

# ON THE MARK



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## Juniors Excel at National Matches: The top Rifle, Pistol and Rimfire Sporter juniors competed to earn top honors as National Champions



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# Junior Champions at the 2007 National Trophy Matches

By Sommer Wood, Staff Writer/Editor

Special celebrations took place this year at the National Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, OH. 2007 marked the 100th year that the 104-year-old event has taken place at this historic venue. The festivities drew thousands of competitors and even a few celebrities to commemorate this event. Most notably, Gunny R. Lee Ermey, host of the History Channel's show, Mail Call, spent lots of time on the ranges and presented the junior awards during the National Trophy Rifle Awards Ceremony.

During the matches several juniors took the opportunity to make names for themselves through their outstanding competition performance. Up first on the schedule at Camp Perry was the National Trophy Pistol Matches. An increased number of juniors were on hand to take part in the CMP junior pistol events. Up first was the Junior President's Pistol Match where Joseph Totts, 15, of Mogadore, OH, shot a 369-14X to edge out 2005 President's Pistol Champion Heather Deppe, 16, of Colorado Springs, CO, who shot a 365-15X. Jacob Hendrik, of Boerne, TX, placed third firing a 343-4X. The roles were reversed in the battle for the National Junior Pistol Trophy when Deppe shot a 276-5X for the victory over Totts' 273-3X. Last years National Junior Pistol Trophy winner Rebekah Jennings of San Antonio, TX shot a close third with a 272-4X. Deppe and Jennings paired up to shoot a 566-14X to take the National Junior Team Trophy. Their team, Texas State Junior

Blue, was coached by Mark Sharp and Team Captain Angela Jennings. There is no trophy for an overall individual junior championship, but if there were an award for the junior who fired the highest total score in all three junior pistol events, Heather Deppe would have won over Totts, 928-28 to 912-24X.

The sixth annual National Rimfire Sporter Match once again saw an increase in participants. This event takes place during the NRA smallbore championships and has become a popular event for families to compete in together. Rimfire Sporter Matches require participants to shoot a plinking or sporter-type smallbore rifle that cannot weigh more than 7 ½ pounds and must have a 3-pound trigger. Shooters cannot be aided by special equipment such as a shooting jacket or glove. There are two divisions in the event, the T-Class and the O-Class. The difference is that the T-Class can attach scopes up to 6X power on their rifle and the O-Class can only use traditional iron sights.

In the T-Class Matthew Kellgreen, 20, of Youngstown, OH was the Overall High Junior with a 569, and Casey Harper of Dublin, GA was the High 4-H Junior with a 568. In the O-Class Charles Opalewski II, 17, of Vicksburg, MI was both the Overall High Junior and the High 4-H Junior with a 563. He also finished fifth overall in that event.

The President's Rifle Match was the first event on the schedule for juniors competing in highpower week at Camp Perry. Eight



Joseph Totts, from Mogadore, OH, was the top shooter in the Junior President's Pistol Match.



Heather Deppe, who now lives in Colorado Springs and trains at the Olympic Training Center, had the highest overall score in the three junior pistol matches, the Junior President's, Junior NTI and Junior Team Matches.

juniors qualified for the "President's 100" in a prestigious event where the top 100 competitors receive President's 100 certificates and medallions. The top junior was Daniel Atkins of Brunswick, GA who shot a 290-6X. Atkins received an AR-15 Type Rifle donated by Rock River Arms (<http://www.rockriverarms.com/>) and a Geissele Trigger donated by Geissele Automacis (<http://www.geissele.com/>).

An important National Matches junior event is the Whistler Boy Highpower Team Match, which for the second year in a row should be called the Whistler Girl Match. Last year it was won for the first time by an all female team. This year the Washington

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Kevin Trickett, Woburn, MA, received a Compass Lake competition rifle presented by Mail Call star Gunny Lee Ermey for being the top junior overall in the 2007 National Trophy Rifle Matches. Trickett was also the top junior in the Junior National Trophy Individual Rifle Match where he won the Golden Eagle Trophy.



O-Class Junior Charles Opalewski II of Vicksburg, MI was both the Overall High Junior and the High 4-H Junior with a 563-11.

## ◎ Sighting Shots ◎

◎ **USA Shooting will host the National Coaches Conference at the Olympic Training Center on 7-9 December 2007.** The CMP State Junior Director meeting will take place on Sunday, 9 December. For more information, visit the USA Shooting web site at <http://www.usashooting.com> or contact Bob Foth, Manager, Youth Programs and Coach Development for USA Shooting at 719-866-4670 or [Bob.Foth@usashooting.org](mailto:Bob.Foth@usashooting.org).

◎ **The 13th annual MBA Rifle Classic will be held in Nashville, Tennessee over the weekend of 19-21 October.** The Classic was initiated in 1995 to provide a premier season opening competition for high school rifle teams. It has grown each year, and is now the largest high school sponsored shooting event in the U.S. View the Official Program and Entry Forms at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/MBARifleClassic.pdf>.

◎ **Huskers hire Morgan Hicks as Rifle Coach.** LINCOLN; Morgan Hicks has been hired as the head coach for the University of Nebraska's nationally competitive rifle program. A 2004 U.S. Olympian as a competitor, Hicks comes to Nebraska after coaching Murray State to a top-10 NCAA finish in 2007. Hicks was also a member of the CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Summer Camp staff in 2005. Hicks began her tenure at Nebraska on July 1.

◎ **CMP State Junior Director Recognized.** Mickey Brondum, the CMP State Junior Director in Louisiana, was recently honored by Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour through the issuance of a proclamation that salutes Brondum for "outstanding volunteer services." The proclamation specifically mentions his "unprecedented dedication to helping with educating others in firearms safety and the art of marksmanship." Brondum's home in New Orleans was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and he chose to rebuild in southern Mississippi. Now he conducts marksmanship and firearms safety training in both Louisiana and Mississippi.

◎ In conjunction with the Coach Conference the NRA will be conducting **Coach Education Program training courses** the week before at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. National Coach Development Staff (NCDS) training in Shotgun, Pistol, and Rifle Disciplines. Level 1 Coach Training Schools in Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun. Arrival December 3 with training on December 4-5. American Sport Education Program (ASEP) Coaching Principles Classroom version will be conducted on December 6. This course is one of the requirements to

attain the Level 2 Coaching credential. Level 3 Advanced Coach Training Schools in Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun. Level 2 Certified Coach credential is required to attend this course. Arrival December 3 with training on December 4-6. More information can be viewed at [http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/coaches\\_conference.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/coaches_conference.asp) or email [coaching@nrahq.org](mailto:coaching@nrahq.org).

◎ **CMP Staff Members Featured in ISSF Centennial.** Two CMP staff members played prominent roles this summer in the 100th anniversary celebration of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF). The ISSF, which is the world governing body of shooting and also the IOC's Olympic shooting governing body, was founded on 17 July 1907 in Zurich, Switzerland. The ISSF celebrated its 100th anniversary on 17 July 2007 in Munich, Germany, the city where its international headquarters are located. CMP Director Gary Anderson, who is also an ISSF Vice President, was selected to deliver the keynote address at the formal Centennial Celebration. Other speakers included IOC President Jacques Rogge and ISSF President Olegario Vazquez Raña. A part of the ISSF Centennial Celebration was having all invited guests, which included five IOC members, fire at a "Festscheibe" (festival target) painted on a 36" wooden base that was prepared for this special occasion in accordance with a European shooting tradition where festival participants fire one-shot matches on painted wooden targets that commemorate major events. The artist selected to paint the ISSF Centennial Festscheibe was Sommer Wood, a Program Manager on the CMP Staff. Wood is the On the Mark editor and Assistant Director of the CMP Junior Rifle Camp Program. For this event, ISSF Centennial guests signed the painted Festscheibe and fired on specially configured electronic targets.



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## Navy JROTC Cadets Learn Marksmanship At Camp Perry

*By Wendy Sedlacek, CMP Journalism Intern*



CMP Master Instructor William Corgnell stands near a young cadet to coach him in applying proper shot technique.

At the end of each shooting round, cadets were encouraged to examine their targets to see where their shots hit. Here CMP coach Ray Vaughn is discussing the shot group of one of his cadets.



June 11-15 was a big week at Camp Perry for more than 150 Navy JROTC cadets from high schools in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia. The cadets were selected to attend for a NJROTC Basic Leadership Training Course at Camp Perry, Ohio. Their intensive training program during the week included drill and ceremonies, a leadership challenge course, raft training, physical fitness testing, orienteering and air rifle marksmanship. The marksmanship program was provided by the CMP using a temporary 40-point air rifle range set up on Camp Perry's Petrarca Range.

All cadets participated in daily two-hour marksmanship sessions that were conducted by a team of CMP Master Instructors who were led by CMP Director Gary Anderson. The CMP volunteers came to Camp Perry from as far away as Florida and Rhode Island. They all have had extensive training as CMP Master Instructors as well as many other types of experience as rifle competitors, coaches, instructors and range officers. The volunteer instructors for the NJROTC Basic Leadership Course were William Corgnell, Florida; Keith Custard, Pennsylvania; Dan Hoey, Maryland; Ray Harvey, Tennessee; Grant Lewis, Virginia; Clint Lovell, Rhode Island; Rob Sherer, Ohio; Ray Vaughn, Maryland and Michelle Woods, Ohio. The NJROTC BLT Commander was Capt. Tom Lennon, Senior Naval Science Instructor at Franklin Heights High School in Columbus, Ohio.

Every day the cadets woke up at the break of dawn and began their days with physical training shortly after 5:00 A.M. The cadets were divided into eight platoons. Every two hours during each of the four training days, two platoons arrived at the air rifle range for marksmanship training. On the first day the cadets received a safety presentation and then were required to take, and pass, a detailed safety examination. Once the examination was passed they were permitted to move on to the exciting part, shooting rifles.

In addition to safety and range procedures, the first day's instruction covered basic techniques for firing the shot, sight alignment, breath control, trigger control and sight picture. Initial firing was done in the supported position, with firing first on blank targets and then on bull's-eye targets. By the second day the cadets moved on to the standing position. Everyone was eager to learn, which meant it was not only exciting for the CMP instructors, but also for the cadets because they mastered the material so quickly.



After short instructional sessions, the cadets followed a range firing sequence that began with dry and live firing on blank targets followed by dry and live firing on bull's-eye targets. Initial firing was on the BMC target, although by the third day, all cadets were shooting small enough groups to warrant advancing to the AR-10 target for their supported position firing. One platoon of cadets were rifle team members in their home schools; they received instruction in the standing and kneeling positions and did their range firing on the AR-10 competition target. All cadets were very responsive to the instructional program and worked hard even during dry fire sessions to apply what they were taught. And anytime there was a question about anything, it only took a couple of seconds and a CMP instructor was at their side to assist.

By the third day, each group of cadets fired in one-shot "Schützenfest" competitions in the standing position to determine the day's "Top Gun" for their group. Cadets who fired tens stayed in the competition until just one was left. The shoot-offs were extremely intense and close for every group and it was difficult to determine winners.

