

Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

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Message from the President By Jamey Williams

Summer is finally in full swing in Montana and many outdoor matches have been either canceled or strongly affected by our Montana weather pattern this spring. There are a number of great matches in our state from smallbore matches in Anaconda, Laurel, and Missoula to the Black Powder matches and high power matches throughout the state. Be sure to support the matches as you can and if you are new and want to try a discipline either contact the MRPA or the match director and we will

help get you pointed in the right direction. Matches are a great way to meet other fellow shooters, refine your marksmanship skills and support the Second Amendment. The bullseye sports are about the fundamentals of marksmanship and they can support skill development needed in other shooting sports. Bullseye sports have been refined and honed to force a shooter to execute proper natural point of aim, reading the wind, sight alignment, sight focus and trigger control - all important skills that are necessary for other shooting sports. So, if you are interested in trying or know someone who might want to try one of the bullseye sports (smallbore rifle, pistol or high power rifle), get a hold of us!

The membership and leadership in the MRPA continues to evolve and we always need more helpful individuals that can work well with others to support our mission of fostering marksmanship and competitive shooting. If you are willing to help out, please contact us!

Secretary's Notes By Zona Mowrer

Memberships: If you don't receive your membership card via an envelope or in with the newsletter sent to you, please contact me at silverbow3@gmail.com.

Addresses: Please get your address changes to me. We can't keep your information current if you move and don't tell us.

Annual meeting: Our annual meeting will be Sept. 6th after the High Power match. A picnic supper will be served. You are welcome to bring something but are not required to. There will be potato salad, a main course, beans and a desert provided.

If the juniors are in favor of a junior raffle like we had last year, please send me an email. Tom Everett has retired as raffle coordinator but we will find someone to be in charge of the raffle if you would still like to have one. Silverbow3@gmail.com.

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Local athletes hope to hit their mark at Olympic Training Center NBC News

One Olympic event that hasn't received much recognition in the past few years is Air Rifle, despite being in the Olympics for the past 30 years. In Bozeman, some young athletes from the Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooter's shooting range are hoping to make it a little more well known in Montana.

Read more and watch a video at:

<http://www.nbcmontana.com/sports/local-athletes-hope-to-hit-their-mark-at-olympic-training-center/25507430>

Mowrer Earns US Distinguished International Shooters Badge By Gary Anderson

Nick's 3rd place finish in the Fort Benning World Cup gave him the final 10 points in the 30 points that are required to earn the U. S . Distinguished International Shooters Badge. This makes him the 35th shooter to become Triple Distinguished. Since this is a list that dates back to the 1890s, this is a big deal! While it would be impossible to confirm without a whole lot of research, at age 26 Nick is most likely the youngest shooter ever to go Triple Distinguished. He may also be the only shooter who has earned International Distinguished points with both the pistol and rifle.

Read the full article at:

<http://www.odcmp.org/0414/default.asp?page=MOWRER>

What, you're not in the NRA? By Jamey Williams

We have noticed a number of people competing at events throughout Montana are not members of the NRA. The NRA has been the preeminent force behind protecting our rights for many decades. There have been a great number of victories in the constant battle to preserve our rights, often championed by the NRA. The more members the NRA has, the more influence the NRA has in our political culture. It starts with you! Join up! Often, we are astounded to see someone spend thousands of dollars on a rifle or pistol only to be unwilling to spend a small amount on NRA membership. Without the NRA there would be no marksmanship, no competitive shooting, and no Second Amendment to protect our right to keep and bear arms. The NRA might not be perfect, but it is what we have and they keep us enjoying our freedoms. Be sure to join up, if you are not already an NRA member. [Join the NRA!](#)

Civilian Marksmanship Program EIC "Leg" Matches By Jamey Williams

Each year the CMP authorizes Excellence in Competition "Leg" matches to be held in Montana. There can be up to three Bullseye Service Pistol and three Service Rifle Leg matches each year. The matches are typically held in conjunction with state or regional championships. The state level leg matches are one way to earn points towards the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge or the Distinguished Rifleman badge. To earn the badge you need to acquire 30 or more points, gained by placing well in state or national level competitions. At state level competitions, you can earn 6,8 or 10 points towards the Distinguished Badge, and to earn the badge you need to have at least one 8 or 10 point "leg." National Match EIC matches award 10 point legs at Camp Perry, Ohio.

At the state level, the amount of legs awarded and their value is determined by the amount of shooters attending that are not distinguished. There is a minimum amount of non-distinguished that are required to award a leg, and the required amount rises quickly to be able to award a second leg.

