

# Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

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## Message from the President By Jamey Williams

This will be my last year serving as president of the MRPA. We have some really good people in place in the organization now and I am confident that the MRPA is headed in the right direction. The MRPA has undergone some very positive changes in the last several years, from junior program development, website update, bullet programs and promotion of various disciplines. My role in this coming year will be two fold. First, installing people in various discipline chair positions that will get stuff done to promote the competitive shooting and marksmanship training mission of the MRPA. Second, I will be focused on advertising and promoting of competitive shooting sports. I will be working closely with the discipline chairmen with the promotion of their sports.

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I hope to leave the MRPA with the organization more vibrant and even better at fulfilling it's mission. This will require the work of others, from the executive committee, to the board of directors and also the discipline chair. We are all in this together and we can all together make a big difference. I will be asking several people for their assistance. This is the opportunity for some people to step and really shine at improving shooting sports.

At the annual meeting, we were able to hash out some pretty big issues that needed to be dealt with regarding Montana State Championships. We are in the process of amending the by laws and standing rules to reflect the votes of the general membership. The meeting was one of the most productive I have witnessed. I thank all that voiced their concerns, both by written comment and in person at the meeting.

## Secretary's Notes By Zona Mowrer

**Memberships:** It is time to renew memberships. The last day of December is the end of our membership year. If you joined late this year, your membership will still expire 12/31/2014.

My email address is [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com) for anyone needing to change an address or contact me for some reason. I do not have current addresses for Bentura Peralez, Jr., Doyle Jackson, Justin Allred and Andrew Chritton.

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

## The UN-Reasonable ANTI-Gun Candidate By Matt Egloff

Anti-Gun politicians strive to deceive gun owners as shamelessly as they do every other voting block. They claim to be gun owners themselves, but we never see them at our gun clubs participating in a match, attending a meeting, serving on the board, coaching juniors, or volunteering to help out with range maintenance or events. Records often show they never even had a hunting or a fishing license, or held a classification in any shooting sport. Their ignorance of guns and non-participation in the shooting sports doesn't stop them from claiming to know which guns are suitable for sport and which should be banned.

They usually claim to oppose banning models of guns that they or their immediate friends own, but most everything else should be outlawed. They say they oppose the mentally ill getting guns. They would like us to think that this just means obviously violent lunatics. But they don't let on that this is already the law, and that there are systems in place to handle them that aren't used. The bills they write often include returning veterans, kids diagnosed with ADHD, anyone who ever visited a grief or marriage counselor, etc. Their definition of mentally ill would deny 2nd amendment rights to those who

are not dangerous, and to many who defended those rights while serving in the armed forces. They want to "close the gun show loophole." There's no such thing and what they usually propose is to make it a felony for you to give a gun as a gift to a grandchild or a friend. They often like rubbing elbows with Mayor Bloomberg, who not only wants to take away your right to own guns, but also your freedom to drink as much soda pop as you'd like and cook and season your food as you please.



The reality of gun control laws is Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi, jailed in Mexico for months because he made a wrong turn near a poorly marked border crossing. It is Shaneen Allen, a 27yr old mother, licensed and trained to carry a gun in Pennsylvania, facing a decade in prison in New Jersey because they won't recognize her Pennsylvania gun license or her American second amendment rights. It is Bruce Abramski, convicted of a felony for filling out a

form incorrectly while buying a gun for his uncle, who is also legally able to own guns. It is anyone in Massachusetts, which just passed a law allowing police to deny citizens who are legally able to own guns, the right to buy them. Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans said, *"For the most part, nobody in the city needs a shotgun, nobody needs a rifle, and I don't know a lot of people who are into hunting who, being lifelong residents, would actually want that who lives in the city, but, especially here in the city I want to have discretion over who's getting any type of gun..."* That's the committed anti-gunner's real goal – no one has guns but their body guards and their friends.

