Coburg and Gotha spearheaded the founding of the German Shooting Federation (Deutscher Schützenbund) in 1861. Prince Ernst II wanted to unify the divided German states into one nation and envisioned the forming of national organizations of singers, gymnasts and shooters as a way to accomplish his political goal. Unification was

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achieved in 1871 when Wilhelm I became the leader of the German Empire, but forming a national organization of German shooters was a step towards German unification. The new German shooting federation was comprised of thousands of clubs in virtually every city in Germany. These clubs played a prominent role in the cultural and social life of their cities and were active in organizing shooting competitions and festivals. 19th

century German



The Schützenliesl (shooter's maiden), a famous painting by Fritz von Kaulbach. The original painting is in the HSG shooting club, Munich, Germany.

shooting festivals attracted massive participation in rifle standing position prize shoots where winners were decided according to the best center shots. These popular festivals also featured lots of eating, drinking, dancing and conviviality. The Schützenliesl (shooters' maiden), who served the shooters, was a respected participant in these festivals.

## 1870s – International Long-Range Rifle Matches

Rifle shooting in British Empire nations focused on rifle shooting at 800, 900 and 1000 yards in variations of the prone position. Slings were not yet in use in the 19th century so the back position was often preferred. An Irish team, which won the Elcho Shield as British Empire

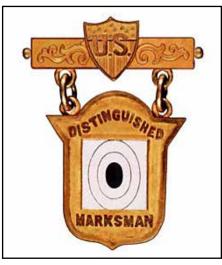


Back positions used by 1870s long-range rifle shooters.

champions in 1873, challenged a USA team to a great international team match between the two countries. The new National Rifle Association of America, which had been founded in 1861, formed the USA team. USA team members, who shot Remington and Sharps breechloaders, defeated the Irish team, which shot Rigby percussion muzzle-loaders, in 1874 at Creedmoor, Long Island, New York and again at Dollymount, Ireland in 1875. These matches were the origin of today's international long-range rifle competitions that culminate in Palma Trophy Team Matches that are contested every fourth year.

## 1884 – USA Distinguished Badge Program

By 1880, various U.S. Army Departments were conducting rifle competitions with M1873 Trapdoor Springfields over courses of fire that featured shooting at 200, 300 and 600 yards. All-Army Matches were conducted every two years for the top riflemen from each Army Department. General Order 12, issued in 1884 by **Army Commander** 



The first Distinguished Badges featured an elliptical bulls-eye.

in Chief General Phil Sheridan, created a "Distinguished Class of Marksmen" to recognize the most consistently outstanding Army marksmen in these competitions. These marksmen became the first Distinguished Riflemen. To this day, Distinguished Badges are the most important individual marksmanship awards authorized by the U. S. Government. Today the Distinguished Badge program is administered by the CMP and the respective Armed Services. It awards Distinguished International, Rifle, Pistol, 22 Rimfire Pistol and Junior Air Rifle Badges. Earning these prestigious badges continues to be a primary goal of hundreds of America's best rifle and pistol shooters.

### The History of Marksmanship

# 1896 – The Modern Olympic Games and Shooting



Gastinne-Renette target dueling pistols owned by Pierre de Coubertin. These pistols are now displayed at the German Shooting Museum, Coburg, Germany.

Pierre de Coubertin, a visionary French nobleman, formed the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894 with a goal of reviving the Olympic Games as a means of fostering world peace through sports competitions. When the IOC established the 1st Modern Olympic Games in 1896, Shooting was selected as one of the sports in the program. There were three pistol and two rifle events. de Coubertin, who had been a 7-time French pistol champion, played a key role in those decisions. Shooting has been a part of every Olympic Games since 1896, except 1904 and 1928. Even in 1896, Shooting had achieved recognition as one of the great sports of the world.

#### 1897 – The World Shooting Championships Begin

The 1st World
Shooting Championship
was a 300-meter rifle
competition in Lyon,
France among five
European nations. This
300-meter championship
became an annual
competition. A 50-meter
pistol event was added in
1900 and many additional



Switzerland's Konrad Stähli was the world's greatest shooter during the pre-WWI era.

rifle, pistol and shotgun events were added in the years that followed. Swiss marksman Konrad Stähli won 21 World Champion titles in rifle and one in pistol between 1898 and 1914. Two World Shooting Championships were actually staged at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1913 and 1923. The 51st World Championship was held in Granada, Spain in 2014 with over 2,000 athletes from 92 nations competing in 51 events.

## 1903 – The USA National Matches and CMP



A competitor in the first National Matches in 1903 shooting a U.S. Krag rifle in the prone position.

Shortly after the turn of the century, NRA leaders decided that government funding and support were needed to achieve their goals for a national marksmanship program in the USA. They began to lobby Congress to adopt their proposal to establish a "National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice" within the Department of War and to create annual "National Matches." President Theodore Roosevelt and Secretary of War Elihu Root were enthusiastic supporters of their proposal. It became law in February 1903 and the first National Matches were held at Sea Girt, New Jersey in September 1903. The new law provided funds to transport military and National Guard personnel to the matches as well as money to purchase a "National Trophy." This momentous law created a unified National Matches; it is also regarded as the origin of today's Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).

