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# California Grizzlies Sweep All Three Junior Team Matches at 2010 National Trophy Rifle Matches

*Written by Steve Cooper, CMP Writer*

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – The California Grizzlies junior rifle teams put on an impressive display of marksmanship, winning the National Trophy Junior Team Match (NTJT), the Minuteman Trophy and the Junior Infantry Team Trophy at the 2010 Civilian Marksmanship Program's National Trophy Rifle Matches.

The two-person California Grizzlies Berger team of Chad Kurgan, 19, of Twain Harte, and Anthony Henderson, 20, of Sonora fired a team score of 967-26X to win the NTJT and set a new National Record. Kurgan fired an aggregate score of 492-19X and Henderson followed with a 475-7X.

The NTJT is fired at 200, 300 and 600 yards and is fired slow-fire standing, rapid-fire sitting or kneeling and prone and slow-fire prone.

California Grizzlies Berger fired 192-2X, 196-3X, 197-9X and 382-12X in each of the phases, respectively. Team Berger was coached by Robert Taylor II and was captained by John Henderson.



*The top three teams in the National Trophy Junior Team Match were awarded medallions on stage during the National Trophy Awards Ceremony. Gysgt. R. Lee Ermey, USMC, Retired, was the presenter.*

California Grizzlies Lemoore placed second in the event with an aggregate score of 962-25X. Firing members of Lemoore were Joshua Lehn, 17, of Lemoore (487-16X) and Shawn Bharadwaj, Jr., 16, of Carlsbad (475-9X). Lehn served as the captain and the team was coached by Jared Perry. California Grizzlies Richmond placed fourth with a team aggregate of 945-12X.

MSSA (Missouri Sport Shooting Association) Gold placed third in the NTJT as firing members Christopher Calumpong, 17, of Rayville and Austin Zimmerman, 16, of Excelsior Springs registered an aggregate team score of 947-18X. Calumpong fired a 482-15X and Zimmerman followed with a 465-3X. MSSA Gold was coached by Steven Finnell and Calumpong served as coach.

In the six-person National Trophy Rifle Team Match (NTT) junior category, California Grizzlies Team Seeley captured the Minuteman Trophy with an aggregate score of 2852-72X. Firing members of Team Seeley were Kurgan, Henderson, Bharadwaj, Shelby Rosasco, 19, of Jamestown, James MacMillan, 17, of Kentfield and Cheyanne Acebo,

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*A new National Record was set by the California Grizzlies Berger team, consisting of Anthony Henderson and Chad Kurgan, in the National Trophy Junior Team Match.*



*The California Grizzlies Team Seeley won the Minuteman Trophy. Firing members were Cheyanne Acebo, Shawn Bharadwaj Jr, Anthony Henderson, Chad Kurgan, James MacMillan and Shelby Rosasco. Team Captain: Thomas Pappageorge and Team Coach: Dirk Seeley. Col Karen Gattis, Commander, National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, was the presenter.*

## ◎ Sighting Shots ◎

- ◎ **2010 - 2011 JROTC Air Rifle Postal Competition.** The 2010-2011 JROTC three-position air rifle competition program starts in September with Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force postal competitions. All JROTC units that offer rifle marksmanship training for their cadets are encouraged to shoot in these popular matches. Indeed, a major objective this year is to increase participation by JROTC units and individual cadets. All firers in the open postal competitions will fire a 3x10 air rifle course of fire. The deadline to enter the JROTC Postal Competition is 12 November. Visit <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/JROTC.htm> for additional information and on-line registration.
- ◎ **Montgomery Bell Academy 2010 Rifle Classic.** The 16th annual MBA Rifle Classic will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, over the weekend of 15,16,17, October. The Rifle Classic, initiated in 1995 to provide season opening competition for high school teams, is the largest high school sponsored shooting event in the U.S. View the Official Match Program and Entry Forms at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/MBARifleClassic.pdf>.
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- ◎ **WERETOSHOOT.ORG Listings Get Overhaul.** NSSF recently completed a six-month project to expand and update the database that fuels the website [www.wheretoshoot.org](http://www.wheretoshoot.org). Hundreds of new places to shoot have been added and thousands of listing updates have been made. WhereToShoot.org is a free service that has seen more than 375,000 unique visitors during the first half of 2010. The site is particularly helpful to new participants to the shooting sports as well as active participants who have moved to a new

location. Visitors simply enter their state, area code or zip code and a list of places to shoot is created. Searches can be further narrowed by selecting which shooting discipline you are interested in. If you own a shooting range or if you've recently changed locations, NSSF encourages you to enter or update your range information free of charge.

- ◎ **Girl Power Abounds at Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match.** Not to take anything away from the boys but...no less than four out of 43 teams at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match, held in Rogers, Arkansas over the 4th of July weekend were all girl teams. Additionally, the Daisy Junior 3-P Precision & Sporter Air Rifle competition immediately followed the national 5-meter BB competition and some of the same ladies excelled there as well. Read the full article at <http://www.shootingwire.com/story/221153>.
- ◎ **CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting - 6th Edition.** The CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting, 6th Edition, is now posted on the CMP web site at <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/rimfire.pdf>. Individuals and clubs interested in learning more about Rimfire Sporter shooting can answer their questions about this exciting new recreation-oriented shooting game for rimfire rifles by requesting a copy of the new CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting. This 48-page guide covers the rules, how to shoot Rimfire Sporter and how to conduct a match. It also offers lots of tips on basic rifle shooting skills needed to complete the course of fire.
- ◎ **Dixie Double, Anniston, AL.** The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) invites you to participate in its second annual Anniston Marksmanship Center Dixie Double. This match offers 60-shot international air rifle standing and 60-shot air pistol events for open men and women and junior men and women. USA Shooting is sanctioning this match as a PSA/PSI match sanctions; it is also sanctioned as a PTO. Members of the National Rifle and Pistol Teams will attend. National Rifle Coach David Johnson will present a coaching clinic for all interested persons on Saturday afternoon, 13 November. The match is a two-day event where competitors will fire one 60-shot event on each of two days, 13 & 14 November 2010. Visit <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/DixieDouble.htm> for additional information.

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*On the Cover:* GySgt R. Lee Ermey, USMC (Ret) is a hot commodity in the entertainment industry and at Camp Perry, 32 years after his breakout role as drill instructor Sgt Hartman in *Full Metal Jacket*. His popularity spans a huge age range from fans of animated films like *Toy Story* to GEICO television and radio commercials.

# Martin Tops Green & Weatherford Clips Wheelless in the 2010 Junior Olympics Air Rifle Championships

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, ALABAMA – In a pair of tightly-contested finals in the 2010 National Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics Championships in both precision and sporter classes, Matthew Martin topped Catherine Green and Hannah Weatherford edged Thomas Wheelless to capture national titles in precision and sporter classes, respectively.



*Arlington Optimist Acorns of Virginia junior club won the overall precision air rifle competition with a four-person aggregate score of 4643-258.*

Martin, 17, of Eagle River, Alaska, squeaked by Green, 18, of Coventry, Rhode Island, in Precision Air Rifle overall by eight-tenths of a point,

1280.4 to 1279.6 for the victory. Trailing by one point after 120 shots in the two-day match, Green outshot Martin in the final 10 by two-tenths of a point, 99.6 to 99.4, but it wasn't enough as Martin's pre-final margin held up.

Firing a 591 with 42 center shots, Martin carried the precision class lead after Day I and Green was third, trailing by two points with a Day I total of 589-42. Positions were reversed at the completion of Day 2 regulation shooting as Green posted a 591-45 and Martin finished in fourth place with a 590-36.

In the hunt were Kirsten Moyer, 17, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who finished third overall at 1278.7 and Larissa Wright, 17, of Woodland Park, Colorado, at 1277.6 who placed fourth overall. Wright was the high scoring non-distinguished shooter in the precision air rifle event.

In team shooting, Arlington Optimist Acorns junior club of Virginia won the overall Precision Team Championship with a four-person aggregate score of 4643-258. Shooting members of the team were Ryan Anderson, Evelyn Holman, Camille



*Matthew Martin, 17, of Eagle River, Alaska won the precision air rifle title at the National Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics Championship in Anniston, Alabama.*

Lathbury and Lluay Morgan. The team is coached by Capt. Paul Lluay.

In second place the 4-H club team, Borealis Bullseyes of Alaska, put up an aggregate score of 4639-252. The Bullseyes are led by Matthew Martin, Amber Poston, Alexandra Lorentz and Michael Lindemann. The team is coached by Bill Martin.

The 4-H club team of MCGC-ALA of Alabama placed third in the event. The team of Samantha Bullard, Mary Banks, Matthew Allred and Sarah Banks scored an aggregate total of 4637-276. MCGC-ALA is coached by Perry Mitchell.

The top scholastic precision shooting team was JW Robinson High School Gold of Virginia, which fired a combined aggregate score of 4610-259. The team, coached by Robert Hardy, is comprised of Lauren Alman, Turner Wharton, Alanna Linton and Brenden Hatfield.



*With an aggregate score of 4610-259, JW Robinson High School Gold of Virginia captured the top scholastic precision class honor.*

In second place-scholastic, St. Louis University High School of Missouri scored 4604-252 and was comprised of Daniel Hermsmeier, Larry Rudolf, Mitchel Jones and Houston Barber.

LaCueva High School Marine Corps JROTC, New Mexico placed third with an aggregate score of 4602-255 and was coached by 1SGT Alberto Griego, USMC (Ret). The firing team members were Landon Shankles, Deckard Day, Herman Trujillo and Michael Abonyi.



*Led by Thomas Wheelless, the Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia won the overall club sporter team championship with an aggregate score of 4322-114.*

In Sporter Air Rifle Hannah Weatherford, 18, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, edged Thomas Wheelless, 16, of Hampton, Virginia, in the final to capture the National J.O. Three-Position Sporter title.

Like the precision class, there was a two-day game of cat and mouse played by Weatherford and Wheelless. Weatherford finished Day I with an aggregate of 554-20 and Wheelless posted the identical score on Day 2. They finished first and second each day and were virtually tied going into the final with Weatherford leading only in center shots over Wheelless, 1107-41 to 1107-36, respectively.

Weatherford prevailed in the final, outshooting Wheelless, 87.9 to 86.6 for a 1.3-point margin of victory.

Sasha Barnett, 15, of Van Nuys, California, placed third with an

aggregate total of 1185.8. She was the high scoring non-distinguished sporter shooter in the event.

In team Sporter Air Rifle, the overall victor was Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia-White with an aggregate score of 4322-114. Coached by Thomas Crawford, the team shooting members were Thomas Wheelless, Hannah Black, Joshua Black and Matthew Brewer.

The second and third place overall finishers were both scholastic teams. Ozark High School Army JROTC of Missouri-Red placed second with an aggregate total of 4280-12 and was coached by 1SGT Terry Thompson. Shooting members were Lacie Norris, Tessa Howald, Logan Hunt and Cody Thompson.

