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3-31-2024
Annie Oakleaf
Treebark St.
Sycamore, IN 47000

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President's Column



Happy New Year! Let the Games Begin!

The Indiana General Assembly begins its work on January 8th and we have already seen a steady flow of firearms legislation filed for potential action.

The Bills range from the elimination of State preemption of local gun control ordinances, setting the minimum age to purchase a firearm, and mandates for safe storage of firearms. We will see many more anti-gun Bills, however, we will see several positive pieces of legislation including prohibiting credit card companies from discriminating against firearms businesses and a potential attempt to stop the 20+ year lawsuit that is being used as a harassment tool for anti-gun interests. We will keep you posted as the session progresses, but be at the ready because we will need the engagement of our entire membership to guarantee the success of our legislative initiatives.

Below is a list of what we are watching thus far; the bulk of Bills will be filed the second week of January (a link to the entire Bill is included with each description):

HB1023 VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES (BAUER M) Requires Medicaid reimbursement for eligible community violence prevention services provided by a qualified violence prevention professional to certain Medicaid recipients. Requires

the office of the secretary of family and social services to: (1) issue guidance on the use of; and (2) determine the reimbursement for; community violence prevention services. Requires the Indiana department of health to approve at least one accredited violence prevention professional training and certification program that meets certain criteria. Sets forth the requirements for a qualified violence prevention professional.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Committee on Public Health

State Bill Page: [HB1023](#)

SB14 RIGHT OF STATE OFFICER TO CARRY A HANDGUN IN THE CAPITOL (TOMES J)

Defines "state officer" as an individual who holds the elected office of attorney general, secretary of state, state comptroller, or treasurer of state. Provides that a state officer who meets certain requirements has the right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB14](#)

SB17 AGE VERIFICATION FOR MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS (BOHACEK M)

Requires an adult oriented website operator that displays material harmful to minors to use a reasonable age verification method to prevent a minor from accessing an adult oriented website. Creates a cause of action to permit: (1) the parent or guardian of a child harmed by a violation of the age verification requirement to obtain monetary damages, injunctive relief, and reasonable attorney's fees; and (2) any other person to bring an action to obtain injunctive relief and reasonable attorney's fees. Prohibits a person that conducts age verification from retaining the identifying information of an individual seeking to access an adult oriented website that displays material harmful to minors, and permits an individual whose identifying information is retained to bring an action to obtain monetary damages, injunctive relief, and reasonable attorney's fees. Provides that an adult oriented website operator who knowingly or intentionally publishes an adult oriented website without using a reasonable age verification method allowing a child to access Internet pornography, commits a Class A misdemeanor, and increases the penalty to a Level 6 felony for a prior conviction or violation.

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MATCH SCHEDULES FOR 2024

PISTOL

Daniel Boone Gun Club,
Evansville, Outdoor "2700", May 5,
Jun 2, Aug 4, Sept 29 **REGIONAL**
and CMP EIC.

Gene Hall
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Marion County Fish & Game,
Indianapolis, Outdoor "2700" Apr
20, May 11, Jun 8, Aug 17.

Thomas Petersen
317-762-9745
indyrange@outlook.com

ISRPA Wayne Reid Memorial
Outdoor STATE

CHAMPIONSHIP held at **three**
locations; St. Joseph Valley R&P
Club, Bristol, Sept 14 – Michael
Wood, sjvrpa.pistol@proton.me
Marion County Fish & Game,
Indianapolis, Sept 21 - Thomas
Petersen
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Southern Indiana R&P Club,
Borden, Sept 28 - Dave Richardson,
270-766-7815 Cell
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Southern Indiana R & P Club,
Georgetown, Indoor "1800" (A) Jan
20, Feb 17, Mar 16.

Dave Richardson,
270-766-7815 Cell
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Southern Indiana R & P Club,
Georgetown, Indoor CMP Rimfire
Sporter rifle, Feb 3, Mar 2.

Drew Rudd
502-287-2561
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HIGH POWER

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

Mar 2 - 6/6/6/5/3 Mid Range (KD3)
Mar 3 – 3x1000 Long Range (KD3)

Mar 23 – 3x1000 Long Rang &
50/80 Across the Course (KD6)

Mar 24 - Palma (KD6) Apr 13 -
3/5/6/6/6 Mid Range (KD6) Apr 14
– 3x1000 Long Range (KD6) Apr
27 – 3x1000 Long Range & 50/80

Across the Course (KD6) Apr 28 -
Palma (KD6) May 4 - 3x1000 Long
Range & 50/80 Across the Course

(KD3) May 5 - Palma (KD3) May
11 – New Shooter 200yd-500yd

(KD5) May 18 - 3x600 mid-range
and 2 man team match (KD3) May

19 - New Shooter Long Range

(KD3) Jun 1-2 – Mid Range
Regional (KD6) Sling/AR Tactical-
3/5/6 (Iron sight Saturday, Any
Sight Monday) F-Class- 3x600 June

8-9 - ELR (KD3) Jun 22-23 -

Fullbore Regional (KD6) (22nd
3/5/8/9, 23rd 3/6/9/10 all pair fired)

Jun 29-30 - Long Range Regional
(KD6) Jul 20 - ELR Jul 21 –

3x1000 Long Range (KD3) Aug
3

- 3/5/6/6/6 Mid-Range (KD3) Aug
4 - 3x1000 Long Range (KD3) Aug

17 - 3x1000 Long Range & 50/80
Across the Course (KD3) Aug 18 -

Palma (KD3) Sept 7 – Mid-Range
State (Sling and AR Tactical) 3/5/6
(KD6) Sept 8

- Mid-Range State (F-Class) 3x600
(KD6) Sept 21-22 - Long Range

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Sept
28 - Dan Ireland USMC Match Sept
29 - ELR

Shawn Agne
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ISRPA High Power at Camp
Atterbury:

RMC; Apr 13-14, May 18 -
19+SAFS, Aug 24-25. Jun 15-15
Double EIC. Sept 21-22 **STATE**
CHAMPIONSHIP.

