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2007 PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH EDUCATION SUMMIT

Pennsylvania's National Rifle Association Youth Education Summit (YES) took place in Harrisburg from March 29-April 2, 2007. Open to Pennsylvania high school sophomores and juniors, the applicants were judged on grade transcripts, references and constitutional essays they wrote for the competitive entrance process. This four-day scholastic leadership program accepted 15 youth from across the Commonwealth.

The goal of the program is to encourage youth to become active and knowledgeable citizens involved in the political process. The students had an opportunity to learn about Pennsylvania history, Pennsylvania government, and tour the State Capitol.

They met with staff from the Pennsylvania General Assembly to discuss the process of writing and enacting laws and constitutional amendments. The



youth received an introduction to public speaking and engaged in a debate competition. One of the program highlights was to receive gun safety and marksmanship training at the Harrisburg Hunters' and Anglers' Association range. The club, affiliated with the NRA, CMP, and the Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association, provided instruction with the historic M1 Garand and other guns. Firearms instructor James Bernholz briefed the youth and led the rifle event while Trap Director Mike Mihalo led the shotgun training. Club President Jerry Dougherty remarked that it was a privilege to support this important program that was so obviously enjoyed by all the youth.



Your club should look to the 2008 PA YES and begin screening candidates now. The NRA is looking for 20 high school sophomores and juniors, each with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. For more information, contact Kory Enck (Eastern PA NRA Field Representative, 717-689-3200, kenck@nrahq.org) or Tom Baldrige (Western PA NRA Field Representative, 724-861-0447, tbaldrige@nrahq.org).

2007 STATE BB GUN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

By Ernie Harpster, Director

The results of the 2007 Pennsylvania State BB Gun Championship held in Spring Mills, PA at the Penns Valley High School and hosted by the Penns Valley Shooting Team on Saturday April 7th are: 1st place team - Penns Valley Shooting Team, 2nd place team - Palmyra BB Gun Team, 3rd place team - Tussey Mountain Junior 4-H Rifle Club. A total of 12 teams participated from the above organizations in addition to Boyertown and Harrisburg.

Congratulations to the top three placing clubs who now eligible to compete in Bowling Green, KY at the 2007 International BB Gun Championship Match, June 29th - July 1st.

**PENNSYLVANIA RIFLE
&
PISTOL ASSOCIATION**

*Constitution of the
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Article I, Section 21, The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

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— **RIDGWAY RIFLE CLUB** —
**2007 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE RIFLE SILHOUETTE**
June 23 & 24, 2007

**EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE RIFLE SILHOUETTE**
September 29 & 30, 2007

BPCR SILHOUETTE MATCHES
April 29, May 27, July 29, August 26, October 28, 2007

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's time for all Pennsylvania gun owners to speak up for their Second Amendment rights.

The "Gun Registration Act of 2007" (House Bill No. 760) has been introduced in Harrisburg. This proposal would require EVERY GUN owned by law-abiding citizens of Pennsylvania to be registered annually with the state. This registration would cost gun owners \$10 per gun each year. But of course, CRIMINALS DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER THEIR GUNS or pay anything. This is because the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that since felons are prohibited from owning firearms, to require them to register firearms in their possession would violate their 5th. Amendment rights against self-incrimination. However, if a law-abiding Pennsylvania gun owner fails to register, he or she will be jailed and lose his or her Second Amendment rights forever.


The proposed legislation would also require each gun owner to be fingerprinted, have a background check, and produce passport-style photos to get a registration card. That registration card would then have to be carried with the gun for which it was issued at all times. And further, if the state's issuing agent rejects a citizen's application for any reason, ALL OF THAT CITIZEN'S GUNS WILL BE CONFISCATED.

In addition to the above, an annual background check is required from each gun owner. Should any gun be lost, stolen or destroyed, the gun owner would be required to notify State Police within 48 hours of the incident. And a gun could not be sold or given to someone else unless the same procedure is used at least 48 hours in advance. But that's not all. Gun owners would be required to keep all firearms unloaded, disassembled, bound with a trigger lock or in a gun safe unless the gun is in the owner's immediate control and possession at the owner's residence or business, or while being used for legal recreation. It's hard to believe that this is what the framers of our U.S. and Pa. Constitutions had in mind when they wrote the Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 21.

