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President's Message

By Shelly Albino

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish to apologize for not publishing a Marksman for quite a while. Each season has its own needs and as a purely volunteer organization, time goes by quickly. We turn around and here we are late again, but we pledge to set a publication schedule and stick to it. The Association's website main page is also being updated.

This newsletter and website is to you from you. We need your input to make this newsletter and organization applicable to you and your sporting needs. Pictures, articles and information on your clubs submitted by you will be included in our next edition. Please send all submissions to CSRRRA, P.O. Box 745, North Haven, CT 06473.

This summer, at the National Outdoor Smallbore Rifle Championships, our Junior Smallbore Teams set new records and came back bearing the top prizes. Connecticut also has one of the highest per capita and actual attendance at this event of all 50 states. The Junior Highpower Team had its share of accomplishments, too. Our senior members distinguished themselves in both conventional and metric outdoor and indoor championships with wins. The state pistol team was a presence at the National Championships and did not return empty handed. Our state has some of the best shooters, coaches, support personnel and parents in the country.

One of the Association's principal objectives is "the development of athletes of the highest class in the shooting sports through the sponsoring of small arms competitions, the conduct of junior and adult shooter development programs and the representation of the state of Connecticut in competitions at the local, state, national and international levels". We continue to ask, "How can we help YOU meet these goals?" Please send your ideas and suggestions to the Association at the above address.

Let's continue to energize our Association and fellow shooters as we look forward to the upcoming year.

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2010 Connecticut State Camp Perry Pistol Team

By Francis Lerz

The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association fielded a baker's dozen of pistol shooters at this year's National Outdoor Pistol National Championships. The team was largely populated by expert class shooters, with a sprinkling of masters and sharpshooters shooting at 25 and 50 yards with 22 caliber, centerfire, and 45 caliber handguns represented the state well.

Bill Bastenbeck, Gary Duran, Mary Goss, Francis Lerz, Dave Miller, Bill Ohm, Frank Savino, John Schoenfeld, Roger Sperry, Shawn Sullivan, Peter Tripputi, Frances Wasilnak, and Marc Wasilnak were mixed and matched into two expert teams to take advantage of each shooter's strength with the following results.



Gold Team Left to right, Peter Tripputi, Bill Ohm, Bill Bastenbeck, Dave Miller, Marc Wasilnak, Frances Wasilnak.

In the 22 caliber championship the CSRRRA Gold Team of Peter Tripputi, Frances Wasilnak, Dave Miller, and Marc Wasilnak placed sixth while CSRRRA Silver John Schoenfeld, Shawn Sullivan, Frank Savino, and Gary Duran came in ninth.

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Michael Burzynski Jr. Scholarship Winner



Michael A. Burzynski Jr., of Stratford, Connecticut, son of Michael Sr., and Lenore Burzynski as well as the brother of University of Texas at El Paso's rifle team member Josie Burzynski, has been awarded the 2010 Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Among Michael's credentials was participation in the Relay for Life Cancer walk. He entered the "Mr. Relay" pageant as "Mr. Rifle." Michael also volunteered at the Bridgeport Rifle Club to help new juniors learn the basics of shooting. He received the Bunnell High School "Bulldog Award" in recognition of his four years of outstanding team leadership and dedication as a member of the Bunnell Rifle Team.

Michael is now attending Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky where he is a member of the Murray State University Shooting Team. Mike placed 8th at the Junior Olympic Nationals in 2008, shot at Camp Perry from 2006-10 where he was named to the International Drew Cup squad in 2008 and 2010. He was named to the Connecticut All-State Team for four years and set five national records.

The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association established the scholarship fund in 1994. The Association uses the interest from this fund to provide our Junior Members assistance with college tuition. The generosity of our members has made this scholarship possible.

The Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Association congratulates Mike on this honor and wishes him the best as he purses his goal of becoming a conservation officer.

Camp Perry Pistol Team

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Tripputi, Frances Wasilnak, Bill Ohm, and Miller made up the 14th place Gold center fire team as Savino, Roger Sperry, Sullivan, and Schoenfeld formed the 20th place Silver team.

The 45 caliber team match featured a Gold team of Bill Bastenbeck, Miller, Tripputi, and Frances Wasilnak that took eighth place. The Silver team of Savino, Schonfield, Sullivan and Sperry was 20th overall.

