

# Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

July 2015

## Message from the President By Jamey Williams

I hope that everyone is getting out this summer and enjoying our great Montana weather. There are many shooting matches left this year and be sure to get to them and help support your local ranges and gun clubs.

I encourage shooters to be ahead of the curve with what might be coming down the pike in the next election cycle. God forbid we see the wrong politician elected, as there is likely to be another rush on firearms and components (hopefully not to the extent of the last few rushes). Currently, the marketplace is nearly back to normal with the exception of 22LR ammunition. Be sure that you are prepared for the next season or two with what you need so that you do not get caught short.

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Annual meeting – We will be talking with the board of Directors in the near future about a date and location for the annual meeting. It has been suggested that we move the annual meeting away from the typical high power rifle match due to the length of the meeting and the length of the matches that day. We might still include a shooting discipline that is short in nature in conjunction with the annual meeting. We will have an announcement come up soon.

Friend of NRA Banquets – Be sure to watch out for these great events. Support them with your attendance and consider stepping up and volunteering at one. These banquets generate a tremendous amount of money that comes back to support local programs. Be sure to attend or help out with your local banquet. For more info contact Joe Crismore, the Montana NRA Field Rep at [JCrismore@nrahq.org](mailto:JCrismore@nrahq.org). Info on banquet locations can be found at: <https://www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/StateMap>

## Secretary's Notes By Zona Mowrer

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

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

**Junior Raffle:** The tickets will be mailed out to junior members by July 1st. We only printed 1500 tickets. The general membership will get theirs shortly after that. Let's see if we can sell them all this year. We have never done that before. If you need additional tickets, please contact the raffle coordinator: Bob Scott; 1785 MacTavish Ln.; Belgrade, MT 59714

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

## Hellgate Junior Team Briefs

### Ibby Lorentz

Everyone knows that each match has some match pressure, and usually you learn something that will help you improve your shooting. Through all the nerves and exciting new things my team was with me every step of the way. I came to my first match with electronic targets and equipment checks with my hands trembling. There were ten Montana kids there in all; seven of us were from the Hellgate Junior Shooters Team and three were from other Montana clubs. We knew each other vaguely from other events, but we bonded during this two-day match. On the practice day we all sat together on the floor playing cards and talking about shooting. We congratulated each other on our successes and hugged each other when we were disappointed in what we shot. I felt closer to everyone on the team after this regional championship in Utah. I learned a lot about what it takes to compete at this level; I didn't expect to learn so much about the importance and privilege of being on this team.



### Matt Marcinkowski

My name is Matt Marcinkowski and I am a junior shooter for the Missoula Montana Hellgate Civilian Rifle Team. This was my first really big competition as a shooter and the first year in competitive shooting that I traveled for competitions. This event, here in Utah, was the biggest one so far. I thought there would be a lot of stress on me from myself and others, but in the end the competitions were not too stressful and I ended up getting personal best scores. I was really excited about that.

When I was told I was going to be joining the team down in Utah I was pretty excited because I knew it would be a really big competition and I figured it would be normal 10 shot paper targets and just a little more strict scoring but when I got here I was surprised it was a single bull electronic target system. The electronic system was a lot easier on my eyes. I have heard shooters saying that electronic is hard but I guess it is different for everyone and luckily for me it was easier in the big competition.

Another thing I really liked about the electronic targets was I could have family members from all over the US watching me shoot live. That was really exciting for me and my family. Because of "Live Streaming Targets" from my competition, I got to hear a lot of cool stories of family members watching me and my teammates. For example, my parents are teachers at a high school and they stopped their classes and had them watch me shoot. They said that the entire class was cheering me on and I thought that was really cool that I had so many supporters from everywhere. All in all this was a really good experience driving down with the team from Missoula, staying in hotels, getting to know the teammates better, and having a wonderful experience at this competition. I hope for this to happen again.

### Justin Thomas

My name is Justin Thomas. I shot in the CMP Regionals on the 9th – 11th of April, 2015. The match was a real eye-opener for me and the rest of my team. Until this match, I've never left the state of Montana to shoot and this match exposed us to shooting on a multi-state level. This match gave me and my team a lot of much needed experience in shooting that we will be able to use throughout our shooting careers.

### Alex Weisenburger

On the ninth, tenth, and eleventh of April, I, as while my team members, were given the opportunity to compete at the CMP Regional Championships. Our team shot alongside 116 other shooters from all over the western United States. The Montana Rifle and Pistol Association kindly donated essential funds in order to make this experience possible for my team and I. The first day we spent in Utah, our gear was checked and we had a chance to practice on the electric targets. For an hour or so, we stood in a line with other shooters while officials made sure our equipment was legal. The electric targets were simple and made things so much easier. We didn't need to change out targets for each position anymore. During training all we needed to do was press a button and the target would rise to our desired position. The technology was definitely something I can't wait to use again.