On the fourth and final day of marksmanship training, all cadets participated in a 20-shot competition where they aimed at their final targets to test the skills they learned earlier in the week. Most cadets fired 10 shots on the AR-10 target from the supported position and 10-shots on the BMC target from the standing position. Advanced cadets fired 10-shots kneeling and 10-shots standing on AR-10 targets. Individual winners in each group received awards at the Basic Leadership Course graduation. Every cadet who completed the four-day CMP marksmanship training course and competition received a Certificate of Achievement. Platoon marksmanship rankings based on the average competition scores for all cadets in each platoon were factored into the selection of an honor platoon for the course.

CMP Director Gary Anderson said, "It is amazing how much marksmanship training can be accomplished in just eight hours, but this was an outstanding group of young people. The CMP is always happy to work with JROTC cadets because they are organized, disciplined and motivated. It makes achieving our objectives of teaching gun safety and basic marksmanship skills easy. We had a great week working with these NJROTC cadets."



NJROTC Cadet Savanna Shinault, concentrates on firing a shot in the supported rifle position. Shinault hit five bulls-eyes in a row.



All cadets attended Power Point lectures given by CMP Director Gary Anderson. These short presentations were used to present the basic information the cadets were then expected to apply during their firing sessions on the range.



CMP Master Instructor Rob Sherer discusses proper sight picture with a Navy JROTC cadet.



After cadets finished shooting their targets CMP coaches met with them to give positive feedback. Pictured here is Capt. Ray Harvey (r.) with a group of attentive cadets.



## ENTRIES OPEN FOR WESTERN CMP GAMES AND CREEDMOOR CUP MATCHES

The 2007 Western CMP Games will take place at the Ben Avery Shooting Center north of Phoenix, Arizona on 20-23 October. The 2007 Western Creedmoor Cup Matches will also take place at the Ben Avery Range on 24-28 October. These combined matches offer events for virtually every highpower rifle shooter--from clinics for beginning shooters to less formal Garand, Springfield and Military Rifle Matches to CMP Excellence-in-Competition Matches to NRA Registered Service and Match Rifle Highpower events. The official program is posted at <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/WesternGames.htm>. You can register on-line for any of the Western CMP Games or Creedmoor Cup matches at <http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInfo.cgi?matchID=2516>. Just click on "Registration" and complete your entry.



# Organize a Junior Rifle Team or Club, Part I

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## Team and Club Rifle Equipment

With the CMP being so actively involved in promoting youth rifle marksmanship among local school teams and clubs, we receive numerous requests for recommendations regarding what items of equipment are required to conduct youth rifle programs and how teams and clubs with limited resources should prioritize their acquisition of the equipment.

This article provides a comprehensive list of starter equipment needed for a junior rifle program. The equipment listed and prioritized in this article is equipment that should be acquired by a team or club that wants to provide starter equipment for new shooters who join their program. Junior shooters who want their own equipment can also use this list to guide their acquisition of personal equipment.

The equipment items are ranked in priority order.

- Priority 1: Basic equipment necessary to get a program started.
- Priority 2: Equipment that is definitely needed, but its acquisition can be deferred until new shooters on the team or club have gotten off to a good start.
- Priority 3: Optional items that are not necessary to teach basic rifle marksmanship to new shooters, but which will be needed if the team or club plans to participate in competitions.
- Priority 4: Specialty items that usually are acquired by individuals who become active competition shooters and who desire to have more advanced equipment.

### SHOOTING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

The following Shooting Equipment Suppliers stock equipment items discussed in this article. The firms listed here offer National Matches Commercial Row sales or have supported CMP-sanctioned events.

#### Brenzovich Firearms & Training Center

<http://www.brenzovich.com/>

#### Civilian Marksmanship Program

<http://estore.odcmp.com/Store/catalog/catalog.aspx>

#### Champions Choice

<http://www.champchoice.com/>

#### Champion Shooters Supply

<http://championshooters.com/>

#### Creedmoor Sports, Inc.

<http://www.creedmoorsports.com/>

#### Daisy Outdoor Products

Contact Special Marketing: [djohnson@daisy.com](mailto:djohnson@daisy.com)

#### Neal Johnson's Gunsmithing, Inc.

<http://nealjguns.com/>

#### Pilkington Competition Equipment

<http://www.pilkguns.com/>

Introductory rifle training for juniors is done with sporter air rifles, precision air rifles, smallbore rifles and BB guns, depending upon team, club or individual goals, affiliations and facilities as well as the ages of participants. This means that the equipment they must acquire to teach basic rifle marksmanship and get started in competition depends upon what type of rifle shooting is done in a particular program. Specific equipment recommendations vary according to which of six developmental tracks is pursued by the club, team or individual junior. They are:

**Sporter Only.** Sporter air rifles are used for basic marksmanship instruction and competition.

**Sporter-Precision.** Sporter air rifles are used for basic marksmanship instruction; interested participants switch to precision air rifles for competition.

**Sporter-Smallbore.** Sporter air rifles are used for basic marksmanship instruction; interested participants switch to smallbore rifles for competition.

**Precision.** Precision club air rifles are used for basic marksmanship instruction; interested participants switch to higher grade precision air rifles for advanced competition.

**Smallbore.** Junior smallbore rifles are used to teach basic marksmanship skills; interested participants use these or more advanced smallbore target rifles to participate in competition.

**BB Guns.** BB guns are used to teach basic marksmanship skills and an introduction to competition; interested participants switch to other tracks to develop additional skills or participate in competition.

The first list in this issue of *On the Mark* is a prioritized equipment list for programs or individuals that use sporter air rifles for instruction and competition. When considering the priority #1 list, it is also important to note that aside from the rifle, the other required equipment items can readily be acquired or fabricated without significant additional expense.



The Daisy M853 is still the most widely used sporter air rifle for junior marksmanship instruction and competition.

**SPORTER TRACK— PRIORITY #1 EQUIPMENT—**Mandatory equipment for starting basic marksmanship instruction.

**Sporter Air Rifles.** Cost: \$200-\$450 each. Sporter-class air rifles are ideal for use in rifle marksmanship instruction, but there are only a few air rifles available that offer the features needed for target practice. To be suitable for junior target shooting, sporter air rifles must have single shot loading, 9-ring or better accuracy (on ISSF 10m target), target sights adjustable for elevation and windage, an adjustable sling attachment on the fore-end and some means of stock length adjustment. The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council



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must recognize air rifles used in competition as legal sporter class air rifles.

Pneumatic Daisy M853/853MC/753 air rifles are excellent for basic instruction and are also successfully used by thousands of juniors in competitions. CO2 or compressed air rifles like the Daisy M888/887 or the Air Arms T200 air rifles cost more, but for a club or individual whose goals focus on competition, they may be a better choice, even for beginners. If gas or CA air rifles are selected, however, it is necessary to acquire the tank and adaptor needed for CO2 gas or compressed air. If the junior program is focused only on basic safety and rifle instruction, Daisy M953 and M880 air rifles are also usable and available at even lower cost.

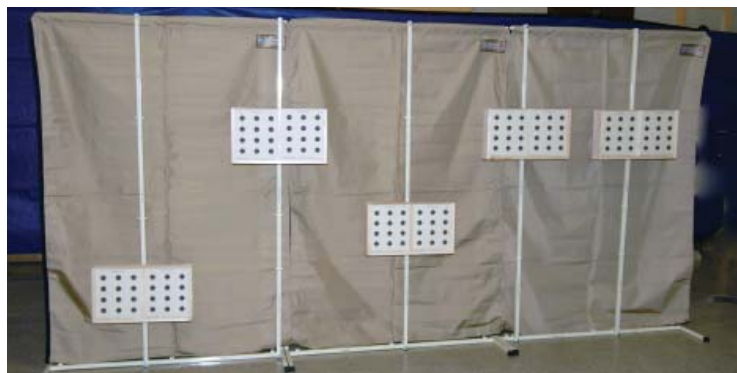


The use of CBIs as safety flags should be mandatory in all instructional and competition air rifle activities. The CBI must be cut long enough so that it also projects out of the barrel.

**CBIs.** Clear Barrel Indicators must be available for every air rifle. The best way to acquire CBIs make them from 0.080" fluorescent orange weed trimmer cord. Cut them approximately 8" longer than the full length of the air rifle barrels.

**Slings.** Slings are mandatory for anyone that wants to learn how to shoot prone and kneeling (and sitting, if it is used) correctly.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " slings shipped with Daisy sporter air rifles are suitable and easy to adjust. In sporter air rifle shooting, slings up to 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in width are legal and are a better choice, especially for competition. Daisy now offers a 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide slide as a separate purchase item. 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide military web slings may be used. The GunSnot sling (available from Champions Choice) is also an excellent and legal sporter sling.

**Target holder/backstop system.** Every air rifle range must be equipped with a target holder and backstop system that not only pro-



The Creedmoor Air Rifle Target Backstop is provided in 5-firing point units and includes a takedown steel frame, target boxes with internal pellet traps and a backdrop curtain.

vides for hanging targets at the prescribed heights, but that also safely and effectively captures all fired pellets without ricocheting pellet fragments back to the firing line. Unless the range area has a back wall that can take hits from occasional stray pellets, there must also be a range backdrop curtain that can prevent stray pellets from striking the walls. The best backstop available is the Creedmoor-CMP Target Backstop that comes in five-firing point units (5 dual target boxes, ballistic nylon backdrop and takedown steel frame and carrying cases). These air rifle range systems can be purchased through CMP for \$1,795 each including shipping. Teams and clubs can also make their own target holders by using designs that are posted on the CMP website at [http://www.odcmp.com/Coaching/target\\_stand\\_plans.htm](http://www.odcmp.com/Coaching/target_stand_plans.htm). Materials costs for these backstops are usually about \$50-75 per firing point. A third and very low-cost alternative is to fabricate pellet traps by filling cardboard boxes with newspapers or similar material; targets can be pinned to the outside of the boxes.



The wearing of personal **eyeglasses or safety glasses** is highly recommended for air rifle shooting.

**Safety Glasses.** In air rifle shooting, there is the remote possibility of a pellet fragment bouncing back from the target backstop to the firing line. For this reason, it is highly recommended that shooters wear either personal eyeglasses or safety glasses while firing air rifles. The wearing of safety glasses is mandatory in some programs and clubs. Organizations should have a supply of safety glasses available for use by all participants who do not wear eyeglasses or have their own safety glasses. Safety glasses for air rifle shooting should have clear or yellow polycarbonate, scratch-resistant lenses that are mounted high enough to give unrestricted visibility in the shooting positions. Suitable shooting glasses now retail for \$10 to 20. It is important to keep the lenses of shooting glasses clean so it is a good idea to have alcohol and soft tissues available to clean them.

**Rear Sight Blinders.** Many new shooters who are cross dominant have difficulty in their first firing exercises. The best way to correct this problem is to attach a blinder to the rear sight so that it blocks the view that the non-aiming eye has of the front sight and target. Many other shooters simply feel that having a blinder on their rear sight makes it easier to aim. The best



Having **rear sight blinders** available for air rifles used by cross-dominant shooters is a must for successful initial firing experiences.

