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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 do not get a mailed copy and so desire one, please feel free to contact me again as I have a list but when you call I sometimes forget where I write things. Older age is not for sissies.

The membership will receive a postcard 10 days prior to the scheduling of the Annual meeting which we still don't know when that will be.

My email address is [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com) for anyone needing to change an address or contact me for some reason.

**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 placing. 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:** The tickets are being mailed for the raffle to Junior Membership and MRPA adult members. If there are other juniors or other shooters in the state that would like to sell the tickets, that would be great. There are 1500 tickets. The money helps the junior shooters on their match fees and shooting equipment for junior shooters. The Juniors get ½ of their ticket sales. Need extra money, there ya go. You have until Dec. We should be able to sell these tickets with no problem but our past ticket sales have seemed to fall short. Let's help out the junior shooters.

**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.

Please get me 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. I will include them in the next letter and maybe someone can tell me where these people are.

## International Pistol Championship

By Matt Egloff

On Saturday August 17th, 2013, the Yellowstone Rifle Club will host an NRA International Outdoor Pistol Championship tournament. This match hasn't been held in Billings or Montana since the 1970's. We have a verbal commitment from the Olympic Training Center and other International Shooting Programs in neighboring states to send competitors. We hope to stimulate renewed interest in International Shooting Events. The match will be held under NRA International rules and sanctioning.

**MATCH SCHEDULE:** The schedule starts at 8:30 AM. All matches include sighter shots.

Match 1: Free Pistol – 60 shots / 10 shots per target / 17 minutes.

Match 2: Standard Pistol – 60 shots / 20 slow / 20 timed / 20 rapid

Match 3: Rapid Fire Pistol – 60 shots / 20-8 sec / 20-6 sec / 20-4 sec

Match 4: Center Fire/Women's Sport Pistol – 60 shots / 30 precision / 30 rapid

Match 5: Free Pistol Team, Scores from Match 1

Match 6: Standard Pistol Team, Scores from Match 2

Match 7: Rapid Fire Pistol Team, Scores from Match 3

Match 8: Center Fire Pistol/Women's Sport Team, Scores from Match 4

Free and Rapid Fire Pistol are still Olympic events. The others are still International Events. Women's Sport pistol is the same course of fire as the Centerfire pistol, but fired with a 22 rimfire instead of a 32-38 caliber centerfire pistol. NRA rules do not prohibit women from firing men's courses or vice versa. In this match, the sporter & centerfire matches will be fired concurrently, so pick your caliber. The matches will be fired at 25yd and 50yd on "reduced" (scaled) targets. Normally these matches are fired at 25 & 50 meters.

Free pistol is a 22 rimfire pistol largely "free" of restrictions on design. The match is all single shot slow fire. Magazine fed pistols may be used but may only be loaded one round at a time. The B19 free pistol target has a 1.78in diameter 10-ring at 50yds, vs. a 1.695in diameter X-ring and 3.36in diameter 10-ring for NRA conventional pistol at the same range. "Aim small, miss small" as he said in "The Patriot." For those who have shot Air Pistol indoors, take the 10m air pistol target and move it back to the 50ft line and the target dimensions are almost the same as the Free Pistol reduced target at 50ft...

Per NRA rules, Rapid Fire Pistol requires a 22 rimfire pistol with requirements listed in the NRA International Pistol Rule Book. It is divided into two courses, each of 30 shots. Each course is subdivided into 6 series of 5 shots each, two in 8 seconds, two in 6 seconds and two in 4 seconds, all fired on the International Rapid Fire Pistol target, in this case the B38. The 10-ring is almost 4in diameter at 25yds, but you must raise the pistol to the first target, fire, then sweep horizontally and shoot the other four targets within the prescribed time. The final 4-second runs for 5 shots allow no time for dawdling... You'll want a semi-automatic.

The Standard Pistol course requires a 22 rimfire pistol with requirements listed in the NRA International Pistol Rule Book is a 60-shot match on the B19 target but shot at 25yds instead of 50yds. There are sighters, and then 20 shots of slow fire, 20 timed, and 20 rapid. The matches are shot in 5rd strings. You must start with the pistol held unsupported 45 deg below horizontal. When the targets turn you can fire. You have 2-1/2 minutes in slow fire, 20 seconds in timed fire, and 10 seconds in rapid fire, for your 5 shots. You can use a revolver or semi-automatic 22.

The Centerfire and Sporter Pistol course have a 30-shot "Precision" stage with 6 strings of 5 shots in 5 minutes each string on the B19 target at 25yds. The second half is the "dueling" stage. The same B38 target of Rapid fire pistol is used at 25yds. The shooter begins with the pistol held unsupported 45 degrees below horizontal. The targets begin turned away for 7 seconds. They turn and face and you have 3 seconds to raise the pistol and fire. They turn away for another 7 seconds, then

face for 3 seconds, and repeat for the strings of five shots. The mantra is glide-stop-shoot. Raise the pistol smoothly (glide), stop and you should have a good sight picture if you've been training, and then break the shot. You can use a revolver or a semi-automatic; 22 rimfire for sporter or any centerfire between 32 and 38 caliber. Specific requirements are listed in the NRA International Pistol Rule Book.

