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## **PISTOL TEAMS AT CAMP PERRY**

By *WILLIAM SIPPLE, JR.*  
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Pennsylvania pistol shooters more than held their own again at Camp Perry, OH in 1999. Shooters from PR&PA Teams won over 70 individual awards in the NRA matches as well as several awards in the Civilian Marksmanship Matches.

In the NRA team matches, PR&PA's Sharpshooter Team placed 2nd in the .45 Cal match and 2nd in the team match aggregate. In the prestigious National Trophy Team Match, PR&PA's "Ball Team" members were the silver medalists among civilian teams and placed 9th overall out of 27 teams. In addition, Randy Rager was named to the Elihu Root Gold Medal Team for his excellent score of 279-6x in this match. The Elihu Root Team is comprised of the top four individual scorers in the NTT Match.

Sharpshooter Alex Freoni and Marksman Joseph Tomarelli were also named to the NRA/USA Pistol Team. This team is comprised of the top 10 civilians in each class. In addition, Vernon Ferguson earned a slot on the Mayleigh Cup Team which is comprised of the top 12 shooters in the .22 Cal. slow fire match.

Named to the President's 100 (President's

Pistol Match) were Randy Rager, Edward Hoey, Joseph Urish, Michael Cunningham, and Brian Keyser.

In the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match, Brian Keyser, Edward Hoey, and Randy Rager won gold medals; Mark Cunningham a silver medal; and Charles Fosnocht a bronze medal.

Kudos to all PR&PA shooters for another fine showing.

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### **"Name Your Newsletter" CONTEST**

#### **WIN**

#### **Free 3 year Membership**

The **PR & PA** needs to choose a **new name** for it's official newsletter. Suggestions are being sought from the membership. The person whose **newsletter name** is selected will win a **three year membership** to the **PA & PR**.

Please send your suggestion along with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address (if you have one) to Allen Wagner, 2036 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA. Or, send e-mail to [sandywag@aol.com](mailto:sandywag@aol.com).

## PR&PA Members to Vote on Bylaw Changes

The following proposed changes to the bylaws of the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association will be presented by the board of directors for a vote by the membership at the annual meeting of members in March. The proposed changes must be published in the membership newsletter in at least two editions before the annual meeting.

1. *Article Nine: Meetings*

*Section 9. 3.*

Amend by **striking and replacing**

Present form: The Fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be held on a **weekend of October** of each year at a time and place to be set by the President, or as the Board of Directors may set.

Proposed amendment: Strike **weekend of October** and replace with **fall weekend**

Rationale: More flexibility in scheduling

2. *Article Nine: Meetings*

Amend by **inserting** new item 9.8.

Proposed amendment: In the event a Board of Directors meeting cannot be convened, an electronic meeting may be called, discussion held and votes taken subject to ratification at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Rationale: Since members of the Board may live at great distances from each other, it is not always convenient or cost effective to convene a meeting when a pressing issue arises and requires a timely decision

3. *Article Twelve: Dissolution*

Amend by **striking and replacing**

Present form: In the event it becomes necessary to dissolve the Association, all assets will be liquidated and the proceeds disbursed among the members on the roll of the Association at the time of dissolution according to a ratio of total membership of one to the whole.

Proposed amendment: In the event it becomes necessary to dissolve the Association, after the payment of all outstanding indebtedness of the Association, including loan capital however evidenced, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors.

Rationale: If the Treasurer is to continue to work with the IRS in pursuit of a not for profit status, our papers must be in order. On review of IRS rules and current "buzz" words, it appears that our wording - Article Twelve: Dissolution - could very well raise a red flag and prevent the Association from doing what needs to be done.

*From the desk of . . . .*

**DENNIS MILLER,**  
*President, PR&PA*

Here it is November already and I'm sure a lot of you are thinking of hunting season. Or perhaps have already been out enjoying Penns woods and the beautiful fall. As you will notice we have changed our newsletter. Mack, our editor of almost twenty years, thought it was time for a change due to his many commitments. We thank him for his time and effort and good luck to him.

