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US Rifle Team member Dwayne Draggoo, Jeffersonville, took both Midwest Palma and Palma F-Class titles this year at the Lodi, WI range. Dwayne's story is on page 5.

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# President's Column



I had the pleasure of attending the First Shot Ceremony at Camp Atterbury on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Although the first shot and the ceremonies connected with it were actually cancelled because of a rain storm that moved in at the last minute, there was a short introduction, held indoors, to the matches including the history of Camp Atterbury, which was a POW camp for German and Italian troops during WWII. After that there was a buffet supper furnished by NRA to all in attendance. ISRPA was well represented at the event Charlie Davis, Tom Graves, Charlie Hiltunen, Sue Mogle and I were there. Andy Jackson, former ISRPA Treasurer is one of the NRA staff working in the statistical office. I'm sure there were several other members whom, I'm ashamed to say, I did not recognize. Afterwards we set up a display that ISRPA will have there during the matches, although it will not be manned at all times; hopefully during "critical times" someone from ISRPA will be there. This is just one way where we can increase

awareness of your great association. Thanks to all who did and will participate in this endeavor.

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Read an interesting article the other day by a gentleman who was very upset with the anti NRA feelings being fueled by all sorts of individuals, groups and organizations throughout the country because of the several mass shootings occurring throughout the country but mainly the High School shooting in Florida. What the left ignores is all of the previous indications that a person has some desire to destroy other individuals. In many cases mental health officials, law enforcement departments including the FBI, and school officials were warned by parents and friends of suspicious activities by the perpetrators, and these warnings were ignored. So now the left and media conveniently blame the NRA and law-abiding gun owners for the problem.

The crux of the article was his suggestion that as lawful gun owners and NRA members we should now boycott companies that have cut ties with anything related to NRA most especially the places like Dick's Sporting Goods who have quit selling so called "assault" rifles and even supposedly destroyed their existing stock of them and established a policy of not selling guns or ammo to anyone under the age of 21 even though state and federal laws do not prohibit such. He went on to further state that car rental agencies, hotels and certain businesses that no longer offer discounts to NRA members be boycotted.

His reasoning for this is that these companies only pay attention to their bottom line and when it

starts showing a loss maybe they will reconsider their knee-jerk reaction. It seems the left never runs out of ideas to portray all of us gun owners as evil.

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On the brighter side in a National Shooting Sports Foundation publication, an article appeared titled "Embracing Our Differences" wherein Tisma Juett states "I would like to introduce you to several groups whose membership are considered non-traditional." She goes on to list some: *A Girl & A Gun Women's Shooting League* [www.agirlandagun.org](http://www.agirlandagun.org); *Black Guns Matter* [www.officialblackgunsmatter.com](http://www.officialblackgunsmatter.com); *National African-American Gun Association* [www.naaga.com](http://www.naaga.com); *Operation Blazing Sword* (an LGBTQ organization) [www.blazingsword.org/index.asp](http://www.blazingsword.org/index.asp); *Pink Pistols* [www.pinkpistols.org](http://www.pinkpistols.org); *The Liberal Gun Club* [www.theliberalgunclub.com](http://www.theliberalgunclub.com).

I had no idea of any of these organizations, so you see that there is a lot of diversity amongst gun enthusiasts and most of those organizations mentioned do not have their membership restricted to anyone.

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A couple of reminders:

- Raffle tickets are now available for the Henry Rifle shown in the last publication, request them at [info@isrpa.org](mailto:info@isrpa.org).
- Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony November 3<sup>rd</sup>

***Take care, shoot well, and take at least one young shooter to the range this summer,***

***Jerry Wehner,  
President, ISRPA***



# ***Match Schedules for 2018:***

## **PISTOL**

Daniel Boone Gun Club, Evansville, (A) Outdoor "2700" Aug 5. The "Ken Odom Memorial" River City **REGIONAL** (includes CMP Service Pistol and .22 EIC matches) & **NRA Distinguished Revolver** Oct 6-7.

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Marion County Fish & Game Association, Indianapolis, Outdoor "2700" Aug 18. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, EIC & NRA Distinguished Revolver** Sept 15-16.

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Southern Indiana R & P Club, Borden, (A) Outdoor "2700" Jul 28, Aug 25, Sept 29.

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St. Joseph Valley R & P Assoc., Bristol, Outdoor "2700" Aug 25, Sept 22. **REGIONAL** Jun 29 – Aug 1.

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## **HIGH POWER**

Central Indiana High Power Rifle Shooters, Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, 200/300/600/1000/2000 yards

Jul: 28 ISRPA Mid-range **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**, 29 XTC/XTC-F/XTC-P

Dan Ireland Marine Corps Match.

Aug: 11 3/5/6 mid-range, 12 XTC/XTC-F/XTC-P, 18-19

ISRPA Long Range **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**. Sept: 8 3/5/6 mid-range, 9 XTC/XTC-F/XTC-P, 15-16 ISRPA/KYRPSA Fullbore **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**, 22 3x1000, 23 Palma. **Check web site before you travel!**

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Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club, Markleville, 100 yard, (A) Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7. Reduced Course **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** Aug 18.

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Fort Wayne Rifle & Revolver Club, 200-300 Yards, Mid-Range Oct 13, 40 round offhand Nov 18, Dec 9. M1-A Mike Ginger Memorial Aug 11. Leonard Johnson Match Aug 25. CMP Matches Sept 8.

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Southern Indiana R & P Club,

Borden, CMP; Jul 21 as

issued/(M1A 300 yds. not

sanctioned), Sept 8 as issued/M1

carbine, Nov 10 (M1A not

sanctioned). Vintage Sniper and as issued Aug 18. **STATE**

**CHAMPIONSHIP** Oct 6. M1

Garand; Jul 21, Aug 18, Sept 8,

Nov 10, **STATE**

**CHAMPIONSHIP** Oct 6.

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**KY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sept 15-16. **\*\* IN Course State Championship see page 6\*\***

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Southern Indiana R & P Club, Borden, 300-500 Yds. Mid-Range F-Class Aug 4, Oct 13, Nov 3. **KY M-R State Championship** Sept 1-2.

