

# Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

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## Message from the President By Jamey Williams

The outdoor shooting season is just around the corner and has already begun for some disciplines. Hopefully with the ammunition, firearms, and reloading mad rushes behind us or nearly so, people will be better prepared to come out for competitions this year. Be sure to support your local range and future generations of shooters by participating in club events in your area and across the state.

With this quarterly column, I want to address a few varied issues. I want to extend gratitude from the MRPA to several individuals and clubs. Recently, Gary Parisi from the Helena Sharpshooters rifle club donated a sizable amount of money to both the MRPA and to 4H. The MRPA is very appreciative of this donation and will be using this money to support junior shooters in the state. We are also discussing using some of the money to start a permanent trophy to recognize outstanding junior marksmanship in Montana. The MRPA also received donations of equipment and supplies from the Anaconda Rifle club and Dick Miller. That equipment is desperately needed and has already been put to good use by a recently developed junior program. Mark Mincey donated a Remington Model 700 rifle last year for the juniors in high power and just recently gave them a barrel for their AR-15s. The financial and equipment support from these clubs and individuals are being put to good use by new clubs and junior shooters. Thanks to Mr. Parisi, Mr. Mincey and Mr. Miller for assisting new and future junior marksmanship efforts.

2015 Annual Meeting – we will be announcing in the coming months the location and time for the next annual meeting. We looking at moving it away from being in conjunction with a state championship match so that more time can be devoted to the MRPA business then allowed in the current time constraints. More details will be announced about the format of the meeting along with the location in the future.

Lastly, be sure to be involved in the legislative process as much as possible. There is a lot of pro gun info, candidate recommendations and proposed legislation coming out of the Montana Shooting Sports Association. Be sure to become involved by contacting them thru their website at [www.MTSSA.org](http://www.MTSSA.org)

## Secretary's Notes By Zona Mowrer

**Memberships:** I have received many memberships but there are still 20+ of you who have not renewed. We have a lot of new juniors this year and welcome to MRPA. 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, or 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.

**Match Results:** If you have any match results you want shared, please get them to me at [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com).

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## Lones Wigger, US Olympic Gold Medalist

Submitted By Scott Johnson

Shooters, the attached photos are a 3 collage display of the world's most decorated rifle shooter, Lones Wesley Wigger Jr.

On December 20, 1971 a group of Carter, MT shooters that included Lones Wigger, came to the Brady Rod & Gun Club and shot with them and the Valier Rifle Club. The target photo is the actual targets Lones shot that night for a perfect score (400/400). Also included is a photo of the shooters from that night in 1971. Two years ago Bruce Martin was looking thru the stacks of old targets at the Brady Club and ran across Lones' targets. The club graciously lent them to us and we took the targets and idea of honoring the night and Lones Wigger to Chary Majerus of Framing, Etc. in Conrad, MT. Chary is a past MSU small bore shooter and she came up with some great ideas and did an excellent job laying them out, getting accurate information, matting and framing. Most of the photos and information came directly from Lones thru email and phone conversation. This 3 frame collage of rifle shooting history, honoring the best competitive rifle shooter the world has seen, will be on permanent display at the Pondera Shooting Sports Club in Conrad, Montana. We welcome you to come and see them 1st hand for yourself. There is a possibility that Lones will be in Conrad, Montana in late June as he has a family reunion in Fort Benton. Contact Scott Johnson at [101combo@3rivers.net](mailto:101combo@3rivers.net) to stay posted.



## Lewis & Clark Junior Marksmen

The Lewis and Clark Junior Marksmen F-Class team, Sam and Emma Lamping, Hannah Enfield, and Andrew McLain, ventured south in mid-February to compete in their first large tournament. Expectations of fun were at an all-time high. After all, this was Phoenix in February and this is the Berger Southwest Nationals.

Enough can't be said about the Ben Avery shooting complex and Berger Southwest Nationals. Competitor attendance has grown substantially year to year and this year was no exception. Over 340 competitors filled four relays for a week of shooting. Temperatures reached low 80s with moderate winds during the long range matches, and there was plenty of sun.

After using different means of transportation to Arizona, the team with the Lamping and Enfield parents arrived at a rented house located a short distance from the range. The lodging was a blessing. A heated pool provided relaxation with a fully stocked kitchen plus BBQ providing the necessities for cooked dinners. Arrangements were in place for a great 1,000 yard long range experience.