Dave Cramer and Dave Petrun are working to get our national champion juniors together in Harrisburg, where they will be honored on the Senate floor and presented with citations. Senator Bob Robbins, ( from Mercer county and a member of the Fish and Game Committee,) has in the past, had citations made for our champions, thought this would be a better way to show what properly trained young shooters can do, instead of all the garbage the media spews.

Dick Stempeck advised me that the Hornady Bullet Company will be displaying our junior high power team in its catalog, which should be out soon. When you see him, ask him about the Hornady shirts he paid for and how the kids all wore them on the line and how this was appreciated.

In the next couple of newsletters there will be printed several by law changes to vote on in March. One of them pertains to our trying to become a non-profit organization. If we add this verbiage, we then can become eligible for grants and donations to further support our teams. One of the motions passed in our October meeting will set up a fund for the juniors and we need this tax status to do it.

I want to thank Ron Clouser, our eastern NRA Field Representative for helping us have our meeting in Huntington, at the Game Commission building. Its a beautiful meeting room. He showed up to support us and that after having a Friends of the NRA dinner the night before, lasting until 1 A.M.! I think we have two of the best field reps in the NRA. Thanks Ron and Tom!

At our fall meeting several ideas were offered to bring more shooters on the line. One was a postal shoot for juniors with hunting rifles. We will be awarding a scholarship. Mike Brandon has graciously offered to run it. More details to follow. Let's get the kids out to the clubs and shoot those deer rifles.

When you are visiting your local shooting emporium and somebody asks, "What is the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association?", tell them we are the NRA organization that is number one in advancing the shooting sports and we are going to prove it! Let's also support our gun raffle. We are trying something different in offering guns or other appliances.

I also want to thank all the directors who could make it to Huntington. It was a very positive meeting and thank you for the support. We actually accomplished a lot and were still able to leave half an hour early to drive home in the pea soup fog.

P.S. Thanks to Paul Frey, our oldest past president at 96, for showing up and telling us about some of our and his past. I wish I had a week to sit and listen to him.

**PA RIFLE  
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*Constitution of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*  
Article 1, 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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## CALLING ALL AIR RIFLE CLUBS

By *Mike Mathis,*  
*Air Rifle Committee*

The air rifle committee is off and running. The first thing that I need is for all clubs that shoot air rifles to write or call me so that we can find out who each of us are. Please indicate whether your club is an air rifle only club, a smallbore club that also shoots air rifles, or a club that may want to start shooting air rifles. We have a budget approved and may expand state championships for 3-position and possibly also 4-position air rifle. Specify if you are in favor of having one or both of the position air championships. Also indicate if you would like to host a state championship. Remember that the International Air Rifle state championship is determined at the state level J.O.R.C.

New for 2000 is a new Jr. Sectional format from the NRA. This year there will be a separate sectional for Sporter air rifles. Sporters will have their own big medallions. The NRA states that position air will now have two separate but equal sectionals. Shooters may only shoot in Precision or Sporter period. If you shoot in a sporter individual match, you must also shoot in a team match with a sporter. There will be no shortage of sectionals in the state to choose a location. There are approximately six Jr. Sectionals this year spread evenly across the state, but most of the sectionals are on the same weekend of March 11th and 12th. My sectional in Galeton will be on the 12th of March only and will be an air rifle only sectional - International Air, 3-Position precision, and 3-Position Sporter.

The state level Junior Olympics (J.O.R.C) will be held in Treverton this year on the 18th and 19th of December, 1999. Registration begins November 20th, 1999 by telephone. Call Bill Ernest (215) 943-2145 on evenings and weekends.

The American Legion National Tournament is a great match to shoot in. There is surely one near you. If you can't find one keep ours in mind. But you will have to get your buck early because our is on the 11th of December, 1999. You must pre-register and pre-pay \$5.00 by the 30th November 1999.

