

# Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

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## Message from the President By Jamey Williams

Well, the Summer should be arriving soon and the rains will give way to great Summer days for competitive shooting. I encourage everyone to continue introducing new shooters to competitive shooting, which serves a new shooter in many ways. Competitive shooting introduces new shooters to like minded individuals willing to help them improve their skills. Competition shooting develops and refines fundamentals of marksmanship, whether with a pistol or a rifle. The same core fundamentals apply to all disciplines (with or without optics); natural point of aim, sight alignment, sight picture, and trigger control. These skills take thousands and thousands of repetitions (performed correctly) to become second nature. The more complex the task or the more tasks in a sequence, the longer it takes to develop this "second nature." In time, it becomes almost automatic and does not require conscious thinking to perform. Remember marksmanship disciplines are just that - disciplines. They require discipline and dedication to improve. It is a progression and not a destination, you should always be learning and striving to improve. Be well and shoot straight this Summer.

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## Glen Mclemore

Glen Mclemore, long time competitive shooter, passed away on Easter Morning after a recurring bout with cancer. He fought cancer over the last 4 years. His ashes will be spread at the local gun club.

## Field Practical Rifle (FPR) Discipline Chairman

The MRPA is pleased to announce that Glen Demaray of Three Forks, MT will be taking the newly created role of discipline chairman for FPR within the MRPA. The discipline of Field Practical Rifle (very similar in concept to Precision Rifle Series type matches) is a fast growing and upcoming rifle competition that is very fitting with the mission of the MRPA. The events take place in multiple locations in Montana with steel targets at various ranges/settings and a variety of field positions are used to test and improve a marksman's field practical rifle skills. While it is not a traditional NRA or CMP event, it is a nation-wide sport that is growing quickly, including here in Montana. The MRPA has chosen to get involved and asked Glen to be the first chairman to promote and help coordinate the multiple events that are taking place in Montana. Initially, Glen's focus will be on reaching out to other FPR match directors, establishing communication, and getting their events posted on a central schedule at the [MTRPA.org](http://MTRPA.org) website. The FPR matches will be listed among all the other matches on the schedule.

Glen is a full time Rifle-Smith operating out of Three Forks and he has been an active FPR competitor since 2005. Over the last few years he has hosted several FPR events and is currently establishing a LR Facility catering to FPR shooters. Glen is very well connected in the community and will really help get this sport growing. I encourage all FPR competitors and match directors to get a hold of Glen at: [yaarmed@yahoo.com](mailto:yaarmed@yahoo.com)

## Secretary's Notes By Zona Mowrer

**Memberships:** There are many 2015 members who have not renewed their memberships. My email address is [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com) for anyone needing to change an address or contact me for any reason or renew your membership. **Memberships were due Dec. 31, 2015.** There is a renewal form on the last page of the newsletter or on the [www.mtrpa.org](http://www.mtrpa.org) website.

**Match fees for Juniors:** MRPA will pay national match fees for any junior member of MRPA going to a National Championship Match. You will need prior approval from the Executive Committee before attending any match that you want reimbursement of entry fees. Matches included are any National Matches in Air Rifle, 3 Position Smallbore Rifle, Pistol Matches, High Power, Black Powder, NRA National Matches and CMP National Matches, USA Shooting Junior Olympics, etc. Get your information to Jamey Williams to get approval.

**Match Results:** As of this newsletter, State results will be found on [www.orionresults.com](http://www.orionresults.com) and you will search Hellgate for their results and you will find each match listed there. The winner of the 2016 Smallbore Rifle State Championships was Jason Herndon for 3 and 4 P. Top Junior was Ibby Lorentz in both 3P and 4P and top female was Tempe Regan in both 3 and 4 P.

I report the results as they are listed on the results I receive. I have no new international results at this time. If you have any match results you want shared, please get them to me at [silverbow3@gmail.com](mailto:silverbow3@gmail.com). You may do this through email or snail mail. I can't put the results of your matches in the Newsletter if I do not have the results from your matches. There have been many junior members attending matches. If you don't see your results in the newsletter, please let me know where you went and how you did. I don't know about all the matches that members attend. Thanks.

## Membership Class Addition and Dues Increase

At the recent annual meeting, the general membership proposed and voted on increasing the membership dues. This is the first dues increase in 20 years. Effective January 1st, 2017 all classes of membership dues will be increasing. Annual membership will be increasing to \$20, 5 year membership will become \$80, and life will increase to \$375. Senior memberships will also be increasing as well. Beat the increase in dues by renewing or extending now!

A new class of junior membership was also proposed and approved. Any junior age 20 and under can purchase a Junior Term Membership, which will be \$30 and cover them throughout their junior years. This is a money saver for them and makes it easy for the parents as it is a one time expenditure.

## Hard Copy Newsletters

Due to the inexpensive and essentially subsidized junior memberships, no juniors will receive a mailed copy of the the newsletter. They can only receive the email version or look up the current newsletter on the website. The cost of junior membership does not cover the cost of printing and mailing a hard copy. The only members that should be receiving the hard copy should be legacy members who do not have the ability to access the newsletter electronically. It is important that we remain conservative with the mailing of hard copies as this frees up more of our money to perform our mission.