Montana's Nick Mowrer competed in Free Pistol at the 2012 Olympics, placing 15th. We also have Erich Buljong who won a Silver Medal in Air Pistol in the 1988 Olympics.

You can shoot some or all of the matches. Please come. If you are not classified in any or all of these events, under Rule 19.6 you may be classified using your score record book, or current classification in any other International Pistol, any Outdoor or Indoor Conventional Pistol, or Police Pistol event. After this match you can use your scores for temporary classification in these events until you've fired enough matches to get a card from NRA.

If the event is successful we may hold more international pistol matches and resume the winter indoor international postal league. Please mail entries to: lewm@yrc.org or Lew Muller, 1120 17th Street West, Billings, MT 59102 - 406-969-1527.

## High Power Rifle Clinics

By Matt Waite

In 2006, the year I started competing in high power rifle matches, I attended an instructional clinic that was put on by the Buffalo Creek Gun Club near Denver. The clinic included four different days of instruction; one complete day of training for each of the stages in a typical high power match. The matches were hosted by the BCGC and were taught by members of the range who were excellent high power shooters. It was my understanding that BCGC required its members to perform a certain amount of work service to the club in addition to their annual dues. The instructors were fulfilling their work obligation by hosting the clinic.

The first day of training was the 200-yard rapid fire stage. After a few hours of classroom instruction regarding safety, range operation, safety, rules and commands, safety, and position basics, we spent the rest of the day on the range or in the pits. The range part of the instruction included getting into position and finding our natural point of aim and then we proceeded to live fire drills. The drills included firing single rounds while checking position and NPOA, then progressing to loading and firing two rounds, then loading – firing two – reloading – firing two, and finally to a complete ten-shot string. This was before the NRA rule change regarding standing before rapid fire strings, so each of these drills required us to stand before getting into position. After our shooting instruction was over, we were expected to spend time in the pits to learn how to operate the targets and indicate scores and shot placement while another relay of students did their shooting.

The second day of training was the 200-yard offhand stage. The organization was similar: classroom instruction followed by live fire followed by pit service. The third day of training was the 300-yard prone rapid fire stage and the last day was 600-yard prone slow fire.

The instructors were top-notch and the training was thorough. It was a terrific way for a new shooter to become familiar with the way a match is run. The cost was modest, though making the trip to Denver four times over the course of a summer got to be a burden. The club provided the ammunition and rifles. The last ten shots on each day of training were our "record" scores and the winner scored a free membership to the Club. The clinic was also supposed to satisfy the requirements to purchase a rifle from the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

I share this story for two reasons. First, Buffalo Creek is still offering these clinics though it appears that they have been shortened to two days instead of four. The clinics are worth the drive to Denver; more information can be found at BCGC's website (<http://bcgc.com/>). The second reason for relating this story is to gauge interest in offering such a clinic at one of

the Montana ranges to try and encourage new shooters. I think we have several obstacles in getting new across-the-course shooters to the range: lack of knowledge that we offer these competitions, the natural fear of jumping into something that is unfamiliar, and expense. Offering a training clinic would help to introduce new shooters to the sport in a less intimidating manner and would also help to spread the word. Heck, I know we're all a nice bunch of guys, but I'm not sure I'd have started competing without knowing the basics first. Obviously there are a lot of hurdles to offering such a clinic: who, where, ammo/rifles, liability, etc. I'd be interested in hearing what others think of the idea.

## Results of Shooting Events – State and National Levels

### 2013 Intercollegiate Championships, Ft. Benning, GA

March 10-15, 2012

#### Women's Air Pistol

Alana Townsend from Kalispell, MT got 3rd place in the Women's Air Pistol Competition at the National Collegiate Competition.

The results were as follows:

Heather Deppe	USMA	474.0	these scores are with the final
Courtney Anthony	UNL	466.6	
Alana Townsend	NDSU	464.5	

### 2013 Montana State Smallbore Championships, Missoula and Big Timber, MT March 16-17, 2013

State Champion – Trace Weisenburger 1361

#### 3 Position

State Champ – Trace Weisenburger	572
High Senior – Gary Swartz	528
High Junior – Robert Scott	563
High Lady – Tempe Regan	554
High Collegiate - Nathan Sutton	511

#### 4 Position

State Champ - Jason Deffinbaugh	791-47x
High Senior – Dan Jordan	769-40x
High Junior – Robert Scott	787-37x
High Lady – Tempe Regan	782-41x
High Collegiate - Nathan Sutton	753-25x

Results from this match were combined from both towns to arrive at these titles and results.