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St. Joseph Valley R & P Assoc., Bristol, 100 Yards, Service Rifle/Garand/Springfield/Modern Military, Aug 26, Sept 2 and Oct 7. Whitney Everest

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Sycamore Valley Gun Club, Freedom, 100 Yards, (A) Aug 5, Sept 1, Oct 7, Nov 3, Dec 2. **Check web site before you travel!**

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Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club, 200 yards, third Sunday April through October. Garand Match Apr 29.

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Wildcat Valley R & P Club, Brookston, 200-300 Yards, RMC Jul 21, Aug 11, 25, Sept 22, Oct 13, 27. **STATE**

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**CHAMPIONSHIP** Sept 8. Prone match Sept 22. League Mar – Aug. 2019: Jan 1 Snow Snake Match. Steve Reisman 765-427-4699 [stevereisman224@msn.com](mailto:stevereisman224@msn.com)

### **COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING**

St. Joseph Valley R & P Assoc., Bristol, Wolffs Rowdy Rangers SASS, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. John Darrigan 574-536-4010 [justicedspencer@gmail.com](mailto:justicedspencer@gmail.com)

Wildcat Valley R & P Club, Brookston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Bill Jackson 219-208-2793 [mustangbill@circlercowboys.com](mailto:mustangbill@circlercowboys.com)

### **SILHOUETTE**

Danville Conservation Club, (A) Smallbore Jul 28, Aug 25 Sept 22, Oct 27. Jon Bowden 317-745-7378 317-563-6494 cell [jonguns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jonguns@sbcglobal.net)

### **SMALLBORE**

Anderson R & P Club, 100 yd. Prone Matches, Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 13. Lark Hillard 765-646-6317 [lehbc1@aol.com](mailto:lehbc1@aol.com)

Bristol, **Smallbore Rifle NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3-P** Jul 19-20. **Metric 3-P** Jul 21-22. **Prone** Jul 23-28. **Metric Prone** Jul 29-30. Online registration will begin April 3. For

more information please refer to the Smallbore Nationals website: All entries must be completed online: <http://competitions.nra.org/smallboresignup/> or contact Tori Croft, 703-267-1473; Lois Wenzell, 703-267-1456, or email [smallbore@nrahq.org](mailto:smallbore@nrahq.org)

Campbellsburg Conservation Club, Sporter Rifle Aug 5, 19, Sept 9, 23. Kent Fultz Memorial Match Oct 7. George Harrold 812-883-1720 [indianagr@yahoo.com](mailto:indianagr@yahoo.com)

Danville Conservation Club, Bench Rest Aug 11 Sept 8, Oct 13. Jon Bowden 317-745-7378 317-563-6494 cell [jonguns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jonguns@sbcglobal.net)

Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club, Markleville, (A) 100 Yards Monthly League, Jul 22, Aug 26, Sept 23, Oct 28. John Sommerkamp 317-407-5976 [jsommerkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsommerkamp@sbcglobal.net) [www.fcvc.org](http://www.fcvc.org)

Michigan City Rifle Club, NSSF Rimfire Challenge Match, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month. Peter Swenson 630-670-6455 [swenson600@comcast.net](mailto:swenson600@comcast.net)

Southern Indiana R & P Club, Borden, Outdoor Smallbore, Conventional Any Sight Aug 19, Prone Iron Sight Oct 7. Ted Carr 859-608-8539 [maccarr13@yahoo.com](mailto:maccarr13@yahoo.com)

St. Joseph Valley R & P Assoc., Bristol, Outdoor Smallbore, Prone League/F-Class Aug 4, Sept 8 and Oct 20. Metric Prone

**REGIONAL** Aug 11-12. CMP Rimfire Sporter, Sept 1 and Oct 6. Whitney Everest 574-343-3786 [weverest@bnin.net](mailto:weverest@bnin.net)

### **BLACK POWDER**

NMLRA, Friendship, Muzzle Loading Pistol, July 20-21-22, Aug 17-18-19. National ML Championships Sep 8-16 contact NMLRA 812-667-5131. Russell Combs 317-839-8273 [russ4065@sbcglobal.net](mailto:russ4065@sbcglobal.net)

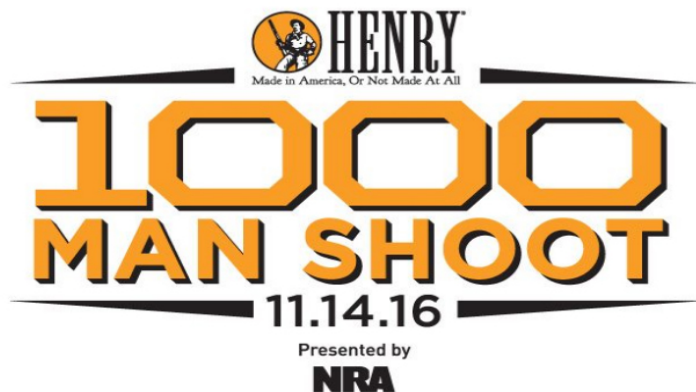
## **Palma Championships**

Dwayne Draggoo

This year, The Mid-West Palma Championships in Lodi, WI was special. I have attended this match for 4 years now and competed at this range 6 times, including the F-Class Nationals. This is always a well-run match by a good family (The Liebetraus) with a great set of volunteers. If you haven't been able to attend, I highly recommend shooting this very challenging range. For those of you not familiar with Palma matches they are a combination of 800, 900 and 1000 yd. matches. So you are constantly readjusting your sights for elevation and your brain for wind holds. This is what makes this type of match challenging and frustrating at the same time. **You will drop points!** This was a week-long event and I finished with a total of 1739-102X. out of a possible of 1750 points.