## 1980 – The Modern Era in the ISSF Begins

When Olegario Vázquez Raña, a former air rifle world record holder and successful businessman from Mexico, became the 6th President of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) in 1980, the world governing body for Shooting changed from a

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European-dominated organization to a true international organization. President Vázquez Raña and his leadership team instituted several revolutionary changes that transformed Shooting into a modern Olympic sport. Those changes included separate Olympic events for women, adding air gun events to the Olympic program, accepting Olympic participation quotas, introducing electronic targets, staging "finals" to conclude Olympic events and providing live television productions. These changes promoted tremendous worldwide growth in Shooting and changed it into a spectator sport.



biggest and most popular Olympic sports as well as one of the most widely practiced participation sports in the world with 75 to 100 million shooters of all ages. Shooting is a sport that truly inspires the passion of its participants whether they are an Olympic Games' first gold medal winner (Yi Siling, China, London 2012) or a young junior shooter firing her first shots at a target.



## 2016 – Shooting in the Modern Olympic Games

The sport of target shooting that emerged in the Middle Ages has now evolved from wooden targets and crossbows, through matchlock, flintlock, percussion and cartridge firearms to modern air guns and electronic targets. Today target shooting with rifles, pistols and shotguns has become one of the



#### About the Author

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

In June, 2012, the International Olympic Committee awarded Gary Anderson the IOC's highest honor,

the Olympic Order, "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."

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



# Junior Cierra Terrizzi Wins Open Match at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Perry Open

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Cierra Terrizzi (right) was the overall winner in the rifle 60 Shot Open competition after an outstanding Finals performance on the last day of competition. She also came in third place in the Junior Rifle Match.

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Cierra Terrizzi, 17, of Dallastown MCJROTC in Pennsylvania, was the overall winner in the 60 Shot Open Rifle competition of the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) 10th Annual Camp Perry Open at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, with a Finals score of 205.3. She bested Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) member Daniel Lowe, 23, by only one point. Following in third place was junior Ian Foos, 18, of Bellevue, Ohio.

On the pressure of being a junior against a talented AMU shooter, Terrizzi said, "It was nerve-wracking, but I liked it. I think the competition made me do better."

"I just try to stay focused on my shot routine – I try not to get super excited because then I'll get all shaky, and it doesn't work out well," she added with a laugh. After being announced the winner of the Camp Perry Open, she joked, "I was trying not to cry in front of all of those people!"

In the 60 Shot Open Pistol event, SGT Greg Markowski, 42, of the AMU, won the gold in the Finals with a score of 199.4. Junior Anthony McCollum, 19, of The Ohio State University, gave an impressive performance to earn second

place in a shoot-off against Markowski. CMP's James Hall, 32, was third overall.

The Super Finals, which has made the Camp Perry Open unlike any other air event over the last decade, was also fired over the weekend. Contrary to typical CMP air gun Finals, blaring music, cheering fans, clappers, cow bells and other commotions were heard throughout the range at an attempt to distract the competitors on the firing line.

The Top 40 air pistol marksmen overall and the Top 20 male and Top 20 female air rifle competitors took the firing line in the fun and exciting match. As the last shot approached, air pistol competitors SFC James Henderson, 48, of the AMU and CMP's James Hall were the final two on the line, while the AMU's Dan Lowe and SPC Erin McNeil, 27, stood on the rifle firing line.

With an unbelievable 10.9 shot, James Hall took home the overall title in pistol, while Lowe narrowly beat out McNeil by one-tenth-of-a-point with a 10.1 over her 10.0. For their win, both shooters received \$200 from the CMP. Second through fourth place also went home with cash prizes: \$150 for second

and \$100 for third and fourth.

Lowe commented on how he kept his composure while competing in the chaos of the Super Final, saying, "When we're taking breaks between shots, I kind of like to let the craziness go with the flow. Then about two seconds before the shot, I look down range and go, 'Okay, this is where my focus is now.' That 'On/Off switch' was what I needed."

Hall added, "I think this (the Super Final format) is something that's going to grow for the future. Practicing for it is important because at international competition, you get a lot of cheering and noise going on. So practicing finals like this is great for the sport."

In the Junior Rifle event, though earning third in the Open Rifle competition, Ian Foos regrouped to dominate with an outstanding Finals score of 206.8 for first place.



Anthony McCollum (thumbs up guy) had an incredible showing at this year's Camp Perry Open – winning the Junior Pistol competition by 30 points and coming in second in the Open competition. His Ohio State Pistol team (seen here) was also arguably the loudest bunch during the Super Final.



After a tense final shot, Dan Lowe of the Army Marksmanship Unit beat his teammate by 0.1 points to become the Super Final Champion in the rifle category.

Joseph Hoover, 17, of the Black Swamp Jr. Rifle team in Ohio, trailed Foos for second, as Cierra Terrizzi landed in third.

Anthony McCollum had another excellent showing in the Junior Pistol competition – leading the other shooters on the line by nearly 30 points. In second was fellow Ohio State junior Michael Soklaski, 19, followed by Brett Tucker, 19, of the University of Akron in Ohio, for third.

Before the 60 Shot Match commenced on Saturday, a 3x20 event was held on Friday of the Camp Perry Open for sporter and precision rifle junior athletes. In sporter, Tyler Jetjomlong, 17, of Middletown Post 151 in New York, was the overall winner with his score of 652.5.

"During the finals, I was trying to ignore the score and focus on shooting the shot center, but the

entire time I was really nervous," Jetjomlong admitted, "But I just told myself to calm down, make sure everything is aligned, and I just went from there."

Jetjomlong's score was 10 points over the second place competitor, Emma Thompson, 15, of Freeport High School NJROTC in Illinois, who finished with 642.4. Thompson's teammate, Alyssa Hornung, 16, fired a score of 641 for third.