Dave Schnelle
highpower@isrpa.org

Southern Indiana R&P Club,
Borden, 200-300-500 yards,
Electronic Targets CMP matches
M1 + Vintage Sniper Mar 16 both,
Apr 20 M1, May 19 both, Jun 15 M1.
Service Rifle matches; Mar 9, Apr
13, May 11, Jun 8.

M1 Garand **Clinic** Jan 27 indoor
range.

George Eberhardt
502-724-8970
www.sirapc.com

Southern Indiana R & P Club,
Borden, Electronic Targets 300-
500 Yds. Mid-Range Prone & F-
Class, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1,
Jul 6, Aug 3, Sept 7, Nov 2.

Clinic Feb 24 indoor range.

Dwayne Draggoo
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Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club, 200
yards, 3rd Sunday each month,
Sanctioned League. Jan 21 Feb 18,
Mar 17.

David Betz
574-269-9866

Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol
Club, Brookston, Electronic
Targets 200-300 yards. CMP Cup
Matches, Mar 23, Apr 6, 27, May 11,
Jun 1, 29, Jul 13, Aug 3, 17, Sept 28,
Oct 19. **Clinic** Mar 30. M1,
Springfield/Vintage Jun 8. 300 Yd.
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Sept 7.

John Kidder
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Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
State Bill Page: [SB17](#)

SB24 MINIMUM AGE TO CARRY A HANDGUN (RANDOLPH L) Changes the minimum age required to carry a handgun to 21 years of age.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate
Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB24](#)

SB26 PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS AT POLLING PLACES (RANDOLPH L) Prohibits a person from carrying a firearm in or near: (1) a chute; (2) polls; (3) certain areas where voters congregate or are likely to congregate; or (4) any room where ballots are being counted. Provides that the offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Enhances the offense to a: (1) Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for the offense; or (2) Level 6 felony if the firearm is pointed at another person. Specifies: (1) a defense; and (2) certain notice requirements. Prohibits other defenses. Defines particular terms. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate
Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB26](#)

SB28 DISCRIMINATORY FINANCIAL SERVICES PRACTICES (TOMES J) Prohibits a financial services provider from discriminating in providing financial services to a consumer by using a social credit score as a basis for directly or indirectly: (1) declining to provide to the consumer full and equal access to one or more financial services; or (2) providing the consumer with one or more financial services on less favorable terms and conditions than would otherwise apply to the consumer if a social credit score were not used. Defines "social credit score" for purposes of these provisions. Specifies that the term does not include an analysis that involves a financial services provider's evaluation of any quantifiable risks of a consumer's participation in certain business activities or business associations, if the analysis is based on impartial, financial risk based standards that are: (1) established in advance; and (2) publicly disclosed to customers and potential customers; by the financial services provider. Provides that if a financial services provider refuses to provide, terminates, or restricts one or more financial services with respect to a consumer, the consumer may request from the financial services provider a statement of the specific reasons constituting the basis for the refusal,

termination, or restriction. Provides that a financial services provider that receives such a request shall transmit to the consumer a written statement setting forth the specific reasons constituting the basis for the refusal, termination, or restriction. Sets forth requirements regarding the: (1) content of; and (2) means and time frame for submitting; a request or statement under these provisions. Provides that a violation of these provisions constitutes a deceptive act that is actionable under the deceptive consumer sales act only by the attorney general. Provides that a consumer aggrieved by a violation of these provisions may bring a civil action for damages, injunctive relief, or both.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate
Insurance and Financial Institutions

State Bill Page: [SB28](#)

SB39 HUNTING SEASON FOR QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERANS (NIEZGODSKI D) Provides that catastrophically disabled veterans may hunt on the same free hunting days as those designated for youth hunters by the director of the department of natural resources. Defines "catastrophically disabled veteran".

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Natural
Resources

State Bill Page: [SB39](#)

SB66 VARIOUS FIREARMS MATTERS (HUNLEY A) Requires a person wishing to sell, trade, or transfer (transfer) a firearm to another person to transact the transfer through a dealer and provide the dealer with certain information. Specifies the background checks that a dealer must complete prior to the transaction. Permits a dealer to refuse to transact a firearm transfer. Requires a dealer to abort the transaction in other instances. Specifies requirements for a dealer who refuses to transact or aborts a firearm transfer. Makes a dealer immune from civil liability and damages in certain instances. Makes the offenses of firearm transfer fraud and the unlawful transfer of a firearm Level 6 felonies. Enhances both offenses in particular instances. Specifies exceptions and defenses. Requires a retail dealer to display a sign with language stating that failing to secure a firearm against unauthorized access poses a safety risk to children.

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Prohibits a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer, or licensed collector from selling or delivering a: (1) firearm that is not a handgun to a person who is less than 21 years of age; or (2) semiautomatic assault weapon. Defines terms.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate

Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB66](#)

SB95 LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS

(QADDOURA F) Specifies that certain restrictions on the local regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories may not be construed to prevent a county, municipality, or township (unit) from regulating firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories in a manner more restrictive than Indiana law if the regulation is recommended by a law enforcement agency of the unit and a local advocacy group that works to reduce gun violence in the community. Indicates particular regulations that meet these parameters. Provides that a regulation adopted by a unit must comply with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate
Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB95](#)

SB96 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PARAPHERNALIA (BREAUX J)

Defines "fentanyl test strip". Provides that the possession of a fentanyl test strip is not a crime.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate
Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB96](#)

So, to protect our God-given Constitutional Rights, please **JOIN, RECRUIT, VOTE, & FIGHT!**

God Bless,

Charlie Hiltunen,

President, ISRPA



NRA

NRA World

Shooting Championship

April 3-6 2024

Presented by Walther

Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh

The top shooters in the world will compete in multiple types of major firearms shooting sports including pistol, rifle, shotgun and combined firearm sports. At the end, one competitor will be crowned the undisputed "World Shooting Champion."

More info on [the NRA website: Click HERE](#)

JOIN THE STAFF!