There were about 75 Sling and 25 F-Class Competitors from across the country. It was a battle between the top, as always in both categories. I happened to be just fortunate enough to walk away with High F-Open and Overall Match winner. Thanks again to those of you who are encouraging your juniors to participate in our sports, no matter what flavor.

# TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!



## HENRY GOLDEN BOY SILVER RIFLE

ISRPA is proud to present a Henry Golden Boy Silver Commemorative Rifle as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. This rifle was part of the **Henry Rifle venture** held on November 14, 2016 at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, AZ. 1,000 freedom-loving Americans joined together to set a firearms World Record, simultaneously firing 1,000 Henry Repeating Arms Golden Boy Silver rifles. Following the event Henry Repeating Arms generously donated the custom engraved rifles to NRA, which is donating one rifle to each State Association to raise funds for programs to uphold the Second Amendment. **YOU** have an opportunity to own this rifle!

*The Henry Golden Boy Silver rifle in .22LR is configured with octagon barrel, American walnut stock, a fully adjustable Marbles semi-buckhorn sight. The gun features a mirror-bright nicked receiver cover, matching barrel band and buttplate. The Henry Golden Boy Silver for the 1,000 Man Shoot comes custom with a 1,000 Man Shoot commemorative logo and Allen case, making it one of a kind or,*

***One-in-a-thousand***



**ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT \$20 EACH.** To purchase your ticket/s send name and address to [info@isrpa.org](mailto:info@isrpa.org) or check the website for availability. Drawing will be held at the ISRPA Annual Meeting and Banquet to be held at the Riviera Club in Indianapolis on November 3, 2018. *Winner need not be present to win.*

***ISRPA would like to sincerely thank both Henry Repeating Arms and NRA for making this possible.***



*\*Transfer of rifle will be through Federally Licensed Dealers and all State and Federal firearms laws will be strictly adhered to.*

Contact Sue Mogle [vp@isrpa.org](mailto:vp@isrpa.org) for tickets and information



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

*By Bill Dowden, Legislative Director*

With the 2018 election campaign underway, Hoosier gun owners need to be in touch with candidates for the Indiana General Assembly. All 100 House of Representatives seats are up for election this year, and 25 of the 50 Senate seats will be on the ballot. As always, the various national pro-gun organizations will be grading and endorsing candidates based on questionnaires and previous support for the right to keep and bear arms. Every gun owning voter should be determining the commitment of the candidates for whom they will be voting. The response that they support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment or that they own a gun does not necessarily mean they will risk their future reelection by strongly supporting good legislation.



The anti-constitution rants and rallies across the nation should remind gun owners that the while the attention is centered presently on other social and political issues, the well-financed and orchestrated fight against private gun ownership continues.

In light of the actions of cities around the nation to restrict gun owners' rights, every Hoosier gun owner should be thankful that Senator Jim Tomes waged the successful battle in 2011 to pass Senate Bill 292 which prohibits local jurisdictions' ordinances and rules regulating firearms, ammunition, and firearms accessories. Prior to his success, there were hundreds of local rules throughout the state which most citizens were not even aware of, and generally had no effect on preventing crime.

The opponents of private gun ownership will probably urge the Assembly to pass some "reasonable and common sense laws" with the goal of limiting the inherent right to own and use firearms. Most likely, pro-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment legislation which has been stymied in the House will be reintroduced in the next session.

To keep informed and up-to-date on candidates, district maps, and other information on the upcoming election, go to the website: "SOS.in.gov" and scroll to "Election Division." Then, make sure to support your candidate with your voice, your money, and your vote.

The Founders of this Republic were willing to pay a high price for Freedom Gun owners, legislators, and voters should not cower in the face of those who would take away those protected God-given rights.

## ISRPA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 3



We are excited to announce that the Riviera Club in Indianapolis will be the venue for the **ISRPA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet!** Established in 1933, The Riviera Club offers an outstanding venue centrally located and easy to access in Indianapolis, with plenty of off street parking, outstanding food options prepared by the Executive Chef and Catering Staff, and a cash bar. There will be a Board and Members meeting in the afternoon, followed by the Awards Banquet in the evening. Look for more details at any of the ISRPA events and State Championships during the season, on the website and in the ISSN magazine as the season unfolds. On line reservations will be available on the website ([www.isrpa.org](http://www.isrpa.org)) October 1. If you've never been to an Annual Awards banquet, *this* is the year to attend! If you've been before, expect a great time!

## Across the Course High Power State Championship

**ISRPA Across the Course High Power State Championship goes back to Camp Atterbury August 25-26!**

You Asked, We Answered! As this issue goes to press plans are being made for the 2018 Across the Course High Power State Championship at Camp Atterbury *this August!* Look for more information on the ISRPA website. Sign up will be available on the website August 1.

# Women's Corner

By Linda Levan, V-P Women of the ISRPA

## 7 Fun Facts About Firearms

I love to learn something new every day, especially information relating to firearms. My friends at Gunpowder Girls wrote



"7 Fun Facts About Firearms," a fun article with interesting information. So with their permission, the article is reprinted here for your enjoyment.

### **The Pistol Originated in 15<sup>th</sup> Century Europe**

Granted, Europeans weren't exactly packing Glocks back then, but historians attribute the modern-day pistol to 16<sup>th</sup> century Europe. These were essentially hand cannons in which a projectile and gunpowder was placed. Once the gunpowder was ignited, it would shoot the projectile out of the cannon and towards the target.

### **3D-Printed Guns**

You might be surprised to learn that guns can be manufactured via 3D printing. The world's first 3D printed gun was the single-shot Liberator pistol. Produced by Defense Distributed, it fired .308 rounds – well, one round technically. Soon after Defense Distributed released the blueprints for it, however, the United States Department of State forced them to remove it, viewing it as public safety hazard.

