

# Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

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## Secretary's Notes

By Zona Mowrer

**Memberships:** We will no longer be sending out a newsletter to our members unless you have already contacted me about a hard copy. I have a hard copy list and an email list. The rest of you will access your newsletter online at [www.mtrpa.org](http://www.mtrpa.org). If you desire a mailed copy, please contact me at [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com).

**Match fees for Juniors:** MRPA will pay match fees for any junior member going to a National Match. We need a copy of your receipt, the match you attended and your placement. Matches included are any National Match for Air Rifle, 3 position Rifle, Pistol Matches, etc., NRA National Matches and CMP National Matches, USA Shooting National Matches, etc. Get your information to me and I'll get it taken care of.

**Junior Raffle:** If there are other juniors or other shooters in the state that would like to sell tickets, contact Tom Everett at 601 Ruth, Belgrade, MT 59714 or [teverett@bigsky.net](mailto:teverett@bigsky.net). There are 1500 tickets. The money helps the junior shooters on their match fees and shooting equipment.

**Match Results:** I try to get all of the match results into the newsletter. If I miss people or report them in error please contact me so that I may include them in the next newsletter. I try to keep up with the MRPA members both adult and juniors.

**Addresses:** Please get your address changes to me. I can't contact you if I don't have an address or email. I have a list of people I have no address for. Some people I have incorrect emails for. Those persons that I have received mail back are: Mark Brandt, Cody Curtis, J. Wayne Dunlap, Bruce Garbe, Loren Guidici, Jeffery L. Greulich, R.W. Hillis, Don Lassila, Will Paulsen, Milton Prescott, John E. Redfearn III, Joeseoph Sankovic, Jeffrey Ward, Andrew Chritton, and James McConnell. I appreciate any help finding the whereabouts of these individuals. Thanks.

## Black Powder Silhouette

By Mark Griffis

A deep boom, a cloud of smoke, the clang of a steel target hit with a 500 gr cast bullet, and watching it fall off the rail through the iron sights.

That's what hooked me the first time I shot a Black Powder Cartridge Rifle silhouette match in Livingston, MT.



If you are looking for immediate feedback in a shooting competition, well, you might have to wait just a bit. It takes those same 500 gr. lead bullets about 1.3 seconds to get to the Ram silhouette at 500 meters and almost 1.5 seconds for the sound of the bullet striking to get back to the firing line.

Unlike most shooting sports, which use paper targets, BPCR silhouette uses reactive steel targets. Four different steel animal silhouettes (chickens, pigs, turkeys and ramrams) are set out at four different distances (200m, 300m, 385m, and 500m). A typical match consists of 10 of each animal silhouette for a total of forty targets.

Competitors take one shot at each target. If the target is hit and knocked over the competitor scores one point. Thus, a maximum score for a forty shot match is forty points.

### Course of Fire

10 Chickens	200m (offhand)
10 Pigs	300m (sitting or prone from cross sticks)
10 Turkeys	385m (sitting or prone from cross sticks)
10 Rams	500m (sitting or prone from cross sticks)

Time Limits: 1st half of relay, 7 minutes for unlimited sighters and 5 score shots. Once competitor goes for score no more sighter shots allowed. 2nd half of relay, 5 minutes for 5 score shots, no sighters.

Since the sport of BPCR silhouette began in 1985, only one competitor has shot a perfect 40 in a match. (Brian Chilson, of Nelson, PA, in 2009). The good news is you can compete against others at whatever level you may be, from beginner to seasoned expert.

Individual Classifications (40 shot match):

Master	31-40
AAA	26-30
AA	21-25
A	16-20
B	0-15

Basic equipment needed: Rifle, 60 rounds ammo, blow tube, cross sticks, shooting mat, spotting scope, chair, tripod, spotting board and timer. In practice the most popular rifles are those built on Winchester Highwall, Ballard, Remington Rolling block, Sharps, and Hepburn actions. Popular cartridges include 45-70, 45-90, 40-65. Cartridges must be loaded with straight black powder or Pyrodex. Plain based cast bullets must be used.

