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*The Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association
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President's Column

The MSRPA Board of Directors would like to thank all of the MSRPA individual members and its member clubs for all your support these past years by providing sponsorships or through monetary contributions and volunteers to the shooting sports and activities throughout the state of Maryland. This year is no different: we still need your help and we want to help your club or group grow with us. If your club or group needs certified instructors for a particular discipline please call us. We have the people available to train your people for your event, but plan ahead; don't wait until the last minute.

Our number one priority is the training of Junior shooters in firearm safety, in all the shooting sports, as well as to help them achieve their potential while having fun. This year as in past years we had various Junior shooters going off to represent the State of Maryland at different National Match's across the country in Air-Gun, BB-Gun plus going to the 100th Anniversary at Camp Perry for Small-Bore and High Power Rifle.

As the costs of ammo, gas, food, and lodging have sky rocketed our resources are stretched thinner and thinner. We are asking you to get involved by helping us support back our future - our JR shooters - with a donation to help them reach their potential. All donations large or small will go a long way in helping us help them. If you have a specific shooting discipline that you wish to support, (Air-Rifle, Air-Pistol, BB-Gun, Small-Bore, High-Power Rifle) to name a few, please note this with your donation. If not all moneys collected will go to a central fund and will be allotted where needed.

Please send your donations to MSRPA, c/o James Bryant, 341 Whitfield Road, Catonsville, MD 21228-1808

Thanks for your help and I hope to see you all on the range.

Larry Moreland

Annual Meeting and Election

October 14, 2007

1 -4 pm

Please join us and our special guests:

Gov. and Mrs. Robert Ehrlich

At

VFW Post 7472 (Yingling-Ridgeley)
4225 VFW Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Catering by *Beach Bums of Federal Hill*

Menu Sample

Pit Beef, Ham, Turkey, Salads, Hor's Oeuvres, and Desserts

Sodas, Coffee

Cash Bar Available

Seating is limited. Please submit registration form, along with check made payable to MSRPA, no later than October 1, 2007. No tickets will be issued.

Bring membership card for admission.

Call James Bryant at 410-719-7507 or e-mail jirb@msn.com.

Thank You Fulton Armory!

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association would like to give a big thanks to Fulton Armory for showing their support to the Maryland State Rifle Team. Fulton Armory provided the State Team with magazines at prices that were barely above cost for their AR-15-type target rifles.

Show your appreciation to Fulton Armory by considering them when you have needs related to U.S. Service Rifles and accessories (<http://www.fulton-armory.com>). Thanks Fulton!!

**Official By-Laws
of the Maryland
State Rifle & Pistol Association
Revised July 8, 1989**

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the purposes and objectives of the National Rifle Association, the objectives of this association shall be to create a public sentiment for the encouragement of training in the use of firearms as a sport, as an essential contribution to National Security, and as maintenance of individual liberty and for personal defense.

The purpose of this organization will be to encourage proper organization, operation and administration of member clubs; to promote and coordinate statewide activities related to the ownership and use of firearms and to cooperate with other organizations in the conservation of natural resources within the State of Maryland and throughout the United States.



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NEWS ROUNDUP

ATF Revises Federal Firearms Transaction Record Form

WASHINGTON: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) reminds federal firearms licensees that effective Sept. 1 they must use the revised Firearms Transaction Record Part I – Over-the-Counter (ATF Form 4473).

"In the immediate aftermath of the tragic events at Virginia Tech in April, many questions arose about whether the person responsible was prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm and how the shooter passed the background check required before purchasing the two firearms used," said ATF Acting Director Michael J. Sullivan. "ATF is clarifying this form in an effort to make it clear that any person who has been found by a court board or other lawful authority to be a danger to self or others is prohibited from purchasing a firearm or ammunition."

The form clarifies the question regarding "mental defectives" and incorporates the definitions of this term set forth in the regulations, 27 CFR 478.11. The revision also incorporates certain provisions of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162) by adding "tribal offense" and "Tribal Law" to the definition of Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence.

ATF is a principal law enforcement agency within the U.S. Department of Justice dedicated to preventing terrorism, reducing violent crime and protecting our nation. The men and women of ATF perform the dual responsibilities of enforcing federal criminal laws and regulating the firearms and explosives industries. More information on ATF and its programs and resources is at www.atf.gov.

MSRPA Embarks on New Course

In order to promote junior shooting sports and safety, MSRPA has created a new affiliated entity, Maryland Safety and Youth Education, Inc. (MYSAFE).

MYSAFE has filed with the IRS for 501(c) (3) tax exempt status, which will allow donors a federal tax deduction for charitable contributions.

Safety and training clinics will be scheduled at various locations and times during each calendar year. Additionally, MYSAFE will help to promote competitions in various disciplines at the local and state levels.

Watch the *Down Range* for upcoming events !!!!!

New CMP Junior Director for Maryland

Jim Bryant, Treasurer of MSRPA and a junior rifle coach at Monumental Rifle & Pistol Club, was named by Gary Anderson to replace the retired Bob Innes, a legend in these parts. CMP and its Junior Directors are responsible to foster junior firearm safety and marksmanship training. You can contact Jim at jirb@msn.com.

Chairman's Minute

Preparation for Battle is one of the most important lessons the patriots learned in their quest for freedom from England. We too can take a lesson from their book. As we look at the political climate where we live—both in the Nation and in Maryland—we see that our opponents continue to find ways to infringe on our rights as gun owners.

