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Message from the President By Jamey Williams

I want to bring up the subject of volunteering. Running the MRPA, putting on matches and mentoring new shooters are all examples of volunteering that help further competitive shooting sports. The MRPA's mission is summarized in this list of objectives taken from the www.mtrpa.org webpage:

1. To educate and train responsible Montana youth & adult citizens in the safe and efficient handling of arms.
2. To foster and promote shooting sports.
3. To promote the advancement of amateur & youth competitions in marksmanship.
4. To protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana and all of its citizens there under.
5. To promote firearm ownership and public awareness of deterring crime through the use thereof.
6. To promote law and order and the legal use of arms by its citizens.
7. To coordinate and encourage the efforts of member clubs and individuals in the fields of firearms safety, marksmanship training, competitive and recreational shooting.
8. To lend support to and assist in promoting the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association and the CMP.
9. To assist members of the US Military with marksmanship training and competitive shooting opportunities.

The sponsoring of matches typically falls on the shoulders of the hosting club and is the result of the hard work of the match directors. The amount of volunteer work they put in can be tremendous at times, whether running a multi-day smallbore sectional, organizing a high power tournament or putting on a bullseye pistol match.

Youth are frequently cited as the future of shooting sports, and this is very true from BB Gun competitions to F-Class high power matches and everything in between. Without the youth coming into the sport, the future of competitive shooting would stagnate or dwindle. While youth shooters are frequently supported by various organizations, and they often disappear in or around their college years, they have at the very least gained exposure to positive use of firearms in a competitive manner. Perhaps they will come back later in their lives when college is done and their careers and families are underway. Maybe they will help with some of the many BB-Gun or small bore programs across the state, or they return to their competitive roots and take up one of the shooting sports again. All this is a positive benefit for our shooting culture. The more individuals we expose to the shooting sports the more it will be viewed in a positive manner by the mainstream.

So, this coming year make a resolution to volunteer - lend a hand at a match, help with an administrative aspect of the MRPA or mentor a new shooter (junior or adult). Remember "Many hands makes light work." (contact us at mtrpa.info@gmail.com for information on where or how you can help throughout the state).

Stay Vigilant About Our Rights By Jamey Williams

A subject that always needs to be brought up is the always present evil specter of the gun control lobby. While we have been fortunate to have one some tremendous victories this past year, the gun control advocates are hard at work trying to tear down our constitutional rights. We cannot let up on our campaign to promote firearms to our politicians. Gary Marbut and the Montana Shooting Sports Association continue to do an incredible job at the state and federal levels. His organization is always can use support. See mssa.org for more info.

Just the other day I was listening to "Intelligence Squared" on the radio. It is a regular show where a topic is debated in front of an audience. The disturbing topic of this episode was whether the Second Amendment has out lived its usefulness and should be removed from the US Constitution. So, not only are the gun banners working at making new laws to curtail the lawful use of firearms, they are also arguing if firearms and our constitutional right of protection for them should even be present.

It is unfortunate that they continue their relentless attacks on every facet of firearm ownership. Their efforts will do little to nothing to solve the problems of poverty and mental health failures that create the violence in our society.

Even in a progressive firearm friendly state like Montana we still have local elected officials that are on the gun ban front. Just look at the list of Montana mayors on Bloomberg' Mayors against Illegal Guns charade. The mayors of Bozeman, Missoula and Belgrade are on it! Numerous state level officials come out in support of stripping our rights. Be sure to contact them and remember our rights and not our political affiliation at the voting booth.

Stay vigilant on the political front, contact your local, state and federal representatives. Let them know how you feel about firearms. They listen.

Camp Perry 2014 By Jamey Williams

Pistol, Smallbore and High Power shooters: now is the time to begin making plans to attend your respective National Championships in 2014. All three disciplines traditionally have their National Championships at Camp Perry. However, for the next two years the Smallbore Championships have moved to Chief Wa-Ke-De Range in Bristol, IN, which is 3 hours closer to Montana than Camp Perry. This change is due to the fact that Camp Perry is going to be holding the World Rifle Championships (Palma Matches) in 2015 and they are hosting an international match there in 2014, which will serve as a "tune up" for Camp Perry to prepare for the large World Championships in 2015.



Pistol and High Power will remain at Perry, although the High Power schedule of events has been modified, arguably for the better for those that must travel from distant locations. Now a competitor can catch the CMP individual and NRA "across the course" matches in a week and a half. Add a few more days, and you can attend most of the long range phase as well.

