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OGLETHORPE TROPHY WINNERS
2006 CIVILIAN TEAM CHAMPIONS

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STATE PISTOL TEAM WINS AT THE NATIONAL MATCHES

Submitted by Jeffrey Lloyd, Pistol Director

The Camp Perry National Pistol Matches were held from July 11 to July 16, 2006. Three teams in the National Match Pistol Team Match represented the Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association.

The first team, the PRPA High Masters, consisted of Raymond Wallander of Pleasant Gap, Tom Mix of Ebensburg, Brian Keyser of Birdsboro and Brian Dean of Butler. The first day of competition was with .22 pistols; the High Master team finished in second place. The second day of competition was fired with center fire pistols--they finished in 3rd place in that segment. The third day was fired with .45 pistols, with the team finishing in second place. The team finished in 3rd place overall.

The second team, the PRPA Experts, consisted of Kevin Martin of Stroudsburg, Steve Gibbons of Lewistown, Jeff Lloyd of Cresson, and Dennis Kriek of Glenshaw. On the first day of competition, the Experts came in 7th place. The Experts came in 8th on center fire day and on .45 day, it

was 10th place. The final standings put the Experts in 8th place overall out of 24 teams.

The third team, the PRPA Blue, consisted of Dermid McDonald of Gettysburg, Steven Fleck of Portage, James Carras of Fleming, and Clemens Arlinghaus of Exton. In the first day of competition the Blue team came in 16th place. The second day of competition showed the team in 23rd place. On .45 day, the team finished in 15th place. The overall position for the Blue team was 21st out of 24 teams.

The Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association Service Pistol Team was the bright spot for the team competition. The service pistol team was comprised of 6 members: State Champion Ron Steinbrecher (Team Captain), Raymond Wallander, Brian Keyser of Birdsboro, Steve Gibbons, Joseph Tomarelli of Limerick (who was the "New Shooter") and Rick Eickhoff of Royesford. The firing members were picked by the best scores in the President's 100 and the National Trophy Individual Match.

The firing members were Wallander, Steinbrecher, Gibbons and Tomarelli. Ray fired a 279-4x, Ron fired a 275-3x, Steve fired a 272-6x and Joe fired a 259-5x. This gave the team a total of 1085-18x and the Civilian Team Championship. This brings the Oglethorpe Trophy back to the friendly confines of Pennsylvania again! In addition to the Oglethorpe, the Eli Root medal was awarded to Raymond Wallander for firing the top score of any civilian shooter!

Congratulations to the Best Civilian "Ball" Team in the USA! Thanks to all the shooters on the team that represented the State Association at the Nationals. Well done!!

Also a special note to Raymond Wallander as a firing member of the NRA / USA Civilian Pistol Team--Ray fired a 572 total score on the match and was the high shooter for the team. Well Done!!



Ron Steinbrecher Brian Keyser

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DOUBLE RIFLES AND OTHER NEAT GUNS

Submitted by Steve Lee Parsons

I've wanted a Double ever since Dad took me to see "King Solomon's Mines" about 1952. Finally bought a new Pedersoli, Kodiak MK IV .45-70. This gun is a reproduction of the Colt Double Rifles produced in the 1880's. The external hammers are really neat ("a gun without hammers is like a dog without ears"--King of England, c. 1906).

Sam Colt's son only made about 50 of them as gifts for friends. Pedersoli has improved on the original with such features as rebounding hammers, better steel, etc. I am really impressed by the quality. Getting about 2-3" groups at 100 yards, and this is really a 50 yard up close and personal, rifle. I can fire with both barrels cocked, and there is no quicker way to get off two 405 grain bullets heading towards the target at 1300 fps. It can also handle 500 grain bullets with no problem.

In September, we were vacationing in Northern Italy and visited the Pedersoli factory, north of Milan. These folks were very hospitable, giving us the full factory tour. I know a little about manufacturing and what I saw was a blending of old world craftsmanship and the latest in CNC machining equipment. With only 50 employees, they shipped 20,000 hand and long guns last year. The variety is astounding, from early 1700's flintlocks to Colt Lightnings from the 1890's, about 50 different models. To my knowledge, there is no other gun manufacturer at home or overseas with this variety of product.

This area is the home of Beretta and many smaller companies, and they have been making firearms going back to the 1500's when the English and Germans were still whacking away at each other with axes. Their Springfield, Sharps, and Remington models are equally impressive with a lot of hand finishing. All stocks are American and European high grade walnut and maple, aged for one year before final fit and finish. They use many distributors here at home--Cabela's, Dixie Gun Works, EMF, etc. I'm just a shooter and collector. I have no connection with the company, other than as a customer. If you're looking for great quality and value, check out their website www.davide-pedersoli.com,

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Here we are at the end of another summer, a summer that saw Pennsylvania shooters again rising to the top in national championships. Many of those winning performances were described in the last issue of *The Shooting News*. Of special interest are the efforts of our juniors, especially in small bore and air rifle. It's great to see many of these fine junior competitors being recognized and being awarded scholarships to compete in NCAA College shooting programs throughout the U.S.A., some as far away as Alaska.

However, don't you think that these fine champion shooters should be able to compete in Pennsylvania College NCAA sanctioned shooting programs? Why should they have to leave Pennsylvania to compete? Penn State used to be a powerhouse in NCAA rifle. Many renowned champions came out of that program. Why can't it happen again? If you investigate the sports history at Penn State you will find that Rifle has the oldest tradition of all the sports programs at that fine school. Yes, "Virginia", even football doesn't have a longer tradition. Maybe we should get that tradition in motion again. Aren't we the organization to spearhead this effort? I believe it can be done.