NRA 2010 National Metric Championships

Jeff Doerschler, a former national three position champion was Connecticut's only representative at the inaugural National Rifle Association Metric Position Championship, held at the Saint Joseph Valley Rifle and Pistol Club on the Wa-Ke-De Range in Bristol, Indiana just before Camp Perry.

In metallic sights competition, Doerschler was first Master carding an 1117-25X and won the kneeling match with a 382. Team competition was a non-fired paper match in which Doerschler and Abigail Fong, members of the Connecticut based Corporal Digby Hand Schützenverein, teamed up to win the match with a combined score of 2263-62Xs.

On anysight day Doerschler again won kneeling with a 377-12X, which supported by his consistently high placement in the earlier stages, gave him the any sight championship with a score of 1138-48X.

The anysight team match was a duplicate of the metallic sight as Digby Hand won again and with it also brought home the grand aggregate trophy. Doerschler took the aggregate silver medal with a 2255-73X.

The prone championship followed and the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association doubled its representation when the Rocketto brothers, Steve and Hap, set up on the line. They, unfortunately, did not do as well as Doerschler but had a great experience as they fine tuned for Camp Perry.

The tournament, the first of its kind, was commented upon favorably by the competitors for the excellent 100 firing point facility with its covered firing line, excellent target frames, and other modern and comfortable amenities.



Jeff Doerschler and Abigail Fong proudly hold aloft the 2010 Metric National Championship Team Trophy they won shooting for the Digby hand Schützenverein.

2010 ALL-STATE TEAM AWARDS RECIPIENTS HELD AT ZANDRI'S STILLWOOD INN, WALLINGFORD

Each year the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association recognizes the accomplishments of its juniors by naming an All State Rifle Team in smallbore for sub juniors, clubs, high schools, and high power. While the criteria is somewhat different for each division what is constant is the requirement that those named be recommended by their coach and that they exhibit sportsmanship and skill.

A recognition dinner is held each spring where the team members are presented certificates of achievement and commemorative sweatshirts. They are treated to both a fine dinner and a guest speaker who is a respected member of the shooting community. This year Major Ronald Wigger, coach of West Point's United States Military Academy Rifle Team was the guest speaker.

Connecticut juniors honored were:

SUB-JUNIOR ALL-STATE TEAM: Ted Blake and Libby Tallberg of the Bridgeport Rifle Club: coach Rick Capozzi; Cory Britt and Eric Sloan of the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club: coach Dwayne Britt; Rachel Gardecki of the Stratford PAL Junior Rifle Club: coach Tony Panko; Kimberlee F. Grohocki of the Niantic Sportsmen's Club: coach Lisette Grunwell-Lacey; Katelyn Kraft and Timothy Kraft of the Bell City Rifle Club: coach Jeff Verbickas; and John Yusza IV and Chad Dieffenbach of the Blue Trail Range JRC: coach David Lyman.

SUB-JUNIOR HONORABLE MENTION: Kurt Aronson, Mike Hamlin, and Noah Lyke of the Blue Trail Range JRC: coach David Lyman; Stephen Povroznik of the Stratford PAL Junior Rifle Club: coach Tony Panko; and Patrick Warren of the Bridgeport Rifle Club: coach Rick Capozzi.

JUNIOR CLUB ALL-STATE TEAM: Emily Britt of the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club: coach Dwayne Britt; Anthony Cuozzo of the Stratford PAL Junior Rifle Club: coach Tony Panko; Claudia Duksa of the Bell City Rifle Club: coach Jeff Verbickas; Kyle Frawley of the Bridgeport Rifle Club: coach Rick Capozzi; Jacob C. Lathrop of the Niantic Sportsmen's Club: coach Lisette Grunwell-Lacey; Jacob Costa, Erin Lee, Eric Petty, Brian Snow, and Tom Landro of the Blue Trail Range JRC: coach David Lyman.

CLUB HONORABLE MENTION: Dan Ford and Jason Gribko of the Blue Trail Range JRC: coach David Lyman; and Amanda Goode of the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club: coach Dwayne Britt.