Last year, the NRA added the Mid-Range Championship, which runs at the same time as the NRA XTC matches. The Mid-Range matches include F-class and sling divisions, so now all the prone shooters have another event to attend before the NRA Long Range phase (which also includes F-Class and sling divisions).

The NRA board of Directors has recently passed a Resolution where they reaffirmed the NRA's support of Competitive Shooting. The Director of Competitive Shooting, Dennis Willing, is quick to answer questions and appears to be working hard at improving the Competitive Shooting Division. Camp Perry has undergone many improvements in the last two years

as well. Let's get MRPA members out and support the NRA and CMP this year by attending the Smallbore/Pistol/High Power National Matches!

The National Matches are something that should be on the agenda of any shooter, from novice to high master. There are instruction schools run by the USMC and the Army Marksmanship Unit, team matches, and individual matches. It is a great sight to be among 1600 competitors competing and exercising their Second Amendment right.

For additional info on the National Matches see: <http://www.odcmp.com/NM.htm> and <http://competitions.nra.org/championship-tournament/national-matches-at-camp-perry-ohio.aspx>.

2013 Northern Rockies Tournament News By Jamey Williams

At the 2012 Northern Rockies Tournament, Mark Anderson, owner of Powderkeg Shooters Supply in Kamloops, BC, approached me with an idea. He decided to donate a trophy to the tournament that would serve as an award for the top F-TR Team. Mark noted in 2013 he would bring a trophy that is reflective of the tournament and some keeper plaques for members of the winning four person team. We readily agreed that this would be a terrific gesture by he and his wife Judy.



Winning F-TR Team of McLain, Anderson, Kynoch and Frisbey

Over this past Labor Day weekend, I was part of a Montana team that traveled to the 45th annual Pacific Northwest International Rifle match at the Paul Bunyan Range in Puyallup, WA. This was our first Montana Rifle and Pistol Association Team to travel to the PNWI Rifle Match and we enjoyed the nice range, great hospitality and good shooting conditions there. They conduct a very well-run match there and have a lot of history with their match. After the matches were complete, they had on display their fantastic permanent trophies that serve as awards for various categories of individuals and teams. As the high power director in Missoula, I took notice of the impressive collection of trophies and the history of competitive shooting that they represent.

As promised, Mark (and Powderkeg Shooters Supply) donated our first permanent trophy this year and we were very proud to present it to the winning F-TR team. The F-TR shooters represent a very large portion of our tournament and team matches are a segment that the MRPA has been working at cultivating. Mark could not have picked a better team to represent with the Powderkeg Trophy!

Since Mark's donation, another individual has stepped forward and is going to donate a trophy as well. As organizations that run on volunteer power and shoe string budgets, both the MRPA and the Hellgate Civilian Shooters (Deep Creek Range – Missoula, MT) want to sincerely thank Mark and Judy Anderson for their kind donation. For further information on the 2013 tournament, see the entire write up of the event at:



The F-TR Team Traveling Trophy

<http://forum accurateshooter.com/index.php?topic=3829122.msg36317768#msg36317768>

Winter Postal Leagues 2013-2014

By Matt Egloff

We will resume the International Indoor Pistol Postal League in 2014. It has been held on and off for the past decade. The entry fee is \$5 to MTRPA plus NRA fees, which now vary based on number of participants. After the first scores we will send out the bill. If you don't pay, or if we don't have enough bodies to keep NRA happy, your scores won't go in. Scores are due January 31, February 28, March 31, and April 30, 2014. You may shoot one, some, or all events for the one fee. You will fire 60 shots in each category – a full match – each month, or 240 shots per gun used total. Events are Standard Pistol, Air Pistol, Free Pistol, Center Fire Pistol, Sporter Pistol, and Rapid Fire Pistol. This is a good way to get, improve, or maintain a classification in these events. This league is what started Nick Mowrer on his way to the Olympics by exposing him to these sports. Have your junior pistol shooters give them a try.