World Shooting Championship staff will be responsible for helping to set up and tear down the match as well as run the match for our other competitors. All staff will receive room and board while supporting the match. They will be allowed to compete for prize table prior to the listed match dates.

[Fill out a Staffing Application HERE](#)

Submitted by Sue Mogle, VP Special Projects

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NRA WORLD SHOOTING
CHAMPIONSHIP

Coach's Corner

Coach Gregg Rice, VP Education and Training

Greetings from The X Count in Fort Wayne. As your new VP of Education and Training, I feel a great responsibility to provide the members of the Indiana State Rifle & Pistol Association and the residents of Indiana with the most relevant and current information regarding training opportunities in Indiana and in some cases on the national landscape. The area that I am most versed is Olympic Rifle and Pistol but like most members of our state association, I dabble in many shooting disciplines.

My Olympic Rifle credentials allow me to provide training to others even at the advanced level. I began my training on the typical path offered by the NRA taking Level 1, 2, and 3 courses. Shortly after earning Level 3 I was asked to join the National Coach Development Staff, allowing me to teach new coaches in the Level 1 course. I went on to become an ISSF Licensed Coach and Official, traveling to Bar, Montenegro in 2018 for six days of testing. As an assistant coach for Team USA, I am now able to teach the NRA Level 3 coach course to other advanced coaches. The X Count currently offers a Level 1 course twice a year and a Level 3 course biennial. Please follow updates on The X Count's website and social media for information on Rifle Coach Training opportunities,

The NRA training program has taken a blow with the lawsuit and pandemic with only one person left in the training department. The curriculum has not been updated for some time so when the class is taught at The X Count, materials are updated and students are provided with information regarding ongoing opportunities to develop as a coach.

The gaps in training have not gone unnoticed by USA Shooting, the CMP, and the Potterfield Family. ISSF announced this summer in a press release available on YouTube that they will be redesigning the entire curriculum for Olympic Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun. D and C licenses will be administered and evaluated in an online format. B and A licenses will occur in the traditional in person classroom setting. The X Count intends to work collaboratively



with the CMP, USA Shooting, the NRA, and the Potterfield Family to design a program to instruct new coaches through a mentorship program that compliments the new ISSF curriculum and provides a wide variety of learning modalities. It is our hope that coaches will embrace a disposition of life-long learning and be open to daily learning experiences. The web provides us with a great variety of delivery methods for knowledge and understanding of shooting sports beyond the traditional weekend classroom experience.

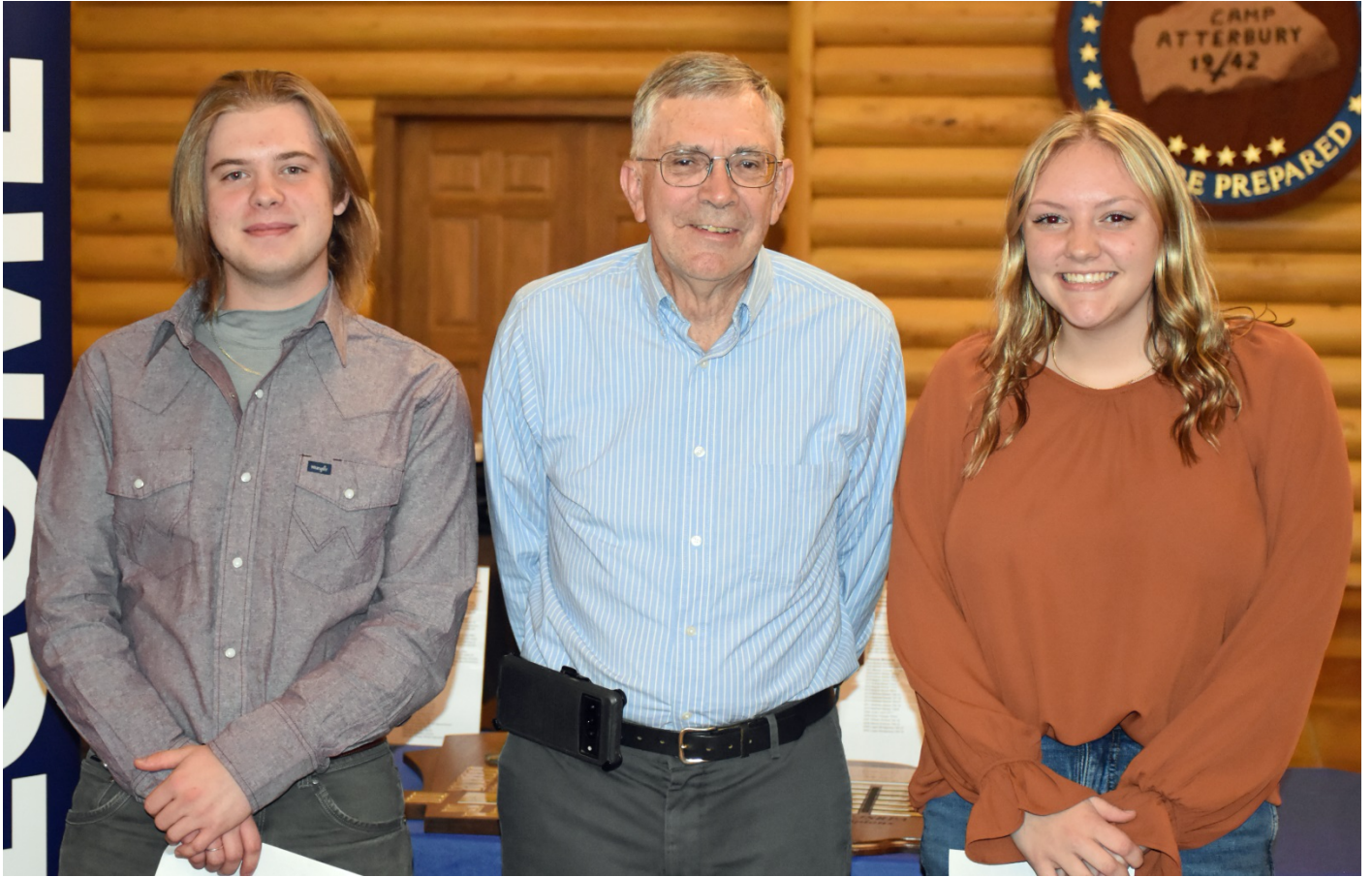
As VP of Education and Training, I am fully aware that my responsibility lies well beyond just Olympic Rifle and Pistol. The NRA World Shooting Championships, which are coming to Camp Atterbury this April, are a great example of the varying shooting disciplines. Some disciplines do not have formal training opportunities while others have a well-established curriculum. In addition to sports training there is a great deal of instruction that occurs across the state in tactical and defensive areas. It is our