Annabelle Stanec, 15, of the Ashland Eagles in Ohio, earned an aggregate score of 693.6 for first place in the



Members of the Army Marksmanship Unit also gave a special junior clinic to a room full of parents, coaches and young competitors that focused on their individual questions to send them all in a positive direction for their marksmanship careers.

precision match. Joseph Hoover beat out Sydney Perry, 18, of Shelby County MCJROTC in Kentucky, with a score of 692.8 in a close match. Perry recorded a score of 692.5 for a third-place finish.

First place finishers in the Open and 3x20 event received a \$100 Visa Gift Card, while second earned \$75 and third took home \$50 – all courtesy of the CMP.

Congratulations to all winners! Thank you, competitors and incomparable staff of the CMP, for 10 great years of Camp Perry Open competition. We hope to see you next year!



Tyler Jetjomlong of Middletown Post 151 in New York was the overall sporter winner in the 3x20 event.

# Stone, Kleinhans Lead Air Rifle Juniors at 2015 Gary Anderson Invitational

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Josey Stone (left) of Volunteer High School in Tennessee was the overall sporter competitor of the event. She is a 4th Year Marksman and co-captain of the Navy JROTC Rifle Team. Josie also recently earned her Junior Distinguished Badge at the end of 2015.

Justin Kleinhans (right) of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle in Ohio was the overall winner in the precision category for the second consecutive year.

CAMP PERRY, Ohio; ANNISTON, Ala. – Justin Kleinhans, 16, of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle in Ohio, was the overall winner in the precision category at the 2015 Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI). Kleinhans, who also won last year's GAI, fired an aggregate score of 691.8 during his performance. Josey Stone, 17, of Volunteer High School in Tennessee, recorded a score of 652.1 to become the overall sporter competitor of the event.

The GAI was held December 4-5 at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Camp Perry, OH, and the South CMP Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL, to a group of 368 competitors from around the country. The top competitors in the sporter and precision classes at each competition center received individual gold, silver and bronze medallions, based on cut scores. The Top 3 are recognized with championship medallions and plaques.

Coming in second behind Kleinhans in the precision competition was Ryan McAndrews, 16, of the MCGC KATS

in Alabama, with a score of 689.5. Trailing closely behind McAndrews was Caleb Moxley, 17, of Dallastown Precision in Pennsylvania, who fired an overall score of 687.6.

Savannah Hall, 17, of Ozark High School JROTC in Missouri, fired a score of 646 to earn second place in the sporter competition – beating out Kimberly Harr, 16, of Volunteer High School, who landed in third. Harr recorded a total score of 645.8.

The event is a three-position air rifle tournament that follows the 3x20 course of fire. Each shooter fires 20 record shots from prone, standing and kneeling positions, with the Top 8 shooters from each relay advancing to the final. Winners are determined overall, from scores comprised from the CMP North and CMP South competitors (3x20 plus final scores). Both schools and junior clubs are welcome to participate in the highly anticipated competition.

Along with the individual competition, a team match was also held concurrently with the individual competition for any

scholastic or club teams wishing to participate. Each individual's score of the four-member team was combined to determine overall sporter and precision teams.

The overall winning team in each discipline received \$500 from the CMP as well as the Gary Anderson Trophy. Second place teams received \$300, while third place earned \$200.

## The Top 3 winning teams are: Sporter:

- 1. Gulfport MCJROTC Team 1, MS 2192-69x
- 2. Middletown Post 151 A, NY 2184-68x
- 3. Volunteer High School, TN 2183-64x

#### Precision:

- 1. Dallastown Precisions, PA 2326-146x
- 2. Hardcore 4 Stars, GA 2319-136x
- 3. Ashland Eagles, OH 2316-130x

#### **About Gary Anderson:**

Mr. Anderson is a two-time Olympic gold medalist and also holds seven world Gulfpor championships, six world records and 16 national championships. He has won more Olympic and world championship three-position titles than any other American in history. In 1999, Anderson began a 10-year reign as Director of Civilian Marksmanship and retired in December 2009.



Gulfport MCJROTC from Mississippi was the overall sporter team in the competition.

Today, Anderson serves as DCM Emeritus and remains a mentor for new and experienced, old and young shooters around the country. In 2014, the CMP North Competition Center was renamed the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, in honor of his years of dedication to the sport.



Dallastown Precision in Pennsylvania was the winning team in the precision class. Caleb Moxley (second from left) was the second place finisher in the individual precision competition.

#### 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 <a href="https://onest.com/online-name">online-name</a>. Please include the name of the event, date, whom the event is open to and contact information and website (if available). The CMP will do its best to accommodate each request to be included in the Calendar of Events.

#### 2016

#### May

21 May USPSA Talladega, AL

21-23 May Creedmoor Monthly Match Talladega, AL

28 May IDPA Talladega, AL

#### June

2-5 June **D-Day Matches** *Talladega, AL* 

3-5 June USAS Olympic 2nd Selection Match Camp Perry, OH

26-28 June
National 3PAR Junior
Olympic Championship Sporter
CMP National 3PAR Championship
Sporter
Camp Perry, OH

#### July

29 June-1July
National 3PAR Junior Olympic
Championship Precision
CMP National 3PAR Championship
Sporter
Camp Perry, OH

8 July
CMP Rimfire Sporter Clinic
Camp Perry, OH

9 July CMP Rimfire Sporter Match Camp Perry, OH

10 July
CMP-USAMU SAFS Registration
Camp Perry, OH

11 July
CMP-USAMU SAFS
CMP M9/EIC Match



1st Shot Ceremony Camp Perry, OH

12 July
CMP EIC Pistol Match
CMP .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC
Camp Perry, OH

13-14 July NRA Jr. Pistol Camp Camp Perry, OH

17 July
CMP President's 100
CMP NTI
CMP NTT
CMP Shooter Reception
CMP Pistol Awards Ceremony
Camp Perry, OH

21 July
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Reg. Only
CMP/Rem. Adv. HP Reg. Only
CMP Team Registration
Camp Perry, OH