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blindners are handmade; do not try to purchase them. Cut 30mm x 100mm strips of translucent plastic out of empty milk jugs. Punch a small hole in one end so the blinder can be slipped over the rear sight aperture stem.

**Pellets.** Pellets used for air rifle target shooting must be flat-headed, wadcutter-type lead pellets that weigh approximately 8 grains. Pointed, round-nose or steel pellets are not acceptable. Material harder than lead can cause dangerous ricochets. No non-lead or so-called “green” pellets have totally adequate accuracy for serious target shooting. Fundamental considerations in selecting pellets are accuracy and cost. Pellets may be purchased from local sports equipment retailers, but caution is urged since many of these pellets are so inaccurate they are not suitable for target shooting. Have a skilled shooter test a sample of any commercial pellets by firing them from a supported position or bench rest to confirm their accuracy before purchasing large quantities. Five or ten shot test groups fired with good-quality precision air rifles should not be larger than 5-6mm (measured center to center or 10mm measured outside to outside). Pellets manufactured specifically for target shooting that are sold by the CMP and established shooting equipment suppliers cost more, but their quality is assured. Target grade air rifle pellets vary from training to match grade. The lowest-cost training grade pellets sold by these firms are suitable for junior training. Match grade pellets are not needed until individual shooters become advanced competitors.



The BMC Target with its much larger scoring rings should be used for all instruction with new shooters.

## Targets.

Two types of targets are used for air rifle target shooting. It is highly recommended that basic instruction for new shooters begin with the BMC Target. This target has scoring rings that are large enough to allow all well aimed shots fired by new shooters to still score hits. BMC targets can be ordered from the CMP Store (<http://estore.odcmp.com/Store/catalog/catalog.aspx>) for \$7.50/250 (order NLU #052). Air rifle

shooters who are properly instructed will soon reach the point where they are ready to “graduate” to the regular 10-bull air rifle competition target. The standard NC-AR10 target can be purchased from the CMP for \$15/250 targets (order NLU #051).

**SPORTER TRACK—PRIORITY #2 EQUIPMENT**—Additional equipment needed to teach three position shooting.

**Kneeling Rolls.** A kneeling roll is necessary to build a stable kneeling position. Kneeling rolls are cylindrical bags typically filled with a material that does not compress and that holds its shape during firing. The best kneeling rolls can be purchased from Shooting Equip-

ment Suppliers. For programs on limited budgets, satisfactory kneeling rolls can also be made. Instructions for making kneeling rolls are posted on the “Coaches Resources” web page on the CMP web site at <http://www.odcmp.com/CoachingResources.htm>. In a pinch, a starter kneeling roll can be made by cutting a 8-10” wide strip of carpet and taping it into a roll.

**Shooting Gloves.** A glove or mitt is needed for the hand that supports the rifle to provide non-slip contact and increased comfort in holding the rifle. Commercial shooting gloves can be purchased from Shooting Equipment Suppliers; all serious competitive shooters will want one. If the organization does not have an inventory of shooting gloves that new shooters can use, it is best to advise participants to bring a leather work or sport glove from home that fits on the left hand (right-handed shooter).



Shooting mats should be used in the prone (and sitting) position, but not in standing or kneeling.

**Rifle Supports.** The best way to get a quality initial shooting experience for large numbers of beginning juniors is to do their first range shooting from a supported position by firing off of a support placed on the table or floor. It only takes three or four shooting sessions in a supported position for students to become comfortable handling the rifle and to understand safe range procedures, basic shot technique and sight adjustment. Then they will be ready for the standing position. Sand bags, low-cost bench rest-type supports or other similar supports should be acquired for this purpose.

**Pellet Holders/Stands for Standing.** When beginning juniors fire in the standing position, some type of device is needed to hold their pellets within easy reach. Leaving a pellet container on the floor and stooping down to pick up pellets while loading is not a safe procedure. An empty Daisy pellet box can be clipped to the belt or trouser pocket or a simple pellet holder stand that places the pellet container at waist level can be made. This is not something that needs to be purchased.



**Kneeling rolls** may not be larger than 18cm in diameter and 25cm in length. Ideal kneeling rolls are smaller and usually are only partially filled with stuffing so that a depression for the foot can be formed in the center of the roll.

**Shooting Mats.** A shooting mat provides padding for the elbows and keeps the body from lying directly on the floor or ground when firing in the prone position. Special shooting mats with a padded, non-slip rubber area for the elbows can be purchased from Shooting Equipment Suppliers. Like kneeling rolls and gloves, it is possible to improvise for a while by utilizing carpet strips, but a shooting mat definitely enhances the marksmanship experience.



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Having new shooters do their initial firing in a supported position on a table is usually the most effective way to establish basic gun handling and shot technique skills needed to advance to standing and other firing positions. Supports like the one shown here are needed to do this.

**SPORTER TRACK— PRIORITY #3 EQUIPMENT**—Additional equipment needed for advanced instruction and participation in three-position air rifle competition.

**Spotting Scopes.** Spotting scopes allow shooters to see each shot and their shot groups so that they can effectively adjust sights while firing on sighter bulls as well as during record firing. It is possible to introduce the use of spotting scopes too early when they are a distraction rather than an aid to progress. Once juniors reach the



Spotting scopes used for air rifle shooting do not need to be big or expensive. Just be sure the scope focuses clearly at the 10-meter distance.

point where they are firing 3x10 courses of fire, however, they are ready for spotting scopes. Scopes suitable for ten meter shot-hole spotting are commercially available for as low as \$100 or a bit less. A 15-20X scope has more than adequate power for air rifle shooting, but be certain the scope focuses clearly at ten meters before purchasing it.

**Spotting Scope Stands.** Spotting scope stands allow the spotting scope to be adjusted for each position so that the shooter does not need to get out of position to spot shots. Current spotting scope stands are relatively high priced compared with the cost of suitable spotting scopes, but efforts are being made to find lower-cost solutions to this need that will meet the needs of low-budget junior programs.

**Gun Cases.** Hard sided gun cases have become the standard means of storing and transporting air rifles in many programs. Having a gun case is a definite need when traveling to matches or when transporting a rifle from home to the range and back. A wide selection of suitable gun cases is available from Shooting Equipment Suppliers and commercial retail sporting goods stores. Just be sure the air rifle fits in the case. Also, mark the end of the case where the muzzle rests so that the air rifle can be kept pointing downrange when it is removed from the case.

**Rifle Stands.** Rifle stands are not essential for conducting position rifle instruction, but they are common items of equipment for all rifle competition shooters because they provide a convenient, safe place to rest the rifle between shots. These stands also serve as pellet holders. Since most ranges do not have benches or tables on which to rest the rifle between shots, most competition shooters regard rifle stands as essential for advanced standing position shooting.

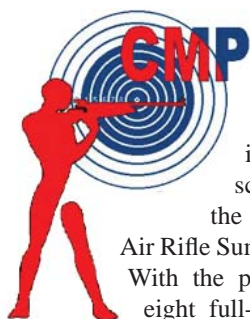


Rifle stands give the standing position rifle shooter a convenient place to rest the rifle between shots.

*This discussion of team and club equipment that is needed for beginning junior rifle marksmanship instruction and initial competitions will continue in the next **On the Mark** with an examination of equipment needed for precision air rifle and small-bore rifle programs.*

## 2007 CMP Summer Camp Recap: A Shining Year

*By Sommer Wood, CMP Writer/Editor*



The summer of 2007 brought with it the most ambitious schedule to date for the CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Summer Camp Program.

With the program expanded to eight full-length camps and a new Advanced Standing Camp, the plate was full for the staff. The added camps meant a record 384 campers and 142 adult leaders would come through the program. This is up 66% over 2006. Fortunately for CMP a group of highly talented counselors signed-up to take on coaching duties for the summer.

Collectively the 2007 staff was the most accomplished group to date to work for the CMP camps, among the group were several individual and team NCAA Champions, National Team Members and Junior National Champions. The group breakdown included three Nebraska Cornhuskers, Katie Harrington, a three-year CMP veteran and her team's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representative, Kristina Fehlings, the Cornhuskers 2006-2007 team captain and also the 2006 NCAA Air Rifle Champion, and Amanda Jeffries, a National Junior Olympic Champion in 2005 and a member of the National Team in 2006. Another three-year CMP veteran returning this summer was Natasha Dinsmore of West Virginia University who is the team's 2007-2008 co-captain. Keegan Singleton, a 2007 NCAA Championship qualifier in air rifle, represented the University of Memphis. Jessica McCauley, a former CMP camper, represented Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. Kasey Meyer of Murray State was the third person in past three seasons to represent the Racers at the CMP camps. Also keeping with tradition was Jen Pason who follows a long line of University of Kentucky Wildcats who have worked at CMP camps. Pason was Rookie of the Year at Kentucky and made All-American in both smallbore and air rifle for the 2006-2007 season. Rounding out the group and representing Jacksonville State was 2007 NCAA Air Rifle Champion and National Team Member Michael Dickenson.

The camps were led once again by Dan Durben, 1988 Olympian, World Championship medalist, National Team coach 1996-2000 and 2004 Paralympic Team Coach. This was Durben's fourth year serving as director of the camps. When he is not coaching juniors,

he teaches physics as a professor at Black Hills State in South Dakota. Durben was assisted by James Hall, a four-time All-American in both air rifle and small-bore at Jacksonville State where he is currently working on his masters degree, and camp coordinator Sommer Wood, a 2003 graduate of Clemson University where she shot on the air rifle team, and a member of the CMP Publications staff.

In the expanded program, the camps traveled to five States and three new locations Reno, Nevada, Bowling Green, Kentucky and Millersville, Pennsylvania. Revisited in 2007 was El Paso, Texas where nearly 80 campers packed the previous 2004 camp. An additional incentive for this camp was provided by the local chapter of the Safari Club International which provided tuition assistance for El Paso High School students, a significant contribution from the organization. Also revisited was Fort Benning near Columbus, Georgia, home of the Army Marksmanship Unit and a consistently popular camp location.

The newest program on the camp schedule was the three-day Advanced Standing Camp. Intended to build on the traditional week-long CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Camp, the Standing Camp took the place of the previous advanced camp that CMP held in conjunction with the USA Shooting National Championships. The former camp was very limited in space and was an invitation only event. The switch to the new camp will hopefully provide a more accessible follow-on for campers seeking training beyond the traditional week-long program. The Standing Camp provides a smaller camper to counselor ratio over three intense days of standing position training. To reach even more athletes there are plans to expand the program in 2008.

The overall schedule for 2008 is also in the works and locations are already being finalized. If your school or club is interested in hosting a CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Summer Camp please contact Sommer Wood at [swood@odcmp.com](mailto:swood@odcmp.com) or 419-341-5248. Camp dates and regis-

tration will be posted on the CMP website in early January. Be prepared to register early because many camp locations fill to capacity quickly.