Next we have a new league, the CMP NMAR League. In a previous newsletter we discussed the use of the Crosman MAR 177 air gun “service” upper for your AR15. The CMP has a number of sanctioned matches using reduced high power MR & SR targets, scaled for 10-meter ranges. You don't have to have one of these MAR 177's to shoot this league. You can shoot it with a sporter air rifle, a precision air rifle, or a NMAR air rifle. Or you can shoot any combination thereof. If your score is high enough, CMP will send you a pin. The league is \$10, which includes up to 5 earned pins. If you earn and want more, you'll have to pay for them. You may shoot up to one match in each event (1x20 standing, 3x20 half course, 3x10 sporter garand course), and in each air rifle class (Sporter, Match, AR-Clone) each month. You may submit multiple scores each month. As with the NRA sanctioned International Pistol League, this CMP sanctioned NMAR league scores are due Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 31, and Apr 30, 2014. Details and rulebooks are on the CMP website: <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/NMARGuide.pdf>.

It seems that 22 rimfire ammo is still unobtainium, and bullets, primers, powder, and brass are also rare and expensive. But pellets are still on the shelf at the same old price. If you need to practice this winter, try the NMAR league and if you can't find 22 ammo for your pistols, maybe just the air pistol category of the International Pistol League.

The usual smallbore rifle and conventional pistol leagues are also going, including both the Montana and the Spokesman Review leagues.

The links are on the MTRPA website.

The Gunsite Experience

By Matt Egloff

LTC. Jeff Cooper founded Gunsite in the mid-1970's in Paulden, AZ, just north of Prescott. Cooper developed the “modern technique of the pistol” during his years in the Marine Corps, the CIA, as a gun writer and competition organizer, and later as security consultant. He was one of the founders of IPSC. Cooper sold his school and went into semi-retirement in the 1990's. The school was sold again to Cooper's fellow NRA director Col. Owen “Buz” Mills several years ago. Cooper resumed teaching part time until his passing in September of 2006.

Gunsite Academy is a gunfighting school. Many think themselves prepared because they have a good classification in bullseye sports or even in IPSC/IDPA. While these sports help, they don't cover everything. In addition to shooting fundamentals, the Gunsite classes also cover decision making and awareness. For example, many of us have been approached by panhandlers. Have you ever had the panhandler's partner come up behind you after he had gotten your full attention? Montana is safer than most places but we're not without bad people. Just read the paper...

Gunsite Academy still employs many of Cooper's original instructors. Under Buz Mills it returned to Cooper's original curriculum, but with some modernization. Most of the 5-day courses go through over 1,000 rounds of ammo. Class size is typically 10-20. The instructor to student ratio is about 1:4. The instructors are drawn from law enforcement and the military and all are excellent.



The entry level course is Pistol 250. It's a 5-day class covering the defensive use of a handgun. It has a logical progression. It begins with "square range exercises" on paper targets that turn. It transitions to steel targets. There is a night shoot on the next to last day, and "shooting house exercises" on the last two days. Gunsite is a "hot range" in that your pistol is loaded, holstered, and ready to go during instruction. There is no "unload and show clear" as in an IPSC match when the stage is over. You will become comfortable carrying your pistol this way.

After Pistol 250 is Pistol 350, which has more house and outdoor and night exercises, and a simunition or force on force exercise. Simunitions are basically paintball but with a special slide on a real gun frame. Members of the gunsite staff act as bystanders and bad guys. They talk, they yell, and some of them try to put paint stains on your clothing. They wash off. Pistol 499 has more house clearing, day and night, and more simunition exercises. Gunsite also has carbine, rifle, shotgun, 3-gun, and other specialized classes. Most run in the \$1,500-\$2,000 range.

Safety is the most important thing. A serious safety violation will get you tossed and your pro-rated tuition refunded. This includes shooting the TV in your motel room off site. Motels for Gunsite fill quickly. Paulden is a small town. How small? Not only is there no Wal-Mart, you can't even get Rush Limbaugh on the radio. Nearby Chino Valley (15 miles) isn't much bigger but has the motels. Nearby Prescott (40 miles) is about the size and population of Butte. You can camp at the Gunsite facility. They have RV hookups for \$30/day and tent sites for \$15/day. The campground has four bathrooms, four showers, and a kitchen/laundry room. It's much cheaper, no 20-60 minute drive each day, and no Radar traps to avoid.

There are many articles online, in magazines, and videos on You Tube about the Gunsite "experience." These mostly detail the courses and training. You can also refer to the website, <http://www.gunsite.com/main/>, for these details.