Please write to           Micheal G. Mathis  
                                  100 Pine St.  
                                  Galeton, Pa. 16922  
or call                       (814) 435-2252

## PROBLEMS WITH PICS/NICS ?

Jack Lee, our Director of Legislative Affairs, requests information on any problems you may be having with PICS/NICS. Legislator, Merrill Phillips will meet periodically with the majority and minority leaders of both the House and Senate, a representative from the Attorney General's office, and a representative for the Governor to determine the effectiveness of PICS.

Mr. Phillips has requested a copy of our data. Needed is a list of problems, date, length of time and any other problems.

Please contact:           Jack Lee  
                                  100 Wycliffe Way,  
                                  Butler, PA 16001-1335.  
                                  724-865-2597

or e-mail him at [prpaleg@nauticom.net](mailto:prpaleg@nauticom.net)

# Juniors Participate in State Camp

By **DAVID CRAMER**  
PRPA, Smallbore Director

Sixteen Junior smallbore rifle shooters from Pennsylvania participated in the annual State Camp held at Penn State University, State College, PA. Dates of the Camp were 23-27 June 1999. Utilizing the dormitory space and dining facilities of the University, and hosted by the Penn State Rifle Team's range complex on campus, all participants reported that this camp was an excellent learning experience. Costs were held to a minimum, with the additional assistance of the Civilian Marksmanship Program's camp grant program, along with the PA Rifle & Pistol Association's financial support.

Eight adult leaders, and coaches volunteered their time and experience to make the camp a success. They came from varied shooting experiences and backgrounds, each providing special expertise to different areas. Ron Noe, Bill Earnest, and Rik Earnest, are the coaches from Langhorn Junior Rifle Club, from Eastern PA, David Cramer, coaches Frazier-Simplex Junior Rifle Club, from the western part of the State. Delbert Hawk coaches a 3-position air rifle and BB gun program. Several younger coaches, recent graduates, currently college students, or about to enter college, all with considerable Junior shooting program experience, provided a variety of insights to the camp's instructional process. The following: Gene Barton, Penn State Rifle Team, Lindy Riley, Univ. of Texas at El Paso, Frank Martin, Duquesne University Rifle Team, and Vicki Ridge, Univ. of Nebraska, were the collegiates who helped make this camp possible. Rose Baker, a long time smallbore rifle competitor conducted the camp maintaining the history of Penn State Junior Shooting camps being excellent experiences for competition oriented Junior rifle shooters.

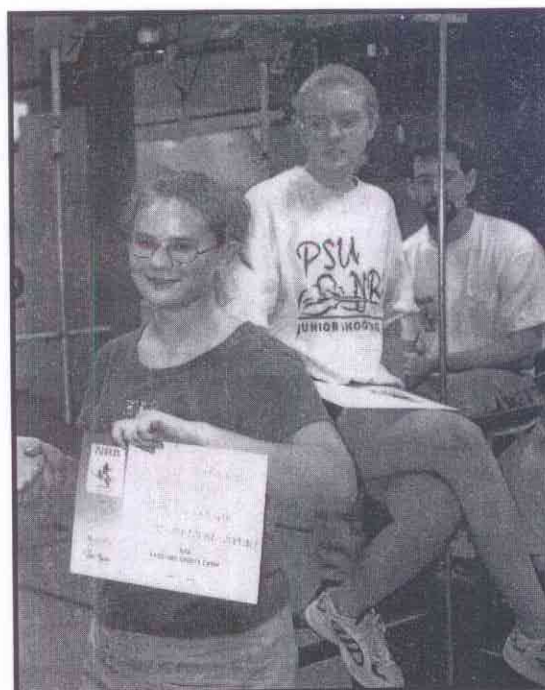
Wednesday, 23 June 1999, began a very vigorous agenda of events for the campers. Upon arrival at Penn State, all campers got settled into their dorms, said goodbye to their families, and began the schedule that would keep them on the run from 7:00 a.m. until lights out at 11:00 p.m. daily. There is very little down time during this camp, and the emphasis is on doing more training, or shooting and training than most Junior shooters get in a three or four week span of back-home shooting.

