



CMP NATIONAL MATCH AIR RIFLE TEST MATCH

Anniston, Alabama
14 March 2009

INVITATION. If you are interested in trying a new recreation-oriented target air rifle game or are a highpower rifle enthusiast who wants an off-season event to further test and improve your position shooting skills, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) invites you to participate in a test match for a new rifle shooting sports game called **National Match Air Rifle**. The CMP is developing National Match Air Rifle to provide **an affordable, accessible form of air rifle competition that can be practiced by recreational target shooters as well as serious competitive highpower, smallbore or air rifle shooters who seek the benefits of off-season practice and competition.** Experimental work on the National Match Air Rifle events began last summer when the new Camp Perry Competition Center offered sporter and precision air rifle standing re-entry events that were contested by several hundred competitors during the 2008 National Matches Air Gun Events. The CMP Board of Directors recently approved the full implementation of this promising new air rifle game. **The 14 March test match is the second official**

National Match Air Rifle competition. The one-day program features courses of fire that will be familiar to National Match highpower rifle competitors. There will be 20-shot standing as well as a 60-shot prone, sitting and standing

event. Both will be fired on highpower rifle targets reduced for firing at 10 meters. Shooters will have the option of firing 1) sporter class air rifles (loaner air rifles will be available), 2) precision class air rifles or 3) competition air rifles built on AR-type platforms. **This match will be held at the CMP's new Anniston Competition Center.** During this match, the provisional courses of fire, paper targets and rules will be tested and evaluated. Competitors will be **invited to**



The second official CMP National Match Air Rifle competition will take place at the new Anniston Marksmanship Center on 14 March 2009.

participate in feedback sessions after the match. This is **your opportunity to participate in the creation of a new and exciting shooting game.**

LOCATION. Anniston Marksmanship Center, Anniston, Alabama. See directions and map at the end of this program.

SCHEDULE. All activities associated with the Test Match will take place on Saturday, 14 March, at the Anniston Marksmanship Center.

Time	Activity/Event	Notes
08:30 - 09:45	Registration and Check-In	
09:45 - 10:00	Competitor orientation and safety briefing	
10:00 - 10:30	Zero and practice firing	Will give competitors who use loaner air rifles an opportunity to zero
10:30 - 11:00	Standing Event I, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record, standing position	Competitors may fire in any of the three rifle classes
11:15 - 11:45	Standing Event II, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record, standing position	Competitors may fire a second course or may fire in a different rifle class
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	Lunch will be provided by CMP
13:00 - 14:30	3X20 Event, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record in the prone, sitting and standing positions	See course of fire description below
15:00 - 16:00	Feedback and Comments, Open Discussion	All competitors are invited to participate in an open forum evaluation and planning discussion
16:00	Awards and Closing	

HOW TO REGISTER. To register, open the CMP website at www.odcmp.com. Click on "National Match Air Test Event Registration" or go to the registration page at <http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInvRegistration.cgi?matchID=4281>. Complete the on-line registration form and hit "submit." Competitors over the age of 18 must complete and sign a **CMP Affidavit and Liability Release** prior to competing. This form may be completed in Anniston; a Notary will be available at the time of check-in. Competitors under the age of 18 must provide a completed **Parental Permission Form** prior to competing in a CMP-sponsored competition. You can download and print the **CMP Affidavit and Liability Release Form** by going to <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/Affidavit.pdf>. Download and print the **Parental Permission Form** at <http://www.odcmp.com/NM/JrLiabilityRelease.pdf>.

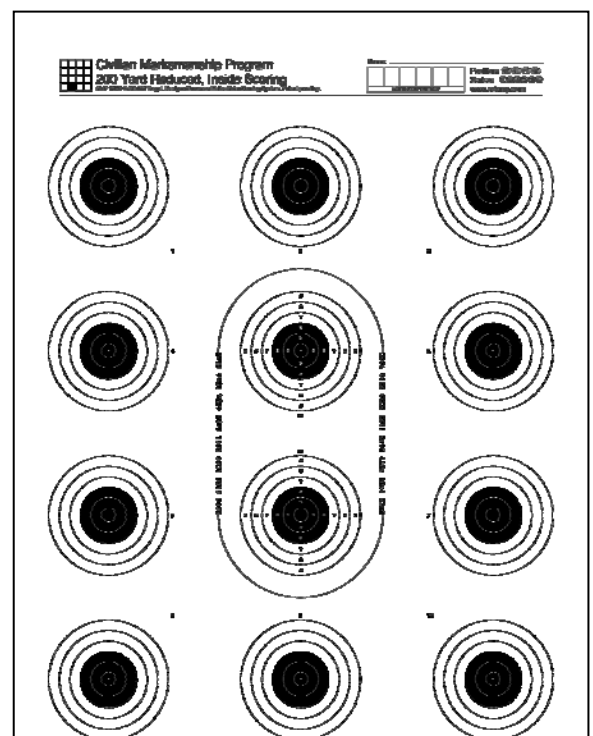
Complete Forms may be submitted in advance to Brad Donoho at, CMP, P. O. Box 576, Camp Perry OH 43452, or faxed to 419-635-2802 or you may bring them with you to Camp Perry. If you have questions regarding your registration, contact Brad Donoho at bdonoho@odcmp.com or 419-635-2141 ext 1130.