Please call, e-mail or write your State Representative and State Senator today and ask them to OPPOSE HB-760. The combined voices of Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association members, their relatives and friends need to be heard now. Remember, the cost of freedom and liberty requires continued individual effort and attention. Do you realize how many anti-gun bills have been introduced into the PA House and Senate in this 2007 session? It's up to you and me to stop this major threat. Get involved now! Opposition to HB-760 is a good place to start.



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Thanks!

ADVERTISING RATES

Our newsletter is mailed to 2500+ businesses, organizations, clubs and individuals; is published in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Advertisements and payment must reach the office by the first of the month preceding the month of publication. Example: The completed July advertisement must reach the office by June 1. Faxed material cannot be accepted. No ad will be run without payment.

COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS RATES:

Full Page (7 3/4" x 10 1/4")	\$100
One-half Page	\$50
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All prices are one-time insertions. There is a 5% discount for two insertions, 10% discount for three insertions, 15% discount for six insertions (a full year).

BUSINESS CARD ADS are \$20 per insertion, \$100 for six insertions. Send several cards with payment.

WINTER SMALLBORE SEASON DRAWS TO CLOSE — SUMMER'S OUTDOOR SMALLBORE ALMOST HERE!

By Dave Cramer, Smallbore Rifle Director.

Most smallbore rifle shooters have spent the winter shooting on indoor ranges, either in smallbore position rifle leagues or for some indoor benchrest shooting. By now most of the annual indoor sectional matches have been contested and all of the indoor tournaments sponsored by various shooting clubs are finished. As Spring begins to give us a few hints of warmer and more tolerable weather, the outdoor ranges begin to have their annual magnetic appeal to shooters. Many smallbore shooters have been out already in 50 degree weather, trying to get a start on the summer outdoor shooting season. For most of the more sane smallbore advocates, the temperatures need to get up to the 60's, and the Spring winds need tail off a bit before our range time gets to be more serious.

To encourage Pennsylvania's smallbore population, I submit the following list of shooting matches to consider. Many of them require a little bit of travel, but all are proven match sites that have great competitions run by outstanding staffs. Attend any or all of them and you will find a group of dedicated club volunteers running the kitchen for lunch and sometimes breakfast, and range personnel who keep the matches running efficiently.

For the smallbore position shooters here are locations, dates, match type, and contact information:

- May 19-20, Murrysville, PA. NRA 3-Position, 50 meter Match. Contact: John Funk, 3336 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA. (724)327-0551
- May 27, Palmyra, PA NRA 3-Position and English Match. Contact: Erin Gestl, 213 Lawn Road, Palmyra Pa. 17078, (717)832-3385
- July 7-8 North End, (near Allentown, PA) NRA 3-Position Match, Contact; Ernest Gestl, 1811 Savercoo Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18015, (610) 797-9653
- July 7-8, Murrysville, PA. NRA 3-Position Match, John Funk
- July 18-21, Camp Perry Ohio, National Smallbore 3-Position Championships, Contact: NRA for program.
- August 18-19, Chambersburg, PA. 3-Position Air Rifle ,
Contact: Norris Diefenderfer, 257 Potomac Hights, Hagerstown, MD 21742, (301) 797-4282
- August 25-26, Palmyra, PA. USA Shooting, Prone, 3-Position, & Air Rifle, Contact : Erin Gestl, 213 Lawn Rd, Palmyra, PA 17078, (717)832-3385
- September 15-16, Murrysville, PA. Pennsylvania State 3-Position Championship. Contact: John Funk.