We are all bolstered by the recent court decision concerning the District of Columbia gun ban, but our fight is now just beginning. Assuming the Supreme Court decides to hear the case, we must prepare for the immense volume of mis-information that will flood the airways and the newsprint. Each of you must do your part to dispel the half-truths and outright lies!

Start now by contacting your local newspaper and make your voice one of those that are heard. Do not be the silent majority, rather be the vocal majority. Be prepared to write to the newspapers and to use e-mail to get your point to the press and to the legislators and to Congress. Remember your letter/e-mail/voicemail may be the one published or aired. Even if it's not put out in the public forums, the volume will speak to the media, as well. We must get our point across to the uninformed public so that we don't concede their support merely by inaction. Start today!

Education & Training Opportunities

Coming Events

Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. presents a Women on Target Ladies ONLY Pistol and Rifle Shooting Clinic on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Marriottsville. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration is required. Contact Cathy Nutter Culver at 301-776-4498 (day) or 301-384-2431 (eve) or cdnutter@verizon.net. Registration forms available at www.monumental.org.

Watch for a Shotgun-Trap Women on Target Clinic on Saturday, October 13, 2007.



Anne Arundel Fish & Game presents: NRA's Home Firearm Safety and Basic Pistol Courses: Tuesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 25th, 6 – 9:30 pm and Saturday, October 27th, 8:30 am – 2 pm; preregistration required; cost \$65 (\$50 for AAF&G members or MSRPA members); limit 20; contact Meg Clarke at marston.clarke@verizon.net.

NRA's Personal Protection in the Home (an intermediate pistol course): Wednesday, November 7th and Friday, November 9th, 6-9:30 pm and Saturday, November 10th, 8:30 am – 3 pm; preregistration required; cost \$85 (\$70 for AAF&G members

or MSRPA members); limit 10; Basic Pistol a prerequisite; contact Meg Clarke at marston.clarke@verizon.net.

Instructor Courses Available

Anne Arundel Fish & Game presents NRA Instructor Development: Home Firearm Safety and Basic Pistol; Friday, November 30th, 6-9:30 pm, Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd, 8:30 am – 6 pm; preregistration and deposit required; cost \$170 (\$150 for AAF&G members or MSRPA members); min 6 to limit 15; contact Meg Clarke at marston.clarke@verizon.net.

NRA Range Safety Officer Courses

Anne Arundel Fish & Game presents NRA Range Safety Officer Courses: 1. Sunday, October 28th, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm; 2. Sunday, December 9th, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm; preregistration and deposit required; cost \$90 (\$75 for AAF&G members or MSRPA members); min 6 to limit 15; contact Meg Clarke at marston.clarke@verizon.net.

NRA Range Development and Operations Conference

If you're planning next year's budgets now's the time to look at the NRA's Range Development and Operations Conference. Offered three or four times a year throughout the country one is scheduled in 2008 for the Philadelphia area.

The Range Development and Operations Conference is a five-day seminar focusing on fundamental aspects of building and maintaining a shooting facility. Attendees will receive a multidisciplinary perspective on major topics such as development, construction, business planning, design, and operations. The conferences are designed to educate range owners and operators, of both existing and proposed range facilities, to identify potential problems associated with engineering, environmental issues, and safety. This information is vital for government agencies, as well as commercial, public, private, school, club, and casual ranges, of both indoor and outdoor types.

Presentations are given by America's top experts on range development. The ultimate goal of the conference is to give attendees a forum to share their knowledge, and ensure the public has a safe and convenient place to shoot in order to exercise their second amendment rights. A key element for advancement in any profession is continuing education. Today's shooting range operator needs the savvy of a businessman, the wisdom of a firearms enthusiast, and the knowledge of a health and safety professional. The most successful professionals constantly strive to improve their knowledge and expertise by pursuing opportunities to learn from associates and experts.

Please contact Jason Smith via e-mail to inquire about registration. jsmith@nrahq.org

Are you still a member?

Check the line above your name on the mailing label on your envelope. If the date has passed your membership has lapsed.

We want to keep sending you the *Down Range* so please use the membership form on the back page of this issue to renew. We'll even send you a little thank you gift with your new card.

Camp Perry Report 2007

by Rich Kussman

The CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) week at the 2007 National Rifle Championships at Camp Perry experienced very favorable weather. Temperatures stayed in the mid-80s and there was NO RAIN!!!

Thirty-five members traveled to Camp Perry, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie to compete in the matches. The CMP week is comprised of several individual and team matches to test the skills of the high

power rifleman, using the U.S. Service Rifle.

The principle matches are the President's Trophy Match, the National Trophy Individual Match, the National Trophy Team Match and the National Trophy Infantry Team Match. There are also several additional matches including the Whistler Boy Team Match (an NRA-sponsored event for junior

2-person teams), the Springfield and Vintage Rifle Match (for military bolt action rifles of the WWI era), the Hearst Trophy Match (for 2-person teams), the M-16 Excellence-in-Competition Match (for those that have no points accrued toward their Distinguished Rifleman Badge), the Carbine Match (for U.S. M1 Carbines), and the Garand Match (for service grade Garand Rifles and other similar vintage U.S. military arms).