Third place went to North Little Rock High School Army JROTC of Arkansas, coached by LTC (Ret) Artis Lofton, Sr. North Little Rock fired a score of 4268-106 by Hannah Weatherford, Kamen Ester, Khorey Washington and Christian Martinez.

The third highest placing scholastic team was Zion Benton High School Navy JROTC of Illinois, coached by Dan Hackstein. The firing team was Yvonne Swiontek, Renz Ibarra, Alyssa Siegfried and Ariel Morales who amassed a total of 4246-106

The second and third highest placed club sporter teams were Iowa American Legion and Post 435 X-Men of Minnesota. Iowa American Legion was represented by Michael Stroud, Brandon Wicker, Emily Allen and Lucas Rohrbaugh with a team total of 4216-94. Post 435 X-Men, coached by Timothy Cagney, was fired by Elizabeth Ewert, Samuel



*Hannah Weatherford, 18, of North Little Rock, Arkansas was victorious in the 2010 sporter air rifle championship.*

Ewert, Connor Dupey and Nicolas Skrogstad, who scored an aggregate of 4201-117.

For complete results of the 2010 National Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics, log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5832](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5832).



*Ozark High School Army JROTC of Missouri-Red placed first in the scholastic division of sporter air rifle with an aggregate score of 4280-12.*

## How to Practice

By Gary Anderson, DCME

The difference between ordinary shooters and great shooters is how much and how well they practice. Indeed, one of the best things about shooting is that it is a skill sport where practice or training is the most important factor in determining how well shooters do. This means that every coach of junior shooters has a special responsibility to make sure all young people in the team have the benefit of good practice opportunities. Junior shooting coaches must be able to plan and organize practices that produce real skill and score improvement and to establish training practices that are a foundation for each shooter's continued improvement and growth.

This article examines the concepts and principles of sports practice or training that junior shooting coaches must understand and apply while conducting practices for their teams.

### POSITIVE REPETITIONS—THE TRAINING EFFECT.

The foundation principle of all sports training is that the correct repetition of sports skills causes changes in the body that yield gradual improvement in how well those skills are performed. Performing target shooting skills correctly and repeatedly causes the body to develop new motor connections that respond to visual signals by controlling muscles that must act or refrain from acting to stabilize the position and fire the shot.

It is important to understand, however, that the changes caused by practice repetitions occur slowly and subtly. It often takes hundreds and even thousands of shots over a period of weeks or even months before change and improvement can be seen. Coaches must strive to help their shooters understand how this principle works:

1. Correctly repeating the skills you teach them is the most important means of shooting score improvement.
2. The number of correct repetitions determines how much and how fast improvement occurs.
3. Change and improvement in performing these skills comes slowly and gradually—shooters must patient and not expect improvement to be dramatic or fast.
4. Change and improvement may be gradual or it may take place in steps—shooters whose scores do not improve for a long time must be patient and wait for a breakthrough to a higher score level.



*Improvement and progress during target shooting practices comes from positive repetitions--the repeated correct performance of shot technique in sound firing positions. More correct repetitions leads to more improvement.*



*The coach must work with each shooter to help them understand how important it is to concentrate or focus attention on the sight picture and minimizing sight picture movements during every practice shot.*

**OVERLOAD AND ADAPTATION.** The overload principle that underlies sports training also applies in target shooting, but in a somewhat different way. A runner overloads during training by running faster or longer than before. After training for some time with this increased demand, the body adapts and the runner's speed and endurance increases. The demand is increased again in subsequent training until new adaptation occurs. In shooting, demand is increased when aiming (sight picture) is combined with a mental demand for the sight picture movements (hold) to become smaller and slower. Adaptation occurs when motor nerve connections are developed that direct different muscle fibers to relax, remain steady or contract as needed to achieve a steadier hold and better coordinated trigger release. The details of this process can be very complicated, but new shooters should understand that:

1. Focusing attention (concentration) on the sight picture and trying to see sight picture movements become smaller and slower creates a demand on the brain, nervous system and muscles to hold the rifle steadier.
2. The more often this demand is repeated (frequency), the more a shooter will improve.
3. Keeping as much attention (visual and mental focus) as possible (intensity) on the sight picture and sight picture movements creates greater demand and more improvement.

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### PROGRESSION IN POSITION AND TECHNIQUE

**SKILLS.** The repetition and creation of a demand for shooting skills to improve is not, however, a general process where shooters simply fire as many shots as possible. Practice, instead, must be done in a planned progression where the shooting positions and performance skills are taught and mastered in succession. Brand new shooters must first master basic shot technique; this is most effectively done in the supported position. Then rifle shooters must progress to the standing, prone and kneeling positions, usually in that order. After rifle shooters progress to where they can shoot all three positions, their practice sessions in each position need to focus on a progression through the detailed features of each position. Working through position checkpoints, one checkpoint at a time, while continuing to perform repetitions where focus and concentration is maintained is the best method of achieving stable firing positions. Keys to effectively applying this principle are:

1. Break the shooting positions and individual position features down into a practice progression for shooters to follow.
2. Practice progressions must be individually tailored to each shooter.
3. Each part of this practice progression should become a practice goal for individual shooters. For example, the goal of a practice session might be to determine how much sling tension (sling adjustment) is needed in prone to produce the steadiest hold.



*This shooting coach is working with a group of new shooters as they practice the first step in an instructional progression for position rifle shooting—mastering good shot technique while firing from the supported position.*



*Practice sessions should begin with a review of the plan for that session. Brief periods of instruction should also be part of good practice plans.*

**COMPONENTS OF PRACTICE.** Practices should be a lot more than just having shooters set up their gear and start shooting. Each practice session should consist of a combination of practice components that include:

1. Welcome and review of the practice plan (5 min.)
2. Warm-up (usually light stretching, 5-10 min.)
3. Practice previously taught skills (from last practice, 20-40 min.)
4. Conduct instructional session (teach new skills, may not be the same for all shooters, 5-10 min.)
5. Practice new skills (20-40 min.)
6. Fire record course (practice under competition conditions with time limits)
7. Update Shooters Journals and coach comments

**PRACTICE PLANS.** Practice sessions will produce better results if they are planned in advance. There are two types of practice plans:

1. **Team Practice Plan.** Before a practice takes place the coach should to jot down a plan for the upcoming session. This plan should identify which of the components of practice are to be included and how much time will be dedicated to each. Decide which topics will be covered in instructional periods and prepare notes on specific items to cover. If your shooters are at different levels of development, you will need to individualize the instructional topics and practice tasks.

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2. **Individual Practice Plan.** Each shooter on the team must also be taught how to plan their individual practices. Even junior shooters should begin each practice session with a plan—what they will work on and what their goals are for the practice. Setting practice goals may be determined by an instructional topic that the coach covers or it may be a follow-up to shooter's journal entries made after the previous practice. Individual practice goals should be discussed with the coach.

**PRACTICE VOLUME.** The issue of “practice volume” must answer questions concerning how much practice is needed and how much practice is too much.

1. **Long Term Goals.** Answers to this question should be based on the long-term goals of the team and individuals on the team. A team or individual that is shooting for fun may get along fine with a limited season and one practice session per week. A team or individual that is striving to win national championship honors will find it necessary to train at least four or five times a week with most of those practices lasting two or three hours or longer.
2. **Over Training.** A second issue concerning practice volume is over training. The amount of shooting done in any one practice session must be limited to how much shooting each individual can do while maintaining a high level of concentration. If a shooter reaches the point where they no longer concentrate or try to make the best shots they can, it is time to stop or change to another practice task.
3. **Rest.** Rest is also part of sports training. There are times when, after a long series of hard practices, the best thing to do is to stop practicing for a period of time to allow the shooters time to rest and regain their motivation.

### WAYS TO MAKE PRACTICES MORE EFFECTIVE.

There are many things to incorporate into your team's practices that can help produce better results.

1. **Make Timely Corrections.** Practicing with a position that is incorrect or while using improper shot technique will limit or negate any progress that the shooter might make. The coach has the primary responsibility for ensuring that each shooter's firing positions and shot techniques are correct. Observe them carefully while they are firing. Discuss their targets with them; be especially alert for sub-normal scores that may be an indication of errors that must be analyzed and corrected.
2. **Dry Firing and Aiming Exercises.** Both of these drills are great ways to increase practice effectiveness and gain additional repetitions. Have shooters precede firing in a position by spending 5 or 10 minutes where they aim at the target while trying to hold the front sight as still as

possible. Then have them dry fire several shots where they pay special attention to good shot technique before they start live firing.

3. **Position Priority.** When practice time is limited, it is usually a mistake to spend a lot of time practicing prone. Instead, practice the most difficult positions or stages. Make the standing and kneeling positions priorities and dedicate more practice time to them. This will add more points to shooters' total scores than time spent practicing a position where scores may already be very high.
4. **Time Management.** With team practice times almost always limited, a difference soon emerges between shooters who arrive at practice, quickly set up their equipment and spend as much of the practice time as possible on the firing line while other shooters spend much of this time talking to their friends and wasting time. Good time management in shooting practice means spending as much time as possible focused on shooting.



*Practice repetitions are only effective when they are done correctly. The coach must work closely with each shooter to identify and correct any errors in position structure or shot technique.*

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*In guts matches, every shooter fires one shot. The shooter(s) with the lowest score must drop out. These one-shot contests continue until there are only two shooters remaining. Team members who have dropped out are allowed to cheer or heckle the remaining shooters as long as they do not contact the shooter or step in front of the firing line. Guts matches can enliven a practice session, teach concentration and give team members a chance to just have some fun.*

5. **Practice at Home.** One of the great steps forward for many shooters is when they acquire their own equipment and begin to practice at home by dry firing or shooting on an air gun range. Encourage your shooters who are showing a real interest in competition shooting to talk to their parents about obtaining their own equipment. A junior who is able to practice one or two times a week with their club or team can easily double or triple the amount of training they do if they have their own equipment.
6. **Fun and Social Activities.** No one is going to keep on doing a lot of hard practice unless they enjoy shooting and the challenges it brings. Coaches must look for ways to keep practices fun. Praise for firing a good practice scores helps. Add variety and fun shooting activities like one-shot matches or guts matches to some practice sessions. Going to competitions is almost always fun if winning and losing is kept in proper perspective. Social activities like pizza parties, group outings, recognizing birthdays or celebrating new personal records add enjoyable dimensions to the practice experience.

Junior shooting coaches who master the concepts and principles of sports training and who apply them in organizing their team practices are fulfilling the responsibility they have to ensure that the young people in their clubs and teams have real opportunities to improve and grow so that they may reach their personal goals as shooting sports participants.

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# New York Juniors Make History

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – A pair of junior shooters from the state of New York made history on 18 July at the 2010 National Trophy Team Pistol Match by being the first junior team from their state to participate in the National Matches at Camp Perry, according to their coaches, Peter Militello and Paul Korn.

“You’re watching history in the making,” echoed Militello, 71, of Orchard Park, and Korn, 42, of Elma. “It happened thanks to the new law in the state of New York,” Militello said.