### 2013 USA Shooting National Junior Olympics April 4-5, 2013 Colorado Springs, CO

Alana Townsend won the Junior Women's title in Air Pistol and Tyler Volkman placed 2nd in Men's Air Pistol. Both of these young people are now on the National Junior Development Team for USA Shooting and went to a Junior International Shooting Hopes Match in Czech Republic in June where Alana placed 18th and helped her team win 5th in Air Pistol. Congrats to them.

Alison Weisz just missed making the finals in Women's Air Rifle by 1 point. Rachel Yager did very well in Air Rifle also and Robert Scott and Ivan Roe competed in the Men's Air rifle and 3 position/prone matches shooting solid scores. Congratulations to them in their performances.

### 2013 Montana State Indoor Pistol Championships -- Shot at Billings, Great Falls and Whitefish, MT 4/6/2013

Montana State Pistol Champ - Dave Toavs	849 - 15x	Senior Champ – Don Strom	848 - 19x
Standard Pistol Champ – Jeff Ward	554	Air Gun Champ – Stu Smith	555 - 8x
Conventional Team Champ – YRC	1058 – 17x	Standard Pistol Team Champ – Ed McGivern	1573

**2013 USA Shooting Nationals -- June 1-9, 2013 Ft. Benning, GA**

Alana Townsend continues to do well in Junior Women's Air Pistol. She got 3rd in the Junior standings and placed 12th overall. This placing puts her on the Junior National Team for USA Shooting. Tempe Regan and Jason Herndon also attended this match and did well.

**2013 Butte High Power Match, April 27, 2013**

Winner - Matt Waite	766 – 18x	1st Master	Dennis Carroll	765 -21x
2nd Master – Pat Hover	764 – 16x	1st Expert	Scott Wehrmann	721 – 7x
1 Shpsht/Mks Charles Bales	690 – 7x	2nd Shpsht/Mks	Martin Bourque	690 – 3x

**2013 Butte High Power Match, May 12, 2013**

Match Winner – Scott Lindley	769 -20x	1st Expert – Scott Wehrmann	746 – 18x
1st Master - Dennis Carroll	769-19x	2nd Expert – Jake Taverna	736 – 7x
2nd Master – Patrick Hover	768 – 23x	1st Marksman/Tactical Charles Bales	697 – 6x
3rd Master - Matt Waite	767 – 20x		

Vintage Rifle Match divisions were won by George Waldorf, Jamey Williams, Mike Anderson and Patrick McCall.

**2013 Butte High Power Match, June 9, 2013**

Match Winner – Scott Lindley	765 31x	1st Expert – Scott Wehrmann	753 – 10x
1st Master - Patrick Hover	760-14x	1st Sharpshooter/Marksman Martin Bourque	696 – 8x
2nd Master – Steffen Bunde	753 – 15x	Tactical Rifle - Charles Woolley	722 – 6x

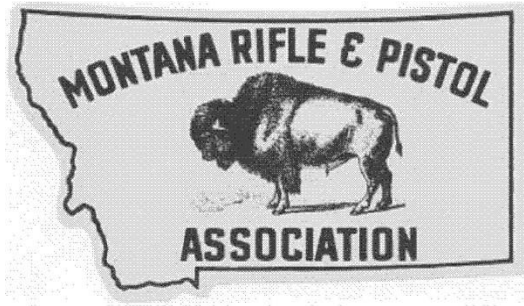
Vintage Rifle Match divisions were won by Steffen Bunde, Charley Woolley, Konrad Bunde and Jake Taverna.

Note: The Anaconda Matches will be reported in the next newsletter, along with the last of the Butte High Power Matches. Thank you to all the people involved in getting the ranges set up and anyone who helped with these matches. It is always appreciated.

## Classifieds

This listing is provided as a courtesy to MRPA members; MRPA assumes no responsibility for the listed items or your satisfaction with them.

- For Sale: Hammerli Model 152 Free-style pistol with electronic trigger. Caliber: .22 Long Rifle. Includes tool kit and case. \$1,250.00 Email: [dtoavs76@gmail.com](mailto:dtoavs76@gmail.com)
- Rock River Natl Match A2 upper that has about 550 rnds through it. \$650 (Less for Juniors) Larry Bruce 406 270-5009 [tubbies@cyberport.net](mailto:tubbies@cyberport.net)
- Series 70 Colt 1911 that was made up for ball gun competition. Barrel, barrel bushing, slide, are serial numbered to the gun. \$1,200.00; Contact Lee Maxey at: [leemaxey3@gmail.com](mailto:leemaxey3@gmail.com)
- Nightforce Benchrest 8-32X with the CH-2 reticle. It's in as new condition, with no dings, ring marks, etc. Asking \$1,100.00 Contact Mike Anderson at: [ang11b@hotmail.com](mailto:ang11b@hotmail.com)



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