On the legislative front, much has been happening both at the state and federal level. You may have been reading about the National Concealed Carry Reciprocity bill that is being proposed. This is a very questionable bill, and my own personal feelings about the present proposal are quite negative. I believe that it will relinquish individual state control over concealed carry to national control, opening the door to national standards over which Pennsylvania would have very little say. Philadelphia representatives are continuing to push for their usual batch of anti-gun legislation. These include Gov. Rendell's 2002 campaign proposal; One-Gun-A-Month. Also up for discussion is the repeal of Preemption, which was obtained as part of the infamous Act 17 of 1995. Preemption prevents Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or other municipalities from passing laws in conflict with state law. A good pro-gun bill introduced earlier is the "Castle Doctrine" or duty-to-retreat" bill sponsored by Rep Capalli. We need this one to pass. To postpone anti-gun bill votes in the Pennsylvania House, House Majority Leader Sam Smith called for a meeting of the "House Committee of the Whole on Crime and Violence" to listen to and take informal votes on a variety of proposed gun bills. These votes will help determine which bills will be considered in the regular session of the House. The meeting was held September 26, 2006 at the Capital in Harrisburg. On the same date, several other organizations celebrated National Hunting and Fishing Day in Harrisburg.

Jack Lee

NEW MEMBERS POOL

Submitted by Steve Lee Parsons

There is a great pool of potential new PRPA members all around us--the 582,000 Pennsylvania residents holding valid concealed carry permits (CCW's).

We are pledged to support the NRA as it furthers the objectives and purposes of the PRPA. We also strive to protect our constitutional right of the individual citizen to bear arms, in "defense of family, person, and property, as well as defend the nation and the individual liberty of its citizens" (PRPA bylaws).

If we could get only 10 % of PA CCW holders to join both the NRA and PRPA this would be 50,000 new members for both organizations!

So, let's concentrate on family, neighbors, friends who are fellow license holders. We all have these contacts. Let's all endeavor to sign up at least 5 new members during 2007!

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2006 SMALLBORE STANDARD AND HUNTING RIFLE SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2006 Pennsylvania State Smallbore Rifle and Smallbore Hunting Rifle Silhouette Championships were held Saturday, August 26th & Sunday, August 27th at the Blue Rock Sportsmens Club in Milroy PA. There were 77 total competitors. Each Championship was decided by the aggregate of two forty shot matches. Good scores were shot even with wind and rainy conditions.

In the Hunting Rifle match on Sunday, the two top finishers were both 14 years old: Emily Holsopple (Match Winner) and Levi Spicher (2nd Open). Emily topped the old Sub Junior national record of 63 out of 80 with a 66. She is also the youngest shooter to ever win a Pennsylvania State Silhouette Championship.

STANDARD RIFLE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ken Haupricht, Johnsonburg, PA State Champion 67

Aaron Holsopple, Wilcox, PA 2nd Open 65
Carl Ney, Williamsport, PA 3rd Open 63

Wally Howard, Hazel Hurst, PA 1st Master 63
Mark Varner, Lewistown, PA 2nd Master 59
Emily Holsopple, Wilcox, PA 3rd Master 58
John Eckley Jr., Milroy, PA 4th Master 58
Brian Wakefield, Smethport, PA 5th Master 56

Jeff Thomas, Johnstown, PA 1st AAA 62
Brian Launer, Johnsonburg, PA 2nd AAA 61
Matt Pavlik, Russelton, PA 3rd AAA 61
Paul Dephillip, Endicott, NY 4th AAA 60
Jim Kniss, Mt. Joy, PA 5th AAA 58
Bill Wilson, Milroy, PA 6th AAA 56
Dave Carpenter, Morrisville, PA 7th AAA 56
Frank Mitchell, Milroy, PA 8th AAA 53

John Pavlik, Russelton, PA 1st AA 47
Ken Jacques, Falls, PA 2nd AA 45
Dustin Runk, McVeytown, PA 3rd AA 43
Robert Lemke, Wilmington, DE 4th AA 42
Robert Rupert, Shelocta, PA 5th AA 42
Lee Wagner, Burnham, PA 6th AA 41

Bob Soder, Erie, PA 1st A 43
Vicki Breon, Mansfield, PA 2nd A 42
Drew Bowersox, Milroy, PA 3rd A 41
William Stephens, Fairview, PA 4th A 32

Mark Kuher, Erie, PA 1st B 25
Alex Callege, Columbia, MD 2nd B 25
George Petricko, Tracy's Landing, MD 3rd B 10

Special Category

High Non-resident Paul Dephillip, Endicott, NY. 60
High Women Vicki Breon, Mansfield, PA 42
High Senior Jerry Jonson, Merysville, PA
High Junior Dustin Runk, McVeytown, PA 43
High Intermediate Junior Aaron Holsopple, Wilcox, PA 65
High Sub Junior Emily Holsopple, Wilcox, PA 58

HUNTING RIFLE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Emily Holsopple, Wilcox, PA State Champion 66

Levi Spicher, Halifax, PA 2nd Open 65
Wally Howard, Hazel Hurst, PA 3rd Open 65

Ken M. Haupricht, Johnsonburg, PA 1st Master 64
Mark Varner, Lewistown, PA 2nd Master 64
Scott Pierce, Lewistown, PA 3rd Master 63
Matt Pavlic, Russelton, PA 4th Master 62
Scott Wiedler, Lockhaven, PA 5th Master 62
Matt Hoover, Williamsport, PA 6th Master 62
Mark Holsopple, Wilcox, PA 7th Master 60