For the NRA Prone competitors, there is plenty of opportunity to test your skills in match competitions. Consider these:

- May 19-20, New Freedom, PA, Seitzland Club, NRA Conventional 3200 Prone Match. Contact: Bill McGuigan, 521 Windy Hill Road, New Freedom, PA. 17349, (717) 235-2773
- June 2-3, North End, NRA Conventional 3200 Prone, Contact: Ernest Gestl,
- June 7-10, Palmyra, PA NRA Conventional 6400 Prone Match, Contact: Erin Gestl
- June 23-24, Seitzland, NRA Conventional Prone 3200 Regional, Contact : Bill McGuigan,
- July 14-15 July, Wilkes Barre, PA, NRA Conventional 3200 Prone Regional, Contact: W. Bell, P.O. Box 572, Moscow, PA 18444, (570) 689-7038
- July 18-21, Camp Perry, OH Smallbore Prone National Championships. Contact NRA for program.
- August 11-12, Dormont, PA. NRA Conventional 3200 Prone Match, Contact: Dean Johnson, 400 Castle Drive Apt 77, Bethel Park, PA 15102 (724) 831-5130 (Tentative match date)
- August 18-19 Dauphin, PA. NRA Conventional 3200 Prone Match, Contact: Mike Cerzullo, 425 Springlake Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112-3174, (717) 652-3153
- September 8-9, North End, NRA Conventional 3200 Prone Match. Contact: Ernest Gestl
- September 15-16, New Freedom, PA. Pa. State Prone Championship, 3200 conventional, Contact: Bill McGuigan

George Harris, recently retired from the NRA, will continue to conduct the NRA sponsored "NRA PRONE SCHOOL" dependent upon available participants. This year's Prone School is scheduled for 19-22 June at New Freedom, PA. The school is 3 days of instruction and range firing, concentrating on all aspects of NRA Prone shooting. The weekend of 23-24 June, the end of the prone school, is a weekend match that allows prone school attendees an opportunity to test what they have learned. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bill McGuigan, (717) 235-2773 for additional information. Junior shooters are encouraged to attend, since this type of instruction is very beneficial for making transition from indoor shooting to the outdoor events.

There are a lot of outdoor smallbore rifle competitions available throughout the State this summer. Put several of them on your shooting schedules, and you will not be disappointed in the experience. Outdoor smallbore is a challenge in the weather and wind conditions that affect the .22 bullet. All ranges are covered, with cement firing points. They offer some protection from the elements, but are not entirely protected. It is a great way to keep your indoor shooting skills tuned up, if you are primarily an indoor shooter. It will be a new experience if you have never seen the effect of the mirage on your group size.

Match sponsors, the contacts given above, will assist new competitors with range directions, match program, and provide lists of motel & restaurant locations. Get out and enjoy the outdoor season!

SHOOTERS WANTED

The Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association Junior High Power Program is looking youth between the ages of 15 and 19 years of age interested in shooting competitive High Power Rifle.

If interested, contact Joe Paradisi at jjgun@jjgun.com or 814-873-6048

BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE RIFLE MATCH

Submitted by Andrew Knez Jr.

The first BPCR Silhouette Match of the 2007 season at McDonald Sportsmen's Club on April 7 was a very frustrating contest for the twenty-nine competitors who braved below freezing temperatures, 15 to 20 MPH winds, blowing snow and dark wet banks.

Brian Chilson picked up where he left off last year by winning the match with a score of 30/40. Andy Knez took 2nd open with a 27/40. 1st master went to Kermit Hoke. Steve Maurer won 1st AAA, Richard McGinnis took 2nd AAA and Karl Hovatter placed 3rd AAA. Debra Hovatter won AA class and Dana Knezevich finished 2nd AA. Bobbi Tidrick won A class and Chuck Cook won B class. Match Director John Powers won the scope class.

Scores were widely spread in all classes because of the severe conditions and for the first time in the ten year history of McDonald's matches, there were no ties to be broken at the end of the day.



MATCH WINNER BRIAN CHILSON 4-7-07
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE

2007 NRA REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP — CMP SERVICE PISTOL EIC MATCH —

Saturday, June 23, 2007
Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association
www.harrisburghunters.org

NRA Regional Pistol Championship (2700)
Match — 9:00 a.m.

CMP Service Pistol (Leg) Match
Immediately after 2700

Contact: Eric L. Poole
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Match Program & Registration Information:
[www.harrisburghunters.org/Bulls-Eye%
20Pistol/2700.htm](http://www.harrisburghunters.org/Bulls-Eye%20Pistol/2700.htm)



MATCH & CLASS WINNERS 4-7-07

McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE

FRONT ROW L TO R: Brian Chilson - Match Winner, Andy Knez 2nd Open.