MSgt Greg Blackstock, a Maryland Air National Guardsman and an adjunct member of the team, successfully defended his title as the highest scoring Air Force member in the National Trophy Individual Match. As recognition of this achievement, he took home the Lt. Paul J. Roberts Memorial Trophy for the 2nd consecutive year. Greg shot a 484-13X to win the trophy. Congratulations Greg!!

In the National Trophy Team Match, the Maryland rifleman's Red Team finished 23rd out of 57 teams. In the civilian category, they were 15th out of 29 civilian teams. The Team Captain was Larry Moreland, Coach was John Harrison and firing members were Larry Moreland, James Bowen, Jr., Richard Kussman, John Ondek, Douglas Self and Robert RaVell, Jr. Our Blue team was also in the match. The Team Captain was James Laughland, Coach was Erich Grove, and firing members were William Perry, James Laughland, Charles Leatherman, Jr., David Griffith, Joseph Olmedo and Byron Milam.

The National Trophy Team Match is fired with the Service Rifle over the National Match Course. That means only M1 Garands, M-14s or M16s (and their civilian semiautomatic equivalents) can be fired. These rifles with only minor changes authorized in the sights, must have the outward appearance of the issued service rifles for the U.S. Armed Forces. These days, nearly all competitors are using the M-16/Ar-15-type rifles. They

have proven to be more accurate and require less maintenance to retain the critical "match winning" characteristics.

In the National Trophy Infantry Team Match (NTIT) for the first time the team shot handloaded ammunition, rather than factory-loaded ammo. This was necessitated by the shortage of ammo available from our usual sources. The NTIT, more commonly called the "Rattle Battle" is fired with the service rifles, as described above, in a barrage of shots fired at E-type and F-type silhouettes at 600, 500, 300 and 200 yards. The match is essentially a simulation of an infantry squad assault on an enemy

position. Each squad has 6 shooters and is allowed 384 rounds of ammunition that can be distributed in any fashion. At each yard line, the squad has 50 seconds to fire as many shots as they can at the appropriate silhouette target. Only hits count for score and the farther back from the target, the higher the value of the hit. Between yard lines, the entire

array of teams (8 teams) move forward in a skirmish line. As the squad approaches the next firing line they take their positions, the targets appear and the barrage begins again. Imagine 8 teams, each with 6 shooters firing from 20-40 rounds in a 50-second period. That is why it's called Rattle Battle!

This year the Maryland Red team, led by Captain Larry Moreland, Coach, John Harrison and firing members Richard Kussman, James Bowen, Jr., Erich Grove, Steve Maurer, Douglas Self, and Mathew Daley finished 26th out of 43 total teams. They were 20th out of 36 civilian teams. The Blue team with Team Captain John Ondek, Coach David Griffith, and firing members Wallace Chance, Jr., Paul Crawford, Daniel Green, J. Elliott Green, III, William Perry and Robert RaVell, Jr. finished 3rd out of 15 "out-of-competition" teams. This great showing illustrates the depth we have in the team and speaks well for our future in this competition.

Maryland fielded three teams for the NRA-sponsored Whistler Boy Team Match. The course of fire is the National Match Course consisting of 10 shots slow fire in the standing position from 200 yards; 10 shots rapid fire from standing to sitting position in 60 seconds from 200 yards; 10 shots rapid fire from standing to prone position in 70 seconds from 300 yards; and 20 shots slow fire from the prone position at 600 yards. Our Whistler Boy team members were Blaine Griffith, Patrick Murphy, Michael Ondek, Chris Ondek, Adam Maurer, and Nick Mowrer. Nick is from Montana and hooked up with us to round out our third team. Thanks for the help Nick!

Many of our team also competed in the Hearst Trophy Team Match, the Springfield Match, the Garand Match and the



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The High Grand Senior Class in the National Service Rifle Championship, held at Camp Perry, Ohio was won by past Maryland State Rifle Team member Pete Orebaugh, with a score of 1649-26x. Pete, was an Annapolis, MD resident for many years and shot with the State Team for about ten years until his retirement. He now resides in Vero Beach FL.

Another Maryland resident and a JR Rifle Team coach did us proud during the National Trophy Matches. MSGT Gregory Blackstock of the Maryland Air National Guard shooting with The All Guard Rifle Team, won the LT Paul Roberts Trophy for being the High Air force/ANG shooter with a score of 484-13X.

The Maryland State Rifle Team and the Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association congratulate both of them on their winnings.



Maryland State Rifle Team Acquires AR-15-type Rifles

The Maryland State Rifle Team has acquired 6 Armalite AR-15-type target rifles for use by the Team. These will provide a reasonable alternative to beginning shooters wanting to give High Power Rifle competition a try. The rifles will provide a reasonable alternative for beginning adult shooters. The Rifle Team already has 6 AR15-type rifles for use by juniors wanting to get into competition. If you're interested in trying competitive high power rifle on for size, we can help ease the burden. Contact Larry Moreland or Rich Kussman if you want find out more.



Camp Perry, from Pg. 4.

Carbine Match. Multiple medals of achievement were won by the team members. Of particular note, Adam Maurer was the 3rd highest scoring junior in the Carbine Match. Great job Adam!!