## Annual Meeting

The 2016 MRPA annual meeting was recently held at the Greenway range in Bozeman. The day was dedicated to MRPA business only, and it was one of the more productive meetings in some time. There were new faces and some old faces that had not been seen in awhile. It is good to see many concerned individuals show up and offer suggestions, input and volunteer for the betterment of marksmanship. We will highlight some of the meeting activities in the next newsletter. The board would like to thank all the attendees, and Eric Gillitzer for hosting the meeting at the range clubhouse.

## Lee Nelson - Junior Marksmanship Chairman

Lee Nelson of Bozeman is now getting into full swing with his role at the MRPA. The board wishes to thank Lee for his commitment to junior shooting in the state of Montana. Lee will initially be working on refining the process of junior and junior team funding for national and regional events. He will also serve all the junior shooters in Montana as their communication hub for information to assist individual juniors as well as clubs. If a junior, or junior club, has questions be sure to reach out to Lee and he will help you find the right answers. We can see that improving communication at the state level is vital for the juniors and their programs. It will save duplication of efforts and prevent people from needing to "reinvent the wheel." Lee can be reached at [lee.nelson.330@gmail.com](mailto:lee.nelson.330@gmail.com)

## Junior Shooters' Corner

### Colorado Springs

From Friday, December 4th to Sunday, December 6th the Hellgate Rifle Team, including Justin Thomas, Ibbey Lorentz, Alex Weisenburger, Abby and Sarah Donald and I competed in the 2015 USA Shooting Winter Airgun Championships in Colorado Springs, CO. My participation in the competition has given me experience I value as a shooter and will utilize for the remainder of my shooting career. It will play a vital part in my path to improvement.

The trip started on December 3rd when we arrived in Colorado Springs. We toured the US Olympic Training Center that day, and on the 4th the team attended a collegiate rifle match with Ohio State against the Air Force Academy on the Air Force Academy campus. The 4th of December was also our first day shooting at the Olympic Training Center; we had a training session of an hour. These two days I met the Ohio State Rifle Team, where I have hopes to shoot in college. This excites me that I had the opportunity to introduce myself at such a young age to my favorite college. It was a highlight of the trip to me.

On December 5th the Winter Airgun Championships began. The competition consisted of two gun categories, three ranges, 180 shots, and 12 finals. I shot 60 bulls per day for three days, all in the standing position, one of the three positions shot in rifle. I shot in the gym range every day I attended. The entire situation was very nerve racking, and it affected my shooting dramatically.

The first day I shot okay. Many of my shots were great, but in the beginning I let my nerves get the better of me and shot a few extremely poor shots. The second day was nearly identical to the first. My third day also came along with almost no sleep, as I was so nervous. However, that day I shot more than 30 points higher than both days. I was much more focused than on previously days for the entirety of the 60 shots, and I was satisfied. The trip was a very useful experience that I don't take for granted and will appreciate for rest of my life.

*Sam Weisenburger*

## A Junior Experiences

I started shooting bb gun when I was 11 years old, and have been hooked on shooting sports ever since. After I shot bb gun I moved on to air rifle and small bore, where I was introduced to the MRPA and joined the association in 2013. Although I do not know everyone who is involved in this organization, they have supported me financially with entry fees and my travels to different competitions.

I have had the opportunity to compete in many USA shooting and NRA matches across the state of Montana and beyond. I've also had the opportunity to be involved in CMP camps to help me become a better shooter. I developed an appreciation for the sport and everyone in it through my first USA shooting/ CMP camp in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

I traveled to the Olympic Training Center for the first time with my parents and fellow teammates. The Olympic Training Center is the most inspirational place for any athlete to be! This is where I met Lones Wigger an MSU standout, two time Olympic gold medalist, and silver Olympic medalist from Ft. Benton, Montana as well as many other Olympians and collegiate shooters.

The rifle camps put on by the CMP are staffed by collegiate shooters. This is where I met Hannah Black and Sarah Beard, who are the two most inspirational competitors to me. They helped me put together my 3-P positions and develop good habits. In the camp we also learned how to properly stretch out and eat before matches. Exercise and mentally prepare for matches, as well as many other useful tips.

I also met Amanda Furrer (London 2012 Olympic Games) who shared her shooting testimony with us. She told us how she was involved in dance and soccer growing up, and how she made the decision to make competitive shooting her number one priority. I have really grown to appreciate how much dedication it takes to be in a shooting sport.

All of these athletes have inspired me tremendously and are a part of who I am today. They have taught me the value of dedication, something useful that I will practice in my life. What better way to learn dedication than through shooting sports? These individuals have taught me patience, something hard to come by, but something that is essential in pursuing your dreams. I am very grateful for all of the opportunities the MRPA, my parents, coaches, and fellow teammates have provided me with.