intent to use this column each quarter to highlight primarily Indiana training opportunities. As

your VP of Education in Training, I will even participate in these trainings primarily in Indiana but elsewhere when relevant and share my experiences with these opportunities in this column. Please feel free to reach out to me with training opportunities in your part of the state.



2023 Awards Banquet



Bill Jordan (C), VP Junior Activities is with ISRPA Scholarship awardees Thomas Black and Kaley Hartwick. The meeting and Awards Banquet were held at Camp Atterbury's Umbarger Center Nov 4.



Exec-VP Sue Mogle (L) presents junior Madelyn Schnelle with the "Across the Course" Plaque, one of her many High Power Trophies that she won over the 2023 season.




Pistol VP Steven Pardieck (L) presents two National Championship World Speed "Rimfire Challenge" trophies to Adam Renno...one was for Iron sights the other was for Open.

2023 Awards Banquet




Congratulations to the 2023 pistol awardees, pictured (L-R) Serkis Isikbay, Miriam Everest, Pistol VP Steven Pardieck, Franklin Dessuit, Tom Reardon and Todd Giesler.




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Legislative Report

By Kelly Myers, Co-Director, Legislative

First off, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to take this role. With that said, I cannot replace Bill Dowden, I can only hope to fill (half) of the position.

The path that led me here started in 2017.



I found myself in a hearing of the Indiana House of Representatives Public Policy Committee. Although it wasn't coming up for a committee vote, this was the first time Constitutional (permitless) Carry of handguns was brought up for discussion in a hearing. This is also when the public can come in and testify.

In a very short time, I realized a few things: the 2nd Amendment advocates are not filling near as many seats as the "antis" (my generic term for people who oppose gun rights.) I also realized that I needed a hobby, and I could testify in support of 2nd Amendment issues.

Constitutional Carry of handguns found its way to a Summer Study that year. That would be the first time I would testify at the Statehouse and for Constitutional Carry. It would not be the last.

In early 2018 and purely by chance, I met David Conte (NRA-ILA Regional Grassroots Campaign Field Coordinator) at the Indy 1500 Gun and Blade Show at the State Fairgrounds. David was there with the effort to get Senator Mike Braun elected. He signed me up to be an NRA-ILA volunteer right after I said, "I want (then US Senator) Joe Donnelly to be unemployed."

This led to working at the NRA/NRA-ILA/ISRPA booth at the Indy 1500s as well as at the Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo. That is where I spent a great deal of time with Dan Pavloff (former ISRPA Vice President/Special Projects.) Dan is a great friend and a great supporter of our 2nd Amendment Rights.

I consider myself blessed since I live close to the Indiana Statehouse and work even closer to the Statehouse. Over the years I was able to testify in support of: Church Carry (when there is a school on the property,) civil immunity for lawful use of deadly force, strengthening protections under the Laird Law

(red flag law,) handgun training for teachers, limiting the release of handgun license information/specifying when federal agencies can receive the information, and Constitutional Carry of Handguns (a total of six times.)

There are a **LOT** of bills introduced every legislative session (which begins in January and runs until mid-March or early April depending on the biennial budget.) Good news: I took on the role of reviewing the Senate and House Bills at the Indiana General Assembly for an online gun owner's community a few years ago. Better news: there are others at the ISRPA doing the same thing. Getting the word out on pending legislation is a major part of [ISRPA Government Affairs](#).

Every year there will be three or four pro-gun owner bills in the Indiana General Assembly (out of the 600+ bills introduced every year.) **Letters/emails/phone calls to not only [your State Senator/Representative](#), but to Committee Chairs (these individuals make the call on what gets a hearing, and what never makes it out of committee) and members of the specific committee (when the bill has a hearing, these are the folks who determine if it gets a vote on the Senate or House floor.)** This is quite easy and done from the [Indiana General Assembly website](#). Always remember: *copy/paste is your friend*.

[Bills to look for in 2024:](#) Financial companies who discriminate against gun owners and anyone in a business related to firearms. The State of Indiana will not do business with these companies. We had a good start on this in 2023; it is time to take it further. Also: Fixing the Nantz v State (2001) Circuit Court decision that made pointing a firearm only legal if it is a "reasonable force includes deadly force" situation. This bill has passed the Senate three times, but has never received a hearing in the House.

There are also a number of anti-gun bills introduced every year. With the Republican super-majority in both the House and Senate these bills rarely if ever get a hearing in committee (thus never receive a floor vote) but it is important to know what could happen to our gun rights if we do not keep up the fight.

It is vitally important that our elected officials (at Federal and State level) know that gun owners are out here, we pay attention, and we vote.

***The antis never give up,
neither can we!***

The 2024 Indiana Legislative session began Monday November 8. Look for Regular updates on bills of interest to members on [the ISRPA Website](#) and email news!

In Memoriam

William Dowden

By Jerry Wehner, Director SE

On October 6, ISRPA lost a near and dear friend when Bill Dowden went to his eternal reward. I can almost see a United States Marine wearing his finest dress uniform, with highly shined boots, standing at attention and saluting the Good Lord and saying 'One Marine reporting for duty Sir.' You know the saying 'Once a Marine always a Marine.'

I became familiar with Bill after Bud Gates moved to Montana and gave up his position as Legislative Director for ISRPA. I was President of ISRPA at the time and I asked Bill if he was interested in taking over that position, but he declined at that time because of other commitments.