The next two days were filled with the stress of competition. Each day we got up early, ate some breakfast with the rest of the team at our hotel and headed out the range. We definitely had our ups and downs due to the pressure. Some of us shot our worst, some of us shot out best. The score didn't matter as much as the experience. Despite the mental hurdles of the first day, I shot my personal best, a 575. The second day was a little better due to the fact that it wasn't completely new to us. We all shot incredibly well despite the pressure of this huge match. I'm incredibly grateful I was given the opportunity to have the experience I did. Salt Lake City was truly eye-opening for my team and I. I can't wait to do it again next year.

### Sam Weisenburger

My name is Sam Weisenburger, and recently I had been invited, with my teammates, to shoot CMP Western Regionals in Salt Lake City, Utah. I turned 13 in February, and large competitions like this are a new experience to me, so I was excited to see all the new features these matches have. The electronic targets, for example, were a particularly major new addition. These targets were not the twelve-bull paper targets my team knows well, but one bull surrounded by a plastic casing. Instead of taking one shot at one bull out of ten, you would continuously fire at the one and only bull, almost as if you are shooting groups. It was a very cool experience that I am happy to be a part of. Our Bozeman counterparts, the Gallatin Valley Sharpshooters, had two competitors at the match, and a shooter from Superior, Montana also was invited. Overall it was an immensely interesting and new experience, and I can't wait for the next large competition like this!

### Hog Raffle

In our efforts to keep our team traveling to matches in and out of state, the Hellgate Junior Shooters are raffling off half of a hog - cut and wrapped to winner's choice. There will be two winners (half a hog each). Delivery is possible to most Montana towns – even as far out as Glendive. A ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The hog is being raised by Justin Thomas, a local 4-H'er who is also a member of the Hellgate Junior Shooters Team. The hog is fed by locally bought grain. If you would like to support our junior rifle team buy a raffle ticket. Mail checks to: Hellgate Jr. Shooters, P.O. Box 61, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. Please make sure your phone number is on the check.

### **Gun Oil Recipe** Submitted By Allen Spiker

This is the red oil recipe that I got from Roddy Toyota years ago. This batch will most likely make you a life time of gun oil.

- 1.5 quart 10w30 motor oil
- 1 quart Marvel Mystery oil
- 1 quart Dexron or equivalent automatic transmission fluid
- 1 pint STP



## Montana Shooting Sports Association

Be sure to get on Gary Marbut's email list so you can stay abreast of all the current political and legislative issues in the state of Montana. See [www.mtssa.org](http://www.mtssa.org) for more info.



### After Match Report

The Hellgate Rifle Team brought seven invited shooters to the CMP 3P Air Rifle Regional Championship:

- Abby Donald
- Sarah Donald
- Ibby Lorentz
- Matt Marcinkowski
- Justin Thomas
- Alex Weisenburger
- Sam Weisenburger

Each junior had an eye-opening experience with lots of firsts.

First time with:

- Equipment checks
- Electronic targets
- Shooters of own caliber (116 competitors)
- Team building with shooters from other Montana clubs
- Match pressure
- Live targets on internet

Congratulations to:

- Alex Weisenburger – personal best overall
- Matt Marcinkowski – personal best overall
- Ibby Lorentz – personal best in prone

A whole range of emotions and lessons were learned as team members shot their first regional match. One member's mat was left in the wrong vehicle and did not make it to Utah. Another experienced a case of extreme match pressure on the first day in the first relay. And yet another's sling was unhitched during their prone relay on the second day. However, these team members refocused and proceeded to shoot well for the remaining relays. Other team members remained cool as a cucumber and shot personal bests. This event inspired our kids to strive for higher performance goals and continue their quest for excellence.



After each day shooting the team met back at the hotel for individual coaching sessions and a group discussion. Each shooter visited about their personal experiences and lessons learned with the entire team.

After the team completed all their relays they watched the top eight finalists compete in a ten shot international-style final and then joined all the participants in an awards banquet.

Any possible Hellgate Team invites to CMP Nationals is still to be determined.

On a final note we look forward to Justin Thomas competing at the Olympic Training Center for the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs in May. Good luck Justin!

## CMP EIC “Leg” Match Changes

This past year has seen some significant changes to the equipment and rules for the Pistol matches. It looks like after a couple years of rumors, there are going to be significant changes following suit with the rifle competitions. Until it is published in the CMP rules or announced by a CMP official, it is not official but it looks like optics will soon be authorized in Leg matches. Stay tuned for confirmation and more info in the future!

## Results of Shooting Events

### **Hellgate Civilian Shooters 100 shot offhand “Schutzenfest” Match      Feb. 14, 2015      Missoula, MT**

Match Winner Jason Herndon	970-42x	1st Master Trace Weisenburger	965-46x
1st Expert Andy Watson	902-16x	1st Sharpshooter Brian Hinther	905-24x
1st Marksman Bob Scott	867-9x	1st Junior Abby Donald	954-35x
2nd Junior Ibby Lorentz	943-30x	3rd Junior Colin Scott	936-30x