Some politicians are honest stalwarts, but others not so much. On rare occasions a politician who had espoused some anti-gun views sees the light and "sins no more." These candidates will be frank and say, I made a mistake, it won't happen again. More often we have politicians who try to convince us how pro-gun they are, and then turn against us as soon as the trappings of money, power, and privilege come their way. More often still is the viscerally anti-gun politician who brazenly lies and misleads the unwary and gullible into thinking they are really pro-gun. **They'll even invent fake gun groups to push their deception. Always research politicians and gun groups on gun issues. If REAL gun owner groups like NRA, MSSA, GOA, SAF, etc., ALL say that a politician is bad news, that politician IS bad news.** If these real gun owner groups say a particular politician is good news, take it with a grain of salt and be ready to ride herd on em'.

On gun rights issues, put your trust in your REAL fellow gun owners and REAL gun owner organizations like NRA, MRP, MSSA, GOA, CCRKBA, SAF, and your own gun club. If you never heard of a group, they're likely as not an anti-gun group trying to fool you, or just someone trying to line his own pockets with your money. REAL gun organizations may err on occasion, they may fall victim to deceit too, but they're not actively trying to make a fool out of you and take away your

rights or your money. Be an informed participant in the political process. And keep your BS detector turned on at all times. **When in doubt, research both politicians and any "gun groups" that mysteriously appear right before elections.** The truth is often just a mouseclick or a phone call away.

## Ten Lessons to be a Great Shooter By Gary Anderson

LESSON 1 – NATURAL ABILITY WILL NOT MAKE YOU A SHOOTING CHAMPION.

(You also need hard work, training effort and perseverance.)

LESSON 2 – ANGER IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD SHOOTING.

(The key to recovering from a bad shot is to stay cool, no matter what happens.)

LESSON 3 – BAD SHOTS CAN TEACH YOU MORE THAN GOOD SHOTS.

(Today, error analysis is one of the most powerful tools for improving scores.)

LESSON 4 – NEVER GO WITHOUT A SHOT PLAN.

(A shot plan is a detailed breakdown of each of the steps involved in firing a shot.)

LESSON 5 – PRACTICE IN BAD CONDITIONS AS WELL AS GOOD CONDITIONS.

(Most competitions are fired in windy conditions or where there are plenty of distractions.)

LESSON 6 – CHAMPIONS ARE POSITIVE, OPTIMISTIC PEOPLE.

(Negative shooters expect bad results; positive shooters expect to train hard to change bad results.)

LESSON 7 – IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE.

(It's about how hard you try to win.)

LESSON 8 – YOUR DOG WON'T BITE YOU AFTER SHOOTING A BAD SCORE.

(Hopefully your coach, parents and friends won't bite you either.)

LESSON 9 – YOUR PRESS CLIPPINGS CAN HURT YOU OR HELP YOU.

(Winning can go to our heads. We start thinking we are so good we don't have to work hard any more.)

LESSON 10 – YOU NEVER SHOT YOUR BEST SCORE.

(Great champions are always looking for ways to improve.)

## Shaneen's Law: Restoring Justice in New Jersey NRA News Special Report from Ginny Simone

Shaneen Allen is living a nightmare. The Pennsylvania resident and lawful gun owner of one week fell prey to New Jersey's strict gun laws and was arrested for illegal possession of a firearm in the state. While the single mother of two young children is facing up to three and a half years in prison, one New Jersey lawmaker is trying to correct this miscarriage of justice. Assemblyman Ron Dancer has introduced "Shaneen's Law," legislation that would give judges the option of not sending citizens like Shaneen Allen to prison. Read the full article: <http://www.nranews.com/ginny/video/shaneen-s-law-restoring-justice-in-new-jersey>

