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2020 CMP NATIONAL RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCHES CANCELLED

After thoughtful consideration and reflection, the Board of Directors of the Civilian Marksmanship Program announces the cancellation of the 2020 National Matches at Camp Perry.

“This decision was not arrived at lightly, but was prompted by restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These matches date back to 1903 and have been held at Camp Perry since 1906,” said Judith Legerski, CMP Board Chairman.

“The health and safety of our competitors, participants, vendors, military support, volunteers and staff members is of the utmost importance — overriding even the historical imperative of maintaining the continuity of the Matches,” agreed Legerski, with Chief Operating Officer Mark Johnson and Programs Chief Christie Sewell.

“We were unable to come up with a manner in which we could safely produce the Matches. Housing and pit duty were amongst the many insurmountable problems faced by the CMP Board,” Legerski explained.

The CMP looks forward to the 2021 National Matches at Camp Perry as the best marksmanship celebration ever! In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy at home, as we prepare for the new normal ahead of us.

All CMP operations have been shut down since mid-March and a full resumption of business remains undetermined. Full refunds will be made to those who have already registered.

2020 NRA NATIONAL RIFLE, SMALLBORE RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCHES CANCELLED

National Pistol, Smallbore Rifle and High Power Rifle Championships, Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, Indiana

Due to the current state of affairs surrounding COVID-19, the uncertainties associated with this pandemic at present, and shutdowns across our country that has impeded vital preparatory work, the National Rifle Association has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 NRA Precision Pistol Smallbore Rifle and High Power Rifle Championships.

NRA Sanctioned Match Update

We received word from NRA that they will not be sanctioning any matches through June 30th.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Association is supporting all clubs that choose to keep their ranges open as they see fit. Currently there are many matches cancelled and ranges where organized group competitions aren't going to be held, but as the curve is flattened, and the science continues to

provide safety measures, our match directors and clubs might be ready for competition before the NRA is.

The NRA is suffering a double whammy as Virginia has been making it even more difficult for NRA staff to return to normal. As the COVID-19 restrictions become more relaxed, and taking the scientific information and infection safety of their particular ranges into consideration, the Wisconsin Firearm Owners Association supports the decision of any clubs that wish to host un-sanctioned competition events that are held using a sanctioning body's rules and safety procedures.

Our Association is both an NRA and a CMP affiliated state Association, and it might be possible to sanction canceled NRA events with the CMP as CMP's offices in Ohio reopen on May 4th. Safety in shooting sports is a central part of our Association's mission.

Our competitors should know the risks, use preventive measures to keep them safe. With knowledge of the vires and preventive measures competitors accept the risk. Our competition shooters are so good at being safe that I cannot recall a breakdown in safety that caused a firearm related injury. We can trust our competitors and range users to do the same with COVID-19 as well.

Be safe,

Rob Kovach

President Wisconsin Firearm Owners Association

Memories

Story by: Dave Holub

These days many of us have more time on our hands than usual. Shooting leagues, activities, and some ranges are shut down. We have time to clean up the gun room, rearrange the reloading bench, or give our guns a good once-over.

Our winter smallbore indoor bullseye pistol league at DePere Sportsmen's club came to an abrupt early end. I had some time one day, so I decided to go through my Ruger .22 pistol that I use for league, and put it away for the summer. It is one of three Ruger 22 pistols I own. It is a 22/45 MkIII. I also have another 22/45 MkIII, and a Standard model made in the first year of full production.

Taking Ruger pistols down and reassembling them is second nature to me. I have a hard time figuring out the need for the MkIV modifications. Of course, I've been working on these for a long time. The first time I took one down and put it back together, I couldn't have been more than six or seven years old.

My Grandparents had a farm southeast of Antigo, in the Town of Polar. Those familiar with that area know it for its most distinguishing feature—rocks. Every farm in the area had fencelines made of rocks. Many fields had rocks piled up in the middle. The barn walls, many out buildings, and even some houses were made of rocks. Another distinguishing feature was the hills. Farms consisted of hills and potholes left by the glaciers—not very much flat land around there. On my Grandpa's farm were several steep potholes that were used for depositing refuse, mostly rocks and garbage that wouldn't burn. They didn't have landfills back then.