Kris Wagner, Reedsville, PA 1st AAA 63
Brian Lavner, Johnsonburg, PA 2nd AAA 62
Jon Peterson, Warren, PA 3rd AAA 59
Larry Armstrong, Export, PA 4th AAA 57
Al Foust, Montoursville, PA 5th AAA 55
Rick Campbell, Chambersburg, PA 6th AAA 54

Bob Soder, Erie, PA 1st AA 50
Frank Mitchell, Milroy, PA 2nd AA 49
Dustin Runk, McVeytown, PA 3rd AA 44
Peter Kofira, Endwell, NY 4th AA 41

Steve Bonson, Reedsville, PA 1st A 41
Dan Rupert, Homer City, PA 2nd A 40
Luke Johnson, Marysville, PA 3rd A 38

Jason Patchen, Mansfield, PA 1st B 34
Robert Rupert, Shelocta, PA 2nd B 32
Alex Callege, Columbia, MD 3rd B 27

Special Category

High Non-resident Harold Frey, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
High Women Holly Whitmer, Lewistown, PA
High Senior Bob Soder, Erie, PA
High Junior Kris Wagner, Reedsville, PA
High Intermediate Junior Aaron Holsopple, Wilcox, PA
High Sub Junior Emily Holsopple, Wilcox, PA

Record set: Emily Holsopple at age 14 became the youngest person to win the smallbore silhouette state championship

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ROGER TREMBA -- MATCH WINNER

Submitted by Andrew Knez Jr.

Mild temperatures and winds at McDonald Sportsmen's Club on August 5, 2006 were very deceptive, and most shooters at the BPCR Silhouette match shot lower than normal scores. Roger Tremba from Parker, Pennsylvania stayed alert and on top of the conditions as they made frequent 180 degree switches. Tremba turned in an excellent score of 30/40 for the match win, which was two points ahead of his nearest challengers. John Heeter and Gary Schweitzer (each with 28's) shot-off with Heeter taking 2nd open and Schweitzer settling for 3rd open. John Whitcomb won master class and Bob Bloyer took 2nd master over Kermit Hoke. Ken White won AAA class, and Karl Hovatter won a shoot-off for 2nd AAA over Tim Trunick. Dave Schwartz won AA class and Debra Hovatter took 2nd AA. John Haagen won 1st A and Frank Cochran took 2nd A. B class was won by Chuck Cook and Ed Heeter won the scope class.



MATCH WINNER ROGER TREMBA 8-5-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE



MATCH WINNER BRIAN CHILSON 9-2-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE



MATCH & CLASS WINNERS 8-5-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE
Front Row L to R: John Heeter - 2nd Open, Roger Tremba - Open Winner, Gary Schweitzer - 3rd Open.
Back Row L to R: Ken White - 1st AAA, Ed Heter - Scope Winner, John Haagen - 1st A, John Whitcomb - 1st Master, Karl Hovatter - 2nd AAA, Bob Bloyer - 2nd Master, Debra Hovatter - 2nd AA, Chuck Cook 1st B, Dave Schwartz - 1st AA.
Missing from photo Frank Cochran - 2nd A.

MCDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE

Submitted by Andrew Knez Jr

Brian Chilson fired an outstanding score of 36/40 to win the McDonald BPCR Silhouette match of September 2, 2006. Chilson downed 8 chickens, 10 pigs, 8 turkeys and 10 rams on his way to the winners circle. Following him for 2nd open with a 32/40 was Bob Bloyer. Third open went to Gary Schweitzer with a 31/40. John Whitcomb and Dave Heeter took 1st and 2nd Master respectively. 1st AAA went to Roy Robinson and Steve Maurer took 2nd AAA. Mike Shamonsky won a shoot-off to win the combined AA/A class over Debra Hovatter who settled for 2nd AA/A. 1st B went to Mike Kanzeg and Chuck Cook won a shoot-off over Ruth Ann Kanzeg to take 2nd B.



MATCH & CLASS WINNERS 9-2-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE
FRONT ROW L TO R: Bob Bloyer - 2nd Open, Brian Chilson - Open Winner, Gary Schweitzer - 3rd Open.
BACK ROW L TO R: John Whitcomb - 1st master, Roy Robinson - 1st AAA, Dave Heeter - 2nd master, Debra Hovatter - 2nd AA, Mike Kanzeg 1st B, Steve Maurer - 2nd AAA, Augie Gasper - scope class, Chuck Cook 2nd B, Mike Shamonsky - 1st AA.



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CHILSON WINS OCTOBER BPCR MATCH

Submitted by Andrew Knez Jr.

Brian Chilson won the October 7, 2006 BPCR Silhouette match at McDonald Sportsmen's Club. Beautiful weather greeted the thirty-six competitors for the next to the last match of the 2006 season. Changing winds frustrated many of the shooters and scores were generally lower than usual. Brian Chilson and his wife/spotter Debbie stayed on top of those changes and he turned in an excellent score of 33/40, which was the only master score of the day. John Whitcomb won 2nd open and Dave Heeter took 3rd open. Roger Tremba won 1st master and Bob Bloyer won a shoot-off against Ross Arnfield for 2nd master. John Heeter and Tim Trunick 1st and 2nd AAA respectively. Richard McDonald won 1st AA and Mike Shamonsky took 2nd AA after winning a shoot-off against Bob Frame. Tom Barr won the combined A/B class and Mark Smith took 2nd A/B. Ed Heeter won the scope class.