## Dr. Brian Handy 1968-2014



Brian Handy was killed when his small plane crashed in White Sulfur Springs in July of this year. High Power shooters who were active between 1993 and 1995 may have met Brian at some of the Butte or Billings matches. He is survived by his wife and his 3yr old son. His family is putting together pictures and stories for his son, so he can get to know his father. If you remember Brian, or have any pictures of him, or results bulletins with his name, from any of the high power matches back then, please send them to Mike Handy, [mr.mike.handy@gmail.com](mailto:mr.mike.handy@gmail.com). You can also send them to me, [megloff@mttech.edu](mailto:megloff@mttech.edu). I recall that we both took our turns whenever anyone brought out a machinegun or a sniper rifle for

after-match enjoyment. Some may have taken photos of him during the matches or at after-match activities, so he may be a “face in the crowd” in some of your old pictures. The picture of him shown is from 1994. He would have been shooting my M1A. Neither of us had coats, mats, etc. He also drove a Volkswagon bus back then. – Matt Egloff.

## Montana Juniors at Camp Perry By Mark Skeels

Scott Lindgren and I took 4 Juniors to Camp Perry CMP week.

The boys were Zach Walker, Taylor Youngblood, Sam Lindgren and Josiah Walker. The four boys went thru the Marine Junior Marksmanship School. They received instruction and practice from the Marine shooting team for two days, and the third day they shot a match. Scott and I went thru the Small Arms Firing School put on by the USAMU. Mark Skeels took first place of the qualified shooters in that match of 444 shooters, won a barrel and some Lapua bullets, a nice plaque, and will get his picture in next year’s bulletin as the match winner. Samuel Lindgren bought himself an as-issued M1 Garand and had a barrel and stock put on it by the CMP armor and shot it in the As-Issued Garand match. He took 22<sup>nd</sup> place with a 284-1x out of 1075 shooters. It was his first time ever shooting a M1 Garand. He took 3<sup>rd</sup> overall junior in that match. He also shot the Vintage military match and the Springfield match, using his Springfield 1903A3 in each match. Monday we didn’t have enough shooters to shoot the National Trophy team match; you needed 6 shooters and 2 target pullers, so we decided to pull targets for other teams that day, the boys raised \$400 for the trip expenses, and pocketed \$25 each for fun money. Tuesday we all shot the Presidents 100. Wednesday we all shot the National Trophy Individual match, then on Thursday the boys shot the Whistler Boy match, Scott and I had to pull targets for them that day.



Overall, no records were broken, but all the boys started shooting more consistently, and their averages increased thru the week. Every boy beat the other at 1 point or another, even Zach, being 13 years old, beat the older boys a couple strings. They all had a great time. I think we may go again next year. Overall the trip was 15 days including 2 days loooooong days each way travel.

## NRA/USAS/CMP Coach Training By Matt Egloff

Most are familiar with NRA Instructor Training, which focuses on basic courses gun safety and gun use. NRA also has a shooting coach program for training athletes. There are four coaching disciplines: Pistol, Shotgun (in cooperation with ATA, NSSA, and NSCA), Rifle, and High Power Rifle. There are four levels of coaches. The first three can be attained by completing the training and actively coaching. The fourth, assistant national coach, is by invitation, usually to assist in the Olympics, World Cup, etc.

NRA, CMP, USAS, ATA, NSSA, and NSCA have partnered, with NRA developing the course materials and maintaining credentials. One goal of the program is consistency in training and development of young athletes. Another is to teach all of the sports within a discipline. Can you train a pistol athlete in conventional pistol? How about standard, sporter, center fire, rapid fire, free, or air, or a leg match? What about 300m free rifle? Bunker Trap?

Clubs sponsoring a coaching school, which lasts one weekend, typically have to pay the coach-trainer's travel and lodging expenses. The course costs \$100-\$120 for materials, plus whatever the club charges to defer the coach-trainer's travel and other expenses. Montana now has coach-trainers in all disciplines, so travel expense will be negligible. NRA prefers to announce the class several months out so they can advertise them. Often prospective coaches will travel hundreds of miles to attend a class. It takes NRA two weeks to ship the materials, which is typically a ~ 4 inch binder full of information. If you see a coach class scheduled, you must register and pay WELL in advance. The MRPA can cover some of the fees if you are a member and become an active coach.