### **There are 100 Million AK-47 Rifles**

To say the AK-47 is a popular rifle would be an understatement. According to some reports there are roughly 100 million AK-47-style rifles in existence. In fact, the Kalashnikov has even made it into the Guinness Book of Records for being the most widely spread weapon in the world. Of course, there's a good reason for this: the AK-47 is powerful, reliable, accurate, and relatively inexpensive to produce and purchase.

### **Samuel Colt Created the Revolver at Age 16**

Samuel Colt is credited with inventing the first revolver-style handgun at the young age of just 16 years. Samuel went on to found Colt's Patent Fire-Arms Manufacturing Company, which was later rebranded as Colt's Manufacturing Company. Today, the Colt revolver remains an iconic piece of firearm history.

### **Picasso Fired Blanks at People**

Renaissance painter Pablo Picasso certainly had a unique sense of humor. Reports indicate that he carried a pistol filled with blanks and would shoot at people who he thought were dull.

### **Russian Astronauts Carry Guns into Space**

It's pretty amusing to think of astronauts carrying guns into space, but their reason for doing so is even more mind-boggling. While the Russian government has yet to confirm or deny these reports, rumor has it that the Russian astronauts carried the TP-82 survival pistol into space so they could defend themselves if their return to Earth strayed off course. More specifically, the TP-82 was designed to protect astronauts from bears.



### **Designer of Glock Fired Prototypes with Left Hand**

Even though he was right-handed, Gaston Glock, designer of the Glock pistol, test fired all of his prototypes using his left hand. Why did he do this? Well, reports suggest that Gaston was worried that a malfunctioning prototype could injure his hand, rendering him incapable of drawing up new blueprints. So if a prototype exploded in his hand, it would injure his non-dominant hand, allowing him to continue drawing up new blueprints for the Glock.

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**Be sure to visit, like and share our Facebook page: "Indiana Girls With Guns," a resource developed by the Women of the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association [www.isrpa.org](http://www.isrpa.org)**



# Turkey Tracks Hunt Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*By Dan Pavloff, V-P Special Projects*

This year, the last weekend of April marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eric Corey Foundations/Turkey Tracks Hunt. Once again on Friday of that weekend the Indiana State Rifle & Pistol Association ran a sight in day for the hunters and their guides. With the help of range officers Ken Kuehn, Paul Rogers, Brent Roberts, and Tim Stonecipher all went very smoothly.

Another event run in conjunction with the sight in day again this year and growing in popularity is the steel turkey shoot. Steel targets provided by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company and its employees were donated to the organization this year and many of the hunters took advantage of this side event to get a little more practice in for the hunt. The NIPSCO crew has been strong supporters of the Foundation over the years and it is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all who helped make this event possible with a special thank you going out to Dave Fletcher and his brother Sean who provide the facility we use every year and go out of their way to take care of anything that needs to be done to make it a success. I'm sure Eric is looking down on all that Turkey Tracks has become with a smile on his face.



From left to right are range officers Ken Kuehn Paul Rogers, Brent Roberts, and Tim Stonecipher.



# Hoosier Rifle Shooter Headed for the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Shooting Championships

*By Bill Beard, Director, Central*

Danville native Sarah Beard has qualified to compete this coming September in the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Shooting Championships in Changwon, South Korea. The road for Beard has been interesting, to say the least. After years of being recruited for the Army's World Class Athlete Program (WCAP), Beard completed basic training in the spring of last year, and then Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA, last summer. The timing was unfortunate for the new 2LT, as the first round of 3-Position smallbore rifle

tryouts for the World Championships was held just two weeks after graduating from OCS. Beard predictably had tough going with the two courses of fire, totaling a less-than-mediocre 1153 and finding herself in 11<sup>th</sup> place, 18 points behind the leader and 17 points behind 3<sup>rd</sup> place (The top three finishers in the total of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tryouts would compose the US team for each event). With the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final round of smallbore tryouts being held in late March of this year, she had her work cut out for her. Oh, and they happened to fall right in the middle of her 18-week mandatory Officer's Basic Signal Corps Course that started in February.

Her immediate focus, however, was to ready herself for the first half of the Air Rifle tryouts, held in early December at the Olympic Training Center. And during the next 20 months, ready herself she did, coming out of the two-day competition in second place among the 128 competitors.

When she started her Signal Corps school at Ft. Gordon, GA, Sarah got a huge break by finding that one of her cadre officers had a close friend in the WCAP program, and if she did well in her classes and exercises, he would recommend to the School Commander that she get a pass to attend the final

set of both Air Rifle and 3-Position smallbore tryouts, which would be held across the state at Ft. Benning, GA. She did her part, both in excelling in her studies (she would eventually finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class of 56) and making the commitment to dry fire train during the week, and make the 500+ mile, 8 hour round trip virtually every weekend across the



state to Ft. Benning to train on the ranges there.

Her efforts paid off early in the final set of Air Rifle tryouts, as she maintained her 2<sup>nd</sup> place standing behind Miles. Alison Weisz took the final spot on the US team, beating out Olympic Gold Medalist Ginny Thrasher by 0.3 points. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the 3-Position tryouts provided considerably more drama. Working in Beard's favor was the fact the International Olympic Committee changed the women's course of fire, effective January 1, 2018, to 120 shots instead of the previous 60 shots. After shooting a blah score of 1163 in the first course of fire, however, Sarah still found herself in 10<sup>th</sup> place, with 3 shooters 15 points or more ahead of her going into the last match. What no one counted on, however, was the brutal wind conditions that they had to deal with on that last day. Sarah gutted out a remarkable 1171, making up 28, 16, 19, and 28 points respectively, on the 4 leaders, and vaulting into 2<sup>nd</sup> place, which she maintained after the final. The other team members were McKenzie Martin of Murray State University in 1<sup>st</sup> place, and National Team Member Sagen Maddalena in third.