Rebecca Powers and Eric Wagner were the first junior pistol team to represent the State of New York at Camp Perry at this year's National Matches.

Due to changes in New York law adopted in August 2006, New York juniors as young as 14 up to the age of 20 were allowed to learn to shoot handguns only at accredited shooting ranges, and under the supervision of a parent or guardian, military officer, a military or NRA-certified small arms instructor, or an adult certified in responsible hunting practices by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

The change meant Eric Wagner, 16 of Elma and his teammate Rebecca Powers, 17, of West Falls could practice and compete as a team. It was Wagner's and Powers' first trip to Camp Perry as

a team. Powers participated in the Matches for her third time as an individual this year. It was Wagner's first. The team was sponsored by the Ten-X Shooting Club in Lancaster, New York.

It's Wagner's first year of competitive shooting and he has fired in three matches so far in 2010. When asked how he felt about his first experience at Camp Perry, he said “I'm hungry!”

Powers, a winter and league shooter, said she has enjoyed her Camp Perry experience in each of her three campaigns here as a junior. “I love the people; I'm having lots of fun and I'm looking forward to coming back next year,” she said.

Her father, Rick, 52, also a competitive shooter, said “It's great, I love that she wants to shoot with me.”

The team was also accompanied by Robert Korn, 57, of Cheektowaga, New York, a veteran of 31 years of pistol competition. It was his second trip to Camp Perry.

Junior pistol shooters from the state of Texas also left their boot prints on the 2010 CMP National Trophy Pistol Matches, taking the top two team positions and a few individual places as well. All junior matches are fired with a .22 caliber match pistol.

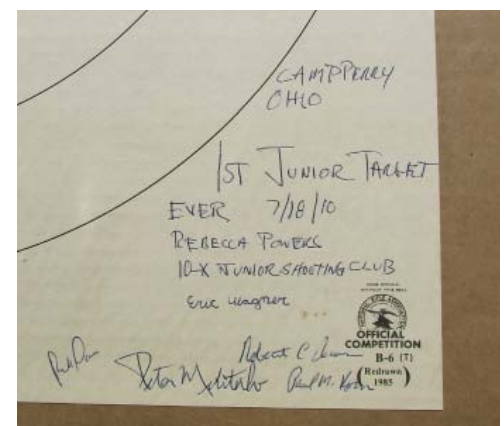
Rebekah Jennings, 19, of Boerne, Texas, was the overall aggregate points leader which combines the aggregate total of the Junior President's Trophy, National Individual Trophy and National Team Trophy events with a 916-23X.



The history-making Ten-X junior pistol team contingent from New York State included, from left, Rick Powers, Rebecca Powers, Paul Korn, Eric Wagner, Robert Korn and Peter Militello.

Fellow Texan Zachary Hedrick, 17, also of Boerne was second with a combined aggregate of 888-16X and Keaton Harlow, 18, of Pflugerville finished third with a total of 866-13X to complete the Texas sweep.

Jennings won the NTI Junior G.P. “Perry” DeFino trophy with a score of 285, landing an amazing 15 of her 30 shots in the X-ring, 10 more than her nearest competitor. With the score of 285-15X, she set a new National Record for the Junior NTI Match. She also backed up Hedrick in the two-person team match that gave Texas Gold its victory. Hedrick fired a 276-8X with Jennings on his heels at 275-5X.



Shooters and coaches autographed their historic target which they plan to display at their home club in New York.

The Texas Silver team of Harlow and Rafe Corley, 19, of San Antonio, placed second in the match with an aggregate score of 514-6X followed closely by VSSA Juniors with a 513-5X. VSSA (Virginia Shooting Sports Association) Juniors was led by Blake Fleming, 18, of Gloucester Point and Walker Buckman, 14, of Lovettsville with scores of 260-2X and 253-3X, respectively.

James McCaig, 18, of Columbia, Tennessee, won the prestigious Junior President's Trophy with an aggregate score of 363-5X, topping Jennings at 356-3X and Fleming who fired a 352-6X.

Early in the week Jennings shot a 271-5X with a rack grade M9 9mm pistol in the CMP-USAMU Small Arms Firing School Excellence-In-Competition Match to lead all shooters.

Because she already has leg points toward her Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, she was ineligible to win the M9 Award Plaque.

Christopher Hudock, 19, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was the high junior shooter in the Service Pistol Warm-Up Match on Tuesday, 13 July. Hudock fired a .22 caliber smallbore sport pistol in the match.

Juniors also flocked in record numbers to the CMP's airgun Competition Center during the National Matches pistol phase, home of an air-conditioned 80-point electronic target indoor range. Click on the following link to learn more about this year's air pistol competitions: <http://www.odcmp.org/0710/default.asp?page=NMAIRPISTOL2010>.



Eric Wagner, of Elma, New York checks his target between shots during the slow fire portion of his NTT pistol match.

## Junior Distinguished Badge Program

The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council established the Junior Excellence-In-Competition Award Program to provide incentives for junior three-position air rifle competitors to improve and excel. This program awards prestigious badges of distinction to the most outstanding junior shooters. Junior shooters earn EIC credit points by placing in designated competitions in accordance with the requirements of this program. The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded to school-age junior three-position air rifle shooters who attain a series of high rankings in designated major junior air rifle championships that include the State Junior Olympic Qualifiers, CMP Cup Matches, National Junior Olympic Championships and other National Council Three-Position Air Rifle Championships.

Congratulations to the juniors listed here who recently earned their badges. **ON THE MARK** will recognize all juniors who achieve this outstanding goal in each issue. A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is at [www.odcmp.com/3P/EIC.pdf](http://www.odcmp.com/3P/EIC.pdf). For more program info, log onto [www.odcmp.com/3P/EICProgram.pdf](http://www.odcmp.com/3P/EICProgram.pdf) or email CMP Competitions at [3PAR@odcmp.com](mailto:3PAR@odcmp.com).



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
322	Kristin Metts	Charleston, SC	344	Connor Davis	Shelbyville, KY
323	Charles Munzenmaier	Charleston, SC	345	Tyler Rico	Tucson, AZ
324	Joshua Martinez	Albuquerque, NM	346	John Carter	Murfreesboro, TN
325	Tessa Howald	Ozark, MO	347	Gabriel Whitehead	Spring Lake, NJ
326	Robert Rousey	Killeen, TX	348	John White	Mt. Airy, MD
327	Chelsea Rhoads	Henning, TN	349	Hunter Firebaugh	Albuquerque, NM
328	Richard Calvin	Murfreesboro, TN	350	Chelsey Frink	New Philadelphia, OH
329	Andrea Vautrin	Cusseta, GA	351	Amber Smith	Wytheville, VA
330	Kevin Cruz	El Paso, TX	352	Camille Lathbury	Alexandria, VA
331	Jessica Eberhart	Rutherfordton, NC	353	Sarah Strader	Kensington, OH
332	Caitlin Davis	Moultrie, GA	354	Samantha Bullard	Morris, AL
333	Jennifer Armendariz	Horizon City, TX	355	Daniel Hermsmeier	Chesterfield, MO
334	Landon Shankles	Albuquerque, NM	356	Samuel Muegge	Boling, TX
335	Hannah Weatherford	North Little Rock, AR	357	Ryan Anderson	Great Falls, VA
336	Michael Stroud	Des Moines, IA	358	Mary Ann Banks	Hueytown, AL
337	Hannah Black	Yorktown, VA	359	James Zaken	Chugiak, AK
338	Brandon Wicker	Des Moines, IA	360	Nathaniel Orr	Issaquah, WA
339	Michael Hudson	Guyton, GA	361	Kimberly Goldberg	Germantown, MD
340	Alessandra Williamson	King George, VA	362	Elizabeth Embeck	Dauphin, PA
341	Vincent Ford	Albuquerque, NM	363	Joshua Black	Yorktown, VA
342	Beatriz Santiago	McDonough, GA	364	Diego Vigil	Albuquerque, NM
343	Karina Schmidt	Louisville, KY	365	Kamen Ester	North Little Rock, AR

## It's All in the Family for Three Pennsylvania Steel Eagles Highpower Shooters

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Curt Horomanski, 52, of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, says he's happy to provide shooters for the Steel Eagles junior rifle team. His oldest daughter Chessa, 22, recently graduated from the junior ranks but he still has three daughters shooting with the Steel Eagles and members of the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association.

Elyse, 19, Jenna, 16, and Marie, 14 – all point their fingers at dad when asked who's the driving force behind their participation in service rifle competition.

The girls didn't take the traditional route of shooting air rifle or .22 caliber smallbore rifle prior to jumping into highpower. All of the Horomanski girls fired nothing but AR-15 rifles from the start, their dad says.

"They all started at 12," Curt said. "We started in club shooting and they went to the firing line standing and didn't hit the target very much – sometimes they were on paper, but not in the scoring area."

"Of course the tears would roll down, but they got better and better," he said.

Over the years the Horomanski family has traveled to matches in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, and most recently, North Carolina,



*When asked who inspired the Horomanski girls, Elyse, Marie and Jenna to become highpower shooters, they quickly pointed out their father, Curt.*

improving at each event. The girls attended the Eastern Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship at Camp Butner, North Carolina, and did very well shooting and socializing.

"They went down there and didn't want to leave," Curt said. "They made a lot of friendships at Butner and I think it really helped them a lot."

"I enjoy going to shooting events because I like making friends from all across the country," said Marie, the youngest. "We used to stay to ourselves but now we feel more comfortable meeting new shooters and getting to know them."

The girls admit they are a unique group because many of the shooting events they attend are populated primarily by boys. Each of them learned to load ammunition prior to shooting in competitions, Curt said.

"These events are a great place for them to meet boys – the marrying kind - I'll be honest. These young guys are very polite and very responsible young men."

While dad is traveling with the girls, mom is back home with the girls' younger brother, but she attends matches when she can. "They have an

eight-year-old brother helping them load ammo and pretty soon he'll join them on the line, once he's 12," Curt said.

Elyse, who shot her personal best at Camp Perry this year, said "Our mom is learning about shooting and she's really supportive. She always makes sure we have bug spray, sun tan lotion and food and water. I agree that its fun meeting people and getting an opportunity to improve my shooting and being with my sisters."

"I love competing as an individual and team because we're always challenging ourselves to do better. You know what they say, practice makes perfect," Jenna said. "We are always trying to improve and we don't dwell on past mistakes."

Bob Eikey, 41, of Jeannette, Pennsylvania, the Steel Eagles Highpower Director, said he's happy to have families like the Horomanski's involved.

"To Curt's credit, he's been doing the job of three parents and I know it's a lot of work dragging three teenagers around to these events," Eikey said. "It's a sibling-oriented sport. We've also got a couple of brothers and some cousins that shoot with us too."



*The Horomanski sisters, Elyse, Marie and Jenna have each been shooting highpower since the age of 12.*

Eikey is assisted by Joe Hendricks, 42, of Wexford, Pennsylvania. Hendricks has a solid history of highpower shooting and coached his own very successful junior team several years ago, Eikey said. "He's one of the best coaches in the country."