We have a large number of junior shooters. We also have a large number of young or older adults entering these sports. Give them the best training that you can. Contact NRA Coaching or contact Matt Egloff for assistance if you want to set up a coach training class at your club. Have at least 2 or 3 candidates lined up and committed. There are also plans to combine rifle and high power rifle classes to give both certifications in one course. If you are coaching or mentoring new shooters, or even if you are an experienced shooter who wants to learn new techniques (and may coach others after), you should take this training.

## The Great .22 Rimfire Debacle Continues By Matt Egloff

While in Sportsman's Warehouse in Bozeman, one of the staff told me they just got in some .22 rimfire ammo and just put it out. I went over and looked. CCI Minimag for \$7.99/50rds. This works out to about 16 cents per round. When I was fresh out of the Army, I could get a case of Winchester Super X for \$89.99 on sale, or 1.8 cents per round. The price of .22 ammo has gone up almost 1000% in two and a half decades. I used to get CCI standard velocity for \$130/case (2.6 cents/round) in the early 2000's. Wolf Match was \$165/case (3.3 cents/round) as recently as 2006. Further, despite high prices, we hear reports of crappy quality from many makers. Clubs who find .22's get cartridges sans bullet & powder, and others that go bang, bang, piff, bang, KERBANG. Even the steadiest shooters get open choke groups from newly bought, inflated priced, .22 ammo. A \$3,000 rifle will not make ammo varying from 200 fps to 1600 fps shoot inside the 10-ring.



Air gun pellets are still about 3 cents apiece. A pack of 5,000 costs \$80-\$130; what match grade .22 ammo used to cost. You can reload 9x19mm or 45ACP match grade ammo with cast bullets for less than 15 cents per round, and with jacketed for less than 20 cents per round. On the rifle front, you can make 223 ammo for less than 30 cents per round and 308 for less than 40 cents. Centerfire handloads have only doubled in price since "The Immaculation" of 2008.

It's time to acknowledge that 22 rimfire is NO LONGER ECONOMICAL and move on. For Junior Shooters, I recommend switching to air guns. The 4H did this years ago. Start or join a 4H airgun program. The 4H will cover your coaches with liability insurance. Their coach training is held regularly around the state and is around \$60-\$70 per certification.

The 4H uses "sporter" air guns – the Daisy 853 or 888 in air rifle. Fixed stocks. Under \$400. No expensive shooting coats. Level playing field. For air pistols, you can find accurate but economical ones. The Baikal IZH46M is largely a victim of US-Russia relations but there are other models that can be had for well under \$1,000.

With air gun you have no airborne lead issue. You don't need a zoned indoor range with huge heating bills. You can shoot in a warehouse. All you need are pellet traps and a backer. Creedmoor sells an expensive but certified system if you have to fight lawyers. [http://www.creedmoorsports.com/shop/Portable Air Gun Range/](http://www.creedmoorsports.com/shop/Portable_Air_Gun_Range/).

Junior shooting should not be limited to only those towns fortunate enough to have an established private club indoor range, and with a big supply of still good 22 ammo acquired before “The Immaculation.” As your juniors progress, move them into precision air rifles and air pistols, or into high power and centerfire in pistol. They say it’ll take several years to get .22 rimfire on the shelf like it was before 2008. Fine. Help it along by not funding the panic and not overpaying for bad quality .22 rimfire. Let’s move into air guns and centerfire guns. Get them shooting and keep them interested in this “sport for life.”