22 July
CMP-USAMU SAFS Rifle Reg.
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Reg. & Clinic

CMP/Rem. Adv. HP Reg. & Clinic Camp Perry. OH

22 July GSM Master Instructor Course Camp Perry, OH

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

24 July
CMP-USAMU SAFS Rifle M-16 EIC
Match
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Clinic
CMP/Rem. Adv. HP Clinic
CMP Squadded Practice
Camp Perry, OH

25 July
CMP Presidents 100 Rifle Match
Camp Perry, OH

26 July
CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle
Match
Camp Perry, OH

# Air Rifle Jr. Distinguished Cut Scores Changed for 2016

After careful consideration, the Air Rifle Junior Distinguished EIC cut scores have been raised for the 2016 season. The new scores were implemented Jan. 1, 2016 and will be adhered to throughout the year. Cut scores are determined annually, based on EIC scores fired in the previous year's National Council Member and National Junior Olympic 3PAR Championships (as stated in the Rulebook, Appendix-Section II, 2.2). The new scores have also been updated in Appendix-Section II of the 3P Rulebook.

The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded to junior three-position air rifle marksmen who earn 30 total EIC credit points, obtained during designated competitions. Such matches include the State Junior Olympics and CMP Cup Matches. Additionally, at least 10 points won must be gold level and/or from a National Council Member Championship.

A Distinguished Badge is a prestigious medal that marks excellence in talented and hardworking juniors and is an advisable goal for young marksmen.



For more information on the Junior Distinguished Badge Program, visit http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/.

### The scores have been changed from the 2015 guidelines to the following:

**Cold** 

Sporter: 541 to 550°
Predsjon: 534 to 536°

Silver

Sporter: 562 to 540\* Precision: 579 to 531\*

Bronze:

Sporter: 522 to 530\*
Precision: 574 to 576\*

\*Indicates 2016 cut score



### **Junior Distinguished Badge Program**

The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council established the Junior Excellence-In-Competition Award Program to provide incentives for junior three-position air rifle competitors to improve and excel.

This program awards prestigious badges of distinction to the most outstanding junior shooters. Junior shooters earn EIC credit points by placing in designated competitions in accordance with the requirements of this program.

The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded to school-age junior three-position air rifle shooters who attain a series of high rankings in designated major junior air rifle championships that include the State Junior Olympic Qualifiers, CMP Cup Matches, National Junior Olympic Championships and other National Council Three-Position Air Rifle Championships.

Congratulations to the juniors listed here who recently earned their badges. *ON THE MARK* will recognize all juniors who achieve this outstanding goal in each issue.

For more program info, log onto http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/or email CMP Competitions at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.



Badge #	Name	Hometown
#936	Kimberly Harr	Church Hill, TN
#937	Larry Maloney	Turlock, CA
#938	Lindsay Strohacker	Freeport, IL
#939	Sean Gray	Albuquerque, NM
#940	Spencer Sutton	Batesville, MS
#941	Ashlee Lockwood	Jonesborough, TN
#942	Matthew Moore	Batesville, MS
#943	Blake Barnett	Batesville, MS
#944	David Campos	Aurora, IL
#945	Kamau Omawahleh	Selma, CA
#946	Aaron Szewczyk	Sapulpa, OK
#947	Zachery Hall	Hanson, KY
#948	Cynthia Urieta	Selma, CA
#949	Cheyenne Sellars	Puryear, TN
#950	Cameron Carter	Picayune, MS
#951	Gabrielle Phelps	Gulfport, MS
#952	David Tickle	Rex, GA
#953	Alyssa Hornung	Freeport, IL
#954	Lexis Smith	Des Moines, IA
#955	Nate Peterson	Sharpsburg, GA
#956	Josey Stone	Church Hill, TN
#957	Sierra Weeks	Forest City, NC
#958	Evan Glinn	Murfreesboro, TN
#959	Stephanie Durbin	Kenton, OH
#960	Jaime Escobar	El Paso, TX
#961	Dylan Coffey	Church Hill, TN
#962	David Contreras	Zion, IL
#963	Carlos Lechuga	Aurora, IL

Want to Earn YOUR Junior
<b>Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?</b>

Visit http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/ or contact the CMP by calling (419) 635-2141, ext. 702.

Badge #	Name
#964	Huy Nguyen
#965	lan Coyne
#966	William Jaeger
#967	Samantha Miller
#968	Virginia Baker
#969	Breeaunna Beavers
#970	Savannah Hall

Hometown
San Antonio, TX
York, PA
Fort Mill, SC
Los Alamos, NM
Batesville, MS
Church Hill, TN
Ozark, MO



## 'Some Kid' Owns the Country During 2015 Rimfire Sporter Events

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



At the 2015 Eastern Games in North Carolina, Sam Payne made history by becoming the first and only person in the existence of the Rimfire Sporter Match to ever fire a perfect 600 score. He was awarded by the creator of the Rimfire Sporter Match, DCM Emeritus, Gary Anderson.