"We're growing as fast as we can grow and improving at every match," Eikey said. A former Ohio State University rifle shooter, he's been

participating in highpower for about 10 years and he's enjoying working with juniors, he said.

"You know, shooting is a sport of small numbers, so we're trying to grow our programs and do the best we can. We've been successful attracting new juniors to our program by attending gun shows and distributing information," Eikey said.

He said he has been experimenting with new ways to introduce the program to youngsters and has had success attending gun shows and handing out information about the organization. As a result, he attracted about 400 junior shooters who expressed interest.

"I certainly can't do this alone, but I'll do anything I can to help families grow our team. We've got some very generous sponsors and they supply us with gear and we make the most of it."

The Steel Eagles 7 of 7 two-person junior team of John Yates, 18, of Hackettstown, New Jersey, and Brian Deyoung, 15, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, took top honors in the At-Large category of the National Trophy Junior Team Match and won Freedom's Fire medallions.

The Steel Eagles Gold six-person team placed second in the National



*Steel Eagles director, Bob Eikey, addresses his Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association team after a highpower match at the 2010 National Matches. Eikey said the Steel Eagles club is growing at a rapid pace.*



*Steel Eagles assistant director, Joe Hendricks, Sr. and director Bob Eikey are growing their Pennsylvania team with the help of dedicated parents, good sponsors and talented shooters who are willing to put forth a strong effort to succeed.*

Trophy Rifle Team Match behind the California Grizzlies Team Seeley. Firing members for the Steel Eagles were Jacob Perryman, 17, of Pleasant Gap, Joseph Hendricks, Jr., 14, of Wexford, Elyse Horomanski, Nathan Evagash, 16, of Glenshaw, Thomas Trent, 16, of Penn, and Garrett Miller, 19, of West Chester.

For complete results of the 2010 CMP National Trophy Rifle Matches, log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690). To view photos from the matches, log onto: <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.

## Juniors Display Excellence in 2010 National Matches Air Gun Events

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer*

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Junior air gun shooters comprised three of the five and five of the top nine finishers in the 2010 AiR-15 Challenge event held at the CMP Competition Center on Saturday, 7 August including a second place finish by Daniel Hall, 14, of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

SSG Tyrel Cooper, USA, and former California Grizzlie junior shooter, placed first in the Top 20 Shoot-off with a score of 196-5. Hall was a point behind at 195-4 and 17-year-old Steven Hahn of Middle Grove, New York, placed third with a score of 194-6 in a center shot

tiebreaker over his father, Edward, 45, who shot a 194-5.

It was the second year for the event under the new name AiR-15 in keeping with the style air rifle used to fire the event – an AR-15 clone that fires .177 caliber pellets designed for the 10-meter airgun range.

Sagen Maddalena, 17, of Groveland, California, was the third highest junior and fifth overall at 193-3. Joey Sabah, 16, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Gabriel Rose Hrysenko, 18, of Jackson, New Jersey, took fourth and fifth at the junior level (eighth and ninth overall).



*CMP board member Marsha Beasley presents Daniel Hall a cash prize check for \$450 for winning second place in the AiR-15 Challenge. Hall was the high-scoring junior in the event.*

# Gunny R. Lee Ermey - Unplugged!

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

*The following is an excerpt of a complete version of this article by the same name which can be found on the CMP Website by logging onto [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com).*

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Revered by millions for delivering perhaps the most riveting verbal tirade in film history as



Marine Corps senior drill instructor Sgt Hartman in the 1987 Stanley Kubrick film *Full Metal Jacket*, retired U.S. Marine GySgt R. Lee

Ermey remains a hot commodity in the entertainment industry and a popular highpower rifle competitor at Camp Perry.

In addition to his June reprisal as the voice of ‘Sarge’ in *Toy Story 3*, the 66-year-old Ermey can also be seen daily as a short-fused drill instructor-turned-dispassionate therapist in a witty GEICO insurance television commercial and heard on five radio spots.

While at Camp Perry for the 2010 National Matches, Ermey took time to share his thoughts about his life experiences, shooting sports and more. It was Ermey’s fourth visit to the National Matches.

## **Life on the Farm**

Ermey was born in Emporia, Kansas in 1944 and moved to a small farm about 18 miles west of Kansas City. His childhood memories are rich with stories of farm life and hunting with five brothers, each one a year apart.

“I used to hunt my way to the bus stop on the way to school every morning. It was about a mile to the bus and I used my grandfather’s old 12-gauge shotgun. The end of the barrel was paper thin. It was so blown out, heck, I could shoot three ducks at a time,” he said.

“I would stash my gear, my game and shotgun in a culvert, get on the bus

and then hunt my way back home after school. Ermey himself is the father of six children, five girls and a boy. He’s twice married and has three girls and a son from his current marriage to wife Nila in 1975.

## **Becoming a Marine**

When “Gunny” Ermey was 14, the family moved to the state of Washington and three years later his brotherhood expanded when he joined the Marines in 1961.

An admitted “troublemaker and a bit of a hell-raiser,” Ermey’s military career started somewhat unexpectedly after a couple of appearances in court for juvenile mischief.

“Basically a silver-haired judge, a kindly old judge, looked down at me and said ‘this is the second time I’ve seen you up here and it looks like we’re



going to have to do something about this.” “He gave me a choice. He said I could either go into the

military - any branch I wanted to go to - or he was going to send me where the sun never shines. And I love sunshine, I don’t know about you,” Ermey quipped.

“Actually I went up to join the Navy. My dad was in the Navy and like every kid, I wanted to go into the same service as my dad. So I went to the Navy and they basically didn’t need me because I had a juvenile record.”

“I was walking out of the old courthouse in a town called Toppenish, Washington and thinking I’d have to go to where the sun never shines and I walked past this cardboard standee poster of a Marine in dress blues.”

“I had never even heard of the Marine Corps. I was a farm boy. I never even got to town - ever. And so I spotted that poster and I said ‘holy cow.’ You

know my thoughts were if they wore a uniform like that, sharp dress blues, they couldn’t do a heckuva lot of work.

The old recruiter, a Sergeant E4 was there and he had his feet up on the desk and he was reading a *Cracked* magazine.

He dropped his magazine on the desk and he said ‘Jump up on that door sill and let me see how many pull ups you can do.’”

“So I jumped up there and cranked out about 10 pull ups and he said ‘Yep, there’s a bright future for you in the Marine Corps!’”

“The next thing I knew I found my young hind-end at 17 on the bus going over to Seattle to the Army Induction Center and we were off to boot camp the next morning to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

Ermey said he found boot camp relatively uneventful.

“Actually boot camp was easy. My father was more of a disciplinarian than any drill instructor down there that I knew of. He had six boys and when you have six boys, one year apart, you darned sure better be a disciplinarian or they’ll make you nuts.”

He spent eleven years in the Marine Corps, arriving in Vietnam in 1968, spending 14 months attached to Marine Wing Support Group 17 and two tours in Okinawa. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and was medically retired in 1971 for injuries received.

In 2002, Ermey received an honorary

promotion to Gunnery Sergeant, the first U.S. Marine in history to be promoted post-service, thanks in large part to his exemplary portrayal of the Marine ethic in film, as a Marine Corps ambassador and patriot.

After his active duty career, and still



single, he spent four years in Okinawa, Japan, where he owned a few pubs. He said he sold out and moved to the Philippines when some of his friends said moviemakers were looking for technical advisors for Vietnam War films and that's when his movie career took off.

### ***Erme the Shooter***

The Gunny is and always will be a shooter. "I've always been a hunter. I've always shot. Of course in the Marine Corps, you qualify every year, so you shoot highpower rifle. As a staff NCO, I was encouraged to shoot and I used to go down to the armory at lunch time and pick up a rifle and ammo and shoot at the range at 600 yards instead of eating lunch. To this day, I'm still pretty good at the 600," he said with pride.

Erme takes part in the CMP's John C. Garand matches and does remarkably well in prone slow-fire and rapid-fire, routinely scoring in the 90s. In the 2010 National Matches, he scored 99 and 98, slow and rapid, respectively.

When on the shooting circuit, he hangs with good friend Dennis DeMille, retired standout Marine Corps shooter and General Manager of Creedmoor Sports.

"What I like about the shooting sports is the camaraderie. It's a bunch of great guys. They're good patriots – they would never burn a flag. They're grassroots Americans and the most patriotic people I know."

### ***Message to New Shooters***

"What I'd like to stress more than anything is that people who are non-shooters who think they might like to give this a try should buy an M1 Garand from CMP and get out here. They can buy one that's very shootable off the rack for 600 bucks."

"I try to explain to everybody I know that the shooters here are the most giving people in the world. All you have to do is come out here and let somebody know that you're a new guy they will take you under their wing and will not let you screw up," he said.

"Just come out here and bring your old M1 Garand or your '14 or whatever you've got and we'll take care of you."

### ***On Junior Shooting***

Erme says he's driven to bring more young people into the sport. He's excited about working for the past seven years with the Young Marines, who have recently begun a marksmanship program.

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages eight through completion of high school. They promote the mental, moral, and physical development of its members and focus on character building, leadership, and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

"I try to explain to moms that are afraid to let their kids go shoot that as far as I'm concerned one of the safest places in America is that firing line. You never hear of anybody getting hurt on the firing line."

"It's a heckuva lot more dangerous to drive down the freeway than it is to shoot three strings of fire on the range. Safety has evolved to the point that it's virtually impossible for anyone to get hurt," he said.

"I think gun safety is just as important as learning how to swim. I think 99 percent of the accidental shootings in this country could have been alleviated with proper education."

"The youth programs out here are phenomenal. Look at Tyler Rico at 16 years old – a champion already – everybody out here looks up to him and we're all grown-ups! Or look at the youth teams like the California Grizzlies

who come out here and beat the military teams."

"As I walk up and down the firing line and I look at these old codgers out here – a bunch of old farts over the age of 50, I'm saying in another 10 or 20 years shooting sports are going to go downhill if we don't add to the sport, so we need to groom these young people to step up and take our place."

"It's a fantastic, phenomenal sport to get involved with and it's not an expensive sport to get into."

"You come out here and spend a few bucks on a gun and ammo and you can shoot all dog-gone week. I encourage young people to get involved in the sport and have a good time with it."

### ***What's Up Next...***

Erme has been striving to help get the Marine Corps name added to the Department of the Navy, making it the "Department of the Navy and Marine Corps."

At the move's core is the letter of condolence to the families of fallen Marines, who receive their notice from the Department of the Navy, but the Marine Corps isn't mentioned until the letter's closing, Erme said.

"We love our brothers and sisters in the Navy. You'll never find a Marine that has anything bad to say about his Corpsmen."

"Just three words, 'and Marine Corps,'" he said. For more information about the cause, log onto [www.marinecause.com](http://www.marinecause.com).