MATCH WINNER BRIAN CHILSON 10-7-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE



MATCH AND CLASS WINNERS 10-7-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE
FRONT ROW L TO R: John Whitcomb - 2nd Open, Brian Chilson Match Winner, Dave Heeter - 3rd Open.
BACK ROW L TO R: Tom Barr - 1st A/B, Richard McDonald 1st AA, Bob Bloyer - 2nd master, John Heeter 1st AAA, Ed Heeter - scope winner, Roger Tremba - 1st master, Tim Trunick - 2nd AAA, Mark Smith - 2nd A/B, Mike Shamonsky - 2nd AA.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY RIFLE FORUM

Submitted by Ruth Harpster (rah18@psu.edu)

An educational program promoting awareness about Pennsylvania competitive shooting sports, training, and scholastic opportunities for shooters was hosted by Centre County's Tussey Mountain Junior 4-H Rifle Club on July 13, 2006, at The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) White Building Rifle Range. The activities of the Penn State Rifle Club and Penn State Rifle Team were discussed. The event was attended by PSU faculty, staff, and students, Centre County Commissioner Steve Dershem, Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association (PRPA) President Jack Lee, former PSU Rifle Team Coach Joe Dilkes, as well as the general public.

Dave Cramer, PRPA Smallbore Director and of the Frazier Simplex Club, Aliquippa, PA, assisted by Joel Dutra of the Dubois Storm Rifle Club, DuBois, PA and Terry Lightner of the Alexandria Sportsmens Club, Huntingdon, PA, and several junior shooters, began the evening with an overview of the safety training juniors are taught and the preferred prone, kneeling and offhand position techniques and equipment used by shooters during matches.

Junior shooters Nicole Harpster, Jennifer Hawk, Danielle Peters, George Peters, Dave Sloan (Tussey Mt. Jr. 4-H Club), Leslie Angeli, Allison Paulson, Jed Neidigh (Palmyra Sportsmens Association), Christina Dutra, Justin Pentz and Michael Kulbacki (Dubois Storm) gave an offhand demonstration and discussed their results with the audience. The demonstration allowed the audience to see first hand the stamina and mental focus of these athletes.

Paul Klimitas, Associate Athletic Director, head varsity rifle coach, and NCAA Rifle Committee Member with the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP) discussed his experiences and provided statistics that demonstrate the safety record of shooting sports. According to Paul, in his thirty years of coaching varsity rifle on the collegiate level there has never been a major injury sustained in a collegiate or Olympic event to his knowledge. In addition, a varsity rifle program is much less expensive to organize and operate in comparison to most other sports. The program has remarkable flexibility in meeting the federal regulations under Title IX and is a wonderful opportunity for schools to promote true gender equity in varsity athletics. Skiing and fencing are the only other NCAA sports that are co-ed and of the three, shooting is the only one in which men and women compete head-to-head for individual championship titles. He further described the mental and physical attributes of individuals who participate in this sport. He believes a varsity rifle team is a great asset to any university as a whole since it is a safe sport, fairly inexpensive to operate and men and women compete equally. Varsity shooters generally have above-average grade point averages, are usually members of the National Honor Society, have a graduation rate of 85%, and are sound mentally and physically. (Continued on next page.)

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The PRPA is seeking to determine the current interest and participation in Running Target Shooting by PRPA members and clubs. This information will be considered in possible development of future Running Target shooting activities. Please send your response to Jack Lee, 100 Wycliffe Way, Butler, PA 16001. Include your club affiliation and contact information.

In your response, please answer the following questions concerning your club and/or your individual activities related to any type of running target shooting (deer, boar, etc).

1. Does your club currently promote any type of running target shooting activities?
2. If you answered yes to the above question, please briefly describe these shooting activities including type(s) of events (running deer, boar, etc), shooting distances, multi and or single shots, length of target exposure (distance and time), any equipment requirements (rifle caliber, sight type, rifle weight), shooting clothing restrictions if any.
3. If your club and or individuals currently have any type of Running Target shooting range please briefly describe your range equipment and operation. Examples would include steel or paper targets, silhouette patterns (deer, boar, etc), method of target operation (gravity feed cable system, electro-mechanical system, etc).
4. If a calendar of Running Game events were established, what do you perceive would be the interest level in the following events?
High Power Rifle Events: High Interest Medium Interest Small Interest No Interest
Small-bore Rifle Events: High Interest Medium Interest Small Interest No Interest
Air Rifle Events: High Interest Medium Interest Small Interest No Interest

Your consideration of this will be appreciated. Your response will be helpful in the development of additional shooting programs!

Erin Gestl, PA State Junior Civilian Marksmanship Program Advisor and Youth Advisor with Palmyra Sportsmen's Association, Palmyra, PA provided information on Pennsylvania junior accomplishments, matches that many in the State compete in (local, state, national, world and Olympic), funding, new State programs, and education of the athletes. Leslie Angeli and Erin Gestl demonstrated one of the mental training drills his club conducts in which the coaches will attempt to distract the shooters. This led to a few chuckles by the audience but demonstrated how well shooters are able to concentrate on the task at hand.

Pennsylvania junior shooters in the air rifle and small-bore rifle disciplines are invited each year for training sessions at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. These individuals may be members of 4-H, sportsmen's associations, or other clubs sponsored by organizations such as the Jaycees, American Legion, etc. Many of these shooters also compete at national championship matches and world matches.

The majority of these individuals will continue to compete in this sport and will improve their skills, both athletically and academically.