# Sarah Beard Shines at National Championships

*By Bill Beard, Director - Central*

Three days after graduating from the Officers Basic Signal Corps Course at Ft. Gordon, GA, 2LT Sarah Beard made one more trip across Georgia to Ft. Benning, where the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit was hosting the USA Shooting National Championships for Rifle and Pistol. Her goal was to prove it was no fluke that she is the only American shooting both Air Rifle and Smallbore 3-Position for the U.S. team at the World Championships this coming fall.

The course of fire for Air Rifle is 60 shots standing on each of two days, plus a final for the top eight aggregate shooters that gives them between 0.5 and 3.0 points added to their total. All shots are in decimal form, with a 10.9 awarded for a perfectly centered shot. The 10 ring is slightly larger than the period at the end of this sentence, and the firing distance is 10 meters (33 feet).

All 114 shooters started off somewhat shaky on day one, but three World Championship team mates, Alison Weisz, Sagen Maddalena, and Sarah Beard were the leaders, separated by only 0.7 points, with scores of 624.5, 624.2, and 623.8 respectively. Scores rose on the second day, with Beard shooting a world class score of 628.3, and Weisz close behind with a 626.8, and Olympic Gold Medalist Ginny Thrasher with a 625.3, putting her in 4th place behind Sagen going into the final. With a 4th place finish in the final, Beard won the National Championship, edging Weisz by only 0.3 points, with Thrasher's first place finals finish pushing her past Sagen for the Bronze by only 0.4 points.

In the Smallbore 3-Position competition, the course of fire is 40 shots each from the kneeling, prone, and standing positions, in that order. The firing is done at a distance of 50 meters (slightly longer than half a football field), with the 10 ring being about half the size of a penny.

Elizabeth Marsh led the field of 98 shooters after day 1 with a very nice 1172, followed by West Virginia University team mates Ginny Thrasher and Morgan Phillips with 1171's. Beard eked out a 7th place standing with an 1163. Day 2 saw a remarkable convergence of scores, with Beard's personal best of 1175 putting her in a first place tie with Thrasher and Marsh, and Phillips only one point back. The final was very entertaining for the spectators, with Thrasher winning the Gold over Beard by one point, with Marsh 2 points behind Beard for the Bronze





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# Match Results:

## SOUTHERN INDIANA R & P CLUB BORDEN MID-RANGE PRONE & F-CLASS APRIL 7

Match Winner FTR	Todd Sanders	580-18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lou Casale	579-20
Match Winner F/O	Cody Richardson	580-18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Whitfill	571-14

### MAY 5

Match Winner FTR	Mike Plunkett	596-23
1 <sup>st</sup> HM/MA	Todd Sanders	595-23
1 <sup>st</sup> EX/MK	Aaron Anderson	574-12
2 <sup>nd</sup> EX/MK	James Carroll	567-15
Match Winner F/O	Brad Plant	599-38
1 <sup>st</sup> HM/MA	Dwayne Draggoo	594-30
1 <sup>st</sup> EX/SS/MK	Zoe Phillips	588-16
2 <sup>nd</sup> EX/SS/MK	Barry McKim	576-20
Prone	Don Tate	577-17

### JUNE 2

Match Winner FTR	Todd Sanders	587-23
1 <sup>st</sup> HM/MA	Mike Mullins	581-19
1 <sup>st</sup> EX	Aaron Anderson	574-16
1 <sup>st</sup> MK	James Carroll	533-04
Match Winner F/O	Lou Casale	595-24
1 <sup>st</sup> HM/MA	Dwayne Draggoo	589-27
1 <sup>st</sup> EX/MK	Barry McKim	575-16
Prone	Jeff Bartlett	595-37

## HIGH POWER JUNE 9

Match Winner	Neil Frenzl	789-21
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ray Turner	735-20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Balda	730-11

## CMP M-1 & MIXED MILITARY APRIL 21

Match Winner	Mike Kummer M1917	263-06
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John LeMay M-1	263-00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donnie Abbott M-1	259-03
4 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Richards M-1	256-04

### Modern Military

Match Winner	David Graham M1A	269-03
2 <sup>nd</sup>	George Eberhardt M1A	268-02

### JUNE 16

Match Winner	Wayne McLeod	273-04
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Halajcsik	272-05
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chuck Montgomery	271-05
4 <sup>th</sup>	George Eberhardt	265-02

### Modern Military

Match Winner	Mike Smith	260-03
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## CMP VINTAGE SNIPER MATCH APRIL 21

Match Winners	Lou Casale	189-04
	Todd Sanders	187-02
		376-06
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyle Abbott	195-07
	Wayne McLeod	165-02
		360-09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Cain	189-03
	Steve Halajcsik	170-01
		359-04

### JUNE 16

Match Winners	Brandon Wilson	197-07
	John LeMay	180-02
		377-09
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jerry St. John	185-02
	Donnie Abbott	182-02
		367-04
3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Eberhardt	192-04
	Mike Cook	164-03
		356-07



Brandon Wilson (L) and John LeMay teamed up to win the CMP Vintage Sniper Match at the SIRPC range in Borden. Brandon fired a 100-5x at the 300 yard line to help garner the win.