### ***And About That Name***

It's true that Gunny's full name is Ronald Lee Erme, so why does he go by R. Lee?

"When I was a kid, everybody called me Ronnie. Well, there was this comic book called Archie with a girl named Ronnie and that ticked me off."

"I said it's a dog-gone girl's name and you can call me Lee. I wouldn't have liked the middle name Sue either."



shooter. "I've always been a hunter. I've always shot. Of course



## Rebekah Jennings Shatters National Junior NTI Record at 2010 National Trophy Pistol Matches

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Rebekah Jennings, 19, of Boerne, Texas, set a new national record in the 2010 National Trophy Individual Pistol Junior Match on Sunday, 18 July, firing a 285-15X, shattering the former mark of 278-5X set by fellow Texan Heather Deppe in 2005.

Jennings was awarded the new G.P. “Perry” DeFino. The trophy was awarded by Ron Krelstein of Germantown, Tennessee. A Double Distinguished shooter in pistol and rifle, Krelstein donated the trophy to honor a long-time U. S. Navy pistol shooter and mentor.

James McCaig, 17, of Columbia, Tennessee, and John Farley, 17, of Americus, Georgia, finished second and third with aggregate scores of 274-5X and 263-4X, respectively.

The NTI is a 300-point Pistol National Match Course of fire consisting of 10 shots of slow-fire at 50 yards in 10 minutes, 10 shots of timed-fire (2 series of 5 shots) at 25 yards in 20 seconds per series and 10 shots of rapid-fire at 25 yards in two series of five shots each in 10 seconds. The NTI is an Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) match in which the top 10 percent of all Non-Distinguished competitors, military and civilian, earn EIC points that count towards earning the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.



Mr. Krelstein and Gary Anderson presented the new G.P. “Perry” DeFino Trophy plaque to Rebekah Jennings. Jennings fired a 285-15X in the National Trophy Individual Junior Pistol Match and set a new National Record.

McCaig won the President’s Pistol Junior Trophy firing a .22 caliber target pistol with an aggregate score of 363-5X. Rebekah Jennings placed second with a 356-3X and Blake Fleming, 18, of Gloucester Point, Virginia, finished third with an aggregate of 352-6X.

The President’s Pistol Match is a service pistol event featuring two series of 10 slow-fire shots from 50 yards in 10 minutes per series, two series of five timed-fire shots at 25 yards in 20 seconds per series and two series of five rapid-fire shots in 10 seconds per series. The match has been fired since 1981.

The top two-person junior team in the National Trophy Team Match was Texas Junior Gold, firing an aggregate score of 551-13X. Firing members were Zachary Hedrick, 17, of Boerne, Texas and Rebekah Jennings. Texas Junior Gold is captained by David Deppe, 16, of Mico, Texas, and coached by Kathleen Deppe, 44, of Mico, Texas. Second place went to Texas Junior Silver with a score of 514-6X, fired by Keaton Harlow, 18, of Pflugerville, Texas, and Rafe Corley, 18, of San Antonio, Texas, and were mentored by David and Kathleen Deppe.

Third place in the Junior NTT was captured by VSSA Juniors, Blake Fleming and Brad Fellows, 16, of Gloucester Point, Virginia, with an aggregate score of



Rebekah Jennings and Zachary Hedrick of the Texas Junior Gold Team won the National Trophy Junior Team Match and will have their names inscribed on the Riding the High Places Junior Pistol Team Trophy.

513-5X. VSSA Juniors was captained and coached by Fleming and Fellows, respectively.

All members fire the Pistol National Match Course of Fire. Open, Civilian, State or Club and Reserve Component teams are four-person teams. While most teams are comprised of four shooters, Law Enforcement teams and junior pistol teams shoot the match with two members.

For complete National Trophy Pistol Match results, log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5688](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5688).



Mr. Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus, congratulates James McCaig, 2010 President’s Pistol Match Junior Champion.

## Juniors Display Excellence in 2010 National Matches Air Gun Events

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As a prize match, winners were awarded cash prizes that were determined by the number of entrants who participated in the preliminary re-entry matches, which were unlimited. Thanks to the 250-plus entries in the event, the top six places in the shoot-off earned prize money in the following amounts: first place garnered \$650 followed by \$450 for second, \$300 for third, \$200 for fourth, \$150 for fifth and \$125 for sixth.

After 20 shots there was a tie for fifth place between Troy Lawton, 47, of Columbus, Georgia, and Maddalena with a 193-3. The two competitors were given two sighter shots and then fired a sudden death shoot-off. The first shot was a tie, and the second shot was won by Lawton, placing him 5th and Maddalena 6th.

In the 2010 National Matches Air Gun Events, Ashley Ahrens, 15, of Seneca, Pennsylvania, was the high scoring female junior in the 60-shot standing match, also held at the CMP Competition Center. Ahrens outscored Amanda McMullin, 17, of Pomona, California, by two center shots, 580-32 to 580-30. Crystal Reynolds, 17, of De Pere, Wisconsin, took third place with a score of 569-17.



*Thanks to lots of entries in the 2010 AiR-15 Challenge, the top finishers each received generous cash prizes ranging from \$125 to \$650.*

Steven Hahn, runner-up of the AiR-15 Challenge, was the high-scoring male junior in the 60-shot match, scoring a 573-19, topping Bill Harvey, 18, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, (570-25), and Mark McClallen, 19, of Carbondale, Illinois (567-22).

Jacob Hedrick, 20, of Boerne, Texas, was the high junior in the 60-shot pistol match, firing a 547-6. Shelby Cammack, 19, of Sturgis, South Dakota, placed second with a score of 545-8 and Elizabeth Lutz, 17, of Annville, Pennsylvania, finished third with a 541-8.

For more information and complete results of the 2010 National Matches Air Gun Events, log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5830](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5830).

To view photos from the 2010 National Matches, log onto <http://cmpl.zenfolio.com/>.

### 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.

#### 25 September 2010

CMP Monthly Air Gun Matches, Camp Perry - Port Clinton, OH & Anniston, AL

#### 1-2 October 2010

CMP State Junior Director Workshop, Anniston, AL

#### 15-17 October 2010

Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic, Nashville, TN

#### 16 October 2010

CMP Monthly Air Gun Matches, Camp Perry - Port Clinton, OH & Anniston, AL

#### 16 October 2010

Garand-Springfield-Military Rifle Clinic, Ben Avery - Phoenix, AZ

#### 16-19 October 2010

Western CMP Games, Ben Avery - Phoenix, AZ

#### 20 October 2010

Highpower Rifle Shooting Clinic, Ben Avery - Phoenix, AZ

#### 21-24 October 2010

Western Creedmoor Matches, Ben Avery - Phoenix, AZ

#### 12-13 November 2010

CMP Dixie Double Match, Anniston, AL

#### 20 November 2010

CMP Monthly Air Gun Matches, Camp Perry - Port Clinton, OH & Anniston, AL

#### 3-5 December 2010

Gary Anderson Invitational, Camp Perry - Port Clinton, OH & Anniston, AL

#### 14-16 January 2011

Camp Perry Open, Camp Perry - Port Clinton, OH

#### 24-26 March 2011

JROTC National Championship, Anniston, AL

#### 6 May 2011

Garand-Springfield-Military Rifle Clinic, Camp Butner, NC

#### 7-10 May 2011

CMP Eastern Games, Camp Butner, NC

#### 11-15 May 2011

Creedmoor Eastern Games, Camp Butner, NC

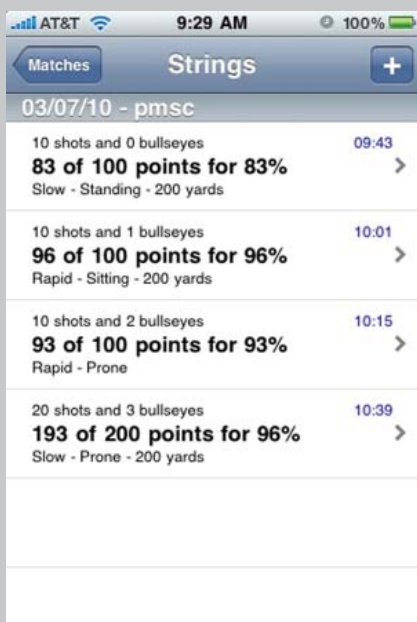
## 2010 - 2012 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules Released

The 2010 – 2012 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules were released in September 2010. The rule changes were based on the decisions of the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council, which held their annual meeting this past June. The following highlights three of the most significant rule changes.

1. **8.6.3 – Ties for Last Position in Final.** The new rulebook now gives match directors the option of including a shoot-off to qualify for the last position(s) in an eight person final. The addition was made to be inline with the tie-breaking procedures now in place by the International Shooting Sports Federation. At this year's National Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympic Championship, this rule was added to the program so it could be showcased at the National 3PAR event. In the precision event, no shoot-off was necessary, but a shoot-off was required for the sporter final. This was the first council shoot-off and the event was well received by competitors and spectators. Per the new rule, national level matches are required to hold shoot-offs, but local matches can still break these ties by using the tie breaking procedures found in Rule 8.6.1. The information about whether or not a match will hold a shoot-off must be included in the match program. The shoot-off is run similar to a final, and should be conducted as soon as possible after qualification scores are posted. Any shooters that have a tied qualification score for last place in the final (not including x-count) shoot in the shoot-off. This can be as few as two shooters, or can be many more. Shooters are first given a five minute preparation and sighting period. They will then shoot five shots on the command, "For your first/next competition shot...load...attention 3-2-1 start." The shooters have 75 seconds to shoot each shot. Unlike a final, shot scores are not announced after each shot is taken. After the five shots are completed the range officer will announce the total of all shots. If possible, this should be scored in tenth ring values. If ties remain, single shots are taken on command and the shooter with the highest shot value will move on to the final.

2. **8.5.5 – Protests of VIS Targets.** Visual Image Scoring (VIS) such as the Orion Scoring System, has revolutionized the scoring of paper targets, both by increasing the speed, consistency and accuracy of scoring. Like any new system, the rules concerning its practical use have continued to change as situations arise and warrant change. Rule 8.5.5 concerns the protest procedures of VIS targets. Instead of challenging the entire target as was the rule in the previous edition of the rulebook, the new rule states that a specific shot or shots must be protested. Obvious errors, such as when the computer program picks up the wrong shot location, multiple shots on the same bull, or when a paper tear is picked up as a shot, can be brought to the attention of the Statistical officer and changed without an official challenge. If the competitor believes that a shot without an obvious error was scored incorrectly the shot must be officially protested. Shooters should be confident in their protests, since there is now a two point penalty per protest if the whole number value of the shot does not increase. The purpose of the two point penalty is to avoid slowing down the match by protesting too many shots for each competitor. The incentive is now very high for that shooter to only challenge shots that they are convinced should be a higher point value. If stated in the match program, a protest fee (of \$3 or less) can be collected from the competitor/team. The target is then re-evaluated with a more precise scoring algorithm. If the shooter is granted the point, the fee is returned and score adjusted. If the original score remains the same, the fee is not returned and the value of the target is reduced by two points. All results of protests are final and cannot be appealed.