Maddison Korthas

Gallatin Valley Sharpshooters

## Night Force Rifle Scope Raffle Winner!

The Lewis and Clark Junior Marksmen (the MRPA high power juniors), were donated a Nightforce Riflescope by John Smith of UT, and they used it as a fundraiser for their marksmanship program. They recently held the drawing and are glad to announce that Seth Carlson of Helena, MT was the lucky winner. Seth purchased the winning ticket at the Helena gun show.



## Notes From the Editor

Discipline directors, please, get the articles you wish to have in the newsletter to myself or Jasmine Williams as soon as you can. You can email them to me: [chasbales@rocketmail.com](mailto:chasbales@rocketmail.com)

## Results of Shooting Events

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#### **Hellgate Civilian Mid Winter Classic Match**

Match Winner—Justin Thomas	777-41x
1 <sup>st</sup> Expert – Gary Swartz	772-50x
1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman – Chris Lorentz	732-18x

1 <sup>st</sup> Junior—Ibby Lorentz	774-40x
3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior – Maddison Korthas	768-32x

<b>Air Rifle</b> MW - Maddison Korthas	201.5
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### State and National Levels

#### **Missoula, MT**

**January 16, 2016**

1 <sup>st</sup> Master—Trace Weisenburger	775-43x
1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter—Brian Hinther	754-23x

2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior-- Maranda Nelson	769-28x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Jr- MacKenzie Strauch	201.0
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#### **Hellgate Civilian Shooters 100 shot Offhand "Schutzenfest" Match Missoula, MT Jan. 20, 2016**

Match Winner—Ibby Lorentz	957-32x	1 <sup>st</sup> Master—Trace Weisenburger	949-40x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Expert – Andy Watson	907-14x	1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter—Brian Hinther	908-19x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman – Bob Scott	823-6x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Junior—Maranda Nelson	950-32x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior—Colin Scott	946-34x
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior – Justin Thomas	944-32x
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#### **NRA Open Sectional 3 and 4 Position**

**Missoula, MT**

**Jan 27-28, 2016**

##### **3 Position**

Match Winner—Maranda Nelson	1123-29x	2 <sup>nd</sup> —Trace Weisenburger	1103-29x
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3 <sup>rd</sup> – John Hawkins	1073-24x	1 <sup>st</sup> Expert – Karl Vogel	1059-22x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter—Ibby Lorentz	1071-17x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sharpshooter -- Justin Thomas	1064-20x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman – Pat Collins	1027-24x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marksman -- Fred Ginther	1015-19x
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##### **4 Position**

Match Winner—Maranda Nelson	785-51x	2 <sup>nd</sup> —Ibby Lorentz	780-44x
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3 <sup>rd</sup> – Andy Watson	777-47x	1 <sup>st</sup> Master – Trace Weisenburger	774-44x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Expert – Gary Swartz	771-43x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Expert -- Karl Vogel	761-31x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter—Justin Thomas	769-45x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sharpshooter --Alex Weisenburger	765-29x
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1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman – Libby Diller	757-31x
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#### **NRA Junior Sectionals**

**Missoula, MT**

**March 23-13, 2016**

##### **3 Position**

Match Winner-Gold—Maranda Nelson	558-19x	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Silver —Ibby Lorentz	551-19x
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze – Collin Scott	539-18x	1 <sup>st</sup> JR – Sarah Donald	514-4x
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1 <sup>st</sup> IJ – Jarhet Reed	536-13x	2 <sup>nd</sup> IJ – Abby Donald	527-9x
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3 <sup>rd</sup> IJ – Fallon Strauch	522-8x	1 <sup>st</sup> SJ—Sam Weisenburger	512-6x
2 <sup>nd</sup> SJ –Wyatt Hagstrom	400-1x		

**4 Position**

Match Winner-Gold —Maranda Nelson	391-18x	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Silver – Ibbby Lorentz	386-20x
3 <sup>rd</sup> –Bronze – Alex Weisenburger	386-16x	1 <sup>st</sup> IJ—Justin Thomas	385-19x
2 <sup>nd</sup> IJ – Libby Diller	385-16	3 <sup>rd</sup> IJ – Cody Dykstra	383-16x
4 <sup>th</sup> IJ—Jonna Warnken	377-14	1 <sup>st</sup> SJ – MacKenzie Strauch	373-9x
2 <sup>nd</sup> SJ – Abby Neidert	339-3x	1 <sup>st</sup> Tyro – Frank Valenzuela	273-4x

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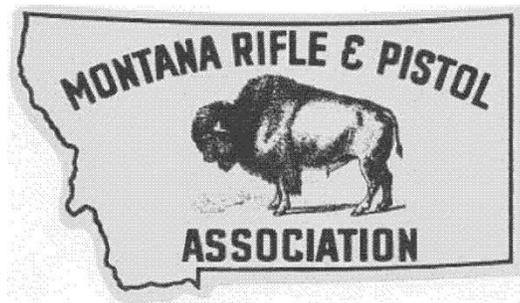
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