LOCATION. Anniston Marksmanship Center, Anniston, Alabama. The Center is located at 1470 Sentinel Drive in Anniston. Take the Oxford exit #188 off of I-20. At exit 188, turn north onto Golden Springs Road, drive 1.3 miles and turn left on Greenbrier-Dear Road. Drive 0.2 miles and turn left on Sentinel Drive. The CMP Competition Center is the second building on the right. The Building has a blue roof.

EVENTS. Three different events are on the program; see the *National Match Air Rifle Provisional Rules* at the end of this program for additional details.

1. **Standing I.** 3 minutes preparation, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record, 22-minute time limit (See Provisional Rules, Course A).
2. **Standing II.** 3 minutes preparation, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record, 22-minute time limit (See Provisional Rules, Course A). Competitors may fire the same or a different air rifle in this event.
3. **Three-Positions 3x20.** 3 minutes preparation, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record prone, AR-MR target, 22 minutes; 3 minutes preparation and 2 sighting shots sitting (or kneeling), 4x5 shots for record, sitting (or kneeling) from standing, each in 3 ½ minutes, AR-SR target; 3 minutes preparation, 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record standing, 22 minutes.
4. **Three-Positions 3x10.** 3 min. preparation, 2 sighting shots and 10 shots for record prone, AR-MR target, 12 minutes; 3 min. preparation and 2 sighting shots sitting (or kneeling), 2x5 shots for record, sitting (or kneeling) from standing, each in five minutes, AR-SR target; 3 min. preparation, 2 sighting shots and 10 shots for record standing, 12 minutes.

TARGETS. See the *National Match Air Rifle Provision Rules* at the end of this program for additional details. The AR-SR target (highpower SR reduced for 10 meters) will be used for all standing and sitting (or kneeling) position shooting. The AR-MR target (highpower MR reduced for 10 meters) will be used for all prone position firing. Samples of printed 10-bull AR-SR and AR-MR targets will be available at the match. Final decisions on target configuration will be made immediately after this test event. The CMP will then order a supply of targets so that it can fulfill orders for printed targets that clubs can use



An AR-SR 10-bull target for 10 meter firing. This target will be used for the standing and sitting position phases of the Anniston match.

to conduct their own National Match Air Rifle events, leagues or competitions.

LEGAL AIR RIFLES. Competitors must elect to compete in one of three air rifle classes in each event. Competitors can use different air rifles in different events. See the ***National Match Air Rifle Provision Rules*** at the end of this program for additional details about each of the air rifle classes.

Class A. Sporter Air Rifle. Unmodified factory air rifles that comply with National Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. 7.5 lb. weight limit, 1.5 lb. trigger pull. The CMP will provide Daisy M853 pneumatic sporter air rifles as loaners to any competitors who wish to use them.

Class B. Match Air Rifle. Any precision air rifle that complies with ISSF air rifle rules. 5.5 kg weight limit (12 lbs., 2 oz.). Must have metallic sights.

Class C. AR-Type Air Rifle. These air rifles are under development by at least two firms, but essentially will be modified sporter or precision class air rifle systems designed to simulate firing with M16/AR-type rifles. Sample AR-Type Air Rifles produced by Pilkington Competition Equipment and Creedmoor Sports are expected to be available during the test event. See the Pilkington Competition Equipment website at http://www.pilkguns.com/menu_ar15.shtml. Creedmoor Sports Inc. is developing their prototype AR-Type air rifle in cooperation with the Anschütz company of Germany.

FIRING PROCEDURES. Firing in the test match events will be done on paper targets in order to evaluate the target design. Before firing begins, there will be a 30-minute practice and zero period during which competitors can zero their rifles. In the slow

fire stages, prone and standing, the sighters and record shots will be fired as one series with the time limit applying to all shots. Slow fire stages will begin with a 3-minute preparation period. In the sitting (or kneeling) rapid fire stages, there will be a 3-minute preparation period followed by a 2-minute sighting period during which two sighting shots may be fired. This will be followed by 5-minute 5-shot record series where shooters will begin with unloaded rifles in the standing position (New shooters, shooters 60 or older, or shooters with disabilities may start in position with an ECI remaining in their rifles until the START command is given). This time limit may be shortened in the future, but it is now at one minute



The Pilkington Competition Equipment BF-17 air rifle was developed especially for National Match Air Rifle competition.

per shot because it is expected many firers will at least initially be using pneumatic air rifles that require more time to load.