3. **4.7.7 – Headgear and Blinders.** Competitors now need to be more mindful of the way in which they are wearing their caps or visors while shooting. If a hat is pulled down too far, the sides may be considered side blinders. While side blinders are permitted per Rule 4.7.9, the side blinders are restricted to 40mm wide, and also must not extend past a line out from the center of the forehead. To avoid hats being pulled down into the area considered a side blinder, Rule 4.7.7 has been updated to state that when a hat is worn, the area on the forehead between the eyebrows must be visible from the side of the shooter. Range officers will be able check by coming to the side of shooter in position and quickly view that the hat is high enough on the shooter's head. It is also important to note that the cap or visor is not permitted to touch the rear sight. Some floppy visors or hats may hit the rear sight, so shooters should place the hat in such a way that it does not fall on the sights.



## CMP Introduces New Apple i-Phone Application

CMP is the official app for keeping score at Civilian Marksmanship Program sponsored shooting events. It features an easy to use interface that allows for quick recording of your score after each string. The CMP app calculates your shooting percentages automatically to let you know how you are doing throughout the event. You can also enter notes and record conditions so that you have a permanent record of details of each event. This application is sponsored and endorsed by the Civilian Marksmanship Program and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of this software are donated to the CMP.

The CMP app is designed for both the iPhone and iPad. This application is sponsored and endorsed by the Civilian Marksmanship Program and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of this software are donated to the CMP. Visit <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cmp/id379873392?mt=8#> to view and purchase the CMP app.

# Natalie Harper, Charles Opalewski and Lucas Boord Lead Junior Shooters at 2010 Rimfire Sporter Match

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Several juniors were called from a field of more than 400 shooters to receive achievement medals at the awards ceremony following the 2010 Rimfire Sporter Match on Sunday, 25 July. It was a day marked by a morning of high winds, rain and an afternoon of bright sun and a light breeze as shooters completed four relays. Competitors participated in open sights, telescopic sights or a new class for 2010 - tactical rimfire.

Natalie Harper, 18, of Dublin, Georgia, collected the most hardware at the ceremony as the high junior, high 4-H junior and high woman in the telescopic sights class with an aggregate score of 588-14X with her Ruger 10/22 sporter rifle.

Charles Opalewski, 20, of Vicksburg, Michigan, earned the top junior and high 4-H spot in the open sights class with an aggregate score of 574-14X. Opalewski, the 2009 defending junior open sights champion, used his CZ-USA 452 .22 rimfire to fire a 91-1X, 96-1X, 98-3X, 95-3X, 98-4X and 96-2X.

The 2009 telescopic sights overall and junior champion, Lucas Boord, 20, of New Stanton, Pennsylvania, also repeated as champion using his Kimber Hunter to score 593-27X. Boord shot a 99-8X, 97-4X, 99-5X, 99-4X, a perfect

100-4X and 99-2X en route to winning his class.

Three juniors fired in the new tactical rimfire class this year and were led by Michael Barnard, 18, of Mentor, Ohio (530-8X). In second and third place were brothers Jacob, 18, and Ethan Everhart, 15, of Newcomerstown, Ohio who fired 523-7X and 498-3X, respectively.

The winning team of this year's new Youth-Adult Partner (age 16 or younger and 17 or over) O-class competition was MAJ (Ret) Jeffrey Knop, 50, of Brighton, Michigan, and William Knop, 13, also of Brighton with a combined aggregate score of 821-11X. The team fired a 148-1X, 114-2X, 142-1X, 134-0X, 149-3X and 134-4X on their way to winning the first-ever open sights rimfire class.

The team of Keith Stich, 19, of Portersville, Pennsylvania and Scott Stich, 16, also of Portersville, won the T-class match with a combined aggregate score of 1149-41X. They fired a 187-3X, 196-9X, 190-4X, 194-5X, 191-14X and 191-6X in leading the T-class team field.

The Rimfire Sporter Match is a recreation-oriented, three-position competition using .22 caliber sporter rifles (plinking and small game rifles) commonly owned by almost all gun enthusiasts. Rifles may be manually operated or semi-automatic and competitors are broken into three classes – open sights, telescopic sights and new for 2010, tactical rifle. Shooters may enter multiple relays and fire



Bill Wayda and Duane Tallman present Natalie Harper with Rimfire Sporter awards as high woman, high junior and high 4H in T-class.

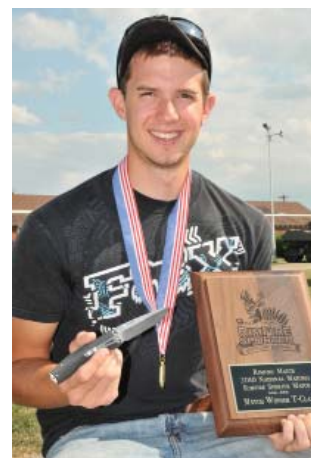
different classes, depending on space availability.

At the conclusion of competition, all shooters, staff and range officials enjoyed a barbecue behind the ready line on Viale Range followed by an awards ceremony honoring the top individual and team competitors. Achievement medals were presented to all shooters who met or exceeded minimum cut-off scores by class.

For complete results of the 2010 Rimfire Sporter Match, log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5689](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5689).



Charles Opalewski II was the High Junior and High 4-H Junior shooter in the Open Sights Class with an aggregate of 574-14X.



Lucas Boord of New Stanton, Pennsylvania won the T-class competition with an aggregate score of 593-27X.

## California Grizzlies Sweep All Three Junior Team Matches at 2010 National Trophy Rifle Matches

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18, of Vacaville. Team Seeley was captained by Thomas Pappageorge and coached by Dirk Seeley.

In the NTT, six team members fire 10 shots standing at 200 yards, 10 shots rapid-fire sitting at 200 yards, 10 shots rapid-fire prone at 300 yards and 20 shots slow-fire prone at 600 yards. No sighters are permitted in National Trophy Rifle Matches. Firing is done on the SR target at 200 and 300 yards and the MR target at 600 yards. Teams must pair fire the standing and prone slow-fire stages.

Steel Eagles Gold of Pennsylvania placed second in the junior NTT with a combined aggregate score of 2777-46X.

junior classification California Grizzlies O'Connell won first place with an aggregate score of 1268. The team scored 556 at 600 yards, 526 at 500 yards and 186 at 300 yards and 0 at 200.

Team O'Connell firing members were Bayer, Kurgan, Lehn, MacMillan, Maddalena and Rosasco. The team captain was Anthony Henderson and was coached by Jim O'Connell.

Six-person teams fire the NTIT and begin with 384 rounds to allocate among team members. Teams begin at 600 yards and must distribute their fire so that, if possible, all targets receive at least six hits. After a 50-second firing period at 600 yards, teams move to 500 yards and then to 300 and 200 yards.

Firing at 600 and 500 yards is done in prone; firing at 300 yards is done in sitting and at 200 yards in standing.

Army "E" silhouettes are used at the longer ranges; Army "F" silhouettes are used at the shorter ranges. Hits at 600 yards count four points, at 500 yards, three points, at 300 yards, two points and at 200 yards, one point, plus each team receives a bonus at each yard line equal to the square of the number of targets with six or more hits.

The Illinois Hard Dogs Gold team of Ryan Colby, 17, of Elk Grove, Nash Neubauer, 16, of Brimfield, Dillon Sloneker, 19, of Danvers, Eli Sloneker, 16, of Danvers and Ralph Woolard, 19, of Midlothian fired a 1025 to earn second place in the junior NTIT. Hard Dogs Gold distributed scores of 448 at 600, 388 at 500, 189 at 300 and 0 at 200. The team was coached

by SFC Charles Crouchman, USAR and was captained by Michael Neubauer.

In third place, Arizona Rifle and Pistol Association Gold, captained by Cecil Rico and coached by Thomas Kirby scored 971 points and fired 245 at 600, 478 at 500, 248 at 300 and 0 at 200. Firing members were Travis Burian, 18, of Surprise, Frederic Fadeley, 17, of Phoenix, Morgan Fadeley, 15, of Phoenix, Victoria Gray, 17, of Congress, Alexandria Provine, 16, of Oro Valley and Tyler Rico, 16, of Tucson.

For more information and complete results log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690).



*The California Grizzlies O'Connell won the Junior Infantry Trophy. Firing members were Brandon Bayer, Chad Kurgan, Joshua Lehn, James MacMillan, Sagen Maddalena, Shelby Rosasco. Team Captain: Anthony Henderson and Team Coach: Jim O'Connell. Lt. Jeff Roney, U.S. Navy Team Officer in Charge, was the presenter.*

Team members included Jacob Perryman, 17, of Pleasant Gap, Joseph Hendricks Jr., 16, of Wexford, Elyse Horomanski, 19, of Monroeville, Nathan Evagash, 16, of Glenshaw, Trent Thomas, 16, of Penn and Garrett Miller, 19, of West Chester. Team captain of Steel Eagles Gold was Joseph Hendricks, Jr. and coached by Joseph Hendricks, Sr.

California Grizzlies Team Varget placed third with an aggregate total of 2748-49X, which was fired by Brandon Bayer, 17, of Jamestown, Sagen Maddalena, 16, of Groveland, Hugh Braly, 14, of Copperopolis, Wyatt Danicourt, 15, of Soulsbyville and Bradley Pappageorge, 17, of Copperopolis.

In the National Trophy Infantry Team Match (NTIT)



One of the most common questions that I hear from athletes and parents is how to find a college that offers a rifle team. This topic was first covered in *On the Mark* in March 2008, but the frequency of the question has led me to revisit some key points for those looking for a college shooting program.

First off I want to mention that there are several differences between rifle programs offered at the college level. There are NCAA programs, club teams and ROTC teams. The first of these options, NCAA programs, is where an athlete needs to look if they are interested in competing on a varsity level team, and have the potential to earn an athletic scholarship. Club teams are just as the name implies, a club sport that is open to all students on campus. ROTC teams are for students involved in ROTC programs at their university. The depth of each team, the level of coaching and competition vary at each school and between the different divisions of shooting programs with NCAA being regarded as the highest level.

But before you start your college rifle team search, keep in mind that there are no professional contracts waiting for you beyond your college shooting career. Make sure you pick a school that offers the major you want to study because the statement, "You will most likely be going Pro" is something other than your sport. It is also important to mention that under NCAA rules, Division I rifle teams are allowed a total of 3.6 scholarships per year. The head coach decides how the 3.6 athletic scholarships are distributed among the team.

The chances are, the harder you work, the better

## Finding a College Rifle Team

*By Sommer Wood, CMP Program Coordinator*

the scholarship, but a full ride is rare. The NCAA also has Division III rifle teams but they cannot offer scholarships. Support from club teams varies from school to school, and there are no athletic scholarships at the club level. ROTC offers their own support for helping students pay for school, which is separate from participation on a rifle team. The Civilian Marksmanship Program offers \$1000/yr scholarships to ROTC students who are members of a rifle team, NCAA, club or ROTC. For more information on these scholarships, visit <http://www.odcmp.com/Programs/Scholarship.htm>.