The logistics of a Gunsite class are fairly straightforward. First it is best to schedule the class the year before. The 2014 schedule is out now. You can do monthly payments or lump sum. You'll need to arrange a week's vacation from your day job. Almost all classes run Monday-Friday. There is a cancellation policy & penalty if you cancel too close to the class time.

You need ammo. The course description says how much; usually 1,000-1,200rds of ball and 50-200rds of frangible. You can buy an "ammo package" there. The prices are reasonable for factory ammo and it saves you hauling it. Most who fly buy the ammo package. This MUST be arranged well in advance, especially in these ammo-shortage times. Check the box for the ammo package on the form when you sign up for the course. All exercises with steel targets and houses require frangible ammo, which costs 2-3x as much as regular ammo. Courses use 50-200rds of frangible ammo. If you bring your own ball, but can't find frangible, you can buy it there, but again, let them know in advance. Frangible bullets disintegrate on impact and are less likely to ricochet. During my last trip, 45ACP ball was 40 cents a round, but the frangible was over \$1 a round.

You will NOT get most (if any) of your brass back. You can pick up your brass on the square ranges on the last day, but by then you may be too wrung out and ready to head home. It's enough to make a bullseye shooter twitch seeing ~ 15,000 cases laying in the sand, but don't worry, they recycle them.

You need a hat, a suitable pistol, holster (bring a spare too), belt, magazines and pouches, a tactical flashlight (bring two and extra batteries), and eye and ear protection. For holsters, the kydex/plastic ones are best. You will draw and holster 500-1,000 times in 5 days. You will also roll around in the sand and gravel on them. This is a few lifetimes of wear on a holster. Most leather holsters will not stand up to this and will not be very pretty if they do. I broke a kydex one in each class, and had them replaced under warranty! The Gunsite pro shop sells Galco, Bladetech, Davis, and a few other brands of holsters at reasonable cost. They stock them for commonly used guns like Glock, S&W M&P, and of course the M1911. If you have a revolver, SIG, Beretta, etc., you may want to bring two holsters with you, just in case.

Get knee pads. They sell them there for about \$20. You can drop to kneeling or prone a couple times in an IPSC match and at worst need a vitamin I (ibuprofen), but if you're over 40, dropping 10-20 times a day for five days will do you in. Also get a dump pouch. It goes on your belt, to the back/side. If you do a tactical reload or have to carry something, it's easier than trying to get it into a pocket.

You can rent guns and holsters. I always brought spares. During my gunsite courses I had the rear sight come off two guns, one gun needed additional smoothing to get it to run reliably, one squib factory round had to be pounded out by their gunsmith, several magazines gave up, and all guns required cleaning at least once a day and some three or four times. The prescription lens fell out of one of my safety glasses, and my holsters cracked, split, and had screws come out. When you shoot 200-400 rounds a day, and run around and roll around with your gear, you will quickly find out how reliable your equipment is, or not. You put almost a normal lifetime of wear on the holsters in one week.

Test your guns and your ammo before the course, as well as your other gear. The first day of the 350 course I found some fat 45 rounds the hard way. That evening and every one thereafter I checked every moon clip and set aside the fat bodies. I had about 20rds out of 1000 that wouldn't fit in my S&W 625. After 200rds the cylinder was hard to close. Unburnt powder had gotten under the ejector. I'd never shot it more than 180rds at a time, and had been using wadcutters with a different powder before. I only shot about 50rds to verify function and zero with the offending hardball. Prior to the next class, I changed powder, verified no unburnt powder issues, and tested ammo size.

On glasses, for those of us who are middle aged, it is a compromise between seeing your sights and identifying whether the target is a shoot or no-shoot. When the corrective lens fell out of my non-aiming eye side, it was fortuitous as I could identify the target with that eye and aim clearly with the other. If you need prescription glasses, take this into account. One trend is mounting the small dot sights on the slide that are coincident with the iron sights. S&W's M&P has the slide set up for this and they go on a Glock, for a price.

On equipment costs, you're spending \$1,500-\$2,000 for the class, \$300-\$500 for ammo, probably \$500-\$1,000 for food and lodging, and \$500-\$1,000 for travel. You're paying \$60-\$100/hr for this training, so don't want to miss a minute because you didn't bring spares, the right stuff, or enough stuff! This includes a 2nd \$70 holster – one hour's worth of training cost. Cooper mentioned a student who took a day off from training to "do his laundry." Apparently he was on "we the taxpayer's" \$60-\$100/hr.