Scores from the 2007 camps are posted at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=1951](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=1951) and photos can be found at <http://www.odcmp.com/Photos/07/SummerCamps/index.htm>.

To all of the counselors, staff members, campers, coaches and host sites, thank you for making the 2007 camp season a memorable and successful one!



Campers shoot a diagnostic match at the beginning of camp and an official match to conclude the week. Scores from the two matches are used to determine the most improved campers for the week. Some campers find their scores improve as much as 150-200 points during the course of the week.



Several artists on the camp staff collaborated to create 2007 Commemorative Targets, a German tradition that was adapted for the CMP Summer Camps in 2005 and has become a popular addition for the campers.



## Junior Champions at the 2007 National Trophy Matches - Continued from Page 2

State R&P Association Bad Applettes kept the streak alive with a very close win over the California Grizzlies Gold. Center 10s were needed to determine the winner with the WSRPA Bad Applettes shooting a 971-27X to edge out the California Grizzlies' score of 971-23X. The WSRPA Bad Applettes were coached by Jonathon Shew and team members were Kelsi Unangst, 18, of Kent, WA and Jennifer Nyberg, 15, of Renton, WA.

The WSRPA junior team swept the National Trophy junior team events with victories in both the National Trophy Infantry Team Match and the National Trophy Rifle Team Match. The Bad Apples Junior were the top junior team in the "Rattle Battle" Infantry Team Match with a 1130, which gave them a commanding lead over the second place junior team, the Arizona State R&P Association Gold that totaled 1044. In the National Trophy Team Match where each of the six team members fire the 50-shot National Match Course at 200, 300 and 600 yards, the

Bad Apples Junior team finished first with a 2849-67X in front of the California Grizzlies Gold Team that finished second with a 2839-64X and the Arizona SRPA Gold team that was third with a 2814-58X.

A new event at the Matches this year was the Bushmaster Cup. The Bushmaster Cup Junior Award was presented to the highest scoring Junior in the Mountain Man Aggregate who shot a Bushmaster rifle. The winner of this award was Amanda Elsenboss of Woodbury, CT who had a 1243-32X aggregate score.

The Col. Bill Deneke Trophy and the National Trophy Junior Service Rifle Championship were also awarded on the basis of aggregate scores. The Col. Bill Deneke Trophy and Col. Bill Deneke medallions are presented to the National Junior Highpower Team, which consist of the six Juniors with the highest aggregate scores for the President's, National Trophy Individual and Whistler Boy Team Matches. Recipients of the 2007 Col. Bill Deneke Trophy were Kevin Trickett of Woburn, Massachusetts with a 1270-41X, Daniel Atkins of Brunswick, Georgia with a 1260-38X, Nick Mower of Ramsay, Montana with a 1256-29X, Jordan Whitman of Springboro, Pennsylvania with a 1255-40X, Trevor Massey of Kent, Washington with a 1254-34X and Amanda Elsenboss of Woodbury, Connecticut with a 1253-29X. The National Trophy Junior Championship was awarded to the individual with the highest total score in the Deneke Trophy aggregate. The 2007 National Trophy Junior Champion was Kevin Trickett, who received a Compass Lake (<http://www.compasslake.com/>) AR-15 competition rifle for his accomplishment. Trickett was also the high junior in the National



Jarrod McDevitt, of Bushmaster Firearms (<http://www.bushmaster.com>), presents the Junior Bushmaster Cup to Amanda Elsenboss.

Trophy Individual Match, which earned the Golden Eagle Trophy for him.

CMP Games events wrap up the CMP National Matches events at Camp Perry. The growing popularity of these events also drew plenty of Juniors. Casey Guliuzza of Rapid City, South Dakota was the High Junior in the Springfield Match with a 276-1X. In the John C. Garand Match, the High Junior was Gallagher Bobseine of Cattaraugus, New York who edged out his brother Ike, 280-5 to 272-4 for the win. In the second annual M1 Carbine Match, Eric Curavo of Northwood, Ohio claimed the High Junior award with a 356-3X. Jim Minturn's score of 261-2X was good enough for him to claim the High Junior in the Vintage Military Match. Minturn, who hails from Temecula, California shot a M1917 Enfield in the event.

Congratulations to these Juniors and all the competitors in the National Matches! 2007 was another year for the record books thanks to all the great support from the staff, the volunteers and especially the competitors

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Jim Hill, NT Rifle Match Director, presents the WSRPA Bad Applettes team with the Whistler Boy team match awards.



Gunny R. Lee Erney presented the Col. Bill Deneke Trophy and Col. Bill Deneke medallions to the National Junior Highpower Team, which consist of the six Juniors with the highest aggregate scores for the President's, National Trophy Individual and Whistler Boy Team Matches.



MG Wayt, the Adjutant General, State of Ohio, presents the Garand High Junior Plaque to Gallagher Bobseine.





The top overall junior for the week was Kevin Trickett of Woburn MA. with a total score for the week of 1944-63X.



The North Carolina National Guard Training Site in Butner, North Carolina, hosted the 2007 U.S. Eastern Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship.



Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Shooting Rifle Team gave valuable lessons during the clinic.



Amanda Elsenboss was the overall high woman with an aggregate score of 1925-62X. She also placed third overall for the week.

## 2nd Annual Eastern U.S. Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship

### Kevin Trickett (MA) takes top Junior

By Maureen Trickett, CMP M

The sky's were clear, and the temperatures ranging between 94 and 104, perfect weather for the 2nd annual Eastern US Junior HP Clinic and Championship. Juniors from Boston to New Orleans arrived for a week of competitive shooting and clinics led by the Marine Service Rifle Team.

A total of 33 juniors participated in this year's events with 10 juniors returning from last year and 23 new juniors. The week opened on Sunday with a light day of shooting to gain zeros for the week long competitions that would begin on Monday. After the range was turned over to the Marines from the Commander of Camp Butner on Monday the juniors were split into two groups. The beginners and Intermediate shooters learned about positions, equipment and techniques from one group of the Marines while the advanced group went to the 600 yard line to see a demonstration on how to read wind. Smoke contained in barrels was used to demonstrate direction and speed of the wind. They also discussed other topics such as mirage and lighting that would have an effect on their shots. After a short break for lunch all the juniors were brought out to the 600 yard line for a 20 shot match with coaching from the Marines. Daniel Atkins (GA) was the high shooter with a 195-9, followed by Amanda Elsenboss (CT) 193-10 and Robin Frazier 192-5.

Day two was the Bushmaster 800 aggregate. Everyone was up bright and early and on the range by 7:00 am. It was a beautiful day. A slight breeze, clear skies and only about 85, the day was off to a great start. It was amazing to see juniors who had never met each other team up to shoot, score and work the pits together. Outgoing or shy, male or female it did not matter. They all had a common interest, improving their skills. I saw experienced shooters share their own equipment with not so experienced shooters to try and

help them with their positions on the line. Yes they were concerned about their own performances, but at the same time they wanted to see others improve just like they did from the help of others before them. By the end of the day, with 100% humidity and temperatures hovering at about 104 in the sun, the match was completed. Kevin Trickett (MA) placed first with a 783-24, second was Jim Clark, (MA) 781-19, and third was Mark Nations, 778-14.

Day three was the Whistler Boy "Billy C. Atkins" Team Match. The teams were put together not by putting top shooters together, but by pairing one top shooter and one beginner shooter. Teams were formed like this to teach the beginner, who may have never have shot in this type of match, how it is run and also to see how both can work together to win. The match went very well, teammates were cheering each other throughout the day. Because there were an odd number of juniors to make teams, the winner of last year's Whistler Boy Team Kevin Trickett, was teamed with a volunteer adult, Michelle Belleville, to make the final pair. The juniors shared their knowledge with each other, mixed in the tips they received from their Marine Coaches and topped it with a lot of laughs to create a great match. The winning team "Team America World Police" (Mark Nations, George Planeta) followed by "TNT" (Matt Wooten, Randi Hilt) and "Pink Tanks of DEATH" (Chris Hudock, Lyndsey Nash).

That night all were treated to Pizza and soda, complements of "Bushmaster Firearms." Bushmaster has been a big supporter of this match and junior shooters. Unfortunately they were not able to join the events this year, but Bushmaster still received a big round of applause before the pizza boxes were opened.

On day 4, still hot and sunny, the juniors, parents, coaches and Marines were still gong strong. The day's match was the "Junior EIC Match. This



Bushmaster Firearms was one of the many sponsors of the 2007 Eastern U.S. Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship.



The U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team provided hands-on coaching on the firing line throughout the clinic.



# Highpower Clinic and Championship

## in the Eastern US Championship

MA State Junior Director

is a short day in comparison to the other days, only 50 shots and no sighters. The top Non-Distinguished shooters received EIC award points that count towards their Distinguished Badge. The top three shooters received CMP EIC Medals (Distinguished or not). The day was exciting; with no sighters, having zeros played a big part in the match. Relay after relay, yard line after yard line, we were all on our scopes watching the targets. Scores went up and down, there were cross-fires, saved rounds, alibis, personal bests and a few spiders; we had it all in this match. After it was all done, the top places went to Daniel Atkins, 490-19; Amanda Elsenboss, 482-16 and Kevin Trickett 481-13. Amanda and Kevin are already Distinguished so they received 2nd and 3rd place medals. Award points went to Daniel Atkins, 8 points; with 6 points each going to Chris Hudock, 478-11, and Michael Richardson, 474-9. First leather by one point went to Jim Clark, 473-9.

The EIC Match was also the last match in the individual match aggregate for the week. The matches included the EIC, Whistler Boy, 800 point match and 600 yard match. The winner and top junior shooter for the week was Kevin Trickett of Woburn MA with a total score of 1944-63. Kevin will leave us in September to go to Fort Benning GA for Army basic training. Upon completion he will join the Army Marksmanship Team as one of their newest members. Congratulations, Kevin.

Second place went to Daniel Atkins (GA) with a score of 1938-57. Third place and top female went to Amanda Elsenboss of CT. Both Daniel and Amanda will be attending local colleges in September.

The afternoon was finished with a dem-

onstration from the Marines on how to shoot the Infantry Team Match. The juniors formed three teams to shoot the match with coaches from the Marine Team, competing against each other for fun. The top team was Team 352 with Team Captain SSgt Guillermo Sandoval, Team Coach SSgt Jason Benedict, and team members Daniel Atkins, Daniel Elliott, Steven Head, Michael Richardson, Jessi Trelegan, and Matt Wooten, with a team score of 834. The evening was topped off with a pig roast and some of the famous "Atkins" Lemonade. Donated prizes were handed out to all competitors, thanks to the generous contributions of our sponsors.

The week concluded with the presentation of plaques and certificates. Thanks goes to Bob Hughes and Brad Palmer for another great clinic and of course to the National Guard and the Marines. Without them this would not have happened. The main purpose of the clinic that was pointed out in the clinic's closing was that it was not how the top juniors shot, but how they interacted with the other shooters, helping to coach and give emotional support to the new shooters on the line.