Our high Junior for Camp Perry was Patrick Murphy and the Top Gun award went to Steve Maurer. We are already planning next year's trek, so if you want to shoot high power and you live in Maryland you can be part of the Maryland State Rifle Team. All it takes is an interest in shooting competitively. The Rifle Team has organized practices and shoots in Team Matches prior to the Nationals for training. If you're interested in giving this a try, contact either Rich Kussman or Larry Moreland.

COMING GUN SHOWS

October 6 & 7 – Appalachian Promotions
MD State Fairgrounds – Timonium

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Zembo Shrine – Harrisburg, PA

October 12, 13 & 14 – C & E Gun Shows – Militaria
Dulles Expo Center – Chantilly, VA

October 27 & 28 – Appalachian Promotions
York Fairgrounds – York, PA

October 27 & 28 – Silverado
Carroll County Agricultural Center – Westminster

November 3 & 4 – Silverado
Show Place Arena – Upper Marlboro

November 10 & 11 – Silverado
Frederick County Fairgrounds – Frederick

November 16, 17 & 18 – C & E Gun Shows
Dulles Expo Center – Chantilly, VA

December 8 & 9 – Appalachian Promotions
Tall Cedars Lodge, Putty Hill Shopping Center –
Parkville

December 22 & 23 – Appalachian Promotions
Pikesville Armory – Pikesville

Interesting Web Sites

These particular sites include a variety of topics from black ops equipment through Olympic shooting. Be sure to check them out!

www.shootingwire.com

www.nationalmatch.us

www.bullseyematches.com

www.gunowners.org

www.usashooting.org

www.blackhawk.com

www.worldnetdaily.com

www.gunsandhunting.com

A Maryland Bullseye Pistol Team Goes to Camp Perry

The Anne Arundel Fish and Game Conservation Association, Annapolis, Maryland, after 17 years, was again represented by a pistol team at the NRA National Pistol Championship Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Erick Graves, John Hollingshead, Paul Striffler, and Jack Walsh provided an Expert class team in the local club category at both a NRA three day Regional at the Canton-McKinley Rifle and Pistol Club in Hartville, Ohio near Canton, and at the National Matches near Port Clinton, Ohio. The experience was fantastic. Being able to socialize with 750 like minded pistol shooters was an opportunity beyond belief, and having the opportunity to shop on commercial row, where everything you would ever want as a bullseye pistol competitor is all in one area, was priceless. For those of you who have never been to Camp Perry I am going to attempt to explain in the next few paragraphs what it is all about.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) and Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Championship Matches at Camp Perry start with seven days of pistol matches, then after a range change eight days of smallbore rifle shooting, followed by another day of range changes and nine days of service rifle matches, then four days of high power rifle matches, and finally four days of long range (600 to 1,000 yards) rifle matches. During the pistol and rifle phases the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, the U.S. Marine Corps team, and the NRA hold classes, schools, competitor meetings, and clinics on the bullseye shooting sports. The National Matches are operated by the NRA and combine the NRA National Rifle and Pistol Championship and the CMP National trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches.

Camp Perry is an Ohio National Guard Base on the southwest shore of Lake Erie next to the town of Port Clinton between Toledo and Sandusky. From early July to the middle of August the site is the home of the National Matches in rifle and pistol as authorized by the Congress of the United States. President Theodore Roosevelt was instrumental in establishing the matches in 1903, and since 1907 they have been held in some form at Camp Perry. The 2007 matches celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the National matches being held at Camp Perry. The seven days of pistol shooting is composed of various individual, team, and postal matches sponsored by the NRA and the CMP. The average shooter firing all individual and team .22, center fire, .45, and



military pistol matches; and attending the Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) fire over 600 rounds during the week. When combined with the Canton-McKinley Regional 2700 each individual shooter fires over 1000 competitive rounds.

The National Championships pistol phase week starts with in processing Sunday at the base armory where you receive a welcome packet and official program for the matches, register your vehicle, fill out a locator card, and register for the CMP Small Arms Firing School (SAFS). Monday morning the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) conducts the SAFS class, with assistance from the various military services and their reserve components. USAMU members using overhead displays conduct a half-day presentation on pistol safety and bullseye pistol marksmanship fundamentals in the base auditorium. The classroom work usually is completed with a roundtable forum of National Champions and an USAMU armorer discussing elements of their success and taking questions from the audience. That afternoon and the next morning all SAFS attendees are given an opportunity to shoot on the firing line with individual military coaches. Students can fire their own 1911-A1 .45 or M9 9mm, or rack grade M9s available from the SAFS. The SAFS M9s are also used in a 30 round Excellence in Competition (EIC) match the second day. This match provides an opportunity for competitors who have no points towards the attainment of the U.S. Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge to earn four points. All in all, an experience that really gets you focused on the fundamentals and mental aspects of the sport.

Actual competitive bullseye pistol shooting starts on Tuesday with the Harry Reeves Memorial Revolver match. 2007 was the fourth year for the match, which

was named after one of the heroes of the sport who passed away in 2000. Harry Reeves started shooting at the national matches in the 1930s in the uniform of a U.S. Marine. Legend has it that in his first national match .22 championship he fired a Harrington and Richards eight round revolver he purchased for \$17. Of course he won it, or was it he finished real high? Can't remember it was so long ago! Harry went on as a Detroit police officer to become the National Pistol Champion seven times between 1940 and 1954. That was during the heyday of revolver bullseye pistol shooting, particularly for the center fire aggregate. To shoot this match you must use a center fire revolver. The course of fire is the National Match Course (NMC): 10 rounds of slow fire at 50 yds, two 5 round strings of timed fire (20 secs. per string) at 25 yds., and two 5 round strings of rapid fire (10 secs. per string) at 25 yds. Following the Harry Reeves Memorial Match a NRA Distinguished Revolver match is conducted. The course of fire is also the NMC. The top ten percent of the shooters gain points towards the coveted NRA Distinguished Revolver Badge. A total of 30 points is required to win this award.