The Gunsite pro shop has common hardware. If you fly you can ship your guns to them and have them shipped back to you. As with gun rental, arrange this in advance.

Breakfast and dinner are on you. They have a caterer that you can order in sandwiches and sides or salad, for about \$9/day. When you break for lunch it'll be there waiting for you in the break area. You order all your lunches for the week on day

one, or you can bring your own. The pro shop has snacks and soda. They keep water coolers on the ranges and give you a water bottle. The first day they have coffee at sign up time. If you need your morning caffeine, you should bring your own after day one. The campground kitchen has a sink, microwave, and small fridge.

Yes, it's expensive, but you get what you pay for. The training is worth the cost. I economized by camping at the facility, eating from a can, and driving my good gas mileage car down. At my age it's a 2-day drive each way, which means an extra motel bill. If you stop where I15 is two lanes (south of Salt Lake City, north of St. George), the motel room is half the cost of when it's 3-4 lanes... In addition to breaking my holsters, the AZ wind also finished off my \$50 Wal-Mart tent on my last trip.

In other words, if you've been to Camp Perry, you've experienced this kind of thing before... Make your budget and double it.

Editor's note: if a Gunsite course sounds interesting but may be out of your budget, check into Pat Goodale's Practical Firearms Training (<http://www.pgpft.com/>). Pat offers similar courses in Billings for a rate of approximately \$150 to \$200 per training day.

2014 Billings High Power Rifle Matches By Matt Waite

2014 will once again be a busy year for high power rifle at the Yellowstone Rifle Club. The Club will be hosting three 50-shot practice matches this winter (February 2, March 2, and April 6). These matches are not NRA approved but will follow NRA rules with some exceptions. The prone slow fire stage of these matches will be shot at 300 yards on reduced targets. If you're curious about how high power matches "work", these winter matches are a great opportunity to come out and see what all the fun is about. These matches are subject to cancellation due to poor weather, so make sure to contact the match director before travelling to the match.

The Club will host mid-range prone matches on May 3, June 7, and August 2. These matches include three stages, each consisting of 20 record shots at 600 yards. There will be separate divisions for sling and F-class shooters. The August 2 match is the Montana State Championship. All three matches are NRA approved.

Across-the-course matches will take place on May 4, June 8, and August 3. These are NRA approved, 80-shot matches. The prone slow fire stage of these matches will be fired at 600 yards unless weather forces us to shoot the stage at 300 yards. The high power component of the Big Sky State Games will take place on July 20; this match is not NRA approved and the prone slow fire stage will be fired at 300 yards.

An NRA-registered Regional tournament will be offered on August 23 and 24. The Saturday portion of the tournament will consist of a 100-shot across-the-course match including two 20-shot stages of prone slow fire. On Sunday, we will offer a CMP-sanctioned Vintage Rifle Games Match followed by a CMP Excellence in Competition ("leg") match for those seeking to obtain the Distinguished Rifleman badge. The VMR match will be a 30-shot match, all fired at 200 yards, and can be fired with an M1 Garand, 1903 Springfield, or other domestic or foreign vintage rifle (shooters may also use modern rifles in the match, but will be excluded from awards). The EIC match is a 50-shot across-the-course match without sighting shots.

In addition to all of the matches, the high power range will be available for practice on Thursday evenings at about 5:30 pm, starting in April. On most Thursdays, firing will be done at the 200 yard line; on the last Thursday of each month we will shoot at the 600 yard line.

If you haven't shot a high power match but are interested, come on out and give it a try. If you just want to see how a match runs, feel free to attend one of the matches and ask questions (remember to bring eye and ear protection). Junior shooters currently in the smallbore program at YRC are particularly encouraged to attend these matches; high power is a

different sort of challenge but the skills learned in smallbore will definitely translate well and it is likely that some of you juniors will show us "seniors" how it is done. There are a limited number of AR-15 rifles, owned by the Club, that are available for use (preference for use of these rifles will be given to junior shooters).

Please contact the match directors to obtain a copy of the programs for these matches. For the mid-range prone matches, contact Neil Adams (861-7499 or fivering1@bresnan.net). For the across-the-course matches, contact Matt Waite (208-3440 or mwaite@bresnan.net).

Camp Perry 2011 By Mark Skeels

This is the time of year to start planning for a trip to the National Matches. If you have never been to Camp Perry, I highly recommend it, and you can include the whole family for a great vacation if you wish.