## GEORGETOWN INDOOR CMP SPORTER RIM-FIRE RIFLE APRIL 28

### Open Sights

Match Winner	George Eberhardt	569-14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Harrison	518-08
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Fritz	516-03

### Scope

Match Winner	Rocky Planck	580-21
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Donnie Abbott	573-26

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3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Smith	558-21
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jeannie Redicker	547-15
5 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Fritz	536-03

### Competitors on the line at the recent CMP Rim-



**Fire Sporter Rifle match held at the SIRPC indoor range in Georgetown.**

### MAY 26

#### Open Sights

Match Winner	George Eberhardt	544-09
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Goodrich	544-08

#### Scope

Match Winner	Jeannie Redicker	588-22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rocky Planck	587-24
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Smith	552-04
4 <sup>th</sup> (JR)	Ashton Smith	549-10
5 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Hall	534-01

### OUTDOOR PISTOL "2700"

#### APRIL 18

Match Winner	Tom Reardon	2547-76
1 <sup>st</sup> MA	Brad Parmer	2509-68
1 <sup>st</sup> EX/MK	Mike Idlewine	2485-54
2 <sup>nd</sup> EX/MK	Dave Richardson	2445-54

#### JUNE 30

Match Winner	Marvin Dilley	2535-84
1 <sup>st</sup> MA	Tom Reardon	2525-76
1 <sup>st</sup> EX	David Chambers	2486-58
2 <sup>nd</sup> EX	Wayne McLeod	2463-42
1 <sup>st</sup> SS/MK	Wayne Hall	2398-33

### WILDCAT VALLEY R & P CLUB HIGH POWER LAFAYETTE, FEBRUARY 9 CMP CLINC MATCH

Match Winner	Jonathan Henry	343-03
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Stark	328-00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Traci Youngblood	315-00

### APRIL 4 RMC

Match Winner	Steve Mitchell	785-23
1 <sup>st</sup> HM	Dave Schnelle	768-18
1 <sup>st</sup> MA	John Kidder	761-20
1 <sup>st</sup> EX	Bob Cisco	734-15

### MAY 25

Match Winner	Alex Vitous	788-26
1 <sup>st</sup> MA Service	Eli Edwards	785-19
1 <sup>st</sup> MA	Mark Walters	775-30
1 <sup>st</sup> HM Service	Brian Decker	774-22
1 <sup>st</sup> EX Service	Rob MacWilliams	757-20

### MAY 12 MID-RANGE PRONE

Match Winner	Steve Mitchell	595-26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Petillo	594-30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Beaver	588-23

### CENTRAL INDIANA HIGHPOWER RIFLE SHOOTERS HIGH POWER CAMP ATTERBURY MARCH 14 F-CLASS FULLBORE REGIONAL

Match Winner	Cody Richardson	1181-58
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wade Rankin	1168-46

### APRIL 14 FULLBORE REGIONAL

Match Winner	Franky Galloway	1149-55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shawn Agne	1142-38

### APRIL 22 ACROSS THE COURSE

Match Winner & Service	Liam McKenna	788-33
High Match	Mark Walters	761-27
High Junior	Eli Edwards	759-15

### F-CLASS

Match Winner	Jim Hartlage	733-12
High Junior/Woman	Natalie Agne	629-05

### APRIL 28 3X1000

Match Winner	Aubrey Brock	572-18
High Palma	Michael Schallow	522-06

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**F-CLASS  
3X1000**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-TR	Dwayne Draggoo Scott Reed	571-13 539-09
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**APRIL 29  
PALMA**

Match Winner High Any	Randy Hayes Jeff Bartlett	433-18 398-13
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**F-CLASS  
PALMA**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-TR	Scott Lake Bob Petillo	437-14 425-16
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**MAY 6  
300-500-600 MID-RANGE**

Match Winner & 1 <sup>st</sup> Palma High Any High Service	Shawn Agne Jeffrey Graham Enrique Rendon	590-31 589-27 532-07
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**F-CLASS**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-TR	Scott Lake Bob Petillo	592-34 587-19
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Match Winner	Grace Rodriguez	551-14
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**MAY 19  
LONG RANGE REGIONAL**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> HM 1 <sup>st</sup> MA/EX	Phillip Crowe Aubrey Brock Dave Myers	984-46 983-50 953-26
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**F-CLASS**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-TR	Jeffrey Hopkins Mike Plunkett	977-36 966-25
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**JUNE 16  
MID-RANGE REGIONAL**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> Palma	Don Tate Adam Fitzpatrick	1195-70
1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Turner Ray	1195-63 1080-27

**F-CLASS**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-T/R	Scott Lake Todd Sanders	1188-69 1184-56
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**APRIL 28**

Match Winner	<b>3X1000</b> Michael Schallow	589-20
1 <sup>st</sup> Any	Jim Sokolowski	571-18
1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Ed Agle	384-09

**F-CLASS  
3X1000**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-TR	Lou Casale Todd Sanders	585-20 581-15
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**PALMA**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> Any 1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Michael Schallow Randy Hayes Ed Agle	448-24 441-18 285-07
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**F-CLASS**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> F-TR	Scott Lake Bob Petillo	444-17 433-10
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**DANIEL BOONE GUN CLUB  
EVANSVILLE, MAY 6  
OUTDOOR PISTOL "2700"**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> MA 1 <sup>st</sup> SS/MK	Scott Beyer Darrell Cox Dan Lucasy	2534-09 2481-57 2395-38
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**MARION COUNTY FISH & GAME  
OUTDOOR PISTOL "2700"  
INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL 21**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> EX/SS/MK	Darrell Cox Shane Duzan	2544-62 2522-73
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**MAY 12**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> MA 1 <sup>st</sup> EX/SS/MK	Jim Ferentz Brad Parmer Shane Duzan	2580-79 2536-67 2516-76
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**JUNE 9**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> EX/SS/MK	Tom Reardon Franklin Dessuit	2562-81 2537-67
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**FALL CREEK VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB  
MARKLEVILLE  
HIGH POWER  
MAY 6**

Match Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> Match Rifle 1 <sup>st</sup> Service Rifle 1 <sup>st</sup> EX	Jamie Piotrowski Tony Brandon Philip Beaver Andrew Beaver	482-12 478-09 466-09 463-06
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### JUNE 3

Match Winner	Philip Beaver	475-16
1 <sup>st</sup> Service Rifle	Manfred Kuhn	475-15
1 <sup>st</sup> EX	Andrew Beaver	459-05
1 <sup>st</sup> Match Rifle	Eric Jones	452-05

### SMALLBORE APRIL 22

Match Winner	Philip Beaver	594-34
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry Howell	594-31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Timothy Tooley	594-31