Later, once things settled down Bill did take over the position of ISRPA Legislative Director and served in that position until the time of his passing. I used to go with Bill to the State Capitol building when the Legislature was in session and there was an item of interest to ISRPA. I always marveled at the fact that Bill could not go 50-60 ft without encountering someone who recognized Bill, came up, shook hands, and chatted with him. I swear he knew every legislator and they knew him as well. I always assumed that being familiar with all the legislators was due to the fact that Bill served on the Marion County Common Council from 1972-2003; many years as its President. He had a knack for remembering names, faces, and items of interest in people and could immediately strike up a conversation with anyone.

Bill was very proud of his service with the United States Marine Corps in Korea but never spoke much about it other than he was there.

Semper fi, Bill



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2024 Match Schedules

SMALLBORE

Anderson Rifle & Pistol Club, 100 Yds., Prone, May 11, Jun 8, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 5.

Lark Hillard

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Michigan City Rifle Club, NSSF Rimfire Challenge Match, 2nd Saturday each month.

Peter Swenson

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St. Joseph Valley R&P Assoc., Chief Wa-Ke'-De Range, Bristol, Prone & F-Class EIC, Apr 20, May 4-5 Haven Williams, Jul 6-7 ISRPA Conv. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**. Oct 12-13 Sand Prairie Metric Prone & F-Class **REGIONAL**.

Cameron Zwart

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COWBOY

ACTION SHOOTING

Stark County Desert, Knox, 4th Saturday March through October.

Whip McCord

219-942-5859

Chicken Eye Bill

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SILHOUETTE

Starke Associated Marksmen, Knox, Rimfire Bench Rest Silhouette, Oct 15.

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Match Results:

SOUTHERN INDIANA R & P CLUB BORDEN CMP SERVICE RIFLE OCTOBER 21

Match Winner	Jeannie Redicker	484-22
2 nd	Paul Cain	482-11
3 rd	Paul Jackson	475-07
4 th	Ty Smith	466-08
5 th	Drew Rudd	452-07

M1 & MIXED MILITARY OCTOBER 28

M1

Match Winner	Drew Rudd	279-02
2 nd	Chuck Montgomery	276-01
3 rd	Mike Diehl	266-02

Springfield

Match Winner	David Harrison 1903	279-03
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Vintage

Match Winner	Paul Jackson 1917	274-04
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Modern Military

Match Winner	George Eberhardt M1A	262-03
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Unlimited MM

Match Winner	Jacob Chambers AR15	285-07
2 nd	Cole Chambers AR15	277-03
3 rd	Isaac Mikel AR15	271-02

VINTAGE SNIPER MATCH OCTOBER 28

Match Winners	Jerry St. John	192-06
	Donnie Abbott	186-02
		378-08
2 nd	Paul Jackson	192-07
	Mike Diehl	176-03
		368-10
3 rd	Kevin Powell	189-03
	Mike Dahl	169-02
		358-05

MID-RANGE PRONE OCTOBER 7

Match Winner F/O	Richard Boyer	598-30
2 nd	Brian Schmidt	597-32
Match Winner FTR	Jeremy Spenser	597-33
2 nd	Todd Sanders	596-27
Match Winner Sling	Paul Jackson	589-30
2 nd	Bill Balda	579-18

INDOOR PISTOL "1800" GEORGETOWN OCTOBER 21

Match Winner	Chris Bruns	1604-16
1 st EX	Ron Bekebrede	1544-16
2 nd EX	Mike Idlewine	1483-14
1 st SS/MK	John LeMay	1404-11

NOVEMBER 23

Match Winner	Tom Reardon	1671-34
1 st EX	Chris Bruns	1601-26
2 nd EX	Lenny Chopovsky	1577-25

RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH NOVEMBER 4

Match Winner T-Class	Ashton Smith	584-24
2 nd	Mike Smith	567-15
3 rd	Barry McKim	547-13
1 st Tactical	Mike Korff	551-03
1 st O-Class	Jerry St. John	556-01
2 nd	Donnie Abbott	526-00

DECEMBER 5

Match Winner T-Class	Mike Smith	579-16
2 nd	Ashton Smith	575-28
3 rd	Barry McKim	571-17
1 st O-Class	Chris Wieck	503-02

ANDERSON RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB 100 YARD SMALLBORE PRONE OCTOBER 14

Match Winner & Door Prize	Richard Nixon	595-25
2 nd	Jay McGuire	593-25
3 rd	Tony Misner	579-21
x-count Winner	Rex Taylor	566-12

WARSAW RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB HIGH POWER SEPTEMBER 17

Match Winner	Mark Brown	482-22
2 nd	Jeff Brown	469-08
3 rd	Brian DeGroff	417-06

OCTOBER 23

Match Winner	Mark Brown	484-15
2 nd	Nathan Berke	397-03
3 rd	Jeff Brown	367-00
4 th	Brian DeGroff	321-02

SAM SILHOUTTE CLUB KNOX, BENCHREST RIFLE OCTOBER 17

Match Winner	Dan Conley	50-10
2 nd	Steve Toneff	49-10
3 rd	Art Kasparian	49-05

Smallbore Vice-President

By Keith Adams (Doc)

I would like to introduce myself as the new **ISRPA Vice-President for Smallbore Rifle** for 2024...and yes, that is a large ice cream cone being enjoyed after a long day of shooting after winning the Ohio State F-Class Championships (one of my shooting traditions regardless of results). The biggest item on my agenda



this year is moving the Indiana State Smallbore Prone and F-Class Championships to July 6-7 at Wa Ke De range in Bristol, to increase participation in both disciplines and add another "practice" match prior to the CMP and NRA Nationals. I also have plans to try to develop a 3-P State Championship in conjunction with one of the scheduled Regional 3-P matches held in Indiana this summer. If any range or club is interested in helping me set up a good 3-P Championship, I would greatly appreciate it. I have had a brief discussion with X-Count out of Fort Wayne as they are very amenable to the idea, but I am open to any other suggestions or ideas.