At present, ten PA juniors attend out-of-state institutions in order to continue their shooting careers at the NCAA level. Miss Jamie Beyerle, a native of Lebanon, PA is a senior at the University of Alaska—Fairbanks. She is the 2006 NCAA Smallbore Champion. She has been selected to be a member of the 2006 NRA All-American Smallbore Rifle First Team and the Air Rifle First Team. NRA All-Americans must meet a set of criteria that includes, but is not limited to, marksmanship skills, grade point average, and leadership qualities. Miss Beyerle is now training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center with the goal of becoming an Olympian.

Glenn Dubis, 1984, 1988, 1996 & 2000 Olympian; former Head Coach with the University of Alaska--Fairbanks, now of Colorado Springs, CO provided statistics on shooters in the Eastern region who receive scholarships at schools outside PA and discussed the mental and physical training he did while preparing for matches.

The audience learned how many outstanding shooters live in Pennsylvania and the opportunities that the state funded higher educational institutions have missed, and will continue to miss, by not sponsoring this sport at the NCAA level. Unfortunately, many of our top junior shooters continue to leave the Commonwealth for higher education so they may continue to pursue this sport. These individuals will go on to pursue careers in many different fields and will most likely be among the top professionals in the future. This sport provides individuals with skills they will use in other areas of their lives.

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Front Row (L-R): Nicole Harpster, Danielle Peters & Leslie Angeli;
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Back Row: Terry Lightner, Joel Dutra, Jed Neidigh, Jason Allshouse (PSU Rifle Club President), Gib Moyer, Paul Klinitas, David Cramer, Glenn Dubis & Erin Gestl.

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PA SHOOTING SPOTS N' DATES

Notice to PRPA Clubs: Over a period of time, some of the PA Shooting Spots n' Dates listings have gotten out of date. Please review your listing and provide the newsletter editor with any updates. Listings are free to member clubs.

ALEXANDRIA SPORTSMEN ASSN. - Adult Winter Indoor Rifle league, 4-H Junior Rifle Program, Trap Shooting, Outdoor Range up to 300yds. Range located 30 miles east of Hollidaysburg, 9 miles west of Huntingdon. Membership-\$15, w/key-\$20. For info, contact: Chuck Metz - 814-669-9063, Terry Lightner - 814-643-1851, tlight@pennswoods.net.

ATGLEN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Monthly Hipower Rifle & Hunting Rifle Silhouette Matches - Sep 20. Lower rifle range- 100, 50, 25 yd, 10 pt covered firing line, Pistol range-25 yd-80' covered firing line plus 2 bowling pin table, Muzzleloading/Shotgun range-100,75,50,25 yd, 8pt covered firing line, Walk thru woods Archery, Practice Archery-15-50 yd(5yd incs.) 80 yd, 3-D Archery, Upper Range-Smallbore rifle Silhouette to 100m-First Sunday of month, Apr-Oct, Bigbore rifle Silhouette to 500m, Target Backers & Swingers, Indoor-Air Rifle/Pistol, Smallbore Rifle/Pistol, Archery, SCCYSL-Youth Shooting League Sporting Clays - Every Wed 6-9pm & every 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday 10am. For info: P.O. Box 35, Parkesburg, PA, 19365. Clubhouse phone: 610-593-6096. <http://www.atglensportsmensclub.org>

BLAIR COUNTY GAME, FISH & FORESTRY ASSN - Indoor range, black powder shoots, sporting clays, 4H Air Rifle Program for ages 8 - 18 every Monday 6:30-8:30pm.(for info, call Don Blazier at 814-742-8208 or Tim Merritts at 814-946-9315). Club is open to public. Call 814-942-8522.

CLARION RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB - Range located north of Clarion on Rt. 66 behind J&L Sporting Goods. President Don Fulmer 814-226-9199. For more information contact Richard Stempeck, PO Box 211, Knox, PA, 16232, (814)797-1603, Club email: www.clairtonsc.org.

CONSOLIDATED SPORTSMEN OF LYCOMING COUNTY - Monthly highpower rifle silhouette, monthly hunter and smallbore pistol silhouette, monthly pistol cartridge & smallbore Cowboy silhouette, monthly and weekly smallbore rifle silhouette, trap leagues, skeet ranges, 5-stand sporting clays, CMP matches, service rifle matches, indoor pistol. All silhouette ranges have covered firing points. Located 6mi. north of Montoursville,Pa. on PA Rt 87. Monthly NRA Smallbore & Hunting Rifle Silhouette Matches-Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, 2006. State Highpower Rifle/Highpower Hunting Rifle Silhouette Championships—Sep 23/24, 2006. Lever Action: March 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Aug 26. For information contact Al Foust at 570-435-0043, or e-mail alfoust@pa.net.

DELTA PEACH BOTTOM FISH & GAME ASSN. - Handgun Shoots - bowling pins, action, qualification, buddy shoots. For info contact Mark Maranto (410) 399-2181, Tom Burke (410)452-8873 or Jim Masters (717) 456-7637. Also outdoor shoots, unmarked ranges. For info call (410) 836-0559 or Debbie (410) 452-8213 - both Maryland numbers. Black powder shoots and knife and hawk throwing matches 2nd Sun. each month (sun, snow, sleet or rain). Sign up 10 am Matches for first timers, men, juniors, ladies in rifle, pistol and smallbore shoots every month. Also, novelty and cartridge gun shoots. For info, call Jim Masters (717)456-7637(PA) or Dave Mullen (410)836-36329(MD). For general info, call the Club- (717) 456-9018; 24-hr. Activity hot line (717) 456-7719. Club is on Pikes Peak Road off Rt. 74 in southern York County. All are welcome.