### ST. JOSEPH VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL ASSN. OUTDOOR PISTOL "2700" BRISTOL, APRIL 28

Match Winner /High SR	Franklin Dessuit	2524-80
1 <sup>st</sup> EX/MK	Walter Douglas	2495-67
High Grand Senior	Alex Nagy	2150-27

### MAY 12

Match Winner –High SR	Franklin Dessuit	2548-70
1 <sup>st</sup> MA / High Woman	Judy Tant	2533-79
High Grand Senior	Robert Lancaster	2275-22

### JUNE 29 – JULY 1 REGIONAL

Match Winner & Gold & High Woman	Kimberly Hobart Fleming	2583-87
Silver & High Senior	Tony Silva	2582-82
Bronze	Judy Tant	2567-85
1 <sup>st</sup> MA	Mike Milen	2476-53
1 <sup>st</sup> EX	Lisa Emmert	2517-64
2 <sup>nd</sup> EX	Mike Vernon	2475-45
1 <sup>st</sup> SS/MK	Mel Zalud	2440-41
High Grand Senior	Art Welch	2437-49

### DANVILLE CONSERVATION CLUB SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUTTE APRIL 28

1 <sup>st</sup> Hunting Rifle	Gene Davis	09
1 <sup>st</sup> Smallbore Rifle	Nathan Scott	26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gene Davis	12

### MAY 26

1 <sup>st</sup> Hunting Rifle	Fred Franz	24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rich Hawkins	23
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Zupan	22
1 <sup>st</sup> Smallbore Rifle	Fred Franz	23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rich Hawkins	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jerry Bowman	16

### JUNE 23

1 <sup>st</sup> Hunting Rifle	Dennis Zupan	19
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jay Harbison	16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gene Davis	08
1 <sup>st</sup> Smallbore Rifle	Gene Davis	14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glenn Gray	06

### JUNE 9 BENCHREST

#### Heavy Rifle

Match Winner	Brian Metschke	246-08
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis Zupan	243-09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ted Sosin	242-11

#### Light Rifle

Match Winner	Brian Metschke	244-05
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gene Davis	238-11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mel Daniel	238-05

### ANDERSON RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB 100 YARD SMALLBORE PRONE MAY 12

Match Winner	Larry Howell	593-29
1 <sup>st</sup> Sporter	Brian Lewis	591-22
1 <sup>st</sup> Iron	Jamie Piotrowski	589-28
1 <sup>st</sup> Junior	Natalie Perrin	588-25



**Natalie Perrin was the First Junior in the May Smallbore Prone Match held at the Anderson Rifle and Pistol Club.**

### JUNE 9 77<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MATCH

Match Winner	Baron Whateley	598-39
1 <sup>st</sup> Sporter	Brian Lewis	594-36
1 <sup>st</sup> Iron & Junior	Meghann Beaver	588-10
1 <sup>st</sup> F-Class	Bruce Maddy	600-43

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**CAMPBELLSBURG CONSERVATION CLUB**

**MAY 6**

**SPORTER BULLSEYE D1**

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	600-49
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlie Davis	600-42
3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Harrold	597-39

**JUNE 3**

Match Winner	Karen Kaiser	600-57
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry DeLong	600-53
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wade Polly	599-48

**JULY 1**

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	600-56
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karen Kaiser	600-53
3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Harrold	600-46

**SPORTER BULLSEYE D2**

**MAY 20**

Match Winner	Tom Graves	600-53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karen Kaiser	600-50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Larry DeLong	599-54

**JUNE 10**

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	600-54
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karen Kaiser	600-49
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wade Polly	599-48

**STARKE COUNTY DESERT**

**LONG RANGE RIFLE**

**APRIL 28**

**.22 Rifle**

Match Winner	Whip McCord	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Calamity Kim	6

**Main Match Rifle**

Match Winner	Calamity Kim	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whip McCord	7

**Big Bore LA Rifle**

Match Winner	Whip McCord	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chicken Eye Bill	5

**Single Shot Rifle**

Match Winner	Chicken Eye Bill	2
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**MAY 26**

**.22 Rifle**

Match Winner	River Hawk	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chicken Eye Bill	6

**Main Match Rifle**

Match Winner	River Hawk	5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hangem High Rich	3

**Rifle Caliber**

Match Winner	River Hawk	2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Calamity Kim	1

**Lever Long Big Bore**

Match Winner	Hangem High Rich	2
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**Single Shot Rifle**

Match Winner	Chicken Eye Bill	1
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**JUNE 23**

**.22 Rifle**

Match Winner	River Hawk	8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chicken Eye Bill	7

**Main Match Rifle**

Match Winner	Rusty Guns	3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnny Reno	2

**Big Bore LA Rifle**

Match Winner	Chicken Eye Bill	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lullaby Jones	4

**Single Shot Rifle**

Match Winner	Rusty Guns	3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lullaby Jones	1

**COWBOY MATCH**

**MAY 26**

Match Winner	Chicken Eye Bill	203.70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	River Hawk	266.96

**JUNE 23**

Match Winner	Chicken Eye Bill	243.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rusty Guns	239.72

**SAM SILHOUETTE CLUB**

**KNOX, MAY 20**

**BENCHREST RIFLE**

**Iron**

Match Winner	Brent Patterson	15
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**Scope**

Match Winner	Steve Toneff	35
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**JUNE 16**

**OUTLAW STEEL CHALLENGE**

**Rimfire Rifle**

Match Winner	Tim Beck	54.08
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Toneff	58.21

**Rimfire Pistol**

Match Winner	Tim Beck	64.24
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**JULY 1**

**LONG RANGE**

**Big Bore**

Match Winner Optic	Brent Patterson	32
Match Winner Iron	Steve Toneff	17

**Smallbore**

Match Winner Optic	Steve Toneff	28
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**LIVONIA CONSERVATION CLUB**

### MAY 6 SPORTER BULLSEYE

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	594-19
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlie Davis	585-14

### JUNE 3

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	594-19
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave McIntyre	574-07

### July 1

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	599-26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave McIntyre	592-17
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlie Davis	592-17

### RIFLE METALLIC SILHOUETTE MAY 27

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Byrnes	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave McIntyre	37

### JUNE 24

Match Winner	Charlie Davis	39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave McIntyre	39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Kaiser	39

### PISTOL METALLIC SILHOUETTE MAY 27

Match Winner	Larry DeLong	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave McIntyre	36

### JUNE 24

Match Winner	Tony Kaiser	39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry DeLong	38

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### F-CLASS WINNER

"Bob Wright Memorial Match" is held every July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend (first weekend in July) and is a 3x600 yard



match held at the historic Miami Rifle and Pistol Club outside of Cincinnati. This club recently celebrated their 100 year anniversary celebration and the Bob Wright Memorial serves as this club's championship.