Samuel Payne had an unforgettable 2015. At just 16,

he dominated the Rimfire Sporter events at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Eastern Games, National Matches, Western Games and the Talladega 600, while also setting two new National Records during the year. Sam's photo also graced the cover of 2015's 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting – and rightfully so. He proved his undeniable talent at every event he entered, not only winning the matches, but also setting the bar high for competitors in the future.

"From when I first started, I always said I was going to be the first one to shoot 600 – that was my dream. But I never really thought it was possible," said Sam. "Being on

the cover of the Guide to Rimfire Sporter definitely made me believe I was good enough to be the first one to do it. I figured, I was good enough to be put on the cover, so I'm good enough to shoot the first 600."

"I wanted to do it just to hear everyone say 'some kid' did it first," he added.

His sensational year began at the 2015 Eastern Games in North Carolina in May when Sam became the first marksmen in the history of the CMP Rimfire Sporter Match to fire perfection – etching a score of 600-50x into the record books.

"I stopped a second, and I was like, this is what's going to either make me or break me – you'll either shoot a 600 or you'll mess all of this up," he explained of his last shot at Eastern Games. "I pulled the trigger, and I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I just did it. I'm the first one."

The previous year, Sam missed out on the perfect 600 at Eastern Games by only one point – firing a score of 599-43x. Excited to gain that point back at



Nationals, he was denied his chance when a treacherous thunderstorm forced the event to be cancelled.

"At Eastern Games, I was just hoping to tie my 599 from the previous year," Sam said. "I never thought I would be the first person ever to fire 600. And after having an amazing chance to do it last year at Nationals but being rained out, I was determined to win no matter what this year."

Flash forward to the prestigious National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry in August 2015 when the Kingston, Ga., native became the Match Winner of the T-Class with an unbelievable score of 599-46x – another National Record. He was also the High Junior and the High 4-H Junior.

He said of his performance at Nationals, "I wanted to shoot

a 600 because I didn't want to do so good there (Eastern Games), then come out here and do worse at the bigger competition."

The one point he dropped in the match was his third shot during standing rapid fire. From his scope, he thought the shot may have been close to the 10 ring, so he continued on as if he was still on track with his perfect performance.

"I didn't know until after I finished shooting [that I didn't make the 10 ring], which is probably good because it would've messed me up a little more," he said with a smile.

Of his new National Record, he added, "It's awesome. It's almost as good as a perfect score because it's the thing to beat."

The following October, Sam set his sights on the CMP Western Games in Phoenix. It was there that he again overtook the T-Class and the match with a score of 593-29x – beating the second place competitor by 10 points and the closest junior by more than 100 points.

At the Inaugural Talladega 600 event in December, fired at CMP's state-of-the-art Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama, Sam raised his score from Western Games by finishing with 597-33x. He was, for the fourth time that year, the Overall Winner and High Junior of the T-Class – becoming the first to do so at the Talladega 600 and the first person in history to sweep the Rimfire Sporter matches in the North, South. East and West.

Sam's roots in the Rimfire Sporter Match started at the 2013 National Matches when he was named the High Junior



Sam finished his sensational Rimfire Sporter run by winning the match at the Inaugural Talladega 600 event at CMP's new Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama.

and finished 11th overall – firing an impressive score of 586-29x. The following year at the 2014 Eastern Games and Western Games, he was the High Junior and Overall leader in the T-Class. He has remained at the top ever since – not bad for "some kid."

Currently, his dad, Doug, coaches Sam's Bartow County 4-H team and hosts a Rimfire Sporter match each month in Griffin, Ga., at the Georgia Competitive Shooters Club. He also takes Sam to Tennessee and other small Rimfire matches to gain more experience in the event. In addition to shooting the .22 rifle, he has also been active in air rifle over the last few years.

"In 2016, because of starting precision air rifle and three-position smallbore, we may not travel to all the matches like in 2015," he said. "But I will be going back to Nationals to try to set the record again, and we will definitely be going to the New England Games (set in Vermont in September) to try and be successful in all the big matches."

Congratulations, Sam, and good luck in 2016! About Rimfire Sporter:

The Rimfire Sporter Match entered the CMP Games events in 2002. The recreation-oriented match features manual or semi-automatic .22 caliber sporter rifles that competitors fire from 50 and 25 yards using open, telescopic or rear aperture sights. The event is designed to be fun and challenging, while also being perfectly suited for both experienced and new marksmen. For more information on the Rimfire Sporter Match, visit http://thecmp.org/competitions/club-sanctioned-events/rimfire-sporter/.

# Winners Set for Nationals as JROTC Regional Championships Conclude

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Cassandra Rodriguez (left) of Parlier High School in California recorded a score of 1224.2 for first in the Navy Overall Sporter match. She also was the highest sporter competitor over all four services.

Casper Schadler (right) of Battle Ground High School in Washington was first overall in the Air Force precision match.

Cadets from Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force JROTC programs assembled on the firing lines of the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) air ranges in the north, south and west to compete in the 2016 JROTC Regional Service Championships Feb. 12-14 and Feb. 18-20. Winners of the Regionals, determined from combined scores of all three locations, will advance to the National Championship in March.

The Regional Service Championships were held in Anniston, Ala.; Camp Perry, Ohio; and Provo, Utah. The match is a 3x20 indoor air rifle event where competitors fire 20 record shots from three positions: prone, standing and kneeling. Juniors received invitations to Regionals after earning the top scores in the JROTC Postal Competition – held during the Fall of 2015.

In Army, the Overall Sporter competitor during the Regional event was Angel Nunez, 16, of Trevor G. Browne High School in Arizona, with a score of 1193.8. Sabrina Keenan, 18, of Walla Walla High School in Washington, took the Overall Precision title with her score of 1277.9.

