

ORSA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

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AUTO RIFLE BENCHREST NEWS

By James Carroll

This has been an exciting year of 22 Auto Rimfire Benchrest shooting for our ORSA club members. Rebecca Carroll finished the year as Tennessee State Factory Rifle Class Points Champion. Benjamin Matoy is the Unlimited Class Points Champion. His daughter, Shelby, won the Unlimited Youth Class for the State of Tennessee.

Shelby Matoy, went to Borne, TX on November 4, 2017 and won the Texas State Unlimited Youth Championship and became the 2017 AUTO BENCHREST ASSOCIATION Unlimited Class Youth NATIONAL POINTS CHAMPION. Benjamin and Shelby just joined our club this year and this was the first year of competition for all three of our champions—congratulations to all for a job well done. Danny Sissom finished second overall in the Factory Class in his first year of competition. Danny was most helpful in setting up and breaking down the tables and target frames for every match this year.

Next year ORSA will be holding a monthly ARBA registered match starting in March and continuing through October. The ARBA National Championship will be held August 26, 2018 at the Kettlefoot Gun Club in Bristol, TN. For more information about the 22 Rimfire Semi-Automatic Benchrest Shooting Program visit the website: www.autobenchrestassociation.com.

The ABRA Factory Rifle Class offers an opportunity for both young and old to shoot in organized competition with a minimum investment. These three competitors range in age from 13 to 63. A stock Ruger 10/22 is the most popular gun in this class. If you have a “souped up” Ruger 10/22, bring it out and compete in the Unlimited Class. Rebecca Carroll competed all year with a vintage Marlin Model 60 in the Factory Rifle Class to take home her Coveted Belt Buckle provided by the sponsoring National Organization. We are looking forward to having all our club members that helped make this program such a success back next year and hopefully more will join us. It to be more fun than shooting tin cans in the back yard, and it will make your neighbors a lot happier.



Left: Rebecca Carrol,
James Carroll and
Shelby Matoy

Right: Shelby Matoy
and Benjamin Matoy

DID YOU KNOW?

The “Scorer” in a match plays a pivotal role extending beyond recording the shooter’s scores on the scorecard.

CMP competition rule 5.4.3 states: “When fulfilling these (scorer) duties, scorers or verifiers serve as competition officials who are responsible for accurately recording competitor’s shots and scores.”

NRA rule 14.3.1 Scorer’s Duties states: “Upon assuming the duties of scorekeeper, an individual becomes an official of the match.”

Scorer responsibilities during rapid fire relays are especially important. With scopes away, scorers are responsible for “counting rounds” as the firer shoots. In the event of a discrepancy, the scorer is charged with notifying the Range Officer who will pass on relayed information to the Chief Pit Officer. Both officials will request the scorer verify the number of rounds fired. The scorer’s answer may result in anyone of the following “calls,” and applicable adjudication, from the Chief Pit Officer and Range Officer.

- Insufficient Rounds on a target
- Excessive Rounds on a target
- Excessive Hits on a target
- Decision authorizing a re-fire of the string by the competitor
- Decision to disallow all shots fired by a competitor in a string

As an example of potential outcomes:

CMP competition rule 8.1.9(c) Scoring Irregular Shots, Rapid Fire states: “If a competitor fires more than ten (10) shots in a rapid-fire series, as confirmed by the Range Officer and Scorer, the competitor’s score for that series must be disallowed.”

Thus, the duties of the Scorer are significant and can have far reaching effects on competitor scores.

VETERAN’S DAY CMP GAMES MATCHES: GSM, VST AND CARBINE

By Kyle Kirchenmann

The final CMP Games matches of the year were held Veterans Day weekend. We couldn’t have asked for better weather in early November, mild temperatures and calm winds. On Saturday, Veterans Day, we had more than 20 experienced high power shooters (majority are veterans as well) come out to provide coaching, pit service, and match direction so that we could provide a fun and safe environment for fellow veterans to enjoy shooting vintage service rifles. We started the day with a short talk and reminiscing with local World War II and Battle of the Bulge veteran Sam Balloff. Thanks to the Rhonda and Randy Booker for bringing both US flag and Bluetooth speakers so that we could start the matches with the national anthem. Next time we’ll work on “present arms.”