[St. Joseph Valley Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. - ISRPA State Championship Conventional Prone & F-Class EIC Match \(3200\) \(wildapricot.org\)](#)

Now that we have run three smallbore F-Class state championships, I thought it would be appropriate to have a suitable trophy for this particular discipline. I have included a picture of the new perpetual trophy for

F-Class that I made to help elevate this sport and encourage participation. As with the Prone Trophy (held by Jamie Piotrowski the last three years), it will be awarded to the highest F-Class shooter from Indiana. However, I do plan to award place medals to the top three finishers regardless of residence, as I will do for the prone shooters.

It's winter time now and a good time to stock up on your .22LR ammo for the spring and summer matches as well as tune your rifles and hopefully get ready for a challenging and fun filled summer of competition.



Hope to meet you all soon...Doc A.

“Invest (By Being Vested) in Youth Shooting Sports”

By Charlie Hiltunen, President ISRPA

Below is an excerpt from a recent speech I gave at the Midway Foundation National Youth Shooting Sports Summit; I thought it would give us all some thoughts and talking points when we talk about the importance of engaging in our rich Second Amendment heritage and passing it on to the next generation“

Youth Shooting Sports programs are an important tool to pass on a legacy – not only the shooting sport tradition, but also the American Way and the preservation of our Country. As we navigate the complexities of our changing modern world, the need for strong character, discipline, and leadership skills has never been more critical to keep our American Dream alive.

Youth shooting sports have the power to transform lives in ways that extend far beyond the firing range. Here are some key points to consider:

Character Development: Engaging in shooting sports instills essential character traits such as discipline, responsibility, and respect for rules and safety. These values translate into everyday life, fostering a sense of integrity and ethics that guide young individuals in their choices and actions.

Self-Confidence: As young participants learn to master the techniques and challenges of shooting sports, they gain a profound sense of accomplishment. This boost in self-confidence is transferable to other areas of life, enabling them to tackle challenges with courage and resilience.

Focus and Concentration: Shooting sports require unwavering focus and concentration. Young shooters must learn to shut out distractions, an invaluable skill in a world filled with constant stimuli. This heightened concentration aids in academic performance and other endeavors that require intense mental focus.

Goal Setting and Achievement: Setting and achieving goals are fundamental life skills, and shooting sports provide an ideal platform for developing them. Whether it is hitting a specific target or improving their accuracy, youth athletes learn the importance of setting objectives and working diligently to attain them.

Stress Management: In today's fast-paced world, stress management is vital for mental health.

Participating in shooting sports can be a therapeutic outlet, allowing young individuals to relieve stress and anxiety while learning to maintain composure under pressure – a skill that serves them well in all aspects of life.

Teamwork and Leadership: While shooting is often seen as an individual sport, many shooting disciplines involve teamwork and collaboration. Youth shooters develop essential teamwork skills, learning to communicate effectively with peers and work towards common goals. Additionally, they often evolve into leaders, guiding and supporting their fellow athletes. Young athletes involved in shooting sports often become leaders not just on the range but also in various aspects of their lives. Leadership skills, such as communication, teamwork, and decision-making, are honed through the pursuit of excellence in their chosen sport. These skills are transferable to school, work, and community involvement. As young individuals gain confidence in their abilities, they are more likely to step forward and take on leadership roles in their communities, fostering a sense of responsibility and contributing positively to society.

Respect for Firearms and Safety: One of the most crucial aspects of youth shooting sports is the emphasis on safety. Participants learn to handle firearms responsibly and understand the gravity of their actions. This knowledge fosters a lifelong respect for firearms and a commitment to safety, reducing the risk of accidents and misuse.

Inclusivity and Diversity: Shooting sports communities often welcome individuals from diverse backgrounds and walks of life. This inclusivity teaches young participants to appreciate diversity, break down stereotypes, and forge connections with people they might not have otherwise encountered. Moreover, shooting sports have the potential to unite people from diverse backgrounds. The camaraderie developed on the shooting range transcends differences and promotes a sense of inclusivity and mutual respect. This, in turn, nurtures empathetic and understanding individuals who are better equipped to navigate the challenges of our interconnected world.

Life Skills for the Future: The skills learned in youth shooting sports, such as time management, patience, perseverance, and sportsmanship, prepare participants for the challenges they will face as adults. Every shot taken demands focus and control, and the

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youth quickly learn the importance of patience and dedication. These skills are not only valuable for personal growth but also for success in education and future careers. The importance and impact of youth shooting sports on young lives are immeasurable. These sports not only build character but also provide invaluable life skills that empower our youth to face the world with confidence, integrity, and resilience. Let us continue to support and nurture this positive influence on our youth, recognizing the potential for personal growth and lifelong success that it offers to each participant.

When we talk about investing in youth shooting sports, we are not only referring to financial support but also to **our commitment, time, and belief in the potential of our young participants**. Here is how being vested in youth shooting sports can make a profound impact:

Financial Investment: Financial support for youth shooting sports can help provide access to quality training, equipment, and facilities. It ensures that young individuals, regardless of their socio-economic background, have the opportunity to participate and excel in the sport.

Mentorship and Coaching: Being vested means investing our time and expertise as mentors and coaches. Experienced individuals can guide and inspire young shooters, helping them develop not only their skills but also their character and values. Furthermore, mentorship plays a pivotal role in nurturing young talents in shooting sports. When experienced shooters take on the role of mentors, they pass down not only their technical knowledge but also the wisdom that comes from years of practice and dedication. The relationship between mentor and mentee is a special one, built on trust and respect. It empowers the youth, boosts their confidence, and instills a sense of belonging within the shooting community.

The importance of mentoring and leadership in encouraging youth to participate in shooting sports for character development cannot be overstated. These sports offer a unique blend of discipline, responsibility, teamwork, and leadership, all of which are essential for personal growth and success in life. As parents, educators, and mentors, it is our responsibility to guide and inspire our youth, helping them become not just skilled athletes but also individuals of strong character and integrity.