The Marine Corps Overall Sporter individual was Brian Hampton, 18, of Fort Mill High School in South Carolina, with a score of 1213.6. Haley Castillo, 17, of Eldorado High School in New Mexico, was the Overall Precision athlete with an outstanding aggregate score of 1284 – the highest precision score out of all four services.

Navy competitor Cassandra Rodriguez, 18, of Parlier High School in California, recorded a score of 1224.2 for first in the Overall Sporter competition. Her score was also the highest of all services in the sporter competition. In precision, Samantha Miller, 16, of Los Alamos High School in New Mexico, fired a score of 1274.5 to become the Overall leader.

Howard Norrish, 18, of Zion Benton High School in Illinois, set a new Navy JROTC National Record with his standing score of 185-6x. Norrish tallied a combined score of 1210.6 to earn second in the sporter competition.

In Air Force, Sean Gray, 17, of Volcano Vista High School in New Mexico, earned the Overall Sporter score of 1166.6, as Casper Schadler, 16, of Battle Ground High School in

Washington, recorded a score of 1280.1 for first Overall in the precision match.

Larry and Brenda Potterfield of the MidwayUSA Foundation, who have donated over \$400,000 in past competitions, have again awarded generous endowments to talented juniors of the Service Championships. The MidwayUSA Foundation is a public charity that helps communities and organizations raise funds to support youth shooting teams and activities.

Winning teams and individuals from all three Regional Championships will be invited to participate in the JROTC National Championship, scheduled to be held March 17-19 at the CMP South Competition Center in Anniston.

A full list of results can be found on the CMP Competition tracker page at https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=13587.

Photos from all three Service Championship locations can be found on http://cmp1.zenfolio.com.

#### **Army Individual:**

#### Sporter:

Angel Nunez, 16, of Trevor G. Browne HS, AZ – 1193.8 James Jackman, 17, of Clear Falls HS, TX – 1192.6 Alexander Eikelenboom, 17, of Lebanon HS, OR – 1186.1

Overall Team: Lebanon HS, OR - 4355-139x

#### Precision:

Sabrina Keenan, 18, of Walla Walla HS, WA – 1277.9 Taylor Gibson, 15, of North Salem HS, OR – 1276.2 Daniel Enger, 17, of Walla Walla HS, WA – 1275.4

Overall Team: Walla Walla HS, WA – 4646-291x

## Marine Corps Individual: Sporter:

Brian Hampton, 18, of Fort Mill HS, SC – 1213.6 Levi Carlson, 17, of Nation Ford HS, SC – 1203 Marcus Stallings, 17, of Nation Ford HS, SC – 1202.6

Overall Team: Nation Ford HS, SC – 4394-142x

#### Precision:

Hailey Castillo, 17, of Eldorado HS, NM – 1284 Cody Bogle, 17, of Granbury HS, TX – 1283.5 Mark Amdahl, 17, of Eldorado HS, NM – 1282.2 Overall Team: East Coweta HS, GA - 4689-315x

#### Navy Individual:

#### Sporter:

Cassandra Rodriguez, 18, of Parlier HS, CA – 1224.2 Howard Norrish, 18, of Zion Benton HS, IL – 1210.6 Matthew Pellegrino, 18, of Westview HS, CA – 1202.9

Overall Team: Zion Benton HS, IL - 4364-129x

#### Precision:

Samantha Miller, 16, of Los Alamos HS, NM – 1274.5 Amy Delgado, 17, of Gainesville HS, GA – 1271.1 Heather Brown, 17, of Union Grove HS, GA – 1268

Overall Team: Los Alamos HS, NM – 4605-264x

#### Air Force Individual:

#### Sporter:

Sean Gray, 17, Volcano Vista HS, NM – 1166.6 Brendan Robinson, 15, Franklin County HS, VA – 1164.8 Kenneth Bustos, 16, Volcano Vista HS, NM – 1161.1

Overall Team: Franklin County HS, VA – 4260-114x

#### Precision:

Casper Schadler, 16, of Battle Ground HS, WA – 1280.1 Mary Pratt, 18, of Monroe Area HS, GA – 1269.7 Ashley Stacy, 15, of Monroe Area HS, GA – 1265.8

Overall Team: Monroe Area HS, GA - 4655-287x



East Coweta High School in Georgia led the Marine Corps precision match with a score of 4689-315x.



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

## Redmond High School Takes First in Oregon Three Position Competition

On Feb. 20, the Four Corners Rod and Gun Club in Salem, Ore., held the 2016 CMP Air Rifle JOSC. During the match, 27 Precision and Sporter Juniors competed for awards and EIC points. The Lebanon High School JROTC Sporter team shot an aggregate score of 2221-91x, coming within four points of setting a new record in the 3P match. Redmond High School took first in the Precision Match. Jasmine Wiles, Lara Lewis and Alexander Eikelenboom from Lebanon took the top three individual places in Sporter, as Raquel Coburn, Kristen Derting of CAJRC took first and second, respectively, and Timothy Berry from Redmond took third in the Precision Match. Many thanks to the Four Corners Rod and Gun Club for their generous use of their range during this competition.



Redmond High School JROTC Precision and Sporter on the firing line. Coaches Bo Wendel and Nelson Shew are shown.

## 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 <a href="http://thecmp.org/clubs/">http://thecmp.org/clubs/</a>.