DUBOIS RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB - located just off I-80 exit 101 in DuBois. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM except July and August. New members welcomed. For membership contact Joanne Pentz 814-583-5530 mjpentz@pennswoods.net. We offer a 50' indoor range, 10 firing points and adjustable target carriers. Pistol league Tuesday at 7:00 pm starting in October. Contact John Pifer 814-427-2161. Smallbore league Friday evenings January through April. Junior Basic Rifle course offered. Contact Joel Dutra 814-236-0708. Active Junior Smallbore and Air Rifle program. Home of "The Storm" DuBois Junior Team.

EAST MONONGAHELA SPORTSMEN CLUB - NRA Highpower matches - 200yd. modified N.M.C. of fire 50 rds.& sighters. Entry fee \$10/ \$5 Jrs. (14 yrs. min.) Contact Dave McGrath 738 Lewis Ave. Charleroi. 15022 (724-483-5063) or e-mail davear15@yahoo.com. Open Cast Bullet benchrest shoots - 100&200 yds.-1st Sun of each month - 25 yd. Pistol Pin shoots every Mon -6:30-10:30 p.m, 50 yd. Open Sights Pistol Plate shoots every Thur-6:30-10:30 p.m. Open to the public! Shooters of all skill levels welcome! Trap practice-Sun starting at 1 p.m. during winter thru Mar 1st - Thurs eve 6:30-10 p.m. after Mar 1st- Open to the public! 3-D Archery -40 Targets-6 Treestands Mar thru Sept-Registration: 8a.m.-2 p.m. For dir or info on scheduled events, Phone (412-384-4747)

FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Full range shooting sports Archery 3-D, ATA trap, CMP, NSCA Sporting Clays, Black Powder, IPSC Combat Pistol, NRA Pistol Silhouette, NRA Action Pistol. For a recorded message on club location and date of particular events call (717) 378- 2582.

FRAZIER-SIMPLEX RIFLE CLUB - Washington, Pa. Smallbore rifle club with active junior program. Junior program consists of Beginning shooters, Intermediate Shooters and Advanced Junior shooters. Senior program competes in Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League. Range and club house has 10 point indoor rifle range with adjustable target carriers. Lighting is sufficient for metallic or any sight shooting. For membership, directions to range, match schedule, contact club vice president: Mr. Jim Husk @ 724-222-3369 or e-mail jwhusk@angeltechcomputing.com

GEM CITY GUN CLUB, INC. - Junior rifle team, hunter safety course, NRA and CMP sanctioned high power rifle league, USPSA sanctioned pistol matches, 3-D archery (indoor and outdoor), Steel Valley woods walks, rim fire golf, trap league, bullseye league. 200 yd rifle range, 50 yd pistol range, full auto range. I-90 to Rte 430 exit, east on 430 to Wales Road (sign) turn right. Follow to Donlin Rd take left 1/4 mile on both sides of road. For dates and times on above events, call Chris Kelly at (814)725-2345, or Joe Paradisi at (814) 456-8918, Check our web site www.gemcitygunclub.org or E-mail to jjgun@jjgun.com.

GROVE CITY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month, members and guest are welcome. Our club features: a trap league, 22 shoots, an archery range, a 300 yard rifle range, and a fishing lake. Please contact Dick Dunn at 724-458-6416 for information or e-mail Lynn Lipko at lalipko@yahoo.com. Check out our web page at www.isrv.com/~lilipko/

HAMBURG RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB -PR&PA, CMP, NRA member. NRA sanctioned 2700 bullseye matches - 24 position line under roof. Match fees \$35.00. Sign up @ 8:00 AM. First relay @ 9:00 AM, rain or shine. NRA sanctioned high power & service rifle matches, 100 yd.modified National Match Course, 50 rd. + sighters. Sign up @ 8:30 AM. First relay @ 9:00AM, rain or shine, (80 rd. club championship). M1 Garand Clinic,. Match fees \$10.00, Located off I-78 at exit 23, Shartlesville,Pa. Call Rose Loose @ 610-562-0314 or e-mail h.r.p.c@earthlink.net for info.

HARRISBURG HUNTERS' & ANGLERS' ASSN.- 6611 Hunters Run Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Club located on 125 acres with 25, 50 & 100 yard rifle ranges, 60 point covered bullseye range. Black powder range with woods walk, PPC range, 18 point indoor pistol range and bow ranges. BB gun, air rifle, junior (smallbore) youth rifle programs. Handgun Safety Courses, High power matches, 22 silhouette matches, black powder matches, Action Pistol Steel Plate and bullseye pistol league-all open to public. Trap and skeet open to public during scheduled events. Trap 10am Wed & Sun, skeet at noon Wed and Sun. Info on club and events at our web site harrisburghunters.org. email web-master with any questions or call clubhouse 3 to 5 daily 717-545-6834.

LENI-LENAPE PISTOL CLUB - Information: Keith Davis, 61 Lindy Lane, Boyertown, PA 19512, (215)369-0608 or write the club at P.O. Box 55, Boyertown, PA 19512

LEBANON COUNTY POLICE COMBAT PISTOL CLUB - Police combat 600 & 1500 matches in Lebanon, PA. For questions, contact Bob Dziak, 582 Hazelbrook Road, Hazelton, PA 18201, 570-455-6718 after 5:00 p.m.

MARS ROD & GUN CLUB - Affiliated NRA, PR&PA, PFSC. Meets first Thursday of month at 7:00. Pistol-25 and 50 yard. Rifle-75 and 100 yard. Trap every Tuesday at 6:00. 3-D shoots. Call (724) 538-9392 for more information.