On Wednesday all competitors fire the NRA Preliminary Pistol Championship. This is a much-needed opportunity to get a feel for the Camp Perry range and checkout the guns that will be used in the National Championship. The course of fire is a 900 aggregate consisting of a NMC fired with each of the three guns used in the 2700 Championship grand aggregate. That is the .22, center fire, and .45 pistols. Most competitors will shoot the .45 for both the center fire and .45 phases of the 2700. Here you get the opportunity to move your gun box and equipment from the 50yd firing line to the 25yd firing three times as you finish slow fire and setup to shoot timed fire and rapid fire.

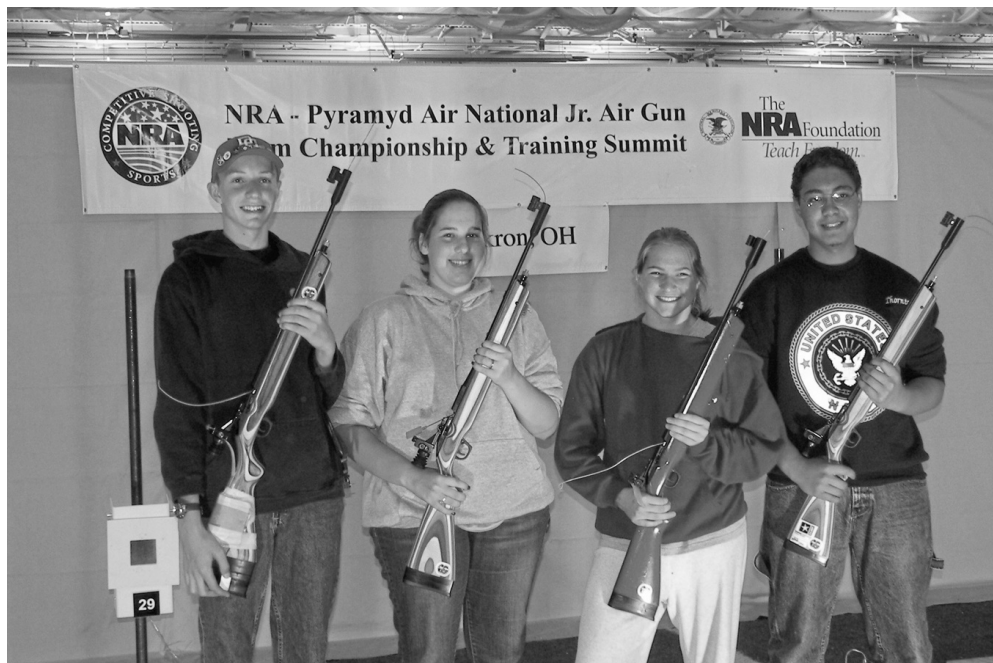
The National Pistol Championship 2700 starts Thursday with the .22 pistol championship. The centerfire pistol championship follows on Friday, and the .45 pistol championship on Saturday. Each of the three pistols is fired in a 900 aggregate which consists of ninety rounds fired as follows: 20 round slow fire match, 30 round NMC, 20 round timed fire match and a 20 round rapid fire match (see above for the timed fire and rapid fire distances and times). At least each day you only have to move once from the 50yd line to the 25yd line for the individual matches. Awards are provided to the top shooters in

Bullseye Pistol, continued on Pg. 10.

Maryland Juniors at the Nationals

I had the privilege of coaching the Air Rifle team representing Maryland at the 2007 NRA Nationals. It was an experience coaching shooters from three different teams. The Maryland Team was made up by Juliann Durkee (Annapolis NJROTC), Josh Romunchuk (Damascus Rifle Club) and Brian Thorton and Katie Swan (Seneca Valley NJROTC). The shooters wrote brief articles about their experience and I would like to share them with you.

Andrea Miller



Maryland State Air Rifle Team at the 2007 NRA Nationals: Josh Romunchuk (Damascus Rifle Club); Juliann Durkee (Annapolis NJROTC); Katie Swan and Brian Thorton (Seneca Valley NJROTC).

From Katie Swan:

Hi, My name is Katie Swan and I shoot for Seneca Valley High School NJROTC. This year I attended the NRA National Championships with other shooters from Maryland. This was a great experience for me as a new shooter because I met plenty of other people from across the country. Throughout the entire event I had a great time. It was fun to meet new shooters and just the shooting was fun. On barter bar Thursday night we traded key chains and mementos from our states. During the day we interacted when shooting and in class. Throughout the entire event I have learned a great deal about my sport and hope to be invited to next years National competition. Thank you so much Coach Miller and Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association for this great opportunity.