BACK ROW L TO R: Dana Knezevich - 2nd AA, Debra Hovatter 1st AA,

Steve Maurer - 1st AAA, Karl Hovatter - 3rd AAA, Kermit Hoke - 1st Master,

Chuck Cook - 1st B, Richard McGinnis - 2nd AAA, John Powers - 1st Scope.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: Bobbi Tidrick - 1st A.

HELP WANTED

Looking for persons to assist with PRPA Junior High-power program.

Apply to Joe Paradisi at jjgun@jjgun.com or 814-873-6048

PRPA SUPPORT FOR PROMOTION OF BB GUN SHOOTING

The Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association will provide substantial support for the promotion of BB Gun shooting and marksmanship training of the youth in Pennsylvania.

A \$1000 grant will be awarded annually to the club/organization conducting the PA State BB Gun Championship. The club/organization must be a current PRPA club or PRPA Junior club in good standing.

PRPA insurance coverage for approved matches will be in effect upon application to the Treasurer of the PRPA.

\$100 support will be given to each of up to seven team members of a team representing Pennsylvania at the annual International BB Gun Championship Match (IBBGCM). Support is for one team only.

\$1000 has been allocated annually for to assist in the start-up of BB gun teams/clubs, support is limited to the purchase of not more than 10 guns.

Individuals and teams are not required to be members of the PRPA for the purpose of entering the PA State BB Gun Championship Match. However, in order to receive support under the guidelines above, the team is required to be a member of the Association.

All PRPA clubs are encouraged to promote and initiate the formation of additional BB Gun teams. Information and details about the program may be obtained by contacting Ernie Harpster at (814) 692-8238 or e-mail - emh4@psu.edu



Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association

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Local PA Hunting / Sportsmen Club(s) you belong to: _____

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___ Casual / Informal (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, etc.) _____

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PENN STATE RIFLE CLUB
John Tomsho, Assistant Advisor

I thought that it would be nice to have an update on the season had by the Penn State Rifle club (<http://php.scripts.psu.edu/clubs/up/rifleteam/Home/HomePage.php>) which competes in the Mid Atlantic Rifle Conference (MAC). This is an especially important story as it reflects the team overcoming a tragedy, the loss of the club's vice-president, a top scorer, and a great friend. Last year, just after the end of the season, John Nelson's life was tragically cut short in an automobile accident.

This year, the team finished the regular season with 9 wins and 4 losses in smallbore competitions placing them first place in the Sharpshooter Division. In air rifle, the team posted 5 wins and 6 losses placing them in second place in the Sharpshooter Division. These rankings insured them a slot for each gun in the MAC Championships held on March 3rd at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

The club finished up their season with two wins at the MAC Championships securing division titles in both Varsity Smallbore and Air Rifle. In Varsity Smallbore, the Penn State Club beat Princeton University Tigers 2126-2109. The individual smallbore scores for the Penn State shooters were as follows: Jason Allshouse-537; Albert Rogers-537; Ryan Guffey-532; and Clinton Ford-520. For Air Rifle, the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Mixed Team fell to the Nittany Lions 2165-2042. The individual air rifle scores for the Penn State shooters were as follows: Albert Rogers-560; Jason Allshouse-550; Ryan Guffey-531; and Clinton Ford-524.

The four student athletes who participated in the championships (Rogers, Allshouse, Guffey, and Ford) ranked 41st, 48th, 54th, and 68th out of 112 competitors respectively in the final individual conference rankings for air rifle. Also, Rogers, Guffey, Allshouse, and Ford ranked 38th, 39th, 43rd, and 73rd out of 117 competitors in the final individual conference rankings for smallbore.

I believe that these achievements are especially notable since our club team is competing against varsity teams. These teams are mostly affiliated with the NCAA and are benefiting from scholarship monies, paid coaches, and other university support. Our shooters compete and go to school while administering the club, raising funds, practicing, and traveling to matches in their "spare" time with minimal vounteer support. I believe that their story is a great one on many levels and deserves to be told.