Morgan County Gun Club, Fort Morgan, CO The Fusilier Complex, Lafayette, LA **North Florida Arms Collectors Association.** Inc. Jacksonville, FL Hahlawah Rifle & Pistol Club, New Fairfield, CT **Hernando Sportsmans** Club. Brooksville. FL Castle Pistol Club, New Castle, PA **Leatherneck Honors Society of Massachusetts** Inc, Arlington, MA Lake Fork Sportsman's Club, ATWOOD, IL Noxon Rod Gun Club Inc., Noxon, MT **Black Diamond Gun Club**, Black Diamond, WA

X-Line Sportmans Club Inc.



Juneau, Ala., middle school air rifle competition Courtesy of Ray Imel, Juneau Empire

Kankakee, IL
The Olympic Club, San Francisco, CA
Connecticut River Sportsmans Club, Inc., Swanzey, NH
Sierra Desert Gun Club, Ridgecrest, CA
Maryland Tenth Cavalry Gun Club, Woodstock, MD
Western Wayne County Conservation, Plymouth, MI
Big Piney Sportsmen's Club, Licking, MO
Clark County Sportsmans Club, Marshall, IL
Chaseburg Rod and Gun Club, Chaseburg, WI
Kingsley Sportsman's Club, Kingsley, MI
Yolo Sportsman Assn Jr Rifle Team, Woodland, CA
Lake Cook Rod and Gun Club Inc, Hoffman Estates, IL
Arlington Sportsman's Club Inc, Arlington, TX
Fort Fairfield Rifle & Pistol Club, Fort Fairfield, ME
Sand & Sage Rifle & Pistol Club Inc, Garden City, KS

Rhode Island State Rifle & Revolver Association, Cranston, RI

Battle Mountain Shooting Club, Amissville, VA Strategic Edge Gun Range, Chapel Hill, TN Ramapoo Rifle & Revolver Club Inc., Ridgefield, CT Jefferson State Shooting Association Inc., Klamath Falls, OR

Willamette Valley Rifle Club, Lebanon, OR
Illinois Junior Precision Shooters, Glen Ellyn, IL
Grant Parish 4H Shooting Sports, Colfax, LA
Cal Guns Shooting Sports Association, Covina, CA
Pacific County 4H Shooting Sports, South Bend, WA
Jasper Rifle & Gun Club, Jasper, IN
Camp Hantesa, Boone, IA
Wrens Ranch Sportsman's Park, Perris, CA

Denim n Dust, Twin Lake, MI

# Changes Made to 2016 CMP Competition Service Rifle and Pistol Rulebook



Here is a typical firing point set-up for shooting service rifles on the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park highpower rifle range. Competitors' shot locations and official scores are indicated on their firing point monitors immediately after each shot.

The 2016 rulebooks for CMP-governed Service Rifle, Pistol and CMP Games shooting events have just been released. The 2016 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Pistol* is posted at http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf. The 2016 4th Edition of the Competition Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches is posted at http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CMPGamesRules.pdf.

The big changes in last year's CMP competition rules concerned the modernization of CMP pistol rules. The definition of a Service Pistol was expanded to allow the use of a broad spectrum of military-type pistols in CMP EIC and National Trophy Matches. In what proved to be a very popular new pistol program, the 2015 rules established 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches and Distinguished Badges. Eleven competitors earned the new Badge in the program's inaugural year. The objective of these changes was to increase

participation in CMP pistol programs. 2015 increases in Pistol EIC Matches and competitor numbers affirmed that this objective was being reached. As a result, there was no need for further pistol rule changes in 2016.

The big rule changes in the 2016 CMP competition rules concern the modernization of CMP Service Rifle rules. Starting in 2016, Service Rifle competitors will be able to choose between service rifles with traditional metallic sights or rifles with telescopes with a maximum of 4.5X magnification. This rule change was coordinated with a similar rule change adopted by the NRA.

The decision to legalize optical sights on service rifles was taken after several years of discussion and a recognition that U. S. military personnel no longer use anything but optical sights on their military rifles. CMP Service Rifle rules have traditionally tried to keep abreast of military rifle and training developments so opening Service Rifle shooting to optical

sights became an inevitable change. To quote one comment received by the CMP, "It is very difficult now to say that asissued 'AR-15 or M16' does not include telescopes."

Another major change in the CMP Service Rifle rules will allow the use of a much wider variety of M16/AR15-type rifles. Legal service rifles will no longer be restricted to rifles that rigidly comply with the M16 service rifle profile. Starting in 2016, Service Rifles can be any "M16 U. S. Service Rifle or a similar AR15 type commercial rifle that is derived from the M16 service rifle design" and that complies with these restrictions:

- Chambered for the 5.56 x 45 mm (.223) NATO cartridge.
- Designed or modified for semi-automatic fire only.
- Have either a gas-impingement system or a pistonoperated gas system.
- Have a barrel that is no longer than 20 inches, or 21
   1/4 inches if the barrel has a flash suppressor.
- Must use the same upper receiver and barrel for the entire match.
- Have a trigger pull of at least 4.5 pounds.
- Quad rails or similar hand guards are permitted, but the front sling swivel location must be fixed at 13 inches (+/- ½ in.) ahead of the forward edge of the magazine well (8.0 inches on M4 configured rifles).
- Use standard service magazines or commercial equivalents.
- Have a fixed or collapsible butt-stock that may vary in length and even be adjusted between firing stages.
   Butt-plates or cheek-pieces may not, however, be adjustable.
- Have a standard A1 or A2 pistol grip.
- Extended bolt releases and mirror-image left-hand receivers will be permitted.