Day 1-Palma Team Match

Andrew took the lead and coached the team for his first time. Weather and winds were mild. Andrew realized coaching is a little harder than what was expected.



Sam Preparing to Shoot the Team Match With Andrew Coaching



Hannah Preparing to Take Aim at the 1,000 Yard Target

Day 2-Individual Palma

Andrew started the tournament strong with a tied 3<sup>rd</sup> Master individual score. Hannah's interview with Accurateshooter.com <http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2015/02/friday-the-13th-at-the-berger-southwest-nationals/>

Day 3-Individual 2 X 1,000 and Team 4 X 1,000

Don decided to coach the team match while all of the Juniors watched. Watching the wind and listening to a more experienced coach was a great learning tool. One of the parents even went to the pits so all of the Juniors could stay at the line.



Team Savage With the LCJM Team



Emma Scoring a Competitor During the Individual Matches

Day 4- Individual 2 x 1,000

Everyone was on the second relay for the last day. This was good and bad at the same time. It was good because the Juniors could compare their scores shooting through the same conditions. It was bad because there was not enough equipment for everyone requiring the Juniors to borrow a few items from fellow competitors.

Berger Southwest Nationals Highlights: Andrew finished individuals 7<sup>th</sup> overall Master. Sam showed decent scores can be shot with a 223 Remington at 1,000 yards. Hopefully this tournament is just the beginning toward future major tournament attendance. All in all, scores were not as high as most would have liked. However, the experience and ability to leave Montana for a week full of shooting in an amazingly well run match is worth the gold.

## Crossing the Border With Firearms By Geoffrey J. Martineau, U.S. Department of State

Each year, hundreds of American citizens are arrested at border crossings with Mexico and Canada. Their crime? Crossing into Mexican or Canadian territory in possession of a firearm or ammunition that's not registered according to those countries' laws. And the majority of those arrested crossed for tourism, business, or a family visit, and claimed to have not intended to violate the law. They said they either forgot they had a gun or ammo in their car, or didn't realize that their legally-owned firearm can't cross borders like they can.

These arrests are preventable, and the U.S. Department of State wants to help. "This is a major problem for U.S. citizens abroad. Our U.S. consulate in Vancouver, Canada alone sees more than one arrest of a U.S. citizen per week for weapons violations," says Geoffrey Martineau, a consular officer with the U.S. Department of State's Office of American Citizens Services. But it's not just Mexico and Canada where American citizens run into trouble. "This is an issue all over the world. When I was posted to the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, we had at least three cases of Americans being arrested for entry into India with a single cartridge in their luggage."

How did this become such a problem? According to some estimates, there is a legally owned firearm in nearly one-third of American households, and while for many U.S. citizens gun ownership is as American as apple pie, other countries' laws regard gun ownership as a privilege. Foreigners in particular are subject to stringent permit requirements. Both Mexico and Canada point to U.S. government [trace statistics](#) that show that a majority of firearms used to commit crimes in those countries have their origin in the United States (*see Editor's Note below*). Historical and cultural differences play a part as well. Penalties, even for inadvertent violations in foreign countries, can be severe, including imprisonment, fines, and the impounding of the vehicle used to transport the weapon. The additional costs of legal representation, and the amount of time it can take to resolve a case, compound the hardship. Members of law enforcement, veterans and active duty members of the American military aren't exempt from the laws of their host country unless specifically covered by a Status of Forces Agreement.

American gun owners who routinely hunt, keep a firearm in their vehicle, or live in border states are especially at risk.

So how can you keep yourself from an unpleasant experience abroad? The Department of State has some tips:

- Remember that Americans traveling overseas are subject to the laws of the countries to which they travel, and their U.S. passport will not protect them from arrest or prosecution. While the Department of State has no higher priority than the safety and security of U.S. citizens overseas, [the assistance U.S. embassies can offer in such cases is limited](#).
- Use different luggage for traveling than you do for hunting. One of the cases Martineau saw in India involved a traveler who used the same backpack for hunting as he did to fly, and overlooked a single bullet in a pouch. Indian authorities, however, did not overlook it.
- If you're planning on crossing into Mexico or Canada, even for a few hours, check your vehicle thoroughly. A handgun you routinely carry in the glove box or box of ammo you forgot in the trunk could cost you dearly. If you are going hunting in Alaska from the lower 48, you will cross Canadian soil and your firearms need to be properly permitted well before hand.
- Realize that complying with [U.S. government regulations](#) for air travel with weapons does not mean you have complied with laws of your intended host country.
- A little bit of research can save a lot of heartache later! Check online for import restrictions in the country you intend to visit. Canada, for example, [does allow visitors to bring in firearms](#) – but only with the proper permits. For travel to other destinations, the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs publishes [Country Specific Information](#) for every country in the world on their website, [travel.state.gov](#). [The website](#), includes detailed information about gun control legislation where it exists, and links you to the requirements gun owners must fulfill in order to legally bring firearms and ammunition to their destination. U.S. citizen travelers can search for information on what they'll find overseas, including the legal and social conditions that could affect their travel. There is also good information on applying for passports, visa requirements for foreign countries, and much more.

*Editor's Note: The Montana Rifle and Pistol Association has preserved the content of this article intact, as forwarded from the State Department, but does not agree with the implication that law-abiding gun owners are responsible for crime in foreign nations.*

## CMP Pistol Bullseye "Leg" Match - New Location

Through the efforts of Eric Gillitzer, MRPA's new pistol chairman, we are glad to announce that there will be a CMP pistol EIC "Leg" match this coming Memorial Day weekend in Missoula. The match will be held 2 days, May 22-23, 2015, and shooters can pick either day to participate. This match will be held after each day's NRA pistol matches and is over the same weekend as the Ironman rifle matches in Missoula. This match is expected to present the opportunity for 1-2 legs to be awarded to non-distinguished participants. The CMP has significantly changed the rules for pistol leg matches and the equipment allowed. For further information contact Eric at: [bozemanrifleandpistol@gmail.com](mailto:bozemanrifleandpistol@gmail.com). For information about the rifle matches over the same weekend in Missoula, contact Jamey Williams at [jameydan@gmail.com](mailto:jameydan@gmail.com).



## Volunteers By Jamey Williams

The MRPA consists of unpaid volunteers that often expend their own money to support the organization. They do this because of their dedication to marksmanship and the promotion of competitive shooting.

As part of our ongoing efforts to modernize the MRPA, we have sought the assistance of a graphic artist and we wish to give thanks to MRPA member, David Yarger, who has lent us his skills and developed new logos and graphic art for the MRPA. We will be showing off the new art work in the next issue and we are glad to report that a recent trial run of the logos went very well. The MRPA high power juniors developed posters and a banner using the new graphics to promote junior high power at a local gun show. It went very well and the posters and banners helped draw attention to their booth. Thanks David!



The MRPA is very pleased to announce that Lee Nelson has stepped up to take the reins of the long vacant position of Junior Marksmanship Chairman. Lee will be working at revitalizing the Lones Wigger award and getting the Montana Distinguished program going again. We are looking forward to him using his experience in the junior competition realm to assist programs and promote junior marksmanship. We look forward to seeing this crucial position being staffed by Lee!

The MRPA can always use more help, from retired shooters to parents of junior competitors – and from persons in between. Current volunteers' time is limited and we need additional support to further our mission of promoting competitive shooting and developing marksmanship. There are a number of projects that can use assistance to make us a better state association. They can be small projects all the way up to helping out on the board of director's level. We have fielded many great ideas to improve things, but lack the man power, so if you can lend a collaborative hand, please contact us at [mtrpa.info@gmail.com](mailto:mtrpa.info@gmail.com).

## Match Directors

If you want results of your recent tournament (especially a regional, sectional, or state championship), be sure to get a summary of your results into Zona Mowrer, MRPA secretary in advance of each quarterly newsletter. Send a brief summary of the results with or without any highlights to Zona at [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com) and your info will be included in the next issue (space permitting).

## Articles Needed

If you have an article you wish to contribute to the newsletter about a local club, club event, high lighting a notable local shooter or on skill development please contact the newsletter editor, Matt Waite at: [mwaite556@gmail.com](mailto:mwaite556@gmail.com).