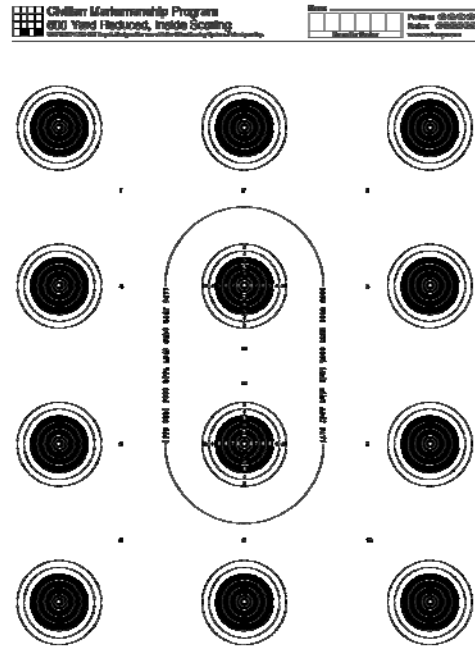
CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. Competitors who fire Match or AR-Type Rifles may wear shooting jackets, slings and other equipment that are legal for use in highpower service rifle shooting. Special shooting trousers or shooting shoes are not permitted. Competitors who fire Sporter Air Rifles may not wear any special shooting clothing except that the Basic Cloth Shooting Coat (item #827-B011 in the CMP Catalog or item B011 in the Creedmoor Sports Catalog) or the equivalent from other shooting equipment suppliers may be worn (Sporter jackets must be inspected before the match). If you have a spotting scope, you should bring it in order to see your shots and zero during firing. Shooting mats are available on the range so you also do not need to bring a shooting mat.

WHAT TO BRING. Bring your own air rifle if you have one; it should be legal for either the precision or sporter class. Shooters who plan to fire in either the Match Air Rifle (precision) or AR-Type Air Rifle classes should bring your highpower gear or regular shooting clothing. Daisy M853 pneumatic air rifles and pellets will be available if you don't own an air rifle. See the provisional rules at the end of this program for more details on what equipment is legal for use in each of the three rifle classes.

MANDATORY USE OF CLEAR BARREL

INDICATORS. CMP Policy requires the use of a safety flag in all rifles or pistols fired in CMP-sanctioned events. The CBI is a length of orange or red string trimmer line (weed trimmer cord) that is inserted through the bore, with ends protruding from the muzzle and breech ends of the barrel. The purpose of the CBI is the same as that of an ECI in highpower shooting. CBIs provide visual confirmation that the rifle is cleared and unloaded. CBIs must be inserted after rifles are uncased and must remain in them at all times except during preparation and firing periods. CBIs must be reinserted as soon as a firing series is completed (take care to wipe the CBI off before each insertion). CBIs are available on the range for those that do not have them.

FEES AND AWARDS. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee that covers all three events and the noon lunch. The CMP will provide lunch for all competitors. CMP



An AR-MR 10-bull target for 10 meter firing. This target will be used for the prone position phases of the Anniston match. The center dot on this target is the 10-ring. To score an X, the dot must be shot out.

Award Pins will be presented according to the CMP Achievement Award schedule. Match winner medallions will be presented.

NATIONAL MATCH AIR RIFLE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Take full advantage of air rifle shooting's low cost and easily constructed ranges to create a rifle competition event that is accessible to maximum numbers of shooters.
- Be readily adaptable to indoor and wintertime shooting.
- Offer recreation-oriented sporter class a competition that anyone can afford and in which inexperienced shooters can readily participate.
- Offer an adult competition game for graduates of the popular and fast-growing junior three-position air rifle program.
- Offer an alternative adult competition for shooters who find that the costs and training demands of high performance competition air rifle and smallbore programs conflict with the demands of their jobs and families.
- Offer a competition that provides off-season training and development opportunities for highpower service and match rifle shooters.

National Match Air Rifle seeks to apply the advantages of air rifle shooting to the challenge of creating a shooting game that attracts and keeps large numbers of adult and junior competitors involved in the shooting sports. The CMP intends to implement an optional handicap system for the National Match Air Rifle Program that match and league sponsors can use to facilitate competition between shooters of unequal ability.

PROGRAM EVALUATION. On Saturday afternoon, after the first three courses of fire, all participants in this test are invited to be part of a feedback session where your experiences with National Match Air Rifle are evaluated. Recommendations will be considered in finalizing the official 2009 rules for National Match Air Rifle.