### **Mid-Winter Classic, Missoula, MT**

### **January 31, 2015**

Match Winner—Trace Weisenburger	787=56x	1st Master—John Hawkins	779-48x
1st Expert -- Andy Watson	771-33x	1st Sharpshooter—Patrick Collins	747-40x
1st Marksman – Bob Scott	731-26x		
1st Junior—Justin Thomas	774-39x	2nd Junior—Ibby Lorentz	765-27x
3rd Junior – Sam Weisenburger	759-31x		
Air Rifle 1st Ibby Lorentz	184-6x	2nd Justin Thomas	184-6x

### **NRA Open Sectional (3P) March 7-8, 2015      Missoula, MT**

Match Winner—Jason Herndon	574	1st Master—Carmen Luke	550
2nd Master -- Trace Weisenburger	549	1st Expert —Darrell Gerer	547
2nd Expert -- Jason Diffenbaugh	547	1st Sharpshooter -- Abby Donald	536
2nd Sharpshooter -- Sarah Donald	534	1st Marksman -- Ibby Lorentz	538
2nd Marksman -- Colin Scott	525	2nd Marksman -- Sam Weisenburger	522
1st Junior—Justin Thomas	521	2nd Junior -- Alex Weisenburger	520
3rd Junior -- Michael Reiber	435		

### **NRA Open Sectional (4P) March 7-8, 2015      Missoula, MT**

Match Winner—Jason Herndon	788-58x	1st Master—Trace Weisenburger	779-53x
2nd Master -- John Hawkins	773-40x	1st Expert -- D Gerer	787-58x
2nd Expert – Matt Haggstrom	778-46x	1st Sharpshooter – Maranda Nelson	776-37x
2nd Sharpshooter -- Sam Levine	775-45x	1st Marksman – Colin Scott	769-29x
2nd Marksman -- Jarhet Reed	751-17x		
1st Junior—Sarah Donald	770-31x	2nd Junior—Fallon Strauch	750-26x
3rd Junior – Abby Donald	742-23x		
State Smallbore Champion Jason Herndon	1362		

### **NRA Junior Sectionals 3P and 4P March 14-15, 2015**

### **Missoula, MT**

3Position—Gold Medal	Justin Thomas	531	Silver Medal-- Alex Weisenburger	525
Bronze Medal	Ibby Lorentz	524		
1st Intermediate Jr.	Sarah Donald	511	1st Sub Junior - Sam Weisenburger	507
High Junior Quinton Kellenberger		441	1st Tyro Wyatt Hagstrom	no score reported
4Position -- Gold Medal	Abby Donald	386-17x	Silver Medal Ibby Lorentz	384-16x
Bronze Medal Alex Weisenburger		382-19x	1st Intermediate Junior Matt Marcinkowski	377-13x
1st Sub Junior Michael Reiber		343-7x	1st Tyro Jackson Cagle	no score reported

**Montana State Smallbore Indoor Championships**

		<b>March 21-22, 2015</b>	<b>Missoula, MT</b>
Match Winner—Jason Herndon	1362-58x	1st — Trace Weisenburger	1328-53x
2nd - John Hawkins	1317-40x		
1st Junior—Sarah Donald	1304-31x	2nd Junior-Abby Donald	1278-23x
3rd Junior -- Michael Reiber	1109-13x		

**Montana State Indoor Pistol Championships April 11, 2015 Billings, MT**

Match Winner -- Lew Muller	376-5x	1st Master -- Gary Van Haele	363-6x
1st Expert -- Roman Gillitzer	365-4x	2nd Expert -- Luis Valdez	364-6x
1st Sharpshooter -- Duff Gray	341-3x	1st Marksman -- Wes Muller	344-4x
2nd Marksman -- Nancy Miller-Valdez	324-2x		

**International Standard Pistol**

Match Winner -- Wes Muller	516	1st Master -- Gary Van Haele	512
1st Expert -- Lew Muller	503	2nd Expert -- Stu Smith	500
1st Sharpshooter – Jim Sutton	468	1st Marksman -- Duff Gray	508

**International Air Pistol**

Match Winner – Lew Muller	540-1c	1st Expert -- Dustin Greenwood	508-4c
1st Sharpshooter -- Duff Gray	521-5c	1st Marksman -- Wes Muller	505-4c

**Hellgate Civilian Shooters 2015 Prone Championship June 20, 2015 Missoula, MT**

Match Winner -- Roger Roberts	1596-122x	1st Master -- John Pitts	1594-106x
2nd Master -- Jon Bisch	1593-119x	1st Expert -- Paul Thurmond	1590-101x
2nd Expert – Chris Levine	1587-91x	1st Sharpshooter -- Kathy Konek	1589-102x
1st Marksman -- Mike O'Conner	1567-64x		

**Central Montana Shooting Complex held a lever action silhouette shoot with iron sights at Lewistown, MT**

Match Winner – Tim Norling	14	1st -- Chad Shultz	13 (after SO)
2nd -- Bruce Luhrson	13	1st Junior Tim Norling, Sr.	no score reported
2nd Junior -- Bryer Shultz	no score reported		

**Meagher County Sportmen Assoc. 50 Shot Offhand Highpower Match**

White Sulphur Springs, MT	June 21, 2015
Winner -- Dave Jessen	418-2x

1st -- Dan Rader

401-2x

**Classifieds**

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