Full results can be viewed at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2421](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2421) and pictures can be viewed at <http://www.odcmp.com/Photos/07/EJrHPClinic/index.htm>.

Special thanks go out to Bushmaster Firearms, Billy Atkins, Bob Hughes, Brad Palmer, Maureen Trickett, Michelle Belleville, The U.S. Marine Corps Shooting Team, the competitors, and the many parents and volunteers who helped make this event happen.



Brad Palmer, left, and COL Nance, right, presents the EIC Match Winners with their plaques.

The clinic hopes to double in size next year. Tentative dates for the 2008 Eastern Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship are 18 - 27 June again at Camp Butner, North Carolina. Information for the 2008 clinic will be available from the CMP this Fall. Mark your calendars!



Team "352" was the overall high Infantry Trophy Team with a score of 834. Firing members were Daniel Atkins, Daniel Elliott, Steven Head, William Richardson, Jessi Trelegan and Matt Wooten. Team Captain was SSgt Guillermo Sandoval, USMC, and Team Coach was SSgt Jason Benedict, USMC.



Everyone enjoyed a "pig pickin'" on Thursday evening and all clinic participants received a bag of goodies and door prizes from the many donors that supported this year's clinic.



The Marine Corps Shooting Team gave a demonstration on shooting the National Trophy Infantry Rifle Match "Rattle Battle" on the last day of the clinic.



Sgt Marc Chaplin, USMC, coached the "Team America World Police" in the Whistler Boy "Billy C. Atkins" Team Match. Firing members were Mark Nations and George Planeta (not pictured).

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who made the journey to Camp Perry. Hopefully 2008 will bring even more Juniors to the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches.

For complete scores from all the events at the National Matches please visit the CMP website at <http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchResultSearch.cgi?designation=NATIONAL>, for photos please visit <http://www.odcmp.com/Photos/05/Index.htm>.

### 2008 National Match Schedule

6-8 July	Pistol SAFS
13 July	National Trophy Pistol Matches
20 July	Rimfire Sporter Match
25-27 July	Rifle SAFS Registration, USMC Jr HP Clinic
28 July - 1 August	National Trophy Rifle Matches
31 July - 2 August	CMP Games Events



## National Matches Juniors Learn Advanced Highpower Skills from Marine Shooters

*By Wendy Sedlacek/CMP Journalism Intern*

On 27-29 July, during the first three days of the 2007 National Trophy Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, 117 junior highpower rifle shooters from across the country participated in classroom and on-the-range instruction given by the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team. The CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Camp, which was coordinated by the CMP and conducted by the Marine Corps Team, has become a traditional start of the National Matches as well as a learning opportunity that the country's best junior highpower service rifle shooters look forward to each year. The clinic includes classroom presentations, on-the-range demonstrations and lots of one-

on-one coaching from Marine Corps team members. In order to attend the school, participants must have previously attended a Rifle Small Arms Firing School or achieved an advanced highpower rifle classification.

Camp registration took place on Friday morning, 27 July. The first afternoon was spent in classroom instruction where Marine shooters gave presentations on the shooting positions and techniques for firing the highpower course of fire. Everyone moved to the range on Saturday morning for a full day of on-the-range instructional sessions and demonstrations followed by practice firing at 200 and 300 yards. Instruction and practice for 600 yard firing continued on the following morning. Each shooter also had opportunities to get personal instruction from the Marines to address their specific training needs.

The three-day camp closed with a pizza party sponsored by Bushmaster Firearms. Gary Anderson, CMP Director, and GySgt Tim Hamler, Marine Corps Rifle

Team NCOIC, presented certificates to each participant. Every junior in the camp also received a Marine Corps Rifle Team sweatshirt and a USMC Junior Highpower Clinic T-shirt as well as souvenir items from Bushmaster. After the camp, most of the juniors approached Marine Corps Rifle Team members to offer thanks for their instruction and assistance. The CMP certainly wishes to offer its commendations and thanks to the Marine Corps Rifle Team for their superb work in making this year's CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Camp a success!



The USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Camp began with members of the Marine Corps Rifle Team giving classroom instruction on shooting positions and techniques.



Each firing session on the range began with demonstrations by Marine Corps Rifle Team members.



Juniors in the camp received individual coaching from USMC shooters while they were practicing.



## Shooting Games for the Recreational or Competitive Shooter

*By Kristina Fehlings, CMP Summer Camp Counselor*

Fun shooting games can benefit any shooter at any skill level. There are many games that not only keep shooters engaged and entertained, but can also serve as avenues to improve competition scores and skills. Shooters may participate in games such as a Guts Match, Shooting Ping Pong, Save Your Partner, the Shot Calling Exercise, and Call Your 10's. The following is a guide to help you understand the rules and benefits of incorporating these games into your training plans.

### Guts Match

Shot like a final, all competitors are given 75 seconds to shoot one shot at a time. Any shot not completed within the allotted time is recorded as a zero. After each record shot, shooters should be prompted by a coach or range officer to yell out their scores in order down the line. The shooter with the lowest score is out of the competition and may step off the line. This continues until there is one match champion. If there is a tie for the lowest score only the lowest score competitors will participate in a shoot off to determine who will remain in the competition.

Guts matches are great ways for both competitive and recreational shooters to have fun while simulating a competition-like environment at practice. They help impress the importance of treating each shot as a single shot match and they can help more experienced shooters gain confidence and comfort in shooting finals. They work best for groups of 5 or more.

### Shooting Ping Pong

This two player game is best described as a point based target shooting duel. After sighting in, shooters of comparable skill level may shoot one shot at a time, comparing scores after each shot. The shooter who fires the highest score receives one point. The games will continue this way until one competitor reaches 5 points to win the game. Friendly rivalries between shooters can be constructive and motivating for many shooters to push themselves to reach more competitive levels.

### Save Your Partner

Similar to a Guts Match, competitors first sight in, then as a group, shoot one shot at a time. Instead of having the low shooter immediately sit out, their partner, the person to the left of low shooter, can attempt to save him or her. [The competitor on the far left of the firing line should be saved by the competitor on the far right]. To save the low shooter, the partner shoots one shot while all other competitors must wait. In order for the low shooter to be saved, the shot must be a 10 or an equally challenging score based on the competitor's skill level. When only two shooters remain, a shoot off will determine the winner.

Save Your Partner is fun and challenging game that like the others can be used as a training tool or just to have fun at the range. As a training tool, this game can help team members learn to compete for a team or team member while shooting great individually, much like a high school or collegiate shooting experience. It also puts pressure on each shooter to perform their best, especially when attempting to

save a partner. Save Your Partner is best shot with a group of 5 or more shooters.

### Shot Calling Exercise

This drill may be completed individually or as a group. Shooters will shoot 10 shots for record, recording each individual shot. After each shot but before looking through a scope, the shooter should record their "call" both for that shot in score and shot direction. For example, a shooter could record a 9 at 7 o'clock or a 9 low and left. The shooter may then look through their scope and check the accuracy of their call. If the shot is a 9, as called, the shooter receives 1 point. Additionally if the direction was guessed correctly the shooter receives another point. A perfect score is 20 points on a 10 bull target, i.e. both the score and direction of each shot were called correctly.

It is possible to shoot a perfect score in this game. Doing so implies that the shooter understands their hold, their follow through, natural point of aim, position consistency, and other shooting skills. All of these skills make up the basic foundation for shooting well. Shooting drills like this one can help shooters become conscious of what they are doing and what affect it has on their performance.

### 10's in a Row

There are many versions of this game. It can be altered to play as a group or shot for individual training. Shot individually the game is played as follows. The shooter or a coach may choose a certain number of 10s or 10s and 9s depending on skill level, which the shooter must shoot consecutively before the shooter can stop training. Make sure to be challenging yet realistic when setting this goal. Shot as a group, the first to shoot a certain number of 10s, or 10s and 9s in a row wins. This game can help instill confidence, it helps shooters learn to slow down and take the time to shoot good shots, it helps shooters learn to reject shots and it creates competition-like pressure in practice.

These games are meant to serve as a guide to help shooters and coaches create a fun yet challenging day at the range. They can be used by recreational shooters to provide variety and intensity to practices or by competitive shooters to improve essential competition skills. Use them and have fun!





The Tatanka Trophy was awarded to Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

From the 2nd to the 12th of July, nearly 700 of the country's best junior air rifle and air pistol shooters and their coaches competed in a series of major national junior air rifle championships at Bowling Green, Kentucky. The 2007 Daisy Air Rifle Championship, National Junior Olympic Three-Position Air Rifle Championship and USA Shooting Progressive Position Pistol Championship all took place on the beautiful campus of Western Kentucky University. The matches were highlighted by 17-year-old Michaela Jochum's double victory in the Daisy and Junior Olympic sporter class events, by 17-year-old Ethan Settlementires' close win over a strong field in the Junior Olympic precision class competition and by overall best Junior Olympic team scores posted by R. L. Paschal High School in sporter and the DuBois Junior Rifle Team in precision.

The Daisy Junior Air Rifle Championship is an open competition that follows their National BB Gun Championship. The Daisy competition features two days of three-position shooting with a final on the second day and with competitors divided into sporter and precision classes. The Daisy match also serves as a warm-up for the Junior Olympic Sporter Championship that

## National Junior Air Rifle Competitions at Bowling Green Have Impressive Turnouts and Scores

By Wendy Sedlacek/CMP Journalism Intern

followed. The Junior Olympic Championship is the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council's National Junior Position Air Rifle Championship. The U. S. Olympic governing body, USA Shooting, and the Civilian Marksmanship Program conduct this competition. To compete in the National Junior Olympics shooters must first qualify in a State Junior Olympic match. The USA Shooting Progressive Position Air Pistol Championship that occupied three days in the schedule between the Sporter and Precision Class Junior Olympic Championships followed the Junior Olympic Sporter Championship. The last Championship was the National Junior Olympic Precision Class Championship. Both Junior Olympic competitions also featured two days of individual and team competition with a final on the second day.

While temperatures outside were a scorching 90 degrees plus, competitors and coaches enjoyed the luxury of air conditioning in the Diddle Arena at Western Kentucky University. Its huge multi-purpose gym was set up with a temporary 75-point air gun range. In the Daisy Junior Open Air Gun Championship, Michaela Jochum of Beatrice, Nebraska blew everyone away by combining a first day 567 with a second day 563 and a 91.7 final to win the gold medal in sporter class with an outstanding score of 1221.7. Jochum competed with the Homestead 4-H Shooting Club. The silver medal was awarded to Lauren Strebel of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, a member of Palmyra Junior Rifle Team, who fired a total score of 1195.2. Strebel's score included an impressive 95.2 Final. The bronze medal went to Noel Maxwell with a total score of 1190.5. Maxwell is a member of the Corvette City Shooting Team in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

17-year-old Keely Stankey from Minneapolis, Minnesota topped the precision class shooters by combining a first day



Keely Stankey, 17, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was the top precision class competitor in the Daisy Championship.