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE TEAM: Matthew Buechele of North Haven High: coach Brent Heidenis; Michael Burzynski of Bunnell High: coach Kevin Simon; Jon Chamberlain of Vinal Tech: coach David Lyman; Kyle Clark, Remington Perry Lyman, Conrad Mish, and Brendan O'Connor of Suffield Academy: coach Anna McCarthy; Jung Su Park of Avon Old Farms: coach David Lyman; and Lenny Smittner and Jim Stanley of Xavier High School: coach Greg Lonczak.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORABLE MENTION: Shelby Burdick of Grasso Tech: coach Shawn Carpenter; Casey Camire of O.H. Platt: coach Heather Bellabuono; Penn Fisher of Suffield Academy: coach Anna McCarthy Ryan Overturf of Xavier High School: coach Greg Lonczak; and Alex Tynell of Avon Old Farms: coach David Lyman

HIGH POWER ALL-STATE TEAM: Dakota Haag, Lyndsey Nash, Justine Jarvis, Jeff Neilan, Tyler Plude and Jon Planeta, Honorable Mention: Coach: Brad Palmer

The All State selection Committee was Lisette Grunwell-Lacey, CSRRA Junior Director, Michael Burzynski Sr., and Jennifer Sloan.



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Pictures of honorees from top to bottom: Top two pictures are the Sub-Junior All-State Team; 3. Junior Club All-State Team; 4. High School All-State Team, 5. High Power All-State Team.

2010 JUNIOR HIGH POWER SUMMARY

by Wally Lyman and Brad Palmer

Brad Palmer, coach of the Connecticut Junior Highpower Rifle Team, and Bob Hughes, Junior Marksmanship Support Group coach, organized the Third Annual Eastern States Junior Highpower Clinic and Championship earlier this year. Supported by the North Carolina National Guard at Camp Butner, the North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association, the US Marine Corps Highpower Rifle team and the Civilian Marksmanship Program the event took place during the third week of June.

Six Connecticut juniors attended this program which promotes interest, education, and competition in the sport of high-power rifle shooting among junior shooters by bringing together new and experienced junior shooters from the Eastern United States for a week of clinic instruction and match experience. The clinic prepares new shooters for Camp Perry and fine tunes the more experienced shooters. The finale was a barbecue hosted by the Blue Star Mothers of North Carolina where new friendships were formed. The event was so popular that Connecticut agreed to host a similar event at Camp Perry.

As part of the training schedule to prepare the Connecticut juniors for Camp Perry they participated in the monthly matches at Bell City, traveled to Quantico, VA in May for the Marine Corps Clinic and returned again in July to Quantico for the National Rifle Associations High Power Regional.

The individual highlight of the summer occurred in June when Tyler Plude traveled to Nashua, New Hampshire in June and competed in the Excellence in Competition match where he nailed down his final points and earned his Distinguished Rifleman's Badge. The symbol of service rifle shooting excellence was presented to him on stage at Camp Perry during the National matches in August, a thrill for him and his coaches as well as an inspiration to his teammates.

Juniors representing Connecticut this year at Camp Perry at the National Matches were Dakota Haag, Tyler Plude, Brian Haines, Jon Planeta, James Planeta and Justine Jarvis. The Perry highlight of the year was produced by Dakota Haag, firing a 289-11X in the President's Match, which placed him 51st overall and third junior. Haag was also high junior in the Bushmaster Cup Aggregate with a score of 1225-33.

In the Freedom Fire two man team match, the team of Haag and Plude fired a score of 940-18 to finish 6th out of 88 teams. The Connecticut Six Man team finished as 12th junior team with a 2546-32X while our Infantry Trophy Team fired a 674 which approached our team record.

Coach Palmer was as good as his word and Connecticut hosted the Camp Perry barbecue as promised.

He demonstrated excellent leadership skills in delegating the responsibility to Wally Lyman and George Planeta who continue to think that Palmer invited what seemed like half the post to the event. After the experience Lyman and Planeta are ready for duty in Hells Kitchen but it was worth the effort as all had a great time.

The Connecticut Juniors wish to publically thank the Camp Perry Retired Marines, specifically Jim Owens, for the junior support dinner they hosted and all the hard work they do raising funds to support junior shooting. This year there were 1200 people at the dinner representing over 40 junior programs. All the junior teams at Perry received some assistance, from mats to bullets, coats, cash, and much more through the unselfish efforts of the Camp Perry Retired Marines.