- Single shot rifles made in the US before 1896 that have an exposed hammer, or replicas of those rifles.
- Iron sights or period scopes allowed.
- Cartridges must be those that were originally loaded with black powder of 32 cal or larger.
- Rifle weight must be 12 pounds 2 ounces or less with sights.
- No mechanical rests, no shooting jackets or shooting gloves permitted.
- Complete rules can be obtained from the National Rifle Association at 800-267-3888 or at <http://competitions.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Sil-r/sil-r-book.pdf>
- Desire to have fun, shoot with people who will be happy to loan you what you don't have, give you advice, loading data, sight settings and whatever else you might need to get started.

BPCR Silhouette shooting is a team sport - one team member shoots while the other watches for changes in the wind and mirage, spots the hits and misses and keeps track of score. It's a great way to spend time with a son or daughter or a wife or dad, whether both shoot or one of you only does the important job, spotting. I encourage everyone to come check out a match, one of the competitors will likely offer you the chance to shoot a few rounds and get hooked on a great sport!

## Black Powder Target Rifle (Creedmoor/Mid-range)

By Mark Griffis

Black powder target rifles are single-shot, breech loaded cartridge rifles that shoot lead projectiles propelled by black powder or black powder substitute. No smokeless powder in any quantity may be used. No gas checks are allowed.

Any metallic sights that are period correct, pre-1896, are allowed. No optics other than sight corrected shooting glasses permitted.

Period correct scopes are allowed with a tube body diameter of 3/4" or less and objective lens ring no larger than 1" in diameter. Mounts must also be period correct with windage and elevation adjustments incorporated into the mounts. No internal scope adjustments for windage or elevation are allowed. No click adjustments are allowed.

Matches and tournaments are per NRA Black Powder Target Rifle rules. Squads consist of a two-shooter relay. For Creedmoor matches (800 900, 1000yds.) each shooting team will have a 3-minute ready period followed by 60 minutes to fire unlimited sighters and 10 shots for record.

For Mid-range matches (200, 300, 600yds) each team will have a 3-minute ready plus 50 minutes for record.

Each target will be assigned a two-man team in the pits.

Shooter classifications are Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman and are officially assigned by the NRA from sanctioned events. If a shooter does not have long range classification from the NRA his BPCR Silhouette classification may be used. If no classification has been assigned, shooters will enter competition as a temporary Master per NRA rules.

Any legal NRA Black Powder Target Rifle position may be used. NRA approved cross-sticks or slings may be used. If a sling is used the forward forearm must be clear of the ground from the elbow forward. Grounding the rifle in any form is prohibited

Mid-range can be broken down into 2 disciplines, position and prone:

- Position is fired from standing (200yds. on SR target), sitting (300yds. on SR-3 target), and any position, usually prone (600yds. on MR-1 target).
- Prone is fired from any position using the same distances and targets.

Mid Range (200-300-600yds) Targets:



Long Range Target (800-800-1000yds):



## Results of Shooting Events – State and National Levels

By Zona Mowrer

### Anaconda Rifle Matches

5-11-13

Match Winner:	Dennis Carroll	781-33x	1st Expert:	Scott Wehrmann	751-16x
1st High Master:	Don Strom	777-13x	1st Mks/SS:	Charles Bales	738-11x

6-8-13

Match Winner:	Don Strom	759-20x	1st Expert:	Scott Wehrmann	742-16x
1st Master:	Doug Duff	752-14x	1st SS/Mks :	Chris Haynes	638-2x

7-7-13

Match Winner:	Jamey Williams	782-22x	1st Master:	Paul Thurmond	773-16x
1st High Master:	Scott Lindley	781-24x	1st Expert:	Larry Bruce	745-14x
1st SS/Mks:	John Hawkins	728-9x			

Anaconda Pistol Matches

5-11-13 (.22 cal.)

.22 cal. winner –	Scott Wehrman	873-32x
Center Fire Winner -	Don Strom	855-36

6-8-13

.22 cal. Winner –	Scott Wehrmann	867-29x
.45 cal. Winner –	Don Strom	851-35x

Yellowstone Rifle Club Matches, Billings, MT

5-5-2013

Match Winner:	Dennis Carroll	776-29x	1st Ex/SS:	Jon Carlisle	737-16x
1st Master:	Matt Waite	765-17x	2nd Ex/SS:	Pat Crisswell	724-7x

6-2-2013

Match Winner:	Scott Lindley	773-27x	1st Ex/SS	Bill Scott	725-7x
1st Master –	Matt Waite	772-22x29x			