## Newsletter Editor Wanted

The MRPA is looking for a new newsletter editor to take over the duties of formatting and publishing the quarterly association newsletter. Duties include obtaining articles from contributors, assembling them into the newsletter, formatting, and creation of the newsletter document that is mailed and published on the website. Anyone with experience working on a high school newspaper, putting together technical documents, or even just banging on a keyboard is encouraged to express their interest. The average time spent on each newsletter is approximately 3 to 4 hours. If you are interested, please send a note to either Jamey Williams ([jameydan@gmail.com](mailto:jameydan@gmail.com)) or Matt Waite ([mwaite556@gmail.com](mailto:mwaite556@gmail.com)).

## Benefits of Competitive Shooting By Jamey Williams

Competitive marksmanship improves a person's familiarity with their firearm and makes them aware of their combined firearm and marksmanship capabilities both on and off the square range. Square ranges are invaluable at providing precise feedback on shooter effectiveness. We have parents of high power junior shooters tell us how much their kid's hunting has improved after participating in matches held from 200 to 600 yards. Do you want to improve your follow thru and trigger control? Shoot small bore off hand. Really want to improve your trigger control? Shoot bullseye pistol! Need to brush up on reading the wind? Give black powder cartridge rifle or high power a try. Want to see how well you gear or firearms work? Put them thru their paces at a match. All those experiences gained on the range in competition develop the sub conscious fundamentals needed to take your marksmanship to the next level. Match directors across all disciplines are eager to assist new shooters. Either come out yourself, or encourage others to do so. If you want to be pointed in the right direction for a particular discipline in your area, contact [mtrpa.info@gmail.com](mailto:mtrpa.info@gmail.com).

## Results of Shooting Events

<b>Hellgate Civilian Shooters 100 shot offhand "Schutzenfest" Match</b>			February 14, 2015	Missoula, MT	
Match Winner:	Jason Herndon	970-42x	1 <sup>st</sup> Master:	Trace Weisenburger	965-46x
1 <sup>st</sup> Expert:	Andy Watson	902-16x	1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter:	Brian Hinthier	905-24x
1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman:	Bob Scott	867-9x	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior:	Abby Donald	954-35x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior:	Ibby Lorentz	943-30x	3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior:	Colin Scott	936-30x

<b>Mid-Winter Classic</b>		January 31, 2015	Missoula, MT			
Match Winner:	Trace Weisenburger	787-56x	1 <sup>st</sup> Master:	John Hawkins	779-48x	
1 <sup>st</sup> Expert:	Andy Watson	771-33x	1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter:	Patrick Collins	747-40x	
1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman:	Bob Scott	731-26x	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior:	Justin Thomas	774-39x	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior:	Ibby Lorentz	765-27x	3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior:	Sam Weisenburger	759-31x	
Air Rifle	1 <sup>st</sup> :	Ibby Lorentz	184-6x	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Justin Thomas	184-6x

<b>USA Shooting</b>	<b>Selection Matches for Free Pistol</b>	<b>February and March, 2015</b>
Will Brown, Idaho	1 <sup>st</sup>	2241
Nick Mowrer, Montana	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2208
James Henderson, Ft. Benning, GA	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2201

These people will be the team to go to the last 3 ISSF World Cups this year. World Cup USA, Germany and Gabala, AZE.

I didn't get the rest of our state's smallbore matches so I will report them next time. Have good and successful matches thru July!

## Classifieds

This listing is provided as a courtesy to MRPA members; MRPA assumes no responsibility for the listed items or your satisfaction with them. Items for sale can be submitted to the newsletter editor for possible submission in the next newsletter.

Berger bullets: 155 grain 30 Cal Hybrid Target 5 boxes of 100 (same lot) for \$200 - contact Jamey Williams at [jameydan@gmail.com](mailto:jameydan@gmail.com).

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

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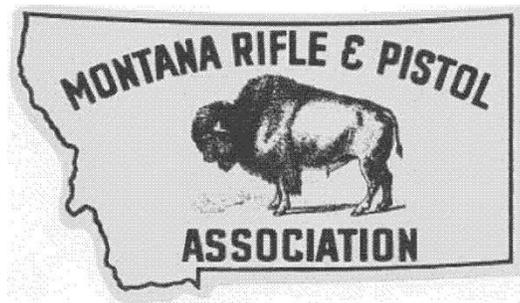
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