The Connecticut Junior High Power Rifle Team's success was a direct result of the efforts and hard work of the juniors, the coaches, parents, and the various organizations that help support the team's efforts. With another year of competitive experience under their belts the team hopes to build on 2010 for a more successful 2011.



Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association High Power Team at Camp Perry. Left to right: Brian Haines, Dakota Haag, Jon Planeta, James Planeta, Tyler Plude and Justine Jarvis.

Connecticut Smallbore At Camp Perry *(written by Digby Hand)*

Connecticut has had its smallbore national individual and team champions. Some names are well known and others are growing dim as the years pass but shooters the likes of Fred Kuhn, Eric Johnson, Dave Carlson, John Cowley, Cory Brunetti, Jeff Doerschler, Shawn McDonnell, Kevin Simon, Jesse Johnston, Harry Wilcoxson, Jay Sonneborn, and Claudia Duksa stretch from the 1920's to the present day. The 2010 NRA National Smallbore Rifle Championships would see another crop of up and coming Nutmeg shooters earn a footnote in the rich history of the sport.

The first was Libby Tallberg who jumped to the top of the results list with a 387-12X as high sub-junior in that event. Mike Burzynski was third overall in metallic sights kneeling with a 395-20X. Tallberg built on her standing to top the subbies in the metallic sight aggregate with an 1170-50X while Jeff Doerschler amassed an 1184-62X for the bronze medal in the iron aggregate.

As iron sights began Tallberg stayed on a roll by topping her category in any sights with a 400-29X. Standing saw Lisette Grunwell-Lacey the anysight winner with a 386-10X. Silver medalist Remington Lyman was three points behind. Lyman's 1168-60X gave him a hat trick, silver in the anysight aggregate as well as both the junior and intermediate junior title in the event. Tallberg again bested all sub-juniors and with it she became the 2010 Stark Trophy winner as the 2010 sub-junior champion.

The metallic sight team matches saw CSRRRA Gold Team of Lyman, Jim Stanley, Kimberlee Grohocki, and Lenny Smittner was captained by Grunwell-Lacey and coached by Kent Lacey to the winners slot in the Master-Junior State Association team. CSRRRA Bronze captained by Jay Sonneborn, Jr. saw Tom Lando, Eric Petty, Sarah Struk, and Chad Dieffenbach coached by Laura Lando take second. Mark Sloan and Dave Lyman coached and captained Eric Sloan, Tom Stanley, Erin Lee, and Emily Britt to a first place finish in the marksman class as CSRRRA Silver. The

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CT juniors Kimberlee Grohocki, Remington Lyman, Jim Stanley, and Lenny Smittner with coaches Lisette Grunwell Lacey and Kent Lacey.

2010 NRA National Indoor Conventional Pistol Championship

Over 70 Connecticut pistol shooters entered the 2010 NRA National Indoor Conventional Pistol Championship making up nearly six per cent of the total entries. The match is shot in local venues with scores being sent to the NRA for collation. Awards are presented at both local and national level and the Nutmeg pistol shooters had some notable success in this year's tournament.

Firing 90 record shots in a combination of slow fire-one shot per minute, timed fire five shot strings in 20 second each, and rapid fire-five shot strings in 10 seconds, at fifty feet state shooters showed that they could hold their own against their peers across the nation.

Placing in the top 25 in each class or category was Paul Valintakonis, Joe Sugden, and Larry Clark placed 9th, 12th, and 23rd in the high master civilian class. Paul Tripputi was the 17th master civilian. In the civilian expert class Dave Fontaine placed third followed by Janice Mandel, 13th, and James Michaud was 19th. Dave Cavedon was 17th expert police while fellow law enforcement officer Fred Malona was the 13th sharpshooter in the police category. The 25th civilian sharpshooter was Shawn Sullivan.

In team competition MSI Gold was third high master, Capitol City Gold placed tenth in the master civilian category and Bridgeport Rifle Club Gold was 14th. The Torrington Chokers was the 25th ranked team among civilian experts while the West Hartford Police was the top expert police team. Torrington Gold was 15th sharpshooter civilian team and a Blue Trail Range entry, the Gold Team, was 12th marksman civilian.