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## Results of Shooting Events – State and National Levels

### 2014 Montana State Outdoor 3 Position Championships

Missoula, MT

Match Winner	Robert Scott	1118-22x	1st Junior	Mason Mastrovich	1093-24x
1st Master	John Pitts	1114-21x	1st Expert	Paul Thurmond	1066-20x
1st SS	Gary Swartz	1048-22x	1st Marksman	Bob Scott	954-6x

### Hellgate Civilian Shooters 2014 Prone Championship

June 21, 2014 Missoula, MT

Match Winner	Paul Thurmond	1598-110x	1st Master	Gary Swartz	1593-108x
1st Expert	Glen Nadeau	1584-82x	1st SS	Mannie Erwin	1569-59x
1st Marksman	Mike O’Conner	1558-56x	1st Junior	Mason Mastrovich	1579-80x

### 64th Skalkaho Smallbore Rifle Match

July 12, 2014 Anaconda, MT

Match winner	Jon Bisch	1599-120x	1st Master	Gary Swartz	1591-105x
1st Expert	Paul Thurmond	1594-104x			

### Anaconda High Power Matches July 13, 2014

Match Winner	Jamey Williams	779-22x	1st Master/Expert	Paul Thurmond	770-16x
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### Anaconda High Power Matches June 14, 2014

Match Winner	Jamey Williams	775-19x	1st Master	George Waldorf	756-12x
1st Expert/SS	Jon Carlisle	741-9x	1st Marksman/unclass	Sam Lindgren	720-6x

### Butte High Power Matches May 11, 2014

Match Winner	Jamey Williams	780-15x	1st Master	Steffen Bunde	751-14x
1st Expert	Jack Neher	751-7x	1st Marksman	Sam Lindgren	697-12x

Long Range winners: Steffen Bunde (Match), Jamey Williams (Service), Mike Anderson (F-TR), and Jim O’Neill (F-Open).

### Butte High Power Matches June 15, 2014

Match Winner	Jamey Williams	776-15x	1st Master/Expert	Matt Waite	760-21x
2nd Maste/Expert	Jon Carlisle	756-14x	1st Marksman/Sharpsh	Martin Bourque	684 -7x

Vintage Match – Dan W Phariss 440 -- 1x in Semi Auto and Jake Taverna 467 – 6x with a 1903 A3

## Butte High Power July 26-27, 2014

Match Winner	Dennis Carroll	777-22x	1st High Master	Don Strom	773-22x
1st Master	Scott Wehrmann	774-12x	1st Expert	John Strandberg	744-16x
1st SS/MK	Martin Bourque	698-11x			

## Long Range

Any Sight	Neil Adams	594-27x	1st	Scott Lindley	589-30x
2nd	Randy Geiger	585-20x			
F-Open	Jim O'Neill	587-15x	1st	George Chancellor	574-18x
Service Rifle	Jamey Williams	578-16x			
F-TR	Martin Bourque	563-8x	2nd	Jake Taverna	556-10x

## Montana State High Power Championships

Butte Gun Club

Sept. 6/7, 2014

Match Winner	Scott Lindley	975-26x	1st High Master	Jamey Williams	973-26x
1st Master	Dennis Carroll	970-24x	2nd Master	Steffen Bunde	962-27x
1st Expert/SS	Jake Taverna	917-8x	2nd Exp/Sharpshooter	John Strandberg	885-9x
1st Marksman	Sam Lindgren	836-7x	2nd Marksman	Zachariah Walker	825-1x

## CMP EIC Rifle Match

Matt Waite 486-12x gold Don Strom 476-8x silver Scott Wehrmann 464-12x bronze  
Both Matt and Don are distinguished so top non distinguished leg went to Scott W. Good Job Guys!!!!

## Vintage Rifle Match

Semi Auto – winner Steffen Bunde 462-8x M1 Bolt Action winner – Jake Taverna 452-6x 03A3

**Montana Rifle and Pistol Association 2014-2015**

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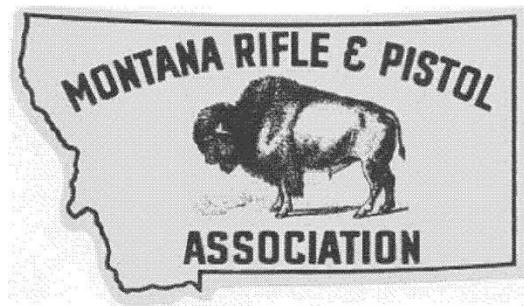
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