Range activities varied each day, with some class time mixed in with plenty of shooting time. About half of the camp was directed at smallbore rifle shooting, and the other shooting time concentrated on precision air rifle competition.

Classes included- equipment lessons, shooter diary entries, goal setting, relaxation techniques, physical training, mental preparation, care and cleaning of equipment, and numerous one on one sessions for individual instruction. All campers also had their vision screened at the beginning of the camp. The hope of this activity was to identify any vision problem, and eventually eliminate one additional variable from impeding their shooting progress.

Junior shooters attending the camp had a variety of shooting experience and skill levels. Many had been shooting actively with clubs or junior programs for several years, and several were in their first year of shooting. Some of the youngsters had never fired air rifles before, and received beginning instruction in that area of competitive shooting. Some shooters had only shot BB gun or air rifle events, and were leaning the basics of smallbore rifle for the first time. The camp had the capacity to adapt to any level of shooting experience, and every attendee benefitted from the special attention they received.

Plans are to conduct a similar camp next summer at the same location, and about the same time of the year. The camp is conducted under the Penn State Summer Camps program, with National Rifle Association sponsorship.



Emily Yocum named Most Improved Overall Shooter

# SPORTSMAN'S

This is a listing of PR&PA member clubs and their activities. If your club would like to be included, please submit your information to Calendar, RD 2 Box 313, Tyrone, PA 16686.

**UPPER PERKIOMEN SPORTSMEN'S ASSN., INC.** - Black powder shoots 4th Sun. each month, rain or shine (covered loading area), 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Paper targets at 25 & 50 yds. Ten-target primitive course. Stulcrs and spectators welcome. Shoots open to public. Rifle range open 8:00 a.m. - sunset daily to members only (no guests). Club located on East 6th St., Red Hill, PA off Rt. 29. Refreshments available on day of shoots. For more info contact Galen Beard (215) 679-7830, 314 E. 6th St., Red Hill, PA 18076-1104.

**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. For directions to range, pre-registration, or detailed match schedule call club president, Don Neilson at (814) 772-6S10. Clubhouse phone (814) 929-5429.

**McDONALD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - Black powder cartridge silhouette matches. 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 Nobles-town Road between towns of McDonald and Midway.

**IRWIN SPORTSMEN'S ASSN.** - Sixteen position covered silhouette range, action & bowling pin range, twelve position 200 yard covered rifle range. Covered 25 yard pistol range and indoor 50 foot .221r range. NRA approved Hunter's Pistol Silhouette and Smallbore Hunter's Pistol Silhouette first Saturday of the month April through October, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - unsquaded matches. Silhouette practice the second and fourth Friday of the month - 5:00 p.m. until dark. For more information contact Bruce Lumsden 724-527-3954 or e-mail [lumsden@westol.com](mailto:lumsden@westol.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 and outdoor), Steel Valley woods walks, rim fire golf, trap league, bullseye league, 200 yd. Rifle range, 50-yd. Pistol range, full auto range. 1-90 to Rt. 430 exit, east on 430 to Wales road (sign) turn right. Follow to Donlin Road, take a left 1/4 mile on both sides of the road. For dates and times on the above events call Bill Smith at 814-833-6982 or e-mail [jjgun@erie.net](mailto:jjgun@erie.net)

**EAST MONONGAHELA SPORTSMEN CLUB** - NRA sporting clays every Wed., 6:30 - 10 p.m. For more information call Gary Somerfield at (412) 384-4663. 25-yard pistol pin shoot every Monday 6:30-10:00 p.m., 50-yd open sight pistol plate shoot every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. followed by 25-yard .22 pistol plate shoot, .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot last Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Random pickup teams chosen each evening. Shoots are at 50 yards, offhand, scoped or iron sights. Shooters of all ability levels are welcome to all events. Both the pistol and rifle ranges feature covered shooting positions. The club is located on Roberts Hollow Road between Rt. 136 and Rt. 51 in Forward Twp., Allegheny County. Club phone (412) 384-4747.