Hap's Corner

by Hap Rocketto

A Cease Fire That Was Out Of The Ordinary...

Shooting range safety is serious stuff. All good ranges have safety procedures and mechanisms in place to prevent interlopers from crossing the firing line when the range is hot. In some places it is a simple hinged sign that drops down to warn all that there is shooting taking place, as if the rattle of gun fire isn't enough warning. Other ranges place a red flag down range to signal that the line is closed for target changes. Flashing lights and intermittent klaxons are also a favored safety measure. There are clubs where a range officer must be present anytime shooting is taking place.

Blue Trail Range, Connecticut's largest commercial shooting facility, has probably the most elaborate system I have ever seen. The entire range is surrounded by a tall wire mesh fence while a second interior fence encloses the actual shooting grounds. After checking in at the main office one is issued a magnetic swipe card in order to pass through the firing line gate, held shut by a magnet so powerful as to threaten to pull the fillings right out of your teeth and to make it a danger to your wristwatch as you pass through. Once inside there are range officers patrolling on foot while another sits in a glass walled shanty where he supervises his subordinates while he scans a bank of television monitors hooked up to strategically placed surveillance cameras. Target changes are announced by both public address system announcements and horn blasts as clear instructions are issued by the range staff for going down range. In addition there are towering berms behind the target butts as well as baffles to prevent muzzles from being raised high enough to aim over the berms. I have shot at a lot of places, from sandpit to Perry, and it is one of the tightest controlled ranges on which I have ever competed.

That being said, as well controlled as a range may be, anyone who has

shot for any appreciable length of time has been subjected to cessations of fire for any number of reasons involving someone or thing down range. If a fellow member absentmindedly wanders down range during a Saturday morning plinking session at the club he will be well rounded upon by his compatriots for not being aware of his surroundings and inconveniencing his fellow club members. At a serious match the reaction of the line and officials may be a little less charitable.

Having more than a few years of shooting under my ample belt, I have been subjected to more than one unusual cessation of fire. Boats in the impact area at Camp Perry are annoying and they may be the most common source of cessation of fire there, right ahead of the vicious thunder and lightning storms that whip through Ottawa County in the summer, or the occasional eagle nesting and feeding down range. I am not much worried about hitting a boater but the United States Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act scares me. An eagle, dead at your hands, can cost you a \$100,000 and a year in the slammer. With my luck it would be one of my errant foulers, pun intended, that they would be pulled out of the carcass and my days on the range would be a memory. I'll stop shooting for an eagle because they don't know better. However, boaters and jet skis are a different matter all together.

What I am talking about is really unusual reason to cease fire. Like the time an old gent dropped dead next to me at a highpower match-which led to no end of grumbling from the impatient pit crew who were miffed at being stuck in the pits doing nothing and had no idea of the drama that was happening 200 yards away, or when the beer delivery guy swung open a downrange door in the basement of a local rifle range in the mid-

dle of a match and proceeded to roll in a keg right in front of the targets because that is where he always delivered the suds, or even the railway cars transiting the range at O'Hare's in Maplewood, New Jersey that required the belly shooters to stop shooting.

Perhaps the most unusual cessation might be caused by an Army pilot who elected to do touch and go landings at Camp Perry in the late summer of 1924. That, in itself, was no problem as Camp Perry was listed as an auxiliary airfield on the air navigation charts of the day. The real problem was that he elected to do it was right in the middle of the 1,000 yard stage of the National Trophy Rifle Team Match for the "Dogs of War" trophy.

The line was filled by teams of pair firing competitors shooting for the premier service rifle team trophy. A large gallery had crowded in behind the firing line and was treated to more than they expected, an unscheduled air show. The gusty six o'clock wind was not much of an impediment to the rifleman but it meant that the aviator had to crab into the wind as he made his final approach and then straighten out just as he touched down to avoid ground looping. As a matter of fact a little cross wind practice on a large forgiving sod field might have been just what he was after.