584 with a 587 on the second day and a 99.2 final to total 1269.2 and a three point margin over second place Alivia Yeager from Louisville, Kentucky. Stankey represented the Minneapolis Rifle Club; Yeager shot for Shelby County High School. The Homestead 4-H Shooting Club topped the sporter teams with a two-day 4343 x 4800 total. St. Louis University High School was the leading precision class team with a 4562 total.

Complete results for the Daisy Junior Air Rifle Championship are posted at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2291](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2291).

Michaela Jochum produced another dominating performance in the National



Michaela Jochum of Beatrice, Nebraska won the sporter championship titles in both the 2007 Daisy Junior Championship and the National Junior Olympic Championship.



Junior Olympic Sporter Championship. She led all competitors the first day with a 568. Her 554 score was second to Kelsea Hunt's 563 on the next day. Jochum had a 10-point lead going into the final and fired an impressive 94.1 to finish with a 17.7 point victory. Hunt qualified for the National Junior Olympics while competing for the Ozark High School Army JROTC rifle team. There are two team divisions in the Junior Olympic Championship, Scholastic and Club. Homestead 4-H Shooting Club from Beatrice, Nebraska was the top Club team with a 4311 total. R. L. Paschal High School from Fort Worth, Texas won the Scholastic Trophy and had the highest overall team total with a 4332.

Complete results for the National Junior Olympic Sporter Class Championship are posted at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2485](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2485). Pictures can be viewed at <http://www.odcmp.com/Photos/07/BG/index.htm>.

Outstanding results were also produced in the USA Shooting Progressive Air Pistol Championship. The event was

comprised of two divisions, A and B, which are then broken into categories according to the competitor's age and skill level. The categories are One-Handed Unsupported, Two-Handed Unsupported, Advanced Supported, Basic Supported and Youth Basic. This system allows shooters to advance through the categories as they develop the strength and coordination needed in pistol shooting. Earning first place in the One-Handed Unsupported category was Cody Owsley of Tonganoxie, Kansas with an aggregate score of 853. Owsley combined a 380 from the first day with a 376 on the second day, then added an incredible 97 Final to win. Like the other events at Bowling Green, the Progressive Pistol Championship also had a team division. In the Unsupported category X-Ring Junior Shooters from Tonganoxie, Kansas took first place with a 2216 aggregate. Kelly Owsley coached the team; firing members were Cody Owsley, 756, Anthony Lutz, 742 and Ryan Benteman, 718.

Complete results for the USA Shooting Progressive Position Air Pistol Championship are posted at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2567](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2567).



The USA Shooting Progressive Air Pistol Championship also took place in Bowling Green, KY.

The National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Precision Class Championship that concluded the 11-day competition schedule at Bowling Green also had an impressive turnout, even attracting the attention of several college coaches. Three relays were needed to accommodate the large number of competitors. This made for two long days of competition for all involved, but did not keep competitors from producing high scores and exceptionally close competition for individual and team honors.

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## CMP Welcomes Former Summer Camp Counselor to Staff

*By Sommer Wood, CMP Writer/Editor*

Brad Donoho, originally from Louisville, Kentucky, recently became CMP's newest Program Manager, and will be working with several of CMP's air rifle and youth programs. The 2007 graduate of the University of Kentucky has extensive competition and coaching experience both in air rifle and smallbore.

Donoho began shooting at the age of five and went on to win eight straight Kentucky Smallbore Championships. He shot as a sub-junior for Fern Creek High School, and was a four-year letterman on the varsity rifle team at Seneca High School. Other accomplishments Donoho achieved while a junior include the Kentucky Air Rifle State Championship and the NRA Military Scholastic National Championship.

After high school Donoho entered the University of Kentucky where he majored in Biology. In his first semester he walked on with the Wildcat NCAA Rifle Team and quickly earned a scholarship the following spring. During his career at Kentucky, Donoho represented his school at the NCAA National Championships and was named to the Great American Rifle Conference All-Smallbore Team.

While in college Donoho spent three summers working for the CMP Three-Position Junior Air Rifle Camps. He was appointed to the position of head counselor in 2006. After completing his eligibility with the Wildcats in the spring of 2006, he became Kentucky's Assistant Rifle Coach for the 2006-2007 season. He has also conducted several clinics for JROTC Programs, and coached juniors in the Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky areas.

Donoho will be a great asset for the CMP, bringing with him a passion for junior shooting and knowledge of competitive shooting that will benefit the youth programs he will manage at CMP. Please join us in welcoming Brad to the CMP family.

Brad Donoho may be reached by email at [bdonoho@odcmp.com](mailto:bdonoho@odcmp.com), or by phone at 419-635-2141 ext 1130.





The new National Three-Position Air Rifle Council Logo.

Three-Position Air Rifle Championship. Here is a summary of actions by the Council.

**Council Members.** Organizations represented at the meeting included 4-H Shooting Sports, the American Legion, Army JROTC, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, Marine Corps JROTC, Navy JROTC and USA Shooting. The U. S. Army, which now sponsors a major junior air rifle program, was represented by the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit and welcomed as a new Council member.

**Safety.** Each year when the Council meets, its first agenda item is to review the safety record of the past year and the effectiveness of current safety training. Council members noted with satisfaction that with over 3,000 schools and clubs involved in three-position air rifle instruction and competition there were no injury-causing safety incidents during the past year. The last known incident was in September 2004. The Council also affirmed current safety doctrine that emphasizes mandatory use of CBIs (Clear Barrel Indicators), clearing and grounding rifles before any movement down range as well as a continued emphasis on the three basic safety rules, muzzle control and actions open and fingers off the trigger except when firing.

**Council Logo.** A new National Council logo was adopted during the past year. Council members and sponsors of training events or competitions sanctioned by the Council are authorized to display the logo in promoting and conducting those activities.

## Three-Position Air Rifle Update

**Match Sanctioning.** A new system for sanctioning three-position air rifle matches was established by the Council to replace its previous system. Council match sanctioning is now administered by the CMP. Since this revised sanctioning system was put in place in the spring of 2007, more than 60 three-position air rifle matches have been sanctioned. Match sponsors that want to sanction their matches may download application forms from the CMP website at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/sanctApp.pdf>.

**New Sporter Air Rifle Coming.** All sporter class air rifles must be approved by the Council before they can be legally used in competition. John McCaslin, President and CEO of AirForce Air Guns of Fort Worth, Texas, presented an air rifle prototype for consideration. The new rifle is powered by compressed air and has a futuristic design inspired by modern precision air rifle and smallbore aluminum frame designs. The projected price for this air rifle is within current sporter class standards; \$350 without sights and \$450 with sights. The Council approved the AirForce "Edge" for use in sporter class competition, subject to the delivery of production air rifles that are substantially the same as the prototype that was examined by the Council. Initial production is expected in late 2007.

**Three-Position Rules.** The *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* are now in the second year of a two-year cycle so substantial rule changes will not be considered until 2008 when the next rulebook is produced. The Council did consider and turn down a request to

allow the use of after-market replacement butt plates on Daisy M853/753/888/887 air rifles. This decision was based on a Council philosophy that only allows after market products on sporters that are necessary to replace defective factory parts such as the plastic muzzle weights/front sight bases that were supplied with some Daisy Avanti air rifles. Current rules already provide for the creation of a non-slip surface on factory butt-plates (Rule 4.2.4, "the butt of the stock may be rough, checkered or scored to provide a non-slip surface."). The Council clarified that shortening the trigger spring in Daisy sporters is a permitted modification as long as the trigger remains capable of lifting a 1.5 lb. weight.

**Sporter Clothing.** There was a lengthy discussion about shooters' clothing in sporter class events and whether some form of clothing control will be necessary to assure that competitors wear no more than "a maximum of two loose fitting shirts or sweatshirts" with nothing more than a light T-shirt under that. Guidelines for enforcement stress that competition clothing truly must be loose fitting and not excessively thick or stiff. Shirts or sweatshirts may have single-layers of cloth only (pockets are OK except under the standing support arm).

**2008 Competition Schedule.** Work was also done on coordinating the competition schedule for the coming year. The dates for the major competitions sponsored by Council members will be announced as they become available.

**Council Officers.** CMP Director Gary Anderson was reelected Chairman of the Council. Mike Buss, American Legion; Larry Pendergrass, Georgia High School Association Match Director; and Bob Foth, USA Shooting Youth Programs Director; were reelected as members of the Council's National Jury of Appeal.



The new AirForce Air Guns "Edge" was approved by the Council as a new sporter class air rifle. Detailed information will be released as soon as production air rifle become available.

## 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 Junior Distinguished Badges. **ON THE MARK** will recognize all juniors who achieve this outstanding goal in each upcoming issue. A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/EIC.pdf>. If you would like more information on this program, visit the CMP web site at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/EICProgram.pdf> or email CMP Competitions at [3PAR@odcmp.com](mailto:3PAR@odcmp.com).



Badge #	Name	Hometown
164	April Dunn	Newnan, GA
165	Matthew Bertino	Ocean Pines, MD
166	Parker Thomas Tomasi	Albuquerque, NM
167	Samantha Shankles	Albuquerque, NM
168	Andrea Lynne Dardas	Essexville, MI
170	Krista Duhamel	Bemidji, MN
171	Katie Kostal	Bay City, MI
172	Dempster Christenson	Sioux Falls, SD
173	Kira Brown	Sparks, NV
174	Ashley Rose	Eubank, KY
175	Kayla McClellan	Charleston, SC
176	Jacob Terlizzi	Bishopville, MD
177	Noel Maxwell	Bowling Green, KY
178	Kaitlyn Martin	Peralta, NM
179	Joe Montanez	San Juan, TX



## National Junior Air Rifle Competitions at Bowling Green - Continued from Page 17

Michael Kulbacki, 17, from DuBois, Pennsylvania and Ethan Settlemires, 17, from Walnut, Mississippi led all competitors with 592 three-position totals on the first day. Emily Holsopple, 15, also from DuBois, was just one point back at 591. The top 10 shooters all fired scores of 587 or higher. On the second day, 14 competitors fired 587 or higher. The top scores of 591 were posted by Abigail Stanec, 15, from Wadsworth, Ohio and Andrea Dardas, 16, from Essexville, Michigan. This set the stage for an extremely exciting final where only five points separated all eight shooters in the final. Settlemires and Kulbacki started the final tied at 1180 and Holsopple was just one point behind at 1179. In the final, Settlemires fired a 100.0 to gain a one-point victory over Kulbacki who fired a 99.0. Ethan Settlemires represented the Cross Roads Sport Shooting 4-H club that won the Mississippi State Junior Olympic Championship as he won his first major national three-position air rifle title.

Complete results for the National Junior Olympic Precision Class Championship are posted at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2485](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2485).

The Bowling Green competitions were fired on paper targets that were scored with the Orion electronic scoring system. This significantly reduced the number of volunteers needed to conduct the competition. Each championship was capped off with an awards ceremony and pizza party. USA Shooting and the CMP express their thanks to all of the volunteers who worked as range officers or who assisted with the conduct of the different championships. A special thank-you goes to the CMP State Junior Director in Kentucky, Joe Tinsley, for making a myriad of arrangements to assure the success of the competitions.