PRPA STATE INDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Submitted by Jeffrey Lloyd, PRPA Pistol Director

The 2007 Indoor State Championship Pistol Tournament was held on March 31 & April 1, 2007. The Eastern Section Tournament was fired at the Guthsville Rod & Gun Club range in Guthsville, PA. There were 27 competitors entered at the Eastern Section. The Western Section Tournament was fired at the Somerset Sportsman's Club Range in Somerset PA. There were 13 competitors entered at the Western Section. The scores from both matches were combined and when the smoke cleared, Ron Steinbrecher from Wyndmoor, PA came out in the usual position on the top of the heap! Ron fired an excellent score of 2643-129x! Ron didn't leave too much room for error!

Brian Keyser was in second place with 2620 - 103x. Vernon Ferguson came in third place with 2605 - 107x.

The Master Champion was Brian Dean of Butler, PA. Brian finished with a score of 2595-115x.


The Expert Champion was Joe Tomarelli of Limerick, PA. Joe fired a 2559-94x.

The Sharpshooter Champion was Brian McGroarty of Oatsville, PA. Brian fired a healthy 2407-58x.

The Marksman Champion was William Hochella of Coatsville, PA with a very good 2270-24x.

All together with 3 scores in the 2600+ area, a good day was had by the shooters of PRPA! Congratulations to all the Class Champions and all the competitors on a good showing in the Championship Matches. Special Congratulations to the 2007 Indoor State Champion Ron Steinbrecher! Ron has given us all a standard to strive for!

The PRPA wishes to thank the Match Directors and Officers of the Guthsville Rod & Gun Club and the Somerset Sportsman's Club for their support of the pistol shooters in Pennsylvania. We are aware of the effort that is put forth to host and run these matches for our fellow shooters. I personally thank you and hope that the matches will continue for many years to come.



NRA ACTION PISTOL
State Championship Match
August 12, 2007

Regional Championship Match
August 11, 2007

Chambersburg Pistol and Rifle Club
Chambersburg, PA 17201

For Information and Registration contact:
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**6TH ANNUAL PA STATE SCHOLASTIC TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL
SMALLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Sponsored by the PA Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. and
The NRA Foundation**

Individual State Champion – Stephanie Small, McGuffey High School – Score 398-30c

2 nd	Amanda Moreau	Indiana	397-31c
3 rd	Zac Szabo	Avella	397-25c
4 th	Rebekah Ashbrook	McGuffey	396-30c
5 th	Kayla Fry	Butler	395-21c
6 th	Jessica Metz	Hempfield	394-27c
7 th	Robbie Gagliani	Avella	394-25c
8 th	Timothee Gilbert	Emmaus	393-22c
9 th	Tim May	Mount Lebanon	392-23c
10 th	James Hughes (tie)	Emmaus	391-23c
10 th	JT Kerr (tie)	Butler	391-23c

Team State Champion – McGuffey High School – Score 986-69c

2 nd	Bethel Park High School	982-57c
3 rd	Mt. Lebanon High School	981-59c

8 Teams and 32 Individuals Qualified for these Championships from a field of 32 teams and over 320 high school students.

The course of fire was as follows:

**Team – top 5 shooters: two A-36 Targets each shooter; Individual: four A-36 Targets
All shooting was done from the prone position**

Howard Ashbrook was the Championship Director and Western Coordinator, Robert Johnston was the Eastern Tournament Coordinator and Roy Fritz acted as the Mid-State Coordinator.

To qualify for these championships, the team is required to be involved in scholastic league competition and be sanctioned by their School District and governing P.I.A.A. District.

READE RANGE 2007 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

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REGIONAL HIGHPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP
JUNE 9-10 2007 1600 POINT AGGREGATE
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STATE LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 7-8 2007 1300 AGGREGATE
PALMA, PRONE, AND F-CLASS
CONTACT TOM FERRARO

STATE SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 14-15 2007 800 AGGREGATE, LEG MATCH,
DIRECTORS MATCH
CONTACT DAVID LITTLE 570-458-1080
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NEW AT READE RANGE IN 2007
1000 YARD BENCH REST MATCHES
MATCH DATES: April 15, May 6, June 3, July
22, August 19, September 9, October 7.
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**M1 GARAND MATCH -- JUNE 30, 2007
CONTACT GIB MOYER 814-355-0547**