The riflemen were methodically shooting as he touched down on one end of the line, and the cry of "Cease Fire!" quickly burst from sundry lips. The plane rolled out, took off and made two more touch and goes, causing a long cessation, much to the disgust of the shooters. This was in the days before aircraft radios so there was no way to contact the endangered pilot. Reports in the American Rifleman stated that this was the fifth consecutive year that the match was delayed by the Air Service's close attention to the chart and lack of respect for .30-06 rifle fire. Ignorance certainly was bliss.

Camp Perry Smallbore

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Bridgeport Rifle Club also entered two teams. Tallberg, Josie Burzynski, Mike Burzynski, and Rick Capozzi as the Knights of the Ten Ring (KTR)-Gold was top expert team in the local club category while the Richard Tallberg coached Nick Staurovsky, Jay Montesano, Kyle Frawley, and Ted Blake.

When scopes were attached the CSRRA Gold Team became eponymously named as they beat all other teams to win both the Three Position Anysight Team Championship as well as the junior title. CSRRA Bronze was first junior state association master while the KTR-Gold was the best expert local club and CSRRA Silver again won its class and category.

Mike Burzynski, Lyman, and Smittner were named to the US William Drew Cup Junior International Prone Postal Team, sometimes referred to as the Junior Dewar. Team Captain was CSRRA member Hap Rocketto. Connecticut shooters in the top ten percent of the position matches were Lyman, Grunwell-Lacey, Tallberg, Burzynski, and Doerschler.

It was relatively quiet for Constitution State shooters during the first two days of prone, the metallic matches; Smittner was high intermediate junior in the first 110 yard match. Duksa won the second Dewar on a tie breaker with a 400-34X and that got her a berth on the US Randle Team and many other shooters picked up class awards.

Team day saw the CSRRA field five junior teams. Gold, Lyman, Duksa, Smittner, and Jim Stanley-coached and captained by Dave Lyman and Laura Landro took first in expert junior state association with Bronze-Tom Stanley, Nicole Ladd, Eric Petty and Erin Lee under Joe Smith was second. Tyler Plude, who recently earned his service rifle Distinguished Rifleman Badge was the captain of Team Grey with Robert Ronstrom as coach, the shooters being Ryan Wohlert, Sarah Struk, Jon Planeta, and Sam McAdoo. Team Blue, of Katie Wilcoxson, Zach Smith, Tony Cuosso, and Brad Paisker, was led by George Planeta III. The Silver team was sub-juniors Kate Kraft, Eric Sloan, Tim Kraft, and Chad Dieffenbach.

When the teams switched to any sights for the second match of the day Gold held on to first, Bronze was fourth, and

Grey was sixth in the junior expert category. Blue finished fourth and Silver sixth sharpshooter.

Pending the filing of the appropriate paperwork and submission of targets for authentication by the NRA, it is believed that the Silver team broke the existing sub junior records for the Dewar course in both metallic and anysight competition.

Blue Trail Range's Whistler Boy Gold Team finished third by just three Xs. BTR Bronze was 14th while Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club was 15th and BTR Silver was 21st in the two man match which combines a 60 shot three position match with a Dewar.

The Randle Doubles/Mentor Match pairs an experienced shooter with an inexperienced one and in that match Remington Lyman teamed up with Floridian Randy Schwartz to place third overall. Charlie Adams, former Norwich Free Academy coach, has been to Perry off and on for 20 years and had never fired a shot. This year he debuted and teamed up with Hap Rocketto, coached by Steve Rocketto, they placed 3rd in Class A of the match. George Planeta shot with son Jon, Grasso Tech coach Shawn Carpenter paired up with Nicole Ladd from Grasso, father and son Joe and Zach Smith, Rick Capozzi, and father and daughter Shawn and Amy McDonnell rounded out Connecticut entries in this most popular event.

The final two days of the championship were shot with any sights and Sonneborn earned high senior honors in the first Dewar. Duksa was high woman and junior in the 100 yard match on day one. Eric Petty was top sub-junior in the second Dewar and Duksa repeated a win with junior honors in the final match of the tournament, the meter match.

Joe Smith, shooting in his first Perry, cleaned both anysight Dewar matches which was an accomplishment that no other Connecticut senior could claim. Greg Tomsen took home the Frank Boyd Trophy in recognition of being the high senior in the any sight aggregate. The grand aggregate saw Duksa and Petty win their class.