McDONALD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB -Indoor pistol, rifle & archery ranges: 100 yd. Pistol range, 600 yd. Rifle range, 3-D & outdoor archery range, trap and skeet, fishing pond. For information and directions to club call: Fred Blanchard at (724) 796-2131. Club located in N.W. Washington County, just off Noblestown Road between towns of McDonald and Midway. BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE SILHOUETTE MATCHES: Approved BPCS: Registered BPCS Match Dates: Championship - . Contact Andy Knez, PO Box 1451, McMurray PA 15317, (724) 969-3200 Web site www.mcdonaldsportsmen.com. E-mail bb@access.hky.com

McKEAN COUNTY RIFLE CLUB - Club located on Rt. 770 between Rt. 219, Bradford and Rt. 59, Marshburg. Club hosts monthly "Cowboy Lever Action, P.C.-C.L.A. and Rimfire Cowboy Silhouette" shoots, hunter pistol and smallbore rifle silhouette. For more info contact Rob Drummond, 10 Drummond Hollow, Bradford, PA 16701, (814) 362-2281, drumrob@pennswoods.net or Alan Bean, 461 Bolivar Drive, Bradford, PA 16701, (814)368-3007(h), (814)368-4880(w) or e-mail - nylbean@pennswoods.net.

MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSN. NRA/CMP affiliated, NRA-approved high power rifle matches (conventional & sporter), Highpower Clinic, NRA Instructor Classes, NRA Range Safety Officer and Basic classes, NRA Sporter Air Rifle Leagues year around, Indoor & outdoor archery, trap, stocked fishing pond, picnic area/pavilions, outdoor 25-, 50-, 100-yard ranges (covered firing points), indoor .22 range, indoor center fire pistol range, block shoots, 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Hunter-Trapper Education classes. For event information and contacts, visit our web site—www.msa-pa.org. For membership information, call Leonard Burg, (717) 796-9366.

MIFFLIN COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSN, INC. - 2 rifle ranges, one to 500 yds, one to 500 meters. 16 covered concrete benches. Smallbore silhouette range and pistol range. Walk thru archery and blackpowder ranges. Groundhog matches Reg 9am, Shoot 10am. Highpower 100, 300, 500yd. 22cal 25,50,100 yd. 3-D Archery - Trap shoots and muzzleloaders shoots. For info call: Pres. Abraham Henry 717-899-7529 Club Email- mcsano1@localnet.com.

MORAINA CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMEN'S ASSN - Welcomes all members and guests to monthly meetings the second Monday at 8:00 p.m. Club on Staff Road, Slippery Rock. For info, contact Rick Sinclair 724-753-0177.

NESSMUK ROD & GUN CLUB HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE - 2005 NRG range on PA 287 between Morris and Wellsboro, PA. Fixed targets, 100 yards, 2 sighters & 80 shots for record. Contact Dave Wilcox, 619 Ritz Rd, Mansfield, PA 16933, 570-337-2905, nrgmpr05@epix.net for more information.

RIDGWAY RIFLE CLUB - National quality smallbore and high power silhouette ranges, sporting clays, indoor 50-foot, 10-position range. Meetings 1st Thursday at 8:00 p.m. High Power Rifle & Hunting Rifle Silhouette matches - State Champ., Sierra Classic, Hipower Nationals, Smallbore silhouette, Smallbore, Smallbore Nationals. Call Mark Holsopple (814) 929-5826 with questions. For directions to range, pre-registration, or detailed match schedule call club president, Jon Heatherdale at (814) 772-2244. Clubhouse phone (814) 772-6510. Email - ridgwavrifleclub.com. BPCR Silhouette Matches--July 23, August 27, October 22, 2006

SOMERSET RIFLE & PISTOL ASSO.- located just south of Somerset, Exit 10 of the PA turnpike. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the following months J,F,M,A,M,S,O,N,D at 8:00 pm. We offer an outdoor 100 and 200 yard range with 5 covered benches. We also have a 25 yard indoor range with electronically timed turning targets. A 50 foot light rifle standing league shoots on Sunday at 5 pm beginning Jan. 5, 03. An NRA conventional pistol league. A 25 yd 22 rimfire benchrest league shoots on Wednesday evening at 7 pm. We are also the home range for the Shanksville Stonycreek Smallbore rifle team. For more information, please contact Dave Zerfoss at 814-445-8474 or e-mail shooterdave@floodcity.net or Ron Pyle at 814-444-8361 or 814-754-8292 or e-mail rpyle@wwainc.com

WESTERN PA. 30 CALIBER LEAGUE - Membership - adults \$25/yr, juniors \$15/yr (Apr-Mar). Match Fees - \$15 adults, \$10 juniors. Conventional High Power matches (88 rds, 200,300,600 yds): 4/23, 5/21, 6/17, 7/23, 8/27, 9/17 (R.K. Nelson), 10/22. State High Power Championship: June 24-25. State Service Rifle Champ / LEG Match: July 8 + 9. 1000 yd matches: 4/9, 5/7, 7/2, 8/26, 9/3, 10/8. Shot at Reade Township Range located north of Tyrone near town of Allemans. For info, call Tom Ferraro: 724--352-0234, Jack Lee: 724-865-2597.

WHITE OAK ROD & GUN CLUB - Meets first Monday of the month at 7:30pm Trap and Skeet practice every Wed and Fri. 7-9pm, CMP matches second Sat and Sun. each month 9-11am, 3-D archery shoots, 100 target Sporting Clays shoots, Indoor Handgun, BlackPowder shoots, Smallbore Rifle team, Bowling Pin shoots, Hunter Trapper Ed Classes, Youth programs, (all events open to public) Club located, off Route 30, 4 miles west of PA turnpike exit 7, in Westmoreland county at 600 Skellytown Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642. New members welcome. For info visit www.worgerclub.com or call the clubhouse, 724-863-9941.