Here is what we did the summer of 2011. Myself, and 3 boys, Elijah Walker, Dylan Ward and Samuel Skeels, met Jamey Williams at Camp Perry to shoot the week of the NRA High Power Championships. We arrived the day before the Whistler Boy Match, moved into our huts, and turned the fan on (air conditioner recommended next time).



Camp Perry 2011

The boys shot the day after our arrival, the junior Whistler Boy match. The Whistler Boy match basically is a service rifle match consisting of 2 juniors. They shoot against other junior teams from all over the country. Each state is represented by a team, but you can have more than 1 team per state if you want. There are no classifications for this match, the top junior team in the nation wins the trophy, and that state gets bragging rights for the year. Most of the juniors shot the week before during the CMP week with their service rifles, so they had a pretty good showing. We just had fun. The boys did get the Whistler Boy medal, so each got something to hang on the wall.

The next day, we started shooting the NRA Championships. We shot every day for a week, different stages of 3 aggregate matches, for a total of 3-80 round matches, which when combined for a total of 2400 points, results in the National HP champion award. That year Carl Bernosky was National Champion, his score was only 2393/2400, just an average showing for most of us good shooters !! We also shot a 4 man team match one of the days.

Our juniors did real well, as they all increased their average, as well each jumped 1 classification that week. Samuel was the Sharpshooter Class national champion over all civilians and military, so we were pretty happy about that. They each also placed first in at least 1 sub category match, and brought home a few NRA award points.

Shooting a match every day for a week can really do wonders for your scores. It really gives you an opportunity to hone your positions and shooting technique, as well as getting hints and spying on other shooters gear you might need for Christmas. It is great to walk down commercial row and have a great selection of shooting gear - bring some/lots of money. It would be great if we could take a team from Montana every year, especially juniors. I might recommend the CMP week for juniors, as the CMP has reimbursement for each junior in the way of mileage allowance, which really helps with gas. NRA week is pretty much out of your own pocket. I think if we had 3-4 juniors it would about pay for the trip if you took 1 vehicle. Figure on 2 weeks for the travel and shooting, but also figure on a great time and memories to last a life time.

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. If you desire a mailed copy, please contact me at 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 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 drawing for the 2013 Junior M1 Garand Rifle was held Jan. 7, 2014 in Bozeman at the Pistol Range and Ken Daugherty, an MRPA member from Libby, MT won the rifle. The Junior that sold the most tickets was Robert Scott. Congratulations to both of you.

Match Results: I try to get all of the match results into the newsletter. If I miss people or report the results 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 have received no news about these individuals so I will delete them from my member list in 2014. I can't contact you if I don't have a correct address or email. Those persons that I have received mail back from 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, Joeseph Sankovic, Jeffrey Ward, Andrew Chritton, and James McConnell. I appreciate any help finding the whereabouts of these individuals. Thank you.

Results of Shooting Events – State and National Levels By Zona Mowrer

Winter Air Gun Championships Dec. 5-8, 2013 Colorado Springs, CO

Nick Mowrer won 2 of the 3 days matches in Air Pistol. He ended up 3rd overall which takes him to the World Cups in 2014 along with team mates Jason Turner and Will Brown. He also will be going to the Bavarian Air Championships this month in Munich, Germany.

Alana Townsend finished 4th overall in the Women's Air Pistol competition. Congratulations Alana.

World Cup Selection Matches for .22 rifle events Colorado Springs, CO Jan. 7-11th, 2014

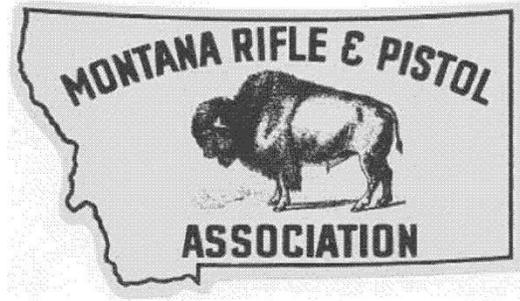
Nick Mowrer competed in the 50 meter prone event at the Selection Matches for the 2014 World Cup Season and placed 3rd overall making the World Cup Team in the smallbore prone event. He finished 8th the first day and 3rd the second day and shot 624.3 score both days. Another twist to this story, Matt Emmons and Nick changed guns on the second day of competition. Matt wasn't happy with his performance the first day. It turned out great for Nick and not so great for Matt. This could and probably is the first time ever that a Rifle and Pistol shooter has ever made both Pistol and Rifle Teams in USA Shooting history. Great Job!