Not every Connecticut competitor took home a trophy, medal or award points but all left for home with a feeling of accomplishment and a firm desire to return to Camp Perry in 2011 and improve upon this year's performance.

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CSRRA State High Power Championship

by Jim Castonguay, HP Director

The 2010 Connecticut State High Power Rifle Championship held at Bell City Rifle Club in Southington on June 27 was attended by twenty seven competitors. Ten of these competitors were unclassified and new junior shooters beginning initial steps to earning their NRA High Power Rifle classifications.

When the smoke cleared, Pete Brown of Middlefield, CT reigned as the 2010 Connecticut State Champion with an aggregate score of 786-29x. Brown was also open winner in the Standing (195-7x), Sitting Rapid Fire (199-10x), Slow Fire Prone event (197-8x) and 2nd High Master/Master Combined with a score of 195-4x in the Prone Rapid fire stage.

Army Reserve Shooter and former CSRRA Junior Kris Friend of Laguna Niguel, CA was open Winner in the rapid fire prone event with a score of 196-7x. Friend was also 1st High Master/Master combined with an aggregate score of 780-28x.

Brown and Friend were followed by 2009 State Champion Ken Hagenow of Manchester with a score of 775-17x for second place in the High Master/Master combined category. Jeff Verbickas of Torrington, was Third High Master/Master combined with a score of 759-5x.

The Expert, Sharpshooter/Marksmen combined category was won by CSRRA Junior Shooter Tyler Plude of Avon, with an aggregate score of 769-13x. Plude was also High Junior in the match.

Justine Jarvis of Manchester secured the High Woman title with a 726-13x, and Milt Beckwith of Wethersfield was the high senior with a score of 615-5x.

CSRRA greatly appreciates the assistance and facilities of the Bell City Rifle Club in hosting the Championship, and we hope to continue to see the many new junior shooters who attended this event at future matches in the area.

2010 CT SENIOR GAMES

by Debbie Lyman

The Connecticut Senior Games were hosted by Blue Trail Range on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Shooters participating in the match have to reach the ripe age of 50 by midnight on 12/31/10. Although the match was held on the Dinan Range which tends to be protected by the wind, the day proved to be quite chilly and gusty. The Match Director, Deb Lyman, decided to make it even trickier by pulling out the A27 targets (50-Yard Reduction of 50-Meter Smallbore target) for the competitors to fire their English Match. Then, when she decided to shoot the match as well, she quickly made a note in her file to return to a more forgiving target for 2011.

When the scores were posted, however, two veteran male shooters, Kent Lacey and Harry Wilcoxson, proved that the target or conditions didn't make any difference to them; their ability to read the wind conditions and endure the elements kept the younger shooters at bay. Kent posted the high score for the day of 577 with Harry four points behind with a 573. Both gentlemen were awarded the Gold Medals in their respective age categories—70+ for Harry and 60+ for Kent. In 3rd Place overall was a shooter relatively new to the sport and who hung up his fishing pole for the day, was Pat Russo who fired a 572 for the Silver 60+ Male medal. Dennis McMullen, Coach of the Middlefield

Attention Life Members

Lost, misplaced or damaged membership card? To get a replacement send Cathy Smittner, *Membership Director*, a note at: Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Association P.O. Box 754 North Haven, CT 06473

Announcements

Scholarships

Once again the State Association is accepting scholarship applications for high school graduates entering their 2011 freshman year of college. All applicants must be individual members of the State Association. Any junior interested in applying can request an application form from CSRRA, P.O. Box 754, North Haven, CT 06473 .

Memorabilia

State Association memorabilia, in the form of hats or decals, are available by mail.

Decals are \$1.00 each and hats, in either navy or khaki, are \$7.00 each which includes shipping.

Send your order and make checks payable to CSRRA, P.O. Box 754, North Haven, CT 06473

Rifle Club's "Old – Gang" posted a 567 for the Bronze 60+ Male.

One of the more rewarding aspects of this match, is that the competition attracts "new" and "returnees"—shooters that only bring out their smallbore rifles once or twice a year" to the match. The match is relatively inexpensive, it is a short course of fire and all athletes go home with a Nutmeg State Games t-shirt.

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