When I was young, probably starting when I was five years old or so, Dad would bring his Ruger Standard pistol along when we went to visit Grandma and Grandpa. He would take me out to one of these "dumps", and we would dig tin cans, bottles, and the ever-so-much-fun-to shoot light bulbs out of the pile. We would set them up against the side of the pothole and he would plink at our "targets". I always got my chance to join in the fun.

Dad bought the pistol some time in the 50's. He said it looked like the German Luger that he tried without success to bring home from WWII. Dad smoked Lucky Strike cigarettes, so he would peel the "target" out of the wrapper and shoot at that. He was pretty good at it, too. At least it seemed that way to a young kid enamored by guns.

My Dad was not a hunter or competitive shooter. He never was. The only guns he owned were that Ruger, and an old 22 single shot rifle that I got to shoot when we made a “dump run”. In the fall of the year however, when we went to visit the Grandparents, he would load up nine rounds in the Ruger’s magazine, and one in the chamber. With the safety engaged, he would holster the gun. When I was old enough, he would let me come along with his single shot 22. My brother is six years older than me, and he had a Marlin model 60 semiauto 22. He would fill up the magazine tube, and off we’d go.

We would head to the hardwood forest out behind the barn on the back end of Grandpa’s farm to hunt squirrels. Dad’s goal was always to come home with ten squirrels with his ten shots. One time I remember him doing it. My brother and I weren’t quite so proficient.

When we got home from plinking at cans and bottles, or from hunting squirrels, we needed to clean the Ruger. I can still remember spreading newspapers out on the dining room table, and breaking that thing down. I always had my nose in Dad’s way. He finally figured he better let me learn how to do it. It is not difficult, but there is a sequence of operations that must be followed. It may even involve standing on one foot and tipping your head to one side. I can’t say for sure because I really don’t even think about it anymore.

One thing I do think about every time I work on a Ruger pistol or smell Hoppe’s #9, is Dad and me at the dining room table working on that Ruger. My Dad wasn’t a hunter or competitive shooter, but I will always remember the days we spent at the pothole plinking, and cleaning the guns afterward.

All of us have memories of our early experiences with firearms. It is up to us to make sure our kids and grandkids will have similar happy memories. Pass on the tradition and the skills you learned from your parent or mentor.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

Upcoming Events

Green Bay

80 shot 200 yd reduced

May 16, 2020

Racine

CMP Garand(am), Vintage Sniper(pm)

May 16, 2020

Lodi

4-Man Team, 50 shot NMC Triple Crown Regional

May 24, 25 and 26 2020

LaCrosse

80 shot NMC & 50 shot NMC

June 5 practice, 6 and 7 2020

Bristol

Garand Rifle Match

June 6, 2020

Beloit

80 Round Regional Course 100 yard reduced

June 7, 2020

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Attention:

Contact Match Director to assure match is still being conducted. The NRA has informed match directors they will not be expecting match fees or scores at this time during the COVID19 pandemic. The CMP is also closed and is not accepting scores.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners

Sorry to inform you that our fundraising banquet on Saturday, May 16th, has been cancelled. We are hoping to plan one for next year.

WTA Shooting Complex and Learning Center

The WTA Shooting Complex and Learning Center is located at: 1312 Akron Drive, Nekoosa, WI 54457



In 2012 the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association broke ground on the long-awaited Homegrounds project. The 2013 Wisconsin State Shoot marked the grand opening of the WTA Shooting Complex.

Since 1928, the members of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association have discussed obtaining a permanent home for the association. After 85 years, this goal is finally being accomplished with the construction of the Shooting Complex and Learning Center in the Town of Rome.

This facility sits on 280 acres of forest land in the Town of Rome, WI. There are 30 trap fields that offer a wide variety of trapshooting experiences. There is American style trapshooting as well as an Olympic bunker for international-style trapshooting.

Shooting Complex & Homegrounds RV Park Progress



Construction is ongoing at the Shooting Complex. The WTA hopes to break ground on the Learning Center soon. Meanwhile, the RV Park adjacent to the trap fields is open to the public with the completion of the restroom and shower building.