The top three overall Precision Individuals (Class AG1): Michael Kulbacki (left), Ethan Settlemires (center) and Emily Holsopple (right).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events is featured in every issue of *On The Mark*. If you would like your match or clinic listed, please contact the CMP at [onthemark@odcmp.com](mailto:onthemark@odcmp.com), or call 419-635-2141, ext. 1111. Please include the name of the event, date, whom the event is open to and contact information and web site (if available). The CMP will do its best to accommodate each request to be included in the Calendar of Events.

### 19-21 October 2007

MBA Classic (3-P Air Rifle Championship), Nashville, TN  
<http://www.odcmp.com/3P/MBARifleClassic.pdf>

### 20-23 October 2007

4th Western CMP Games, Phoenix, AZ  
<http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInfo.cgi?matchID=2516>

### 21-23 October 2007

National 4-H Extension Agents Conference, Atlanta, GA

### 24-28 October 2007

Western Creedmoor Cup Matches, Phoenix, AZ  
<http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInfo.cgi?matchID=2516>

### 7-9 December 2007

National Coaches College & CMP SJD Workshop, Colorado Springs, CO

### 18-20 January 2008

Camp Perry Open Air Rifle Competition, Camp Perry, OH

### 2-5 February 2008

SHOT Show, Las Vegas, NV

### 14-17 February 2008

Eastern Region JROTC, Fort Benning, GA

### 21-23 February 2008

Western Region JROTC, TBA

### 22 March 2008

Georgia High School Rifle Championship, Fort Benning, GA

### 27-29 March 2008

JROTC National Air Rifle Championship, Fort Benning, GA

### 3-11 May 2008

Eastern CMP Games & Creedmoor Cup Matches, Camp Butner, NC

### 8-13 June 2008

NJROTC Area 3BLT Marksmanship, Camp Perry, OH

### 18-27 June 2008

Eastern U.S. Junior Highpower Clinic & Championship, Camp Butner, NC

### 4-6 July 2008

Daisy/USJC International BB Gun Championship, Bowling Green, KY

### 6-8 July 2008

Daisy Air Rifle Championship, Bowling Green, KY

### 8-9 July 2008

Pistol SAFS & M9 Pistol EIC Match, Camp Perry, OH

### 13 July 2008

National Trophy Pistol Matches, Camp Perry, OH

### 20 July 2008

National Rimfire Sporter Match, Camp Perry, OH

### 25-27 July 2008

USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Camp, Camp Perry, OH

### 26-27 July 2008

Rifle SAFS & M16 Rifle EIC Match, Camp Perry, OH

### 8-13 June 2008

NJROTC Area 3BLT Marksmanship, Camp Perry, OH

### 28 July - 1 August 2008

National Trophy Rifle Matches, Camp Perry, OH

### 31 July - 2 August 2008

National CMP Games Matches, Camp Perry, OH

### 11-19 October 2008

Western CMP Games Matches & Creedmoor Cup Matches, Phoenix, AZ

# How to Find Competitions for the 2007-2008 School Year

*By Sommer Wood, CMP Writer/Editor*

One of the key components of improvement for any competitor is competition experience. The 2007-2008 schedule is packed with plenty of great competition opportunities to help juniors gain more competition experience. In addition to league or club matches in their area, it is important for juniors to seek higher-level competitions, especially national level events. National events challenge athletes to raise their standards and skill level, offer many exciting new experiences and provide exposure to college coaches. For individual juniors who do not have access to good local competitions, finding matches at any level is important to gain experience and measure progress.

The problem many juniors and coaches face is how to find matches. Match dates, sites and programs are typically found in many different publications and web sites so it can take some detective work to find out about competitions that should be in your plans. Hopefully we can cut out some of the legwork and give you a jump-start in planning your competition schedule for the 2007-2008 school year.

One way to find matches is to learn how to use the web sites that post dates, locations and contact information for upcoming matches. All three-position air rifle matches that are sanctioned by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council are posted on the CMP's Competitor Tracker website at <http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi>. Go to "Air Rifle" and then click on "Upcoming Matches." Check the list of sanctioned matches for competitions that might fit into your schedule and travel budget. You can also use this same site to view results from air rifle matches that were recently completed. If you have not done so already, you may want to bookmark this site.

USA Shooting also lists its upcoming matches on its website at <http://www.usashooting.org/matchInfo.php>. The NRA posts matches that it sanctions at <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/calendar.asp>.

Here is a list of important matches that you should try to work into your match schedules if possible. Some begin with postal or state shoulder-to-shoulder qualifiers that are accessible to all junior shooters and can readily be included in the competition program of all juniors who are interested in getting competition experience.

## **National Level Matches That Should Be On Every Junior's Calendar:**

### **Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic, 19-21 October, Nashville, TN.**

The 13th Annual MBA is a must attend for high school rifle teams. This National Council-sanctioned event features team and individual competition in both sporter and precision three-position air rifle on Friday and Saturday. There is also an open air rifle standing competition on Sunday. The Army Marksmanship Unit will be on hand to teach clinics throughout the competition. This match is a great kick-off for any high school season. A complete match program is posted on the CMP website at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/MBARifleClassic.pdf>. For more information contact Leo Lujan at 615-837-9705 or [leolujan@aol.com](mailto:leolujan@aol.com).

### **JROTC Postal Competitions, 17 September 2007 - 4 December 2007.**

There are separate Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy JROTC postal competitions that are open to all JROTC cadets who have had rifle safety and marksmanship training. For JROTC Cadets who aspire to advance to JROTC Region and National Championships, it all begins each fall with the JROTC Postals. The CMP started accepting target orders in late September. JROTC Units have from the time they receive their certified targets until 4 December 2007 to shoot and mail fired targets to the CMP for scoring. These postal matches determine who will advance to the JROTC Eastern and Western Region Championships, shoulder-to-shoulder competitions that will take place at Fort Benning and Colorado Springs in February 2008. The Region Championships determine who advances to the JROTC National Championship in April. To order JROTC postal targets, download the correct postal match program (Army, Air Force, Marine Corps or Navy) that is posted

on the CMP website and use the target order form to order targets.

### **USA Shooting 3xAir Match, 30 November-2 December, Colorado Springs, CO.**

Each December, air pistol and rifle shooters journey to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for this major three-day competition. This is an open match, making it a great opportunity for juniors to shoot alongside collegiate and national team athletes. For those unfamiliar with international events, this is a standing only match. All competitors must be members of USA Shooting. One extra incentive in this match is that competitors who send in their match registrations early have the option of staying in dorms at the Olympic Training Center. This is a great deal and it is included in the match fees. The match program should be posted soon on USA Shooting's website at <http://www.usashooting.org/viewRelease.php?id=62>.

### **Palmyra Invitational, 12-13, 19-21 and 26-27 January, Palmyra, PA.**

To get back in action after the holiday break, the Palmyra Invitational, hosted by the Palmyra Sportsmen's Club, has become a key match, attracting many of the country's top junior and collegiate shooters. Like the USA Shooting 3xAir Match, this is also an international style competition featuring standing air rifle and three-position smallbore team and individual events. A unique feature of this competition is that it spans over three weekends, so you can pick a weekend that best fits your schedule. For more information about this event contact, Erin Gestl at 717-832-3385 or by email at [egestl@wcupa.edu](mailto:egestl@wcupa.edu).



The road to the JROTC Nationals begins in September when Army, Navy and Marine Corps teams begin sending in targets to be scored in the postal round of competition. This first qualifying round determines who will advance to the Eastern and Western Regional Championships for each Service.



The USA Shooting 3xAir competition has become a popular event for shooters at all levels. It is a unique opportunity for juniors to shoot at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs against the top shooters in the United States.





A clinic was held the night before the Camp Perry Open. This clinic gave juniors and their coaches an opportunity to work with DCM Gary Anderson (lower right in photo) and other CMP Instructors. Anderson, who won two Olympic gold medals, is one of the world's leading experts on marksmanship instruction

### **Camp Perry Open, 18-20 January, CMP Headquarters, Port Clinton, OH.**

The Camp Perry Open is one of the newest junior three-position air rifle matches, but that did not stop it from drawing a large entry in its inaugural match in January 2007. This is a two-day sanctioned three-position air rifle CMP Cup Match that has both sporter and precision classes. The match also features a clinic taught by DCM Gary Anderson and CMP Staff members the evening before the competition. Housing is provided in Camp Perry barracks for no additional charge for anyone registered for the match. For more information contact Brad Donoho at 419-635-2141 ext 1130 or [bdonoho@odcmp.com](mailto:bdonoho@odcmp.com). Keep checking the CMP home page at <http://www.odcmp.com> for a posting of the official match bulletin.

**American Legion Junior Air Rifle Postal Competitions.** This competition, which features two postal phases and a prestigious national individual competition in August at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, is now in its 18th year and has become another "must shoot" competition for juniors. It all begins with a 3x20 three-position postal that must be fired before the firing deadline of 1 February 2008. Eligible juniors can enter in either the sporter or precision class. The top 30 competitors in each class are then invited to fire a second 60-shot "qualification round" postal that must be witnessed by an American Legion representative to determine the top 15 sporter and top 15 precision class juniors who are awarded expense-paid trips to Colorado Springs for the American Legion National Junior Air Rifle Championship. The official match program is posted on the American Legion website at [\[gion.org/?section=prog\\\_evt&subsection=evt\\\_shooting&content=evt\\\_shooting\]\(http://gion.org/?section=prog\_evt&subsection=evt\_shooting&content=evt\_shooting\). You may also contact the American Legion program director Mike Buss \(\[mbuss@legion.org\]\(mailto:mbuss@legion.org\)\) for more information.](http://www.le-</a></p>
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**U. S. Army Junior Air Rifle Postal Competition.** This new competition was inaugurated in 2007 and has already become one of the majors that all junior air rifle teams, clubs and individuals should incorporate into their annual schedule. This is an open competition, not to be confused with the separate Army JROTC postal competition, for all school-age juniors. The Army Junior Air Rifle Championship postal and subsequent National Championship is sponsored by the U. S. Army Accessions Command that includes Army Recruiting, the Army Marksmanship Unit, the Golden Knights Parachute Team and the Army Cadet Command. The official match program and postal entry forms will be posted in the fall. The postal includes a sporter 3x10 event and a precision 40-shot standing event. Postal awards are given on a state-by-state basis. The top ten state champion sporter and top ten precision teams are invited to a training camp and competition at Fort Benning in August that is conducted by the Army International Rifle Team. Targets can be ordered and fired any time between November and an expected firing deadline in late February or March. Details will be posted on the CMP website.

**Daisy International BB Gun Championship and Open Air Rifle Match, July, Bowling Green, Kentucky.** The Daisy IBBGM is the national championship in BB gun shooting. Competitors must qualify through state 4-H or other BB gun championships. The IBBGM normally takes places over the weekend closest to the Fourth of July. The Daisy Open Air Rifle Match takes place on Monday and Tuesday following the IBBGM. The air rifle competition offers two days of 3x20 sporter and precision air rifle events and is open to all school-age juniors. The match sponsors maintain a website at <http://ibbgcm.home.att.net/rules.html> with official programs and entry information.