So what are a few good resources for finding college teams? Well the first web site that I recommend is <http://www.collegerifle.com>. This site is the home of the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association and is the best link for keeping up with NCAA programs and even a few club teams. There are links

to different college team web sites where you can look up scores, stats and contact information. Some schools even have plans to post live scoring during their home matches this season, so you can watch teams compete from your home computer. Tracking a team's progress over the course of a season will help you decide on the program that is right for you.

Another great site for high school

students looking for a college shooting program is <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/coldir.asp>. This is the NRA's directory of competitive college shooting programs. This allows you to look-up individual schools or look-up schools within a state that offer shooting programs. The neat thing about this site is that you can find NCAA, club and ROTC programs, and you can even find other shooting disciplines like shotgun and pistol.

Classes are finally resuming at universities across the country, and soon the rifle competition season will begin. Take some time to look over the web sites listed in this article and follow the teams you are interested in competing for in college. It is one of the best ways to learn about the different programs.

This is a screenshot of the National Rifle Association's website. The header includes 'The NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION Headquarters' and the date 'Monday, August 30, 2010'. The main content area is titled 'COMPETITIVE SHOOTING PROGRAMS COLLEGIATE SHOOTING PROGRAMS'. It features a logo for 'COLLEGIATE SHOOTING' with the NRA logo. Text on the page describes the NRA Collegiate and Schools Department's management of various shooting programs, including NCAA Rifle Championships and ROTC programs. A prominent announcement states: 'NRA COLLEGIATE SHOOTING SPORTS DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!'. Below this, it explains that the directory is an invaluable resource for young people interested in furthering their development as shooters while attending college. At the bottom, it mentions that the current NRA All-American Teams listing and previous teams from 1936 are available for download in PDF format, and provides a link to '2010 Collegiate Sectional Results'.

# Sam Houston State University ROTC Rifle Team Makes First Appearance at 2010 National Trophy Rifle Matches

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – The Bearkat Battalion Army ROTC rifle team from Sam Houston State University (SHSU) rolled into the 2010 National Trophy Rifle Matches as the only collegiate entry and came away with valuable experience and high expectations for their growing highpower program.



*Maj. Andrey Tymniak, cadet Clayton Ivey and SHSU Coach GySgt. Michelle Boyd were the driving force behind the Bearkat Battalion at Sam Houston State ROTC in 2010.*

The Bearkat Marksmanship Unit, as they're known on their home campus of 16,000 students in Huntsville, Texas, is a two-year-old shooting team that was formed at the request of ROTC cadets. Its mission is to train old and new cadets to shoot as experts in local, state and national competitions and at the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). LDAC is the centerpiece of the U.S. Army's ROTC program and is also known as Advanced Camp, Camp Adventure or Warrior Forge held each summer at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

With several freshman and sophomore cadets, Maj. Andrey Tymniak, 47, an Assistant Professor of Military Science at SHSU, he said his team is young and growing and will benefit from its first Camp Perry experience. Along with Cadet Senior Clayton Ivey, 21, of Houston, Maj. Tymniak said they were feeling their way around Camp Perry for the first day or two.

"This was our first time here," Maj. Tymniak said. "But it won't be our last," Ivey followed.

"Neither of us have been here before – I didn't know anything about "huts" for example," Maj. Tymniak said. "TSRA

(Texas State Rifle Association) gave us the info and helped us a lot. They've been very supportive of us - those are some great people out there."

When the Bearkat Battalion arrived, most of their seven shooters attended the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic. Immersed with more than 100 other junior competitors, the three-day program gave the cadets an opportunity to learn from fellow clinic attendees and the elite Marine Corps Rifle Team in the classroom and on the range.

"We had only shot in three to five matches this year, so it was a great opportunity for us," Ivey said. When we began, we were firing a lot of 60s and 70s and we watched our scores come up from there each day."

"It's one of those things I will greatly miss. Like playing high school football – once it's over, I'll always have these memories," Ivey said. As Team Captain, Ivey has helped Maj. Tymniak mentor a young team.

"The majority of the team is new shooters and they are going to go back to Sam Houston as much better shooters than when they came here. Our scores got better every day," Maj. Tymniak said.

"Because we have so many freshmen and sophomores I've got some of them for another three years. If I can keep them coming to Camp Perry and use what we've learned here at home station, our scores will continue to improve and we'll be a force to be reckoned with," he said.

"It's a big learning curve but they're improving for a bunch of new shooters."

Sam Houston State's two teams finished in the middle of the pack of 88 teams in the National Trophy Junior Team Match at 40th and 54th and their National Trophy Team Match six-person squad finished 39th out of 53 teams.

The start-up Sam Houston squad is coached by GySgt Michelle Boyd, USMCR, 45, of La Feria, Texas, who calls the Sam Houston team "A great bunch." In addition to coaching, GySgt Boyd is a mom with sons participating in the program.

The Bearkats were also assisted at Camp Perry by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit who provided the coaching services of



*Jacob Hagood prepares to fire in one of several highpower matches Bearkat cadets took part in during the 2010 National Trophy Rifle Matches.*

National Highpower Rifle Champion SGT Sherri Gallagher.

"You've got to love a sport where you actually help your competitors," Ivey said in regard to the assistance his team received at the matches from fellow competitors.

"We also have to thank Sam Houston State and its ROTC program. The university gave us a lot of support – bought all of our rifles and 90 percent of our equipment. The university and ROTC have a great relationship," Maj. Tymniak said.



*Sam Houston ROTC cadets Roland Travis, Charlie Bransom, Jacob Hagood and Lauren Conner participated in their first-ever Camp Perry experience.*

"Many people on the line were asking us how we got Sam Houston State to sponsor us," Ivey said. "They just believe in what we're doing," he followed.

"Most of these kids are under contract with the Army and shooting will be a skill that many of them will take with them, whether they're in a combat role or not. It's a skill that will stay with them far into the future," Maj. Tymniak said.

# Travis Burian Wins EIC Match to Cap-Off CMP-USMC Junior HP Clinic

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Travis Burian, 18, of Surprise, Arizona earned four introductory “leg” points toward a Distinguished service rifle badge as the 2010 CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic came to a close on Sunday morning, 1 August. Burian earned his first points of the 30 required to become Distinguished in service rifle.



*Sgt David Hunter talks about weather and its mental and physical effects on competitive shooters during the classroom portion of the 2010 CMP USMC Junior Highpower Clinic.*

The EIC match, fired at 200, 300 and 600 yards, followed a Friday afternoon classroom instruction period and a “snap-in” shooting position and practice and zeroing session Saturday morning. The 200 and 300-yard portions of the EIC match were fired in the afternoon and camp attendees fired the remaining 600-yard portion of the match Sunday morning on Rodriguez Range.

Burian fired a 482-13X on the National Match Course event, comprised of a 95-1X standing slow-fire at 200, a 97-2X sitting slow-fire at 200, a 99-6X prone rapid-fire at 300 and a 191-4X prone slow-fire at 600 yards.

Christian Cartier, 18, of Holly Springs, North Carolina (476-13X) and

David Higgins, Jr., 16, of Mandeville, Louisiana (475-10X) followed Burian in the field of non-distinguished shooters. The cut-off score to earn introductory leg points was 464-6X, or 10 percent of all eligible shooters in the match. A total of 12 shooters made the cut, earning EIC points.

The overall results, which includes shooters who have already accumulated EIC points, showed Rachel Jones, 20, of Raleigh, North Carolina, in first (483-14X), Burian second and Chad Kurgan, 19, of Twain Harte, California, third with a score of 480-12X.

The CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic offers advanced instruction in service rifle competition techniques. Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team instruct the clinic and CMP provides administrative support. It is open to junior highpower rifle shooters who have previous service rifle competition experience. Those who are new to highpower rifle shooting are required to attend a Rifle SAFS

first before registering for the USMC Clinic.

“I would have liked to have more snap-in time with the students on the range, but overall I was pretty pleased with this session,” said lead USMC instructor GySgt

James Otto, 38, of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

“Next year we might try to get started on Friday morning and that would give us more of an opportunity to work on positions,” he said.

During the in-class session, Sgt Victor Armenta discussed range safety

and weapons handling. Cpl Sean Morris discussed the fundamentals of marksmanship. Sgt Emily Windmassinger covered use of the data book. Sgt David Hunter explained environmental, physical and mental challenges of shooting. SSG Michael Bennett discussed proper firearms care



*GySgt James Otto prepares to snap into position as he adjusts his sling during a tabletop demonstration of positions.*

and cleaning and Sgt Brent Payne, with assistance from GySgt Otto, demonstrated proper shooting positions and gear set-up.

Upon conclusion of Sunday’s EIC match, clinic participants received a CMP-USMC Highpower Clinic T-shirt, a certificate of attendance and a pizza party compliments of Bushmaster Firearms.

For complete results of the EIC match, log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690).



*Bushmaster Firearms sponsored a pizza party at the conclusion of the CMP USMC Junior Highpower Clinic on Sunday, 1 August.*



*Sgt Emily Windmassinger coaches a highpower clinic shooter on the firing line during position practice on Saturday, 31 July. Junior highpower clinic participants benefited from personal instruction from the Marine Corps Shooting Team while on the firing line.*

## 2010 CMP Summer Camps Finish Strong

The CMP Summer Camps had significant growth in 2010 with increased staff and participation numbers. In all, 586 people attended the popular summer program, up from 515 in 2009 and 472 in 2008. Part of this growth was made possible by an increase in staff size from 10 counselors to 12, and the implementation of a more streamlined curriculum that debuted in 2010.



2010 CMP Summer Camp counselor Carmen Luke works with a camper in the kneeling position. Each camper is assigned to a counselor, who works with five to six person groups. This structure allows each camper to receive individual instruction throughout the week.

The primary function of the CMP Summer Camp Program is to provide instruction in Three-Position Air Rifle to high school students from across the country. The weeklong instruction took place at CMP's Competition Centers in Anniston, Alabama and Port Clinton, Ohio. The program was also supplemented with shorter Outreach Clinics within the Continental U.S. This year Outreach Clinics were held in El Paso, Texas, Linn, Missouri and Phoenix, Arizona. The location of clinics varies each year, and many factors go into determining a clinic location. The location of 2011 Outreach Clinics will be released in January 2011 with the CMP Summer Rifle Camp Program.

With the new curriculum, the 2010 camps went high tech. The weeklong camps were held on CMP's electronic ranges, but that was not the only high tech component of the camps. The classroom experience included 22 new video presentations and the use of classroom clickers, which allows students to buzz in answers to class questions using a remote control. The camp structure combined training sessions with classroom style instruction, all taking place

on the range with quick transitions between topics. Groups were small with only four to five campers, and a collegiate athlete coached each group. This year the counselor staff was comprised of athletes from the University of Kentucky, West Virginia University, University of Mississippi, Murray State University, Jacksonville State University, University of Nevada-Reno and the University of Tennessee-Martin.