Encouragement and Recognition: Encouraging and recognizing the achievements of young shooters is a powerful form of investment. Positive reinforcement motivates them to strive for excellence and builds their self-esteem.

Promoting a Safe Environment: Ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for youth shooting sports is a critical investment. This includes adhering to strict safety protocols, providing psychological support, and creating a culture of inclusivity and respect.

Advocacy and Support: Being vested also means advocating for the continued existence and growth of youth shooting sports. This may involve lobbying for funding, organizing events, or raising awareness about the positive impact of the sport on young lives.

Community Involvement: Encouraging parents, educators, and the broader community to be vested in youth shooting sports fosters a sense of shared responsibility. Communities that support these programs not only enrich the lives of young participants but also contribute to a safer and more vibrant society.

Long-Term Commitment: Investing in youth shooting sports is a long-term commitment. It means believing in the potential of our young athletes to grow, develop, and become responsible citizens. It's about nurturing their journey from the early stages of training to becoming leaders in the sport and beyond.

By being vested in youth shooting sports, we are nurturing the future of our youth and our society as a whole. We are investing in character development, skill building, and the creation of responsible, confident, and capable leaders who will contribute positively to our communities.

In conclusion, let us recognize the importance of investing in youth shooting sports not just as a sport but also as a means of personal growth, character development, and community building. By being vested in the well-being and development of our young participants, we are sowing the seeds for a brighter future for all. Thank you for your commitment to this noble cause.

THANK YOU to Larry & Brenda Potterfield, Corporate & Industry sponsors, all of our Shooting Sports, Conservation, Hunting, and Second Amendment organizations...Together we stand, divided we fall, but this commitment must be passed to the next generation.



By Pete Swenson, President RCSA

One of the fastest growing shooting sports in the United States is Rimfire Challenge. It is a 2-Gun event utilizing a semi-automatic .22 caliber rifle or pistol and steel targets. There are two (2) divisions: Limited (Iron Sights) or Open (Typically Red-Dot). Rimfire Challenge has gone thru several iterations. Originally, RUGER® started Rimfire Challenge to help bolster sales of their 10/22 and Mark Series pistols. As the program grew, it became clear that more resources were needed, so RUGER® spun the program off to **National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)**. NSSF ran the program, very successfully until 2017, at which time they turned the program over to the newly formed [Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association](http://www.rimfirechallenge.org).



Shooters are required to compete using a rifle and handgun from any manufacturer in .22 Long Rifle caliber. The course of fire is to shoot 5 to 7 steel targets that are no smaller than 8" in size. The competitor will shoot five strings with one plate being designated as the stop plate. The four lowest-scored strings will be totaled as your score. A competitor can compete in Open and/or Limited Divisions. The aggregate of the rifle and pistol times are utilized to determine the overall scores – with the lowest total time being the winner.

Rimfire Challenge is a very family friendly sport. It is quite common to see three (3) generations of a family competing at RCSA matches!

Unlike other shooting sports, there is no prescribed set-up to the target arrays. The competitors come to each match on a level playing field: they have no idea what the match director will have in store for them.

In the recently concluded [2023 Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association World Championship](http://www.rimfirechallenge.org), held in Woodville, AL. 214 competitors competed for top honors and a chance to walk the prize table with more than \$65,000 worth of product donated by the shooting

industry. Indiana was well represented at this event! Chesterton resident Lance Bratcher, representing Ft. Wayne based [TIPPMANN ARMS](http://www.tippmannarms.com) garnered 2nd Place Overall.

If you would like to explore the possibility of including Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association programs at your club visit

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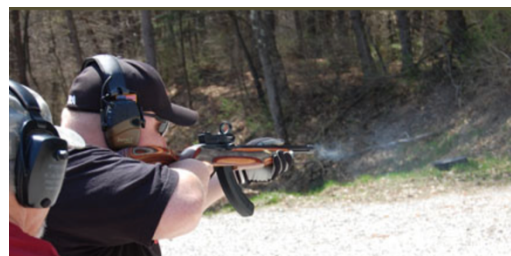
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Rimfire and Steel Challenge at Riley Conservation Club

By Sue Mogle, VP Special Projects

Looking for a great variety of fun, challenging, family friendly shooting events? [Riley Conservation Club](http://www.rileyconservationclub.org) is a great place to find them! Located at 6301 East Gross Road just east of Terre Haute, Riley has built an impressive series of competitions for everyone that are low key but challenging. Matches are scheduled every weekend (weather dependent). Match formats rotate on a monthly basis.



Steel Challenge: Shoot 5 steel targets against the clock using .22 rifles, .22 pistol, or centerfire pistol with iron sights or optics. It's a simple but fun and challenging match with something for everyone. Riley is a SCSA affiliated club, hosting matches the first and third Saturday March through November. Riley is consistently one of the Top 20 Steel Challenge Clubs in the country. Get more information on the SCSA website: <https://scsa.org>.

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Riley Conservation Club will host the 2024 TACCOM Area 5 Steel Challenge Championship June 7-9 2024.

Some of the .22 only events include **22 Rifle Long Range**, a blend of F-class long range shooting mixed with NRA Silhouette targets. Match organizers copied a successful high power match from out west and scaled it down to a rimfire event to fit the range. Steel targets range from 75-240 yards, and are sized such that rifles capable of shooting the end out of a pop can at 100 yards are competitive. Typical guns for this game are CZ and Savage bolt actions. Scopes are required, popular models are Vortex and Hawke. 60 targets at a match, one shot at each target.



Shooting position is prone with a bipod. Shooters not able to fire from prone can shoot from a bench.

Groundhog matches include short range (25, 50, 75, and 100 yards) on bullseye targets inside the outline of a groundhog. Long Range matches are shot at 110, 165, and 200 yards. The targets are bulls eyes inside the outline of a groundhog. Shooters may shoot from a bench or prone and use any two-piece front and rear rests. Typical rifles for this match are CZ or Savage with a scope.