From Juliann Durkee, Josh Romunchuk and Brian Thorton:

On Wednesday we all met up and checked in on the range. After equipment check and a few sessions of practice we went back to the hotel. At this point no one knew each other so this turned out to be a great bonding experience for all of us. When we were settled in we all got together for a meeting in the coaches room. We got our targets, learned the rules and guidelines and chose a team captain (who turned out to be Juliann). Even though this was the night of July 4th we were stuck in our hotel rooms, preparing for our first day of shooting the following morning, and hearing the bangs and booms of nearby fireworks.

In the morning we all separately ate breakfast and arrived at the range at around 10 o'clock. We sat around and tried to get ready while admiring the hustle and bustle of more than a hundred people on a 74+ lane range. We had the second relay for the day so we got the benefit of a warm rather than hot range.

After the match was shot we all gathered and eagerly waited for our scores. The scores proved to be promising but still left room for improvement. The first day Josh shot highest followed by Juliann, Brian and Katie last. Our overall score for the team the first day was 2037. After we checked our targets and went to eat at Olive Garden we all went along our own ways back to the hotel.

Friday morning was class day. The first class was at around 9 o'clock and went until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Miller and Juliann attended the second class but the boys didn't pull themselves out of bed until at least the third class. After lunch and more classes some people went to check out the festival across the street from the hotel. There was live music and vendors. Later that evening was barter night and we got to exchange key chains for things like license plates and posters. It was a lot of fun and very nice to meet a lot of interesting people from all over.

The next morning was our last day of shooting and what we hoped to be the best. After helping each other and sharing tricks we all arrived together and ready to go. Juliann led the team in stretches and visualizations (learned at CMP camp) and we started off pretty well. This time around however our scores were much different. The two people who shot lowest and highest swapped positions, Juliann went up only two points and I believe Brian relatively stayed close to the same as well. So with our final score around 2040 we retired to leaving and Juliann, Brian, and Josh went to Cedar Point Amusement park for some fun. We all had a blast and it was a lot of fun mingling with our teammates.

Finally Sunday morning was our nice Banquet. Lots of good food and then they just cut straight to the chase. Our team wasn't that bad off after all. We ended up in the upper middle of the scores. But the whole ordeal was very unforgettable and we all look forward to seeing each other during the shooting season and hopefully at States next year.

Maryland Junior Air Rifle Report: The End of the Season

The end of another season, and a farewell to another group of champions. Our Junior Air Rifle season ended in May of this year, except for 12 of our young shooters who had qualified for national championships and attended CMP Shooting camps. Again, we have had the opportunity to send several of our shooters, sponsored by the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association (MSRPA), to both the USA shooting nationals in Bowling Green, Kentucky and to the NRA Nationals in Akron, Ohio. This year, thanks to our former coach Bob Inness, we had a chance to send several shooters to a CMP shooting camp in Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Bowling Green was the site of the USA Shooting Junior Olympic Championship. Our Precision Air Rifle team, Aleem Sheikh, Azeem Sheikh, Andy Carr, David Carr and James Devereaux, qualified as the Maryland State Champions to represent the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association in the national event. This shoot brings the top teams from around the country to compete every year. They shot a good match, a 4487 out of a possible 4800 and placed fifteenth (15th) overall. Steve Carr, Andy and David's dad, drove them down to Bowling Green, and Bob Inness commuted from his new home in North Carolina to see the last match of several of his star shooters. Andy Carr, James Devereaux and Aleem Sheikh which will be graduating this year and heading off to college, joined by several other of our shooters, Dan Reed, Amber Kalmar, Ian Duncan and Phil Tepper. We will miss them all and wish them continued success!

Akron, Ohio was the host to the NRA/Pyramid Air Rifle Championships. We sent one of our Sporter Air Rifle shooters, Josh Romanchuk, joined by three other Sporters, Julieann Durkee (Annapolis High School), Brian Thornton (Seneca Valley High School) and Katie Swan (Seneca Valley High School), from around the state to represent the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association. They placed seventh (7th) overall with a score of 4066 out of a possible 4800.

I had the unique privilege of taking six of our young shooters to a Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) training camp in Millersville, Pennsylvania. This is the first camp to be held in our area thanks to the efforts of Bob Inness, who had been pushing CMP for several years to arrange this camp. Kimy and Kris Goldberg, who both qualified to go to the NRA Nationals, David Hermann, Kelly James, Matt Boccuzzi and Brook Shoemaker traveled to Millersville this year to improve their shooting skills. They were coached by Dan Durban, our Olympic Shooting team coach, and a host of collegiate shooters from around the country. The camp was incredible, all of our shooters improved their scores by Fifty (50) or more points in only five days. Despite the heat in the gym and classrooms, I heard no complaints from any of the shooters attending the camp. Our shooters all wanted to know if there was going to be another camp next year, and if we could keep practicing over the summer in preparation for next season. In the final match at the camp, Kimy placed second (2nd)

and Kris took sixth (6th). Kimy also won the "guts" match, all the other shooters as they are eliminated can make as much noise and distraction to the other shooters as they like. It's a little nerve racking trying to concentrate with everyone yelling and screaming at you.

With our season over, I would like to thank the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association, and their members for the support they give to our program. I would also like to thank our volunteers, Geoff Horseth, Steve Carr, Mike Kalmar, Mike Keyser, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Troy Agnew, Ken Hermann, Stefan Romanchuk, John Watson, Steve Petersen, Ben Boccuzzi, Brent Shoemaker, Steve Goldberg, and special thanks to Bob Inness. His efforts to this club will never be forgotten!