WHITE OAK SHOOTING CLUB - Trap & skeet open to the public every Thurs., 6:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00 p.m. Indoor/outdoor pistol ranges, indoor smallbore rifle, ATA registered shoots (Doubles capable), 200 yd, High Power CMP matches. Club dues \$25 year. Club located N.W. Mercer County at 26 Amasa Road, 2 1/2 miles North of Greenville on Rt. 18. For more information, contact Dwane Pears (724) 588-4503 or e-mail whiteoakclub@yahoo.com.

YORK RIFLE RANGE ASSOCIATION, INC.- Indoor and outdoor ranges and clubhouse. Indoor is 50' and 8 points, outdoor pistol has 4 points up to 25 yards, and rifle has 27 point smallbore 50yds & 100 yards, 12 point highpower—200 yards with pits, 8 bench points 50, 100, 200 yards, 2nd. Sat each month - Junior shooting (rifle, pistol, shotgun). 4th Sunday each month Apr - Sept - NRA Highpower matches. Call Beverly Throne for details at 717-244-8612.

ZERBE TWP. ROD & GUN CLUB - Affiliated NRA, PR&PA, USA Shooting. New shooters & juniors welcome. 12-point indoor 50-foot range, 10-M. air, also sporting clays trap, skeet, indoor/outdoor archery, 3D.s. Monthly meeting 2nd Wed., 7:30 p.m. For information write Zerbe R&G Club. P.O. Box 552, Trevorton, PA 17881 or call (570)797-3351 or (570)797-1618. Or call Bill Earnest at 570-797-4872

STEINBRECHER COMPLETES THE TRIFECTA!

Submitted by Jeffrey Lloyd, Pistol Director

The Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association State Championship Pistol Tournaments were held at the Wilkes Barre Rifle and Pistol Club (East Section) and the Moraine Sportsman's Club (West Section) on August 11, 12 & 13, 2006. Thirty-six shooters competed at the Wilkes Barre location and thirty-seven shooters competed at the Moraine location.

Finishing at the top of the heap was High Master Ron Steinbrecher of Wyndmoor, PA with a fine score of 2639-114x. Ron is also the reigning State Indoor Pistol Champion along with the State Service Pistol Champion! Congratulations Ron on a Great Year!

The winner of the Master Class was Patrick Kelly Jr. of Lewistown, PA with a 2599-103x. Pat also joined the 2600 club with his first match over 2600 at the Regional match held at Wilkes Barre in May. Congratulations to Pat on both accomplishments!

The Expert class winner is Dave Prepelka of Moon Twp, PA with a score of 2585-81x.

Sharpshooter winner is Glen Brunken of Slippery Rock, PA with a score of 2483-53x.

The winner of the Marksman class was Steve Mitrosky of Clarion, PA with a score of 2347-33x.

In addition to the 2700 point match, the Wilkes Barre Club held a NRA Distinguished Revolver match. The winner of that match was Steve Gibbons of Lewistown, Pa with a score of 270-1x.

Moraine Sportsman's Club also held a Distinguished Revolver Match; the winner was Kevin Kelly of Euclid, OH with a score of 273-5x. Also a CMP "EIC" Leg Match was fired. The winner of that match was Raymond Wallander of Pleasant Gap, PA with a score of 275-5x. Ray is already a Distinguished Pistol Shot so the "Leg" points were won by Robert Pater-niti of Ohio with a score of 255-5x.

The Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association wishes to thank the officers and members of both the Wilkes Barre Rifle & Pistol Club and the Moraine Sportsman's Club for holding these matches. You can be sure that Pennsylvania shooters appreciate the effort put forth by both clubs!

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2006 PENNSYLVANIA LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Submitted by Gerry Sanders

Saturday, September 23, 2006 dawned very foggy at the rifle range of THE ORIGINAL PENNSYLVANIA 1000 YARD BENCHREST CLUB. This range is the home range of the BODINES 1000 YARD PRONE RIFLE LEAGUE, host club of this years State Long Range Championship match. The match was delayed for three hours due to the persistent fog that hugged the range and made it impossible to see the targets at 1000 yards. The down time allowed shooters to discuss some of the more important world events, share shooting related information, and to enjoy some of Judy Smith's homemade chicken noodle soup. If you happen to visit Judy's concession stand, be sure to try some her world renowned Riley Relish.

Close to noon, the first shots were fired down range. The pesky fog was still present but with some improvement. Thirty-three shooters from Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and Connecticut were in the hunt for the high score of the day. Subtle wind changes were taking place, along with a heavy haze moving in and out which made for a challenging match.

At the conclusion of the match, two shooters had tied. Applying the Creedmore Rule, the 2006 Pennsylvania Long Range Champion was determined to be Fred Szablewski, who used a rifle custom made by SABRAECO. Brian Litz, with his powerful 6.5-284, came in second place and James Gartrell took third place.

The 2006 Pennsylvania Long Range F-Class Champion is Robert Riley, with his new barrel. In second place was Thomas Delovich; Richard Johnson took third place. This was the first time the new F-Class targets were utilized and allowed the F-Class shooters to see the challenges that go along with a decreased scoring area.

The Bodines Prone Rifle League would like to thank everyone who supported the long range matches throughout the 2006 shooting season and the Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association for their support for this championship match. This is the best attendance at a Pennsylvania State Long Range Championship in many years. The shooting sports are comprised of some of the best individuals one could hope to meet in their lifetime.