Groundhog Steel Long Range is a steel match shot at 165, 200 and 240 yards on square, diamond, and rectangle targets appropriately sized for each distance. Shooters may shoot from a bench or prone. Bring spotting scopes for scorekeeping.

Rimfire Madness is a fun and exciting shooting sport at Riley, best described as “steel challenge on steroids”



with magazine fed 22 rifles and pistols. The match consists of 4 or 5 stages with target arrays from 6 to 50 targets. Shoot the targets as fast as you can within the two minutes allotted for each stage!

For more information on the matches and a calendar of events, visit the [Riley website](#). Match info is consistently posted on the [Indiana Gun Owners Shooting Sports forum](#) and the [Riley Conservation Club Facebook page](#).



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PIOTROWSKI WINS

By Cameron Zwart, Head Coach, Rifle & Pistol Club, Grand Valley State University

BRISTOL, IN –

Conditions were less than ideal for the **2023 Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association Smallbore Outdoor**



Conventional Prone State Championships which were hosted at [Chief Wa-Ke'-De Range](#) on October 14,. Temperatures hovered around 50 degrees; although, the persistent rain and wind gusts of 15 MPH made it feel just a little bit cooler. Heavy cloud cover and a solar eclipse kept the mirage subdued. In total, 13 shooters braved the conditions and competed in the match. The individual match consisted of 160 total shots fired at various distances. The Indiana resident with the highest aggregate score is declared the State Champion.

Sling

The 50-yard match saw just two shooters fire perfect scores of 400, Cameron Zwart (Comstock Park, Michigan) and Jamie Piotrowski (Fishers). Zwart bested Piotrowski 37x - 30x, helped by a 200-20 on his second target. Justin Eads (McCordsville) was third with a 399-33. As a side note, Zwart, Piotrowski, Eads, and Collin Fox (East Lansing, Michigan), representing Hut #1559, competed as a four-person team in the [2023 CMP Smallbore Prone Team Championship](#), finishing seventh overall.

In the 50-meter match, Eads and his Walther KK500 with Nightforce optic led the way. He shot a 399-34. The tallest competitor, Piotrowski, was second with a 398-32. Cameron Zwart posted a 394-27 for third.

A trio of Indiana residents shot 396 in the Dewar Course. The match consisted of 20 shots fired at 50 yards and 20 shots fired at 100 yards. Piotrowski posted 25 x's. Dan Weigel (Elkhart) was second with 22. Robert Winding (South Bend) and his 20 was third.

The 100-yard match saw continued dominance by Piotrowski, who finished first with a score of 394-18.

Weigel, shooting an Anschutz rifle with Lapua ammunition, was second with 393-15. Zwart, shooting an Anschutz rifle with Eley Match, was third with 392-14.

When it was all over, Piotrowski earned his third consecutive smallbore state championship. He posted a score of 1588-105. The score was the lowest of his three championship wins, a reflection of the tough conditions; however, he outshot his nearest competitors by 10 points, his largest margin of victory out of the three wins, a testament to his superior skills in reading wind. Piotrowski used a Turbor V2 3P rifle with a Benchmark 3-groove 1-16.5" twist barrel, Leopold FX3 scope set at 25 power and Eley Match ammunition. Piotrowski calls Anderson Rifle & Pistol Club his home range.

Zwart and Weigel both shot 1578, with Zwart having the center shot advantage 98x - 72x. Zwart was the top expert and Weigel was the top sharpshooter. Brian Lewis (Fishers) was the top senior with a 1568-77. Gerald Bersaglia (Sunman) was the top grand-senior with a 1556-70. Fox was the top marksman with a 1531-48. There were no junior or woman entries this year.

F-Class

There were three entries in the F-Class State Championship. Keith "Doc" Adams (Monticello) swept all matches to finish with a 1551-76. Adams, a grand-senior, has been the top finisher in the match for three consecutive years. Sylvie Schrader (Lakeport, Michigan) was second overall with a 1487-37. Additionally, the Grand Valley State University freshman was the top woman, top junior, and top collegiate. Reuben Zarria (Elkhart) was third with a 1431-20.



Full Results on the [CMP Competition Tracker Page](#)-

Winter Air Gun

By, Diane Rice, Executive VP

Indiana was well represented on the leaderboard at the WAG.

Winter Air Gun is a highly competitive match administered by USA Shooting each December. It is one of the largest recruiting events providing the NCAA coaches a chance to get a good look at high school athletes. The match is also late enough that the college athletes are able to compete. This match, like all of our events, experienced significant transformation during the pandemic and the match is now conducted at two sites. This year there were athletes at both the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and the Civilian Marksmanship Program at Camp Perry, Ohio. Indiana had competitors at both locations. The annual competition held individual and team matches for both 10-meter Air Rifle and 10-meter Air Pistol.



CMP Director Emeritus Gary Anderson, congratulates Daniel Shanebrook (on the podium) after presenting him with the Gold Medal in the Winter Air Gun Championship.

At the Camp Perry location, Indiana athletes had a great showing. Coach/athlete, Daniel Shanebrook came out of shooting retirement approximately one year ago after he reunited with his high school program and began coaching. After a finals appearance at the Walther Cup and a little bit of a rough qualification round at Winter Air, Shanebrook made the finals in eighth place. A strong finals performance allowed Shanebrook to capture the gold.

In the junior category, Indiana had a strong finish as well. The male under 15 category was won by Niko Druley of Fort Wayne. The juniors' final was very intense but Alivia Perkins, also of Fort Wayne, took home the bronze. We are very proud of how Indiana performed in this extremely important and highly competitive environment and consider it a sign of thing to come for our homegrown athletes.



Alivia Perkins at right was the Bronze Medal winner in the Winter Air Gun Championship. Alivia has signed with the University of Nebraska and will join the roster for the 2024-2025 season.



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2023 Smallbore Prone State Championships



State Smallbore Prone Champion, Jamie Piotrowski is flanked by fellow match winners, Cameron Zwart (L) and Dan Weigel. The match was hosted by St. Joseph Valley R&P Association, Chief-Wa'-De Range, Bristol. Article is on page 18.