September is fast approaching, the next season will begin in mid September. I hope that we will continue to be able to represent the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association in future matches in national competitions. With their sponsorship, we will continue to teach our youth the values of shooting sports and the responsibilities of gun ownership. They are our future!

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Maryland's Gunshows

Come out and enjoy Maryland's gun shows. Stop at the MSRPA table and visit with our volunteers. Find out what's happening all over the state — the latest legislative news, upcoming gun safety and training clinics, clubs in your area, places to shoot, and how you can help. Spend some time with people who are making a difference in the Free State.

CMP and the M1 Garand

In the past ten years, the M1 Garand, regardless of condition, has become a very hot collectors' item and sound financial investment. The popularity of the M1 Garand continues to grow as hundreds of new Garand "Fun" Matches are being held all across the USA each year.

Over the past 65 years, most M1 rifles have been arsenal rebuilt, refinished, rebarreled or repaired at least once and often several times. Most will show signs of service (often considerable) and replacement of various parts. They are seldom encountered with all original parts and original finish as delivered from the manufacturer. Such "original" rifles, even in well-used condition, are highly prized by collectors.

Each M1 Garand rifle sold by CMP is an authentic U.S. Government rifle that has been inspected, headspaced, repaired if necessary and test fired for function. Each rifle is shipped with safety manual, one eight-round clip and chamber safety flag. Orders are filled on a first-come first serve basis. Rifles of all grades are packed for shipment purely by "luck of the draw". Prices are subject to change without notice. Customers will be notified before new prices are charged. Shipping and Handling is \$22.95 per rifle.

Check out what's available at <http://www.odcmp.com/Services/Rifle/m1garand.htm>.

Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction

What is Friends of NRA?

Friends of NRA is an exciting grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement, raises money and gives 100% of the net proceeds to qualified local, state and national programs. Thanks to dedicated individuals across America, Friends of NRA is making a difference. Working with NRA's Field Staff, thousands of volunteers nationwide are participating in the program by organizing committees and planning events in their communities.



NRA Regional Director Brian Hyder addresses the guests.

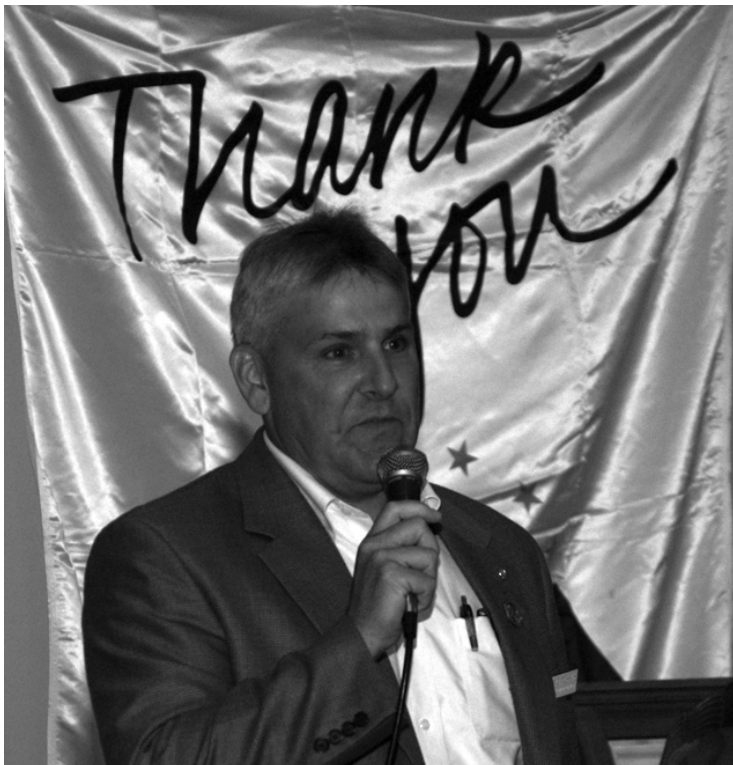
What can I expect at a Friends of NRA Event?

The format is simple-food, fun, family and fund-raising. Whether you are a hunter, competitive shooter or just a proud gun owner, Friends of NRA events have something of interest for the entire family. Events include dinner followed by exciting auctions and special drawings for unique and collectible merchandise. Attendees bid on items from the standard Friends of NRA merchandise package, as well as special products and services donated to specific events by local businesses and community members.

"Friends of NRA merchandise includes very desirable limited edition firearms, wildlife art from popular artists, jewelry, and shooting sports, hunting and outdoor equipment. Events offer every participant an opportunity to take home valuable merchandise and enjoyable memories," said Rich D'Alauro, NRA Senior Field Representative for lower New York, upper New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The MSRPA supports the FNRA Events with Officers and Directors as well as MSRPA members attending the events across the state from Wicomico County on the lower Eastern Shore to Southern Maryland in Waldorf to State Grant Committee Chairman Buddy Cather's Event in Rising Sun to Hagerstown through Carroll County and Frederick. MSRPA members chair events; donate time, merchandise, cash and services; spend money at the events and then help decide how to allocate the money raised in fulfilling the grant requests received.