Any collegiate shooters wanting to compete in a collegiate sectional, there will be one in Salt Lake in Feb. Others are further away or in Fargo, ND. If anyone is interested.

I will have many more match results for the next newsletter. I did not receive any results for rifle matches held in September and October.

2013 Hellgate Civilian Shooters Hall of Fame Match, 14 December 2013, Missoula, Montana						
Name	Classification	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5
Jason Herndon	Master	100-8/100-10=200-18x 1MA	99-5/97-2=196-7x MW	100-8/100-7=200-15x MW	99-7/100-7=199-14x MW	795-54x MW
John Hawkins	Master	100-7/100-9=200-16x	96-6/96-3=192-9x 1MA	94-3/100-10=194-13x	100-6/99-6=199-12x 1MA	785-50x 1MA
Gary Swartz	Master	100-9/100-8=200-17x	93-2/89-3=182-5x	96-5/100-5=196-10x 1MA	98-5/98-5=196-10x	774-42x
Paul Thurmond	Expert	100-10/100-10=200-20x MW	96-2/94-4=190-6x 1EX	99-4/90-8=189-12x	95-4/98-5=193-9x 1EX	772-47x 1EX
Chris Levine	Sharpshooter	100-7/100-9=200-16x 1SS	89-1/90-1=179-2x 1SS	96-3/96-5=192-8x 1SS	92-5/98-3=190-8x	761-34x 1SS
George Waldorf	Expert	100-7/100-10=200-17x 1EX	91-3/78-1=169-4x	98-4/99-7=197-11x 1EX	96-4/96-4=192-8x	758-40x
Ed Burke	Sharpshooter	99-6/99-6=198-12x	82-1/89-0=171-1x	95-1/97-5=192-6x	95-5/95-5=190-10x 1SS	751-29x
Chris Lorentz	Marksman	96-0/94-4=190-4x	73-0/71-0=144-0x 1MKS	87-2/82-0=169-2x 1MKS	92-2/82-1=174-3x 1MKS	677-9x 1MKS
Mike O'Conner	Marksman	97-6/97-5=194-11x 1MKS	52-0/62-0=114-0x	74-0/81-1=155-1x	83-1/88-1=171-2x	634-14x
JUNIORS						
Nichole Wirtz	Junior	99-5/97-4=196-9x	92-3/94-4=186-7x	97-3/98-4=195-7x 1JR	95-4/94-2=189-6x	766-29x 1JR
Maranda Nelson	Junior	98-2/88-3=186-5x	92-2/964=188-6x 1JR	98-8/92-2=190-10x	97-4/96-2=193-6x 1JR	757-27x 2JR
Sarah Donald	Junior	96-3/98-6=194-9x	88-0/89-2=177-2x	95-4/94-3=189-7x	95-3/96-3=191-6x	751-24x 3JR
Ibby Lorentz	Junior	97-6/100-5=197-11x	86-3/84-0=170-3x	90-1/88-1=178-2x	96-4/96-5=192-9x	737-25x
Katie Hawkins	Junior	100-5/98-7=198-12x 1JR	89-2/84-0=173-2x	85-0/89-1=174-1x	90-0/87-0=177-0x	722-15x
Matt Reiber	Junior	97-6/99-4=196-10x	89-1/80-0=169-1	87-1/87-2=174-3x	87-0/93-2=180-2x	719-16x
Abby Donald	Junior	91-1/96-2=187-3x	85-0/81-2=166-2x	90-2/89-1=179-3x	94-3/91-2=185-5x	717-13x
Tarl Briggs	Junior	96-1/96-5=192-6x	73-1/80-1=153-2x	83-0/91-0=174-0x	85-1/79-1=164-2x	683-10x
Matt Marcinkowski	Junior	96-3/94-3=190-6x	58-0/70-0=128-0x	94-1/88-0=182-1x	88-1/83-0=171-1x	671-8x
Justin Thomas	Junior	94-1/93-3=187-4x	68-0/62-0=130-0x	87-1/81-0=168-1x	89-0/84-0=173-0x	658-5x
Michael Reiber	Junior	67-0/77-0=144-0x	47-0/19-0=66-0x	64-0/56-0=120-0x	59-0/64-0=123-0x	453-0x
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