CMP Camps and Clinics Director Sommer Wood led the camp program. This was Wood's seventh summer with the camps after starting as a counselor in 2004. Wood graduated from Clemson University, where she competed for the rifle team. She worked as the camps assistant director from 2005-2008 and took over as the Director from Dan Durben in 2009. To create the new video project, she joined forces with 2008 Olympian Sandy Fong to film and edit the work. The two solicited participation from nine current and former U.S. National Rifle Team Members to provide expert information for the CMP campers.

The summer camp team was completed with assistant directors Natasha Dinsmore and Keegan Singleton. Dinsmore is an alumnus of West Virginia University, and will start her first year as a graduate assistant with the OI Miss rifle team this Fall. Singleton recently completed his athletic eligibility with the rifle team at the University of Memphis, where he will graduate next Spring. Both Dinsmore and Singleton have extensive experience with the CMP.

The camp program is geared for serious high school athletes, who have at least a year of experience in air rifle competition. Throughout the camps and clinics, participants are pushed to try techniques used by the top U.S. shooters, and coaches are encouraged to sit-in on range and classroom sessions so that they can reinforce these techniques with their athletes when they return home. At the end of each full-length camp, an official match was held and scores were included in a CMP Cup Match. The top precision shooter for the summer was Adam Grumbling from



Counselors Ashley Rose and Brian Carstensen demonstrate the kneeling position for campers from Montgomery Bell Academy.

Sharpsburg, Georgia, who shot a strong 593-44 qualification and added a 96.8 final to finish with a 689.8 aggregate score. The top sporter shooter for the 2010 camps was Addie Brooks from Brandon, Mississippi. Brooks shot a 555-21 qualification and a 91 final to finish with a 646 aggregate score. Junior Distinguished leg points were also awarded for the CMP Cup Match. The cut-off for points in precision was 666.3, and the cut-off for points in sporter was 607.5.

Complete results for the 2010 CMP Summer Camps can be found at [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5396](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5396). Photos can be found at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>. Campers and coaches are also encouraged to join the camp's Facebook page at CMP Summer Camps. Information for the 2011 CMP Camps and Clinics will be posted in early January 2011. If you have question regarding the program, please contact Sommer Wood at [swood@odcmp.com](mailto:swood@odcmp.com).



Campers cheer on the top two precision finalist in the weekly guts match, which is part of the camp's intensity training program. The person with the lowest score each round is eliminated from the game.

# Maddalena and Rico Head a Talented Class of Junior Highpower Shooters at the 2010 CMP National Trophy Rifle Matches

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer*

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – A pair of 16-year-olds, Sagen Maddalena, of Groveland, California, and Tyler Rico of Tucson, Arizona, led a talented class of junior shooters at the 2010 CMP National Trophy Rifle Matches.



*GySgt R. Lee Ermey awards Rico with a Compass Lake AR-Type Competition Rifle donated by Compass Lake Engineering. Rico was the High Overall Junior Champion in the 2010 National Trophy Rifle Matches.*

Maddalena was the high junior shooter in the President's Rifle Match, finishing 36th overall with an aggregate score of 291-8X, just four points below the cut-off score for the Top 20 shoot-off. Rico, at 39th, tied her in raw score but trailed by two center-shot Xs.

Though neither reached the shoot-off, each made an impressive run for the top from a field of 1,277 competitors. The youngest shooter ever to earn his Distinguished Rifleman Badge at 13, Rico placed second overall in 2009 with a remarkable finish in the President's Match.

In the President's Rifle Match, all shooters fire 10 shots standing at 200 yards, 10 shots rapid-fire prone at 300 yards, and 10 shots slow-fire prone at 600 yards. The top 20 shooters advance to a Final 10-shot stage at 600 yards. The 40-shot totals for these shooters determine the match winner and the top 20 places.

In addition to Maddalena and Rico, four other juniors made the President's 100 list including Dakota Haag, 17, of Terryville, Connecticut, Travis Burian, 18, of Surprise,

Arizona, Anthony Henderson, 20, of Sonora, California and Christopher Calumpong, 16, of Rayville, Missouri.

Burian earned his first four "leg" points toward earning his Distinguished Rifleman Badge in the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic Excellence-In-Competition Match during the clinic. Burian was first among those shooters who had no leg points entering the match. Thirty leg points are required to "go Distinguished."

Rico did not walk away from the Matches empty-handed, winning the 2010 National Trophy Individual Match - High Junior with an aggregate score of 488-15X, good for 18th place overall and the fifth highest civilian. In the NTI, competitors fire 10 shots standing and 10 shots rapid-fire sitting or kneeling at 200 yards, 10 shots rapid-fire prone at 300 yards and 20 shots slow-fire prone at 600 yards.

William McCraw, 19, of Horse Shoe, North Carolina, placed second in the NTI junior standings with an aggregate score of 486-21X in a tie-breaker over Rachel Jones, 20, of Raleigh, North Carolina, who fired a total score of 486-9X.

Rico also won the Pietroforte Trophy as the civilian with the highest aggregate of individual scores fired in the National Trophy Individual and National Trophy



*Mr. Tom Hughes, NRA National Match Assistant Coordinator, presented Sagen Maddalena with the High Junior President's Rifle Match Plaque.*

Team Matches (979-34X). Junior Chad Kurgan, 19, of Twain Harte, California, was the second highest junior in the category with a combined aggregate score of 975-34X. Rico won the Col. Bill Deneke Trophy along with five other shooters who combine for the highest aggregate score in the Presidents, NTI, and National Trophy Junior Team Match. Rico was joined by Kurgan, Christopher Calumpong, Anthony Henderson, Rachel Jones and James MacMillan, 17, of Kentfield, California.

Calumpong also won the Bushmaster Cup as the overall champion in the Mountain

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*GySgt R. Lee Ermey, USMC, Retired, presented the Col. Bill Deneke gold medallions to the top six junior shooters in the National Trophy Rifle Matches and the captain and coach of the highest-scoring team in the National Trophy Junior Team Match.*

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Man aggregate in the NTI and NTT using a factory Bushmaster service rifle. Since Calumpong was the Overall Championship, the Junior Bushmaster Cup was awarded to the second place junior, Dakota Haag.

In the CMP Games Matches Events, Vikki Gaddie, 20, of Mason, Michigan, won the As-Issued John C. Garand Match high junior honor with an aggregate score of 286-6X. Christopher Calvin, 20, of Canfield, Ohio, placed second with a total of 281-7X and Hannah Gaddie, 18, of Mason, Michigan, placed third with an aggregate score of 280-5X.

In the Garand Match, shooters begin with five sighting shots and 10 shots for record in the prone position in a 15-minute time period, followed by 10 shots rapid-fire prone in 80 seconds. The final ten record shots are fired in the standing position with a 10-minute time limit. All firing is done at 200 yards.

The high junior in the Unlimited Garand Match was Michael Storer, 19, of Enumclaw, Washington, with an aggregate score of 282-4X. The only other junior firing the unlimited class was Patrick Gillman, 17, of Linden, Michigan, who shot an aggregate score of 260-1X. Unlimited class allows glass bedding, calibers other than .30-06, National Match sights and other modifications not permitted in as-issued competition.

In the Springfield Rifle Match junior class, Jeremy Riggle, 16, of Conesville, Ohio, placed first with an aggregate score of 289-6X. Ethan Marne, 17, of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, placed second with a total score of 267-1X. Placing third was Stephen Tupta, 18, of McMurray, Pennsylvania, scoring 266-2X.

Christopher Calvin, Vikki Gaddie and Ethan Marne were the three high junior shooters in the Vintage Military Match. Calvin fired a 282-3X using a Swiss Straight Pull rifle. Gaddie used a British Enfield to score a 258-2X and Marne used his Swiss Straight Pull to score a 252-1X to place third.

The Springfield and Vintage Matches both use the same course of fire as the John C. Garand Match.

In the M1 Carbine Match, Michael Storer shot a 359-2X to win high junior honors followed by Danny Ashford, III, 15, of Covington, Washington, with a 339-2X and Thomas Green, 14, of Rochester, New York, placed third with an aggregate of 332-4X.



*Mr. Orest Michaels, CMP Chief Operating Officer, presented Travis Burian with a Silver Medallion in the Junior Highpower Clinic EIC Match. Burian placed second overall and was the top shooter (with no EIC points) and earned his first 4 EIC "leg" points.*

M1 Carbine Match competitors fire 10 sighters in 10 minutes, 10 shots for record in slow-fire prone in five minutes, 10 shots rapid-fire prone from standing in 60 seconds, 10 shots rapid-fire sitting or kneeling from standing in 60 seconds and 10 shots slow-fire standing in 10 minutes. All firing is conducted at 100 yards on the SR-1 highpower rifle target (200 yard SR target reduced for firing at 100 yards).

For complete results log onto [http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report\\_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690](http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=5690).



*BG Robert Clouse presented Jeremy Riggle with the High Junior Plaque in the Springfield Match. Riggle also had the High Handicap score in the Springfield Rifle Match.*



*BG Robert Clouse, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Army, Ohio National Guard, presented Michael Storer with the High Junior Award in the M1 Unlimited Garand Class. Store was also the High Junior in the M1 Carbine Match.*



*Ken Roxburgh, left, and Jarrod McDevitt, right, awarded the Bushmaster Cups to Christopher Calumpong, 2nd from right, and Dakota Haag. Bushmaster Firearms donated both the Overall Bushmaster Cup and the Junior Bushmaster Cup.*

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



*Junior Highpower shooter, Tyler Rico, of Tucson, Arizona, was the 2010 Eastern Junior Highpower Champion. Rico, a High Master, fired a 1354-38X. Brad Palmer was the award presenter.*



*The Air Pistol Match winners were award special certificates on stage during the National Trophy Pistol Matches Award Ceremony. Jacob Hedrick, 20, of Boerne, Texas, shot a 547-6X to claim the High Junior Award. Shelby Cammack, 19, of Sturgis, South Dakota (not pictured) fired a 545-8X to claim the High Woman Award. Also pictured is the High Senior, Gary Peterson, 62, of Levittown, New York, firing a 555-11X. Capt Donald Traves, USMC, Officer in Charge, Marine Corps Pistol Team was the presenter.*



*CMP staff member and Junior Distinguished Badge holder #2, James Hall, awards Junior Distinguished Badges during the Junior Olympics Championship at Anniston, Alabama.*



*CMP Program Coordinator, Brad Donoho shares competitive airgun shooting facts with US Naval Sea Cadets during their marksmanship exercise at Camp Perry.*



*Left: Many teams, like the Koppel-Big Beaver Sportsmen's Association, attend the National Rimfire Sporter Match at Camp Perry each year.*



*Right: Ravenna, Patricia and Bretton Rebol shoot as a family and this year mom and dad won medals and Ravenna overcame multiple leg surgeries to shoot her best score ever.*

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