**GROVE CITY SPORTSMEN** - Indoor .22 and midrange center fire handgun practice Wed., 7:00 p.m. For more information contact William A. Osborne, 304 E. Washington Blvd., Grove City, PA 16127.

**WESTERN PA. 30 CALIBER LEAGUE** - Membership - \$15 seniors, \$5 juniors. Match Fees - \$10 adults, \$4 juniors. Matches shot at Reade Township Range located north of Tyrone near town of Allemans. For information call Jack Lee (724) 865-2597 or contact Diane Snyder, secretary, 824 Dick Road, Renfrew, PA 16053.

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

**WHITE OAK ROD & GUN CLUB** - Public skeet every Wed., 7:00-9:00 p.m. For information call Tom Wiman at (412) 863-1060(w) or (412) 864-2671(h), Frank Colecchia, 412-372-0338 (ph & FAX), club or

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house 724-863-9941. Public skeet and trap every Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Club located in Westmoreland County at 600 Skellytown Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642

**SLIPPERY ROCK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB** - Meets first Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Club located 2 miles east of Slippery Rock (N. Butler Co.) off Kiester Road. Rifle, pistol and trap ranges, fishing lake, 3-D archery when scheduled. New members welcome. Dues \$ 10 yearly. Contact Jim North, 244 Elm St., Slippery Rock, PA 16057 at (724)794-4333, e-mail - jrnorth@pathway.net

**MORaine 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 information on club or activities contact Leo Geibel (412)285-7286.

**LONG BRANCH SPORTSMEN'S CLUB** - High Power matches. Range is located 3 miles off I-70 Exit 16 (Speers). Turn right at stop sign. Go to 3-way stop sign - turn right. Go 1 1/2 miles then turn left onto SR #2027 (Honor St.). Then 4/10 mile to stop sign. Go straight 7/10 mile to Spahr Street. Turn left (boro garage on right) - go 4/10 mile - club is on the right. For info write the club at P.O. Box 213, Coal Center, PA 15423 (Washington County near California, Pa.) Or contact Dave McGrath, 9 Walkertown Hill Road, Daisytown, PA 15427, (724) 938-0382 or Bob Ferencz (724) 929-3348.

**SOUTH FORK RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB** - Covered firing points, electronic timed turning targets. Club located near Sidman. For information contact Dave or Cathy Czadkewski, R. 100 Richland Ave., Windber, PA 15963 or call eve. Or weekends at (814)467-6287.

**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. For additional information contact Lynn Grabosky, 61 Alban Lane, Taylor, PA 18517, (717)562-3057.

**CLARION RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB** - Range located north of Clarion on Rt. 62 behind J&L Sporting Goods. For more information contact Gary Rex, R.D. 2, Box 222, Clarion, PA 16214, (814)744-9639.

**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, 200 yd, Hipower 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.

**MeKEAN COUNTY RIFLE CLUB** - Club located on Rt. 770 between Rt. 219, Bradford and Rt. 59, Marshburg. Club hosts monthly wood walk shoots, hunter pistol and smallbore rifle silhouette. For more info contact Rob Drummond, 10 Drummond Hollow, Bradford, PA 16701, (814) 362-2281 or Alan Bean, 16 Storey Place, Bradford, PA 16701, (814)368-3007(h), (814)362-3811(w) or e-mail - bcwa@penn.com

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. each month (sun, snow, sleet or rain). Sign up 10 a.m. Matches for first timers, novices, 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 in PA or Dave Mullen (410) 836-3632 in MD. For general info call the club at (717) 456-9018; 24-hr. Activity hot line is (717) 456-7719. Club is located on Pikes Peak Road off Rt. 74 in southern York County. All are welcome.

**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. 3-D. Monthly meeting 2nd Wed., 7:30 p.m. For information write Zerbe R&G Club, P.O. Box 552, Treverton, PA 17881 or call (717)797-3351 or (717)797-1618 after 5..

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