7/8th's of a MILE DEAD SHOT
By Steve Lee Parsons--Downingtown, PA

The legendary Sharps rifle, produced from 1850 to 1881 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, had two really successful applications—one military and the other commercial. Christian Sharps designed and patented the rifle and started manufacturing in 1850. The lever action, breech-loading, falling block design was simple and sturdy. The 1853 paper cartridge design was revolutionary in its day because of fast and relatively clean breech loading, eliminating the need for cumbersome muzzle loading and ramming down of the bullet and powder charge. At the start of the Civil War the Sharps company promoted a military Sharps version that had a fairly unusual pellet primer (percussion cap) feed mechanism. This was a device which held a stack of primers that flipped one over the nipple every time the trigger was pulled and the hammer fell. Rate of fire was a remarkable 8-10 shots per minute. The Sharps soon caught on as a superior weapon of higher accuracy than the standard muzzle-loading rifled-muskets. Colonel Hiram Berdan was tasked with forming two regiments of "Sharpshooters", elite marksmen wearing special green uniforms. Berdan had problems with the Union Army Quartermaster and Ordnance Generals who first tried to force him to use muzzle-loading Springfield rifles, and then the Colt 6-shot revolving rifles (Sam Colt was the master salesman who vigorously pushed his rifles on the US Army). The Colt rifle was not only inaccurate, underpowered and cumbersome to load, but was downright dangerous-- often spewing lead fragments and "chain-firing" all chambers of the cylinder. The troops threatened mutiny if forced to use the Colts. In early 1862 President Lincoln visited the Berdan camp and tried shooting one of the Sharps, hitting the target at 500 yards. Col Berdan was then challenged to hit a target of Jeff Davis at 600 yards and drilled it through the eye. Lincoln then promised Berdan that he would get the Sharps rifles and carbines with approximately 100,000 subsequently issued to the Union Army. After the Civil War, the Sharps factory started converting the older rifles to cartridge firing models in 1869 for the commercial buffalo hunting trade and frontiersman's market. In 1874, a new and improved cartridge model was introduced. Hugo Borchardt was the designer at Sharps. Some years later he introduced the pistol design that evolved into the Luger semi-automatic pistol.

As dawn broke the morning of June 27th, 1874 a huge band--estimated at 500 to 700 Comanche and Kiowa mounted warriors-- prepared to lay siege to a gathering of 28 men and one woman--a group of Buffalo Hunters at a small settlement called Adobe Walls, Texas. The Indians, led by Chief Quanah Parker were armed with Winchester repeaters, bows, and a variety of other weapons. They intended to massacre the hunters. Twelve of the hunters had Sharps rifles and a sufficient quantity of ammunition. One of the hunters was Billy Dixon, a 24 year old but already a legendary long distance marksman. Another was Bat Masterson, later to be a celebrity "shootist" of the Wyatt Earp era. Dixon spotted the charging Indians, alerted the others and started shooting. They continued repulsing repeated charges over the next two days, picking off dozens of the Indians and only suffering several wounded and three dead hunters--one of whom shot himself by accident during the fight.

On the third morning of the siege, a group of about 15 Indians gathered on a bluff at what they considered a safe distance. Knowing Dixon was the best "shootist", Bat Masterson pointed to the Indians and said "take a crack at them with your Big-Fifty (.50 x 2.5 " cartridge) Sharps, Billy". Dixon settled in, carefully sighted his rifle, and took a shot. One of the Indians fell off his horse, dead. The distance was later measured at 1,538 yards. Dixon never claimed anything but a lucky shot. Unlike Masterson he was not a braggart. This became known as the legendary "7/8th's of a mile dead shot".

The astonished Indians headed for the hills and the siege was over. Later that same year, Billy was acting as a Scout for a US Army patrol and fought off another Indian attack. For this incident he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (later withdrawn due to his "civilian" status). The Indians named the Sharps rifle "gun that shoots today and kills tomorrow".

Today, there are about a half dozen companies manufacturing Sharps replicas in Italy and the States. Prices begin at \$1,000 and all different calibers are offered, although most common is the old reliable .45-70. I recently bought one—mine is made by Pedersoli Company of Brescia, Italy. This is the Quigley Model in .45-70 (34" barrel, 13 pounds) and modeled after the rifle used by the fictional movie character from "Quigley Down Under" a 1990's vintage Tom Selleck movie. The Quigley character is supposedly patterned after Billy Dixon. I'm just getting the feel of mine, but what a great shooter ! There's enough gun to absorb the recoil to the point that you think you're firing an M-1 carbine !