Please contact Amy Jenkins (608/547-5453 or asjenks13@gmail.com) for information about reserving the facility.

Please check back for updates on the construction process and for details about when the Complex will be open for public reservations.



Madelynn Bernau of Waterford earns spot on U.S. Olympic trapshooting team

[Paul A. Smith](#), Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Published 12:16 p.m. CT March 3, 2020



Buy Photo Madelynn Bernau of Waterford, shown practicing in Burlington in this file photo, qualified for the 2020 U.S. Olympic team in women's trapshooting. (Photo: Paul A. Smith)

competitors in a tense four-day qualification event in Tuscon, Arizona. Together with scores from Part 1 of the selection process held last fall, Bernau broke 481 targets and secured the second of two American slots for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

Kayle Browning, 27, of Conway, Arkansas, placed first overall in the women's trap qualifying with a score of 493.

Bernau was in fourth place entering Part 2 of the qualifying process, held Friday through Monday at Tucson Trap and Skeet Club.

She surged to second after breaking 65 of 75 targets Friday and never relinquished the position. Thirty-four women competed for the two Olympic slots.

The field included the best American trapshooters in the discipline of Olympic (also called bunker and International) trap.

Rachel Tozier, 27, of Pattonsburg, Missouri, was third with 477, and Ashley Carroll, 25, of Solvang, California, was fourth with 476. Carroll is the reigning women's world champion, taking the 2019 title in Italy.

With a total of 220, Bernau had the highest score in Part 2 of the qualifying and earned the title of match champion.

Bernau is a graduate of Waterford High School who was a standout on the Waterford Wolverines Shooting Team in the Scholastic Clay Target Program.

She also has been a member of the USA Shooting team and traveled to international competitions. In 2018, she [won arguably the biggest title](#) of her young career, the gold medal in women's trap at the 14th International Junior Grand Prix in Porpetto, Italy.

Bernau is a senior at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee, where she competes on the school's trapshooting team and is a pre-vet student. She hopes to enter veterinary school and be a large animal veterinarian.

She had little time to enjoy her achievement in Tuscon, according to her father, Chris Bernau. On Tuesday she traveled back to college to take a test.

Later this month she is scheduled to compete at the World Cup in India.

The men's trapshooting slots were won by Derek Mein, 34, of Paola, Kansas, who broke 520 targets, and Brian Burrows, 31, of Fallbrook, California, with a 509.

Madelynn Bernau, 22, of Waterford has been [aiming at this goal](#) for several years. Like the sure-shot she has proven to be, on Monday she hit it. Bernau earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic women's trapshooting squad by outscoring all of her competitors in a tense four-day qualification event in Tuscon, Arizona. Together with scores from Part 1 of the selection process held last fall, Bernau broke 481 targets and secured the second of two American slots for the 2020 Tokyo Games. Madelynn Bernau, 22, of Waterford has been [aiming at this goal](#) for several years. Like the sure-shot she has proven to be, on Monday she hit it. Bernau earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic women's trapshooting squad by outscoring all of her



Madelynn Bernau of Waterford, Wis. poses with Derek Mein of Kansas on Monday at the U.S. Olympic selection event in Tuscon, Ariz. Both earned spots on the U.S. trapshooting team for the 2020 Tokyo Games. (Photo: Mike Ciezki)



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The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WFO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

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National Guard breaks seven NRA national records

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NEW NRA NATIONAL RECORDS, GREAT SHOOTING AND HAND-CRAFTED WEAPONS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD



By Maj. Theresa Austin, Public Affairs Specialist, National Guard Marksmanship Training Center
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A cannon fires and then the sound of the national anthem is heard by the All Guard team, surrounded by a full range of competitors, as the day begins at the 2020 Orange Blossom Regional (OBR) Marksmanship Championships, hosted by the Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club in Palm Bay, Florida March 16-22, 2020. Little did those in attendance know, this would be where seven new national records would be set.

U.S. National Guard All Guard team member, Staff Sgt. John Coggshall from the Connecticut