The CMP released a preliminary announcement about 2016 rule changes that were under consideration by the CMP Rules Committee in the Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of *CMP Shooter's News* (http://thecmp.org/2016-cmp-rifle-and-pistol-rule-changes/). Over 100 written (email) comments were received and reviewed by the Committee. A substantial majority supported allowing optical sights and the broadening of the Service Rifle rule. The one rule change that most shooters opposed was a proposed weight limit for Service Rifles with optical sights. After considering these comments, the CMP

Rules Committee decided to reject the Service Rifle weight limit proposal. In 2016, there will be no weight limits for Service Rifles, whether they have optical or metallic sights.

Many comments submitted to the CMP supported the idea of offering separate categories for service rifles with metallic and optical sights. That was a topic of much debate by the Rules Committee, but the arguments for having one unified competitor category competing together for EIC points and Distinguished Badges prevailed. Having separate categories and one Distinguished Badge would have created nightmare administrative challenges. Having two categories and separate Distinguished Rifleman Badges for optical and metallic sighted rifles would have become a formula for diminishing the prestige of the traditional Distinguished Rifleman Badge. The final CMP decision was to keep one strong, unified Service Rifle event instead of two smaller categories that likely would compete with each other for prestige and participation. In the end, it was hard to envision any real benefits to having two President's Rifle Match winners or two National Trophy Team Match winners.

Some comments argued that higher power scopes should be allowed, but others recognized the wisdom of restricting scope magnification to 4.5X because that meant shooters with scopes would have no or only a small advantage. Several comments asked why optics were not also allowed for M14s. This issue is still on the table and will be evaluated during 2016. Several competitors expressed concerns that adding optics to M16/AR15-type rifles will increase costs and may impact participation. However, many other older shooters said allowing optics will keep them in the game longer or, in some cases, bring them back. "Now I'm definitely putting a SR together and getting back in the CMP game. It's no longer a seeing game."

For 2016, the new service rifle definitions and restrictions were purposefully kept at a minimum. Rather than try to define too many details now, the Rules Committee decided to let 2016 experiences define where there are real issues that will require further definition in the future. Competitors should always feel free to ask questions or offer further comments by contacting CMP Competitions via email at competitions@thecmp.org.

Another major Service Rifle rule change will abolish allowing extra time or refires for malfunctions. This change will save time because malfunction refires effectively double the length of time needed for rapid-fire relays in big matches.

Competitors who will compete in CMP sanctioned competitions in 2016 or match officials who will organize them are encouraged to download their personal copies of the 2016 CMP rulebooks. Rulebook copies can be retained in a handheld device or used to print personal copies. The 2016 20th Edition of the *CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Pistol* is posted at <a href="http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf">http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf</a>. The 2016 4th Edition of the *Competition Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches* is posted at <a href="http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CMPGamesRules.pdf">http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CMPGamesRules.pdf</a>.

The main reason for this change is to place more responsibility on competitors for having rifles and ammunition that function with complete reliability. Comments received by the CMP concerning this change showed that it is controversial, but a majority of shooters supported the change. As one example, "The elimination of "alibis" is long overdue. It was always most frustrating to me when it takes longer to shoot rapid fire than slow fire."

The rules that were just released include, for the first time, new CMP rules for electronic targets. For the moment, these rules apply only to matches conducted at the CMP Marksmanship Park near Talladega, Alabama, but that will change in the future as more ranges switch to electronic targets. For 2016 competitions on the Talladega electronic target ranges, the CMP will place backing cards on the rear of all targets. This will enable match officials to quickly decide protested shots and any claims for missing shots. Backing cards were used during the Talladega 600 matches in early December and although there were several score protests, the original electronic target indications were verified in every case when the backing cards were removed and inspected.

In addition to using backing cards on the rear of the targets, the new CMP electronic target rules will require that verifiers observe each firer to confirm shots fired and scored and to assist if there are crossfires or missing shot claims.

Each of the two rulebooks will now have an Annex titled "2016 Electronic Target Scoring Rules" that provide step-by-step procedures for dealing with protested shot values, claims concerning missing shots and unclaimed or extra shots.

In keeping with past practice, all substantive changes in the two 2016 rulebooks are identified with unlined texts. As reported in the preliminary rules announcement in October, there were only a few other noteworthy 2016 rule changes. The threshold age for being able to start CMP Games rifle rapid-fire stages in position was moved to 70, but competitors with physical disabilities can start in position regardless of age. The one new caveat is that competitors in all CMP Games Matches including Rimfire Sporter who start in position can be senior class winners, but not match winners. CMP Achievement Award Scores are updated annually, but there were no significant changes in these cut scores except for Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol scores. There is an important rule change to also allow 4.5X maximum optical sights for Modern Military Rifles that are governed by CMP Games Rules. New Pistol Range Officer scripts are added to the Service Rifle and Pistol rulebook so now there are Range Officer scripts in the applicable rulebook for use in conducting all CMP events.

The CMP extends its best wishes to all competitors and match officials for a great 2016 shooting year.



The most important 2016 CMP rule change is the legalization of 4.5X maximum optical sights for Service Rifle shooting. Service Rifle competitors can begin to use service rifles configured like this rifle in 2016.

# Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the Gary Anderson Invitational, the Camp Perry Open and the JROTC Regional Service Championships.







Gary Anderson Invitational







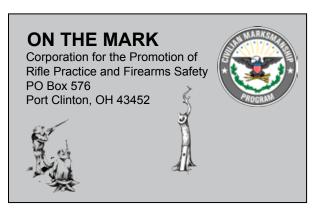
Camp Perry Open







JROTC Regionals



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