There are probably more Reproduction Sharps rifles in more sizes and calibers in use today than the entire total of original factory production. A great tribute to Christian Sharps' design !

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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 300 yds. 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>

BELLWOOD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB—High Power rifle matches— 100 yards, 50 shots. Entry fee: \$10, Juniors: \$5. Contact Gib Moyer, 814-355-0547 or e-mail gem14@email.psu.edu for information. Visit www.bellwoodsportsmen.com. High power matches are the first Sunday of the month from April-October. Registration at 8:00am, match begins at 9:00. Matches are open to the public. NRA and CMP.

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.

CHAMBERSBURG PISTOL & RIFLE CLUB - 1620 Cider Press Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201. NRA Action Pistol Bianchi Cup Style Matches. 2007 Schedule: Fun Steel: 1/21, 2/18, 11/11/2007. Novice Fun Steel: 7/14. NRA Action Pistol (Bianchi Cup Style): 3/11, 4/15, 5/13, 6/10 (NRA-approved match), 7/8, 9/9, 10/14. Registered NRA Action Regional: 8/11-12 Contact: George W. Martin, President/Match Chairman, 1335 Brechbill Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17201, 717-263-4429 after 4:30 pm, e-mail: antiquebears@comcast.net.

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, IHMSA pistol 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—Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Sep 2, Oct 7, 2007. Highpower Rifle/Highpower Hunting Rifle Silhouette —Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, 2007. Lever Action: March 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Aug 25, Sep 22. 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-Monday & Tuesday at 7:00 pm starting in October. Contact John Pifer 814-427-2161. Bowling Pin Matches, Sep-May, 3rd Sunday, 10 am-4 pm. 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. □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. NRA Service Rifle Tournaments—50 shot—200 yards—April 7 & May 13, 2007, firing starts at 9:00 am. Located on Centertown Road, two miles north of Harrisville, PA, just off PA Route 8. 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/~llipko/

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 - nyla-bean@pennswoods.net.

McKEESPORT SPORTSMEN'S ASSN.—P.O. Box 448, North Versailles, PA 15137, Physical: Route 48, 1 mile south of Route 30 in North Versailles. Club is in White Oak. Trap, skeet, bowling pins, archery, indoor pistol (50f), outdoor pistol 10, 15, 25 and 50 yards covered, outdoor rifle 50, 100, 200 yards covered. Numerous shoots throughout the year in all disciplines, junior program, hunter safety, archery, home safety, self defense, NRA instructor courses, CMP matches, and air gun. Contact: Jim Kerr 724-331-1880, 223845@comcast.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.

MORAIN 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 - Apr 15, May 6, June 10, July 1, Aug 19, Sep 9, Oct 7, 2007. Competitors report by 10:30 AM. NRG range on PA 287 between Morris and Wellsboro, PA. Fixed targets, 100 yards, 2 sighters & 80 shots for record. Contact Dave Wilcox, 570-337-2905, nrghpr07@epix.net w/ subject "NRG League" 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. Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette State Championship: June 23 & 24, 2007. BPCR Silhouette Matches: April 29, May 27, July 29, Aug 26, Oct 28, 2007. BPCR Silhouette Eastern Regional Championship: Sep 29 & 30, 2007. 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 - ridgwayrifleclub.com.

SOMERSET RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION— 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): 4/29, 5/20, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 2007. R.K. Nelson—10/14. State High Power Championship: 9/16-New Holland. State Service Rifle Champ / LEG Match: July 14 & 15. 1000 yd bench rest matches: 7/22 & 8/19. 1000 yd prone & F-Class: 8/25. Long Range Weekends (Palma, Prone, F-Class, Bench Rest: 4/14 & 15, 5/5 & 6, 6/2 & 3, 9/8 & 9, 10/6 & 7. 600 yd match (Prone, F-Class): 4/28, 5/19, 6/23, 7/28, 8/18, 9/15, 10/13. Sniper Match: 5/26 & 9/16. High Power Regional Championship: 6/9 & 10. M1 Garand Match: 6/30. Long Range State Championships (Prone, F-Class, Palma): 7/7 & 8, 2007. Shot at Reade Township Range located north of Tyrone near town of Allemans. For info, call Tom Ferraro: 724-352-0234 or Jack Lee: 724-865-2597. Web site: www.readerange.org.