8-4-2013

Match Winner	Dennis Carroll	779-24x	1st High Master	Roy Bane	771-17x
1st Master	Matt Waite	774-23x	1st Expert/SS	Dale Lacher	718-5x

## Montana State Mid Range &amp; F-Class 600 yd. Championships, Billings, MT August 3, 2013

MW and MT State Mid Range Champ:	Neil Adams	592-29x			
1st High Master	Jay Brooks	592-28x	1st Master	Dennis Carroll	591-26x
1st Expert	Scott Lindley	588-20x	1st SS/Mks	Paul Thurmond	578-17x
1st Scope Class	George Waldorf	587-25x			
F-Class Match Winner	Brian Suhr	598-36x	UNC/Expert	Wes McElhiny	587-21x
Montana State F-Class Winner	Mike Anderson	583-18x			

## 2013 Montana State Outdoor Prone Smallbore Championships, Missoula, MT August 2013

State Champion & Match Winner	Jon Bisch	1599-131x			
Junior State Champion	Robert Scott	1589-104x			
State Senior Champion	Gary Swartz	1594-109x			
1st Master	Gary Swartz	1594-109x	1st Expert	Tom Everett	1592-113x
1st SS	Glen Nadeau	1592-102x	1st Junior	Randi Loudin	1590-108x
1st Marksman	Bob Scott	1569-69x			

## 2013 Montana State Outdoor 3 Position Smallbore Championships, Missoula, MT August 2013

State Champ & Match Winner	Robert Scott	1110-28c			
Junior State Champion	Nicole Wirtz	1049-13c			
State Senior Champion	Gary Swartz	1026-26c			
1st Master	John Pitts	1095-23c	1st Expert	Brook Kinna	1093-16c
1st Marksman	Glen Nadeau	966-15c			

## 2013 Montana State International Pistol Championships, Billings, MT August 17, 2013

Free Pistol Champ	Jimmy Sutton	469	Center Fire Champ	Lew Muller	550
Standard Pistol Champ	Jimmy Sutton	523	Rapid Fire Champ	Lew Muller	527

## 2013 Butte High Power Match July 27, 2013

Winner	Matt Waite	779- 22x	1st Master	Scott Wehrmann	773-11x
2nd Master	Jim Dixon	758 - 17x	1st Expert	Larry Bruce	738 - 13x
1st Shpsht/Mks	Martin Bourque	683 - 4x			

## Mid and Long Range Match Butte, MT July 28, 2013

Match Winner	Pat Hover	598-27x	1st High Master	Neil Adams	595-27x
1st Master	Scott Wehrmann	586-24x	1st Ex/SS/Mks	Richard Miller	561 - 12x
1st Service Rifle	Jamey Williams	591 - 24x	1st Open	Jim O'Neill	576-14x

## 2013 Butte Montana State High Power Championships, Sept 7, 2013

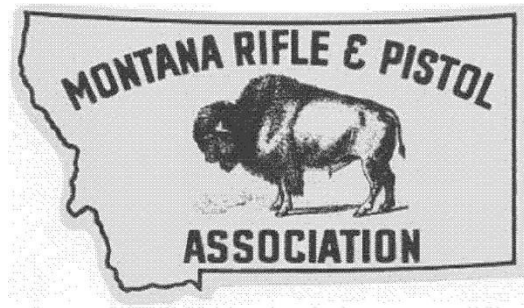
Match Winner and State Champ	Scott Lindley	971-30x			
1st High Master	Steven Powell	961-29x			
1st Master	Scott Wehrmann	960-19x	2nd Master	Matt Waite	953-21x
1st Expert	John Strandberg	918-7x	2nd Expert	Jake Taverna	900-11x
1st SS/Mks	Charles Bales	923-13x			
High Senior	Dick Miller	919-9x	High Grand Senior	George Waldorf	942-24x

Vintage Rifle match was won by John Strandberg in Semi Auto Class and Jake Taverna in Bolt Action Class.

## CMP EIC Match for Distinguished Points Sept. 7, 2013

Match Winner	Matt Waite	482-12x	Gold
2nd	Scott Wehrmann	471-6x	Silver
3rd	Steven Powell	471-5x	Bronze

Distinguished points went to Scott Wehrmann – Congratulations Scott!



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 NRA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_  Send NRA application  
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Individual:  Annual \$15  Five-Year \$60  
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