The CMP matches have a tremendous history and are incredibly popular at the National Matches. During the rifle phase of the National Matches, there are around 1,600 shooters competing side by side for the available leg points. At the state level some matches struggle to even have enough shooters to award one leg, occasionally two. This certainly is tough on those on the quest to earn a badge. The level of competition is almost always more difficult than what is encountered at the National Matches. These leg matches are exciting as there are no sighting shots, and everyone is on a level playing field with regard to gear. These matches are the ultimate in marksmanship competitions. I encourage everyone to support the leg matches by attending the pistol or rifle leg matches held in Montana. More info at the CMP Website (<http://www.thecmp.org>).

Service Rifle and Pistols By Jamey Williams

Competing in Service Rifle or Service Pistol matches requires the use of correct gear. The basic summary of the rules is that the rifle (M16, M14, M1 and M110 in some matches) and the Service Pistol (M9 or M1911) need to look just like service issued rifles or pistols. There are some small minor modifications that can be seen externally, and those are spelled out in the CMP and NRA rule books. Allowable internal modifications to enhance accuracy are much more extensive, and those are also explained in detail in the rule books. The Service Rifle is where the current issue DMR arose from - looks like a rack grade, but highly accurized.

It is important for the integrity of the matches that you compete with rifles and pistols that conform to the rules. This keeps the competition field level. Without compliant firearms, you will be forced to compete out of competition. As an example, a M16 Service Rifle is typically a AR15 that looks just like a rack grade M16 from the exterior but under the hood they are all "hopped up." For rifles, incorrect buttstocks, anti-rotation trigger pins, accessories mounted to the rifle and hand guards not conforming to the rules are not allowed. Take the time to read the rules and understand if your firearm is compliant. If not, contact the match director, as often times there are loaner firearms to help you compete.

See Section 6 of the [CMP rule book](#) or Section 3 of the [NRA rule book](#). Ask the match director if you have any questions.

Results of Shooting Events – State and National Levels

2014 Montana State Indoor Champs Western Division March 15/16 3 Pos and 4 Pos Missoula, MT

Match Winner	Jason Herndon	1365-63	1 st Junior	Sarah Donald	1285-28
2 nd Junior	Abby Donald	1231-25	3 rd Junior	Matt Marcinkowski	1204-13

2014 NRA Open Sectional, March 22/23, Missoula, MT

Match Winner	Jason Herndon	791-42	2 nd	Trace Weisenburger	781-42
3 rd	Tempe Regan	775-36	1 st Expert	Gary Swartz	762-41
1 st Sharpshooter	Sarah Donald	769-34	1 st Marksman	Patrick Collins	747-23
2 nd Marksman	Matt Reiber	744-22			

Montana State Conventional Pistol Championships Billings, MT April 5, 2014

Match winner	Stu Smith	853-21x	1 st Master	Gary Van Haele	833-11x
1st Expert	Jim Sutton	839-19x	1 st Sharpshooter	Seth Berglee	830-16x
1st Marksman	Tom Everett	725-10x	Top Female	Nancy Valdez	670-5x
International Standard Pistol	Seth Berglee	543	International Air Pistol		554-7

NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships March 2014 Ft Benning, GA

WAP and Open Air Pistol 1st places was Alana Townsend and she also was 4th in Free Pistol

USA Shooting	Junior Olympics	Colorado Springs, CO	April 2014
Men's Air Rifle	Ivan Roe 15 th Robert Scott Jarhet Reed	Women's Air Rifle	Alison Weisz 5 th Maddison Korthas
Men's 3x40	Robert Scott	Women's 3x20	Rachel Yager
Men's Air Pistol	Tyler Volkman 3 rd	Women's Air Pistol	Alana Townsend 3 rd Kaylene Volkman

Great job and Congratulatin to all of you for getting to the Junior Olympics. We are very proud of all of you!!!

World Cup Selection Matches Colorado Springs, Co Feb 2014 and May 2014

Women's Air Pistol	Alana Townsend	5 th	5 th	
	Kylie Gagnon	8 th	dns	
Women's Air Rifle	Alison Weisz	17 th	dns	and she also shot 3x20
Men's Free Pistol	Nick Mowrer	8 th	6 th	
Men's Air Pistol	Nick Mowrer	8 th	4 th	
Women's 3 Pos	Alison Weisz		dns	
Men's 50 Meter Prone	Nick Mowrer	3 rd	13 th	

These scores determined who represented the USA at Ft. Benning, Ga in late March, 1st Place thru 3rd place. The second set of scores were added and the second column of placings apply to the rest of the World Cup season. As a result of Nick Mowrer shooting at the World Cup USA, he was successful at winning a Bronze Medal in 50 Meter Prone Rifle. He is the only known shooter to have shot in World Cups in both Pistol and Rifle.

Montana Rifle and Pistol Association 2014

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