WHITE OAK ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.- Meets first Monday of the month at 7:30pm, Skeet and 5 Stand every Wed. and Fri. 7-9pm, High Power CMP matches second Sunday of the month 9-11am, Indoor Archery every Thurs. 6-9 pm, scheduled 3-D archery shoots, 5 Stand, 100 target Sporting Clays, Black Powder shoots, Bowling Pin shoots, Hunter Trapper Ed classes, Women, Youth and community Police programs (all events are open to the public) Club is located off Route 30, 4 miles west of PA Turnpike Exit 67, in Westmoreland County, at 600 Skellytown Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642-1377. New membership inquiries and info visit www.worgclub.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 ½ miles North of Greenville on Rt. 18. For more information, contact Dwane Pears 724-588-4503 or e-mail whiteoakclub@yahoo.com.

WILKES-BARRE RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB - Muhlenburg, PA--12 miles south of Wilkes-Barre. 50 point rifle range--out to 300 yards, 28 point pistol range with turning targets, Ranges have covered firing points with concrete pads, I.D.P.A.,Metallic Silhouette,High Power Rifle, Conventional Pistol, Smallbore Prone Regional,W.B. Memorial Match,Turkey Shoot, For complete schedule, contact: Wayne Bell, Secretary, www.wbrp.org, 570-254-6267

YORK RIFLE RANGE ASSOCIATION, INC.— Hellam Township, York County. 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). NRA-approved 80-shot Regional Match Course—4th Sunday each month, Apr - Sept. Call Beverly Throne for details at 717-244-8612. Web site: www.yorkriflemen.org.

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

Please contact the Association Directors with your questions about their disciplines.

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2007 PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR OLYMPICS DECEMBER 16-17, 2006

As director of the recent Pennsylvania Junior Olympic Rifle Championships, I have to compliment all the shooters, parents, and match staff for the outstanding job they did to make this championship a huge success. Thanks also to the ZERBE TWP ROD & GUN CLUB for providing us with an excellent facility in which to conduct this Championship. Due to the efforts of all concerned, it just keeps on getting bigger and better every year. This year was the biggest Junior Olympics ever fired in the state of Pennsylvania and most likely one of the largest ever fired in the entire country! The event saw 54 smallbore entries, 51 air rifle entries, and 24 team entries.

Many thanks to the staff members who volunteered their time, often at great personal time and expense, to make it all work. Special thanks to Ann August for the many hours spent doing all the computer work; Rick Enders, Ted August and Danny Wolfe for all their help scoring and posting scores. Thanks to Amy Wolfe and all the parents in the kitchen for keeping us well fed. And thanks also to Mark McAndrew and Mark Shuman for running the range and any errands that needed doing. A special thanks to Erin Gestl for running an overflow relay when I had to attend my nephew's wedding (poor planning on my nephew's part). A special thanks to the junior shooters of the home team for giving up many of the prime shooting times for the convenience of the shooters who had to travel great distances.

Next I would like to congratulate all of the Junior Shooters who worked for many months to compete and win their way to the National JORCs in Colorado Springs. The 2007 Pennsylvania State Medalists are:

Gold Medalists (Smallbore): Leslie Angeli and Tommy Santelli
Gold Medalists (Air Rifle): Emily Holsopple and Kenny Ridge
Silver Medalists (Air Rifle): Leslie Angeli and Tommy Santelli
Bronze Medalists (Smallbore): Christina Dutra and Michael Kulbacki
Bronze Medalists (Air Rifle): Christina Dutra and Michael Kulbacki

Many other Pennsylvania Juniors may get invited to the National Junior Olympics as well. I am again confident that all of these young shooters will make us very proud of their performance in Colorado. I'm sure that they will once again prove that Pennsylvania is truly the Rifleman's State. Again, thanks a bunch to everyone. Bill Earnest