The day started with significant heat with a temperature of 86 degrees at the start of the match with the F-Class shooters starting in the sunlight. The way the range faces, the target faces were in the shade making precision sighting quite difficult. **Wade Rankin (above)**, a member of Indiana F-Class and the USA Rifle Team 2021 F Open team fired a trio of 199s to win the championship with a total of 597-26Xs. He held off a gaggle of F-Open shooters from Michigan for the win by 2 points. Wade stated that the Berger bullets from his Dasher shot beautifully from his Brux barrel/Panda action. Tim Claunch, from Memphis, TN, did the barrel work and Alex Sitman bedded his Masterclass low profile F-Open stock for this rifle. Due to the heat (94 degrees at finish) and mirage, it was a challenging day keeping the Berger's in the 10 ring."



# X Count, Fort Wayne, Updates

*By Diane Rice, Director - NE*

**The X Count hosts 50 new athletes in summer camp.**

In 2011 The X Count borrowed space in the National Guard Armory gymnasium in Fort Wayne. It was the organization's first summer camp. It was the first attempt at allowing all Northeast Indiana junior high and high school youth to "try out" precision rifle without a long-term or significant financial commitment. Athletes were introduced to the fundamentals of safety, prone, standing, kneeling, and match etiquette.

After eight consecutive years this same camp is now being held at The X Count's donated 20 lane electronic target facility. No longer are the rifles borrowed and shared among multiple athletes. No longer are the pellets counted per athlete but instead the program has reached a new level of professionalism. The growth has been exponential. ***On June 6, the eighth summer camp began.*** This year 50 athletes were welcomed to experience precision rifle for five weeks.

Summer camp sets the stage for the new season at The X Count. With this year's theme, Dig Deep, Find Your Gold, athletes are challenged to greatness. They are asked to dig deep within themselves and perform to their potential. After camp, interested athletes are given the opportunity to train for the following rifle season which runs 2-4 days weekly from September to March.

Opportunities like those at The X Count are only made possible by the generosity of organizations such as the MidwayUSA Foundation, IYSSF, the FNRA, and those individuals who fund and support these foundations. The X Count, its athletes, their families, and all of Northeast Indiana are eternally grateful for the support we receive.

## Elite Clinic Brings Olympic Gold Medalist

At The X Count in Northeast Indiana you will often hear a familiar saying, "Winners focus on the process, Losers focus on equipment." A short visit with Olympic Gold Medalist, **Katy Emmons (above)** will truly confirm these words of wisdom. From the time she forgot her



undergarments to the rifle that mechanically had no business medaling, Katy has repeatedly brought home the bling in less than ideal situations. The athletes and staff of The X Count were blessed to have met Katy at the 2018 National Junior Olympics. After this meeting, Katy graciously accepted an invitation to help train elite junior athletes as they gather from around the country in Northeast Indiana. Katy has three Olympic Medals and a number of other successes that she has agreed to share with the athletes participating in the inaugural Elite Collegiate-Style Clinic being held at The X Count July 23-27. Katie will surely be shown a hearty Hoosier Welcome as she and numerous collegiate coaches develop the highly technical skill of these young athletes hoping to gain that ever so slight competitive edge.

## [Performance Consultant / Author to Speak at the University of Saint Francis](#)

Raymond Prior is the author of the book well known among shooting sports athletes, ***Bullseye Mind***. As one of the country's top peak performance

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professionals, Raymond has nearly a decade of experience educating athletes and coaches about



building mental toughness. With his unique experiences, education, and a passion for helping others pursue greatness, Raymond takes a refreshing approach to mental training, making it easy to understand and apply at the

individual and team levels.

Raymond works with athletes, teams, and coaches at professional, Olympic, NCAA, amateur, and youth sport levels. His clients include professional athletes, Olympic Gold Medalists, individual and team National Champions, National Coach of the Year Award winners, individual and team Conference Champions, and countless NCAA All-Americans in a variety of sports

Raymond will be speaking at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center on July 24th at 7pm. Tickets are available in limited quantity on the web at [www.TheXCount.com](http://www.TheXCount.com).

## FNRA provides support for renovation



**The new entry for persons with disabilities**

During the 2018 FNRA grant meeting, directors made it clear...they wanted to support our veterans. For the last three years, The X Count in Fort Wayne has been hosting a Veteran's Airgun series for disabled veterans from Northeast Indiana (*below left*). This was a great opportunity for our veterans but getting into the building posed a unique challenge. This year the Indiana FNRA chose to do something about this...and in May their generous donation was put to good use. The flooring on the range is all one level and the entry way is no longer waiting for someone on the inside to open an overhead door. More improvements are just around

the corner but take a look at what has been accomplished so far.

Projects like these are not possible without the generous support of the Friends of the NRA which we know comes from people like you. If you haven't been to a banquet in a while, please look one up in your area. The Northeast Indiana Banquet is on Saturday, September 30 at Classic Cafe in Fort Wayne.





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# Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club, Markleville



The Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club hosted a High Power rifle match May 6<sup>th</sup>.



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