After shooting the first match with one coached relay, coaches relay, and pits relay, we formed into two squads and shot another two matches. While some shooters chose to shoot just one gun for all three matches, many choose to shoot three different guns such as the M1 Garand, M1903(A3) Springfield, and vintage (foreign) military bolt-action rifles. Since this was the 99th anniversary of Armistice Day, we had a class just for the World War I guns, such as the M1903, M1903 Mk I, M1917, and the Swiss 96/11. Most of these 100+ year old service rifles are still extremely impressive shooters.

On Sunday, we shot both the Vintage Sniper Team and M1 Carbine matches. The Vintage Sniper Team matches are shot as a two-man team using original or replica versions of WWII-era scoped rifles, both US and foreign rifles. The scoped variants of the M1903 (M1903A4 or 1941A1) are popular in this match, as well the Swedish M41 Mauser in 6.5x55 (Kiefer and Chubb). Jerry Zorsch even shoots an original numbers matching Soviet Mosin-Nagant.

For perhaps the first time in ORSA CMP Games matches history, we could offer prizes at all three matches. Prizes were generously offered by the following companies, many of which are veteran-owned, or support veterans organizations: *Vortex Optics* (rifle scope), *Tactical Tailor* (FIVE gun cases and range bags), *Sword & Plough* (travel bags),

Creedmoor Sports (shooting mat), *Shoot Steel* (AR-500 steel plate), *Midway USA* (gift certificate), *GovX.com* (gift certificates), *Champion’s Choice* (gift certificate), *DeEspresso Liber* (coffee) (use code ORSA at checkout

for 15% discount), *Black Rifle Coffee* (coffee), and the *Farmhouse Inn* bed and breakfast inn in Tellico Plains (gift certificate). Please support our sponsors.

My thanks to all the ORSA high power rifle shooters that came out to provide both service to and camaraderie with our veterans; to all those members that brought along a wide variety of historical service rifles for everybody to shoot; and lastly to the ORSA Rifle and Pistol Club for providing ammo to the veterans.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit our website for the 2018 ORSA R&P scheduled events. www.orsarandp.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we close out this shooting season and place our sights and scopes on the 2018 shooting season, I want to express my thanks to all of you for making our 2017 shooting season a great success. Most importantly to me is that we had a safe season, improved our shooting skills, and had FUN.

My primary focus for 2018 is improving R&P infrastructure and growing our programs. Our recent indoor range renovation, planned pits renovation, planned installation of cattle gates on the HP range 200, 300, 600 and 1000-yard lines, and redesigning our Rifle Practice Range, are examples of infrastructure initiatives for 2018.

As to growing our shooter participation, I see two lines of attack. First, get the word out on what our Rifle and Pistol Club has to offer. Less than 25 percent of ORSA members routinely take advantage of our competition and shooting venues. Those folks are our close-in targets. Second, our longer-range targets will come from shooting clubs like ours within an 8-hour drive of ORSA. I want to stand-up a R&P travel team as a means to expose and advertise the R&P Wind Dog.

Without question, we appreciate and welcome shooters travelling to ORSA to compete. Most come in from bordering states and are members of shooting clubs like ours. I believe they return home having had a great experience. Our travel team will show the same support and appreciation to our neighboring clubs. While there, we will fly the Wind Dog colors, exhibit our shooting prowess, and invite host club members to come and shoot with us.

Our Long-Range program will host a Regional Match in June and a State Match in September - - both of which showcase the finest privately owned 1000-yard range in the United States. And we have begun initiatives to bring our Mid-Range shooting program back on-line with an eye towards bringing the Mid-Range Regional Match back to ORSA.

And finally, we will work hard to make our Charlie Smart Regional Match in June and our Fall Wind Dog Shoot-Off match in October, world-class events. I am happy to announce the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) based at Fort Benning, GA will join us in our Charlie Smart Regional Match, and I have extended an invitation to the Marine Corps team at Quantico.

Thanks again R&P Wind Dogs for a great 2017. With your continued support and commitment to our respective shooting disciplines, 2018 will produce increased R&P membership, higher shooting scores, more outrageous "there I was" stories, and memorable camaraderie.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

See you on the range!

Bill Phelps