### **Important State and Local Events:**

#### **State Junior Olympic Championships, Nov-Feb & Jan-April.**

State Junior Olympic Championships in air rifle (standing), smallbore rifle three-position and pistol that take place in the November-February timeframe are qualifiers for the National Junior Olympic Competitions at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center in

March. State Junior Olympic Three-Position Air Rifle Championships that take place between January and April are qualifiers for the National Junior Olympic Three-Position Air Rifle Championship that takes place in July. For the dates of your state's JO Championship check both the CMP Website at <http://clubs.odcmp.com>, under "Air Rifle", and the USA Shooting Website under <http://www.usashooting.com/calendar.php>. Competitors must be members of USA Shooting for the Nov-Feb state championships.

#### **NRA Sectionals, January - March.**

The NRA holds Sectionals for several disciplines including three-position smallbore, standing air rifle and three-position air rifle. These events are broken into junior, collegiate and open divisions in both team and individual categories. Competitors must be NRA members or a member of an NRA affiliated team. To find a Sectional in your area visit the NRA website at <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/index.asp>.

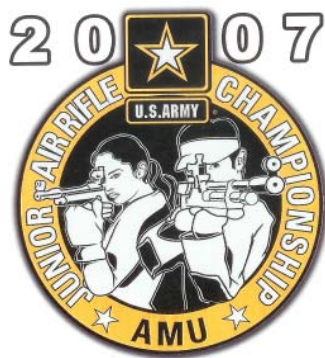
### **Additional Events to Consider:**

#### **Preliminary Try-Outs (PTO), held year round.**

Preliminary Try-Outs are held throughout the country by USA Shooting affiliated clubs. These matches count towards USA Shooting classification cards, and are a great opportunity for juniors to hone their skills. These can be three-position smallbore, or standing air rifle events; it depends on the host club. To find PTO matches in your area visit the USA Shooting website at <http://www.usashooting.com/calendar.php>. Competitors must be members of USA Shooting.

#### **Collegiate Open Invitationals, held throughout the collegiate season.**

For juniors wanting to make a college team, collegiate invitationals are a great opportunity. These are college style matches that include both three-position smallbore and standing air rifle events. There are several popular invitationals that take place every year. One is the Gamecock Invitational held at Jacksonville State in Jacksonville, AL 15-18 November. For more information contact James Hall at [jsurifleman@aim.com](mailto:jsurifleman@aim.com). Another popular match is the Roger Withrow Invitational at Murray State in Murray, KY held 25 January. For more information about this match contact Cameron Hicks at [blrgum@hotmail.com](mailto:blrgum@hotmail.com). These are just a couple of the collegiate invitationals available, check the website of your favorite college team and see if they offer an open invitational.



## U.S. Army Junior Air Rifle Championships

*By Brad Donoho, CMP Program Manager*

On 8-11 August 2007, many of the country's best junior air rifle shooters gathered at Fort Benning, Georgia for the first annual U.S. Army Junior Air Rifle Championship. The Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) hosted the event at its Pool Range Complex.

Earlier this year nearly 2,000 junior shooters competed in a State Championship postal match that was sponsored by the U. S. Army and administered by the CMP. The postal match determined individual and team state winners as well as which sporter and precision teams could compete in the second phase of the Army competition, a shoulder-to-shoulder National Championship held at Fort

Benning. In the qualification round sporter shooters shot a 3x10 course of fire, while precision shooters fired a 40-shot standing match. The top ten teams in both disciplines were invited to compete for prestigious individual and team titles.

To kick off the Fort Benning event, the junior athletes and their coaches participated in an advanced clinic put on by the AMU's renowned International Rifle Team. Participants gathered at Fort Benning's Infantry Museum for classroom instruction followed by hands-on coaching on the range. Olympic silver medalist MAJ Mike Anti, World Championship gold medalist SFC Jason Parker and Olympian LTC Robert Harbison were among the distinguished AMU instructors who taught and coached during the clinic.

With their newly acquired knowledge, the junior shooters were prepared for the two-day competition that lay ahead of them. In the sporter class, competitors fired a 3x20 course

each day followed by a 10-shot final for the top eight shooters. In the precision class, shooters fired a 40-shot standing match also followed by a 10-shot final for the top eight individuals each day. After day one, Nebraska native Michaela Jochum from the Homestead 4-H Shooting Club was atop the sporter leader board with a qualifying score of 561. Jochum shot a 86.4 in the final giving her a combined score of 647.4. Fifteen-year-old Emily Holsopple of Wilcox, Pennsylvania, led the precision category. Holsopple fired a 390 plus a 100.4 in the final for a total of 490.4.

The leader board for the sporter team competition featured R.L. Paschal HS JROTC in the lead after day one with a score of 2141. The DuBois Junior Rifle Team from Pennsylvania took the early lead in the precision category with a team score of 1538.

With the first day under their belts, the shooters returned for the second and final day of competition. The results for day two

## My Experience at the Eastern U.S. Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship

*By Randi Hilt*



What a week! This year was my first time to attend the 2007 Eastern Junior Highpower Championships at Camp Butner, NC. After a 12-hour drive, I had pretty high expectations! From the moment I stepped out of the car, the fun began. I was immediately introduced to the other juniors, though I had to ask their names a dozen times more, sorry guys! That first day, we went shooting and got a taste of what the rest of the week had in store for us. Heat, shooting, and more heat. The shooting experience and the knowledge we gleaned from it made the sun more than bearable.

Having Marine Corps Rifle Team members as coaches made for a valuable, unforgettable experience. The classes they gave were very educational and covered everything from reading the wind to positions and data books to mental preparation. Also, the examples and visual demonstrations they set up were very helpful in getting their point across. I really appreciated how they even reviewed basics, because quite often, to get better you have to fall back on the foundations. Then as the week progressed and they got to know the juniors and our abilities, they delved into details and little things to improve our personal game. I think everybody learned something.



Randi, shown on the right with team partner, Matt Wooten, placed 2nd overall in the Billy C. Atkins Team Match. They were coached by SSgt Daniel Duitsman, USMC.

On the line, the Marines were great coaches displaying infinite patience. Thank goodness, because some of us really needed it. I'll not mention names.... The atmosphere was very laid back providing a great learning environment.

Off the range, however, was a whole different story. Laid back? Yes. Learning? Absolutely not! After we finished shooting for the day, there usually was time for a swim. Then a shower, gun cleaning, and meeting up for dinner. My compliments to the chef. Venison was new and different to me, but definitely good! Sorry Bambi, but it-tasted great! Then, when I first heard the word pig pickin', don't ask what went through my mind, but it tasted delicious. I think what amazed me most, though, was how well everyone got along. No matter what your background, you were accepted as a shooter. Overall, the clinic is a great experience for new and experienced shooters alike.

Everybody is welcome and taken care of, which is very important for this great sport to survive. It doesn't matter if we are highpower, smallbore, pistol, or shotgun shooters. If we want any shooting sport to remain, we have to stop finding differences between each other and stand together as shooters. Together, we keep our guns. Apart, we lose them bit-by-bit. And I think we all know what that means. I can't wait to see you next year, and God bless you all!



would prove to be just as impressive as the day before. Once again Michaela Jochum topped the sporter leader board with a 560 in qualification and an 89.5 in the final giving her a 649.5. Combined with her first day of competition she would go on to win the individual gold medal in the sporter category with a combined score of 1208.9.

Building on her impressive day one showing, Emily Holsopple sat atop the precision leader board once again by leading all competitors with a qualifying score of 394 out of a possible 400. She also went on to shoot the high final of the day tallying a 101.4, giving her a combined score of 495.4. Added to her day one total, she won the individual gold medal for the precision category with a score of 985.8. Sarah Broeker, who competed for the Southeast Nebraska Shooting Sports Club, was second with a 873.6 total, while Holsopple's teammate Michael Kulbacki from DuBois, Pennsylvania was third with a 872.5 total.

R.L. Paschal High School Army JROTC from Fort Worth, Texas built on their day one lead and won the sporter team competition with a team score of 4311. Team members were, Daniel Hilario, Dean Harmon, Amanda Aguilera, and Xentri Garza. R.L. Paschal is coached by retired LTC Terry LeBoeuf. Homestead 4-H Shooting Sports was the second place sporter team with a 4277 total.

Lead by Emily Holsopple, the DuBois Junior Rifle Team went on to win the precision team category with a score of 3078. Firing alongside Holsopple were teammates Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz and Aaron Holsopple. The DuBois Junior Rifle Team is coached by Mark Holsopple. The Southeast Nebraska Shooting Sports team was second in the precision category with a 3038 total.

The competition was capped off by a formal awards ceremony on the last night at the Iron Works Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Georgia. There the shooters got a chance to get to know their instructors even better as they dined alongside an AMU shooter. The banquet featured a special guest speaker from the United States Army Accessions Command. U.S. Army Recruitment

Commanding General, Major General Thomas Bostick spoke to the shooters about what he experienced as he witnessed his first air rifle competition. General Bostick said he was extremely impressed by the shooters motivation and striving for perfection. "I was amazed to find out that you are aiming for a target no bigger than the period at the end of this sentence," said Bostick.

The evening banquet wrapped up with the presentation of individual and team awards. The winning sporter team received a Daisy 888 sporter rifle, donated by Daisy Outdoor Products, along with the team champion trophy. The DuBois Junior Rifle team was presented with a Walther LG300 Junior precision air rifle, donated by the CMP, as well as the first place team trophy.

Overall, the match featured an informative clinic taught by some of the best shooters in the world, followed by a competition fired by some of the best junior shooters in the country. "I think the match was excellent," said AMU Director of Competitions Michael Behnke. "I really believe the kids enjoyed themselves. The banquet was truly first class. We are having our staff meeting soon and we look to build upon what already seems to be a wonderful match." Mr. Behnke went on to add they would post the match program for next years championship very soon.

Complete scores from this event can be found on the CMP website at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2517](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=2517). Photos from the event can be found at <http://www.odcmp.com/Photos/07/USArmyChamp/index.htm>.



The Army International Rifle Team conducted an advanced clinic for the junior athletes and their coaches.



SPC Michael McPhail instructs two juniors during the open practice at the 2007 U.S. Army Junior Air Rifle Championship. Junior competitors took advantage of the clinic and hands-on instruction from Army International Rifle team members.



The DuBois Junior Rifle Team from Pennsylvania was the Overall Precision Team and was awarded the Precision Team Trophy and a Walther LG300 Junior precision air rifle, donated by the CMP.



Michaela Jochum won the Sporter Individual gold medal with a score of 1208.9.



MG Bostick awarded the R.L. Paschal HS Army JROTC Team with the Overall Sporter Team Championship Trophy and a Daisy 888 sporter rifle, donated by Daisy Outdoor Products.



Emily Holsopple of the DuBois Junior Rifle Team, PA, won the Precision Individual gold medal with a score of 985.8.



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