Check out some of the pictures from the recent Anne Arundel County event. You can see the rest of them at the Annual Meeting on the 14th. Bring your event pictures and we'll make a real photo layout!



Left: NRA Foundation Development Officer Dave Messics explains some of the finer points of charitable giving.

Young attendees lead the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the festivities at the Anne Arundel County Event.



each match, the 900 aggregates, and the total 2700 championship grand aggregate by NRA classification, category (civilian, service, police, junior, senior, woman), and overall winner. As you may recall NRA classifications are gained by demonstrating an ability to shoot above a certain percentage in NRA sanctioned tournaments. The classifications for outdoor conventional pistol are: High Master 97%, Master 95%, Expert 90%, Sharpshooter 85%, and Marksman below 85%. The NRA highest awards are presented in an impressive ceremony in the auditorium Saturday evening.

To complete the NRA sponsored portion of the pistol phase of the National Matches two other very enjoyable courses of fire must be discussed. The first is the colorful and exciting team matches. The team matches are conducted immediately after each pistol aggregate is completed. The pistol fired that day is what each team shoots and the course of fire is the NMC. A team consists of up to five shooting members a coach and a captain. During matches only four of the shooting members compete. Two members shoot at a time, and the other two members assist in replacing targets, validating team target scores, and scoring the team shooting immediately to their right. It is a very competitive event with very close scoring and at times heated discussions. Teams represented are from the military, law enforcement, state associations, shooting clubs, and other NRA recognized groups. In addition to the military teams being in uniform, most teams wear team shirts, jackets, or vests. To provide even more color to the festivities each team stakes out a portion of the ready area to set up their headquarters and mount their flag. Across three hundred shooting positions you see state, military, shooting association, and other special flags. Again, a sight to behold, and which can only be fully

appreciated if you are there! Awards for team matches, like individual matches, are provided across team classifications, categories, and overall winners.

The second type of event, which is little known as a part of the National Matches at Camp Perry, is the international postal matches. Two postal matches are held during the week. The first is the NRA/USA Civilian Pistol Team Postal Match held on Wednesday. The team consists of the ten top civilian shooters from the previous year that are at Camp Perry that year. They use .22 pistols with any sights at 25 meters shooting an International course of fire, consisting of 20 rounds slow fire, 20 rounds timed fire and 20 rounds rapid fire. The winner last year was Finland with a 5597. However the USA did win in 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999 and 2000. The second postal match is the prestigious Mayleigh Cup International Postal Team Match. The team consists of the top ten competitors in the 30 rounds of slow fire fired in the .22 pistol championship. The .22 pistol with any sights is used, and the course of fire consists of 30 rounds of slow fire fired at international targets at 50 meters. The USA team won in 2006 with a 2657. The USA also won in 2005, 2004, and 2003. I guess we are pretty good at slow fire!

The CMP National Trophy Pistol Matches fired with milspec service 1911s or M9 pistols with open sights are held on Sunday morning. The National Trophy Pistol Matches are the nation's national championship in service pistol shooting. These matches have a long tradition that dates back to 1891 when the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge was established by the Department of War and even earlier to when military pistol competitions first began in this country. The National Trophy Pistol Matches were inaugurated by Congress and the Department of War, but are now governed by the CMP. The first relays are for the President's Pistol Match, or as more commonly know, the

President's One Hundred. The course of fire is 40 rounds made up of 10 rounds of slow fire at 50 yards and the NMC.

Thus, 20 rounds of slow fire are fired and 10 rounds each of timed and rapid fire. The top 100 shooters earn the distinction of wearing the Presidents One Hundred patch or badge. The second set of relays is for the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match. This is an EIC match where the top ten percent of shooters earns points towards the attainment of the U. S. Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. Thirty points are required to earn the badge. The last match of the week is the National Trophy Pistol Team Match. This match consists of four man teams firing the service pistol in the 30 round NMC. The teams must have one shooting member that has never fired in a National Trophy Pistol Team Match. The matches are followed by another very impressive awards ceremony conducted by the CMP in the camp Perry base auditorium.

This is a short outline of what happens at Camp Perry during the pistol phase of the National Championship Matches, and in places a little confusing. If you have any questions or need some clarification please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise see you at Camp Perry in 2008! In the mean time if you are interested in the results of the competitions discussed you can review the scores and awards at the following websites:

Canton-McKinley Regional 2700 Tournament: cantonmckinleyriflepistol.org

National Rifle Association National Pistol Championships: nrahq.org/compete/champ3.asp

Civilian Marksmanship Program National Trophy Pistol Matches: odcmp.com

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Some of the prizes available at the "Ladies Table Raffle" at the Anne Arundel County Event.



You have to check out all the available auction items to know where to place your bids.





Even the youngsters get in the act helping circulate auction items for closer inspection.



Carlo Brunori, chairman of the first of eleven Anne Arundel County Events, keeps the bidding going.



Southern MD FNRA Event Chairman Alan James and his wife share a "Balloon moment" at the Anne Arundel County Event.



New NRA Field Representative (and former full time auctioneer) Brian Shwarz keeps the crowd energized as the evening progresses.



State Senators Andrew Harris (R) and John Astle (D) share common interests while checking out the Silent Auction items.



(Left) Committee members keep up interest by circulating auction items throughout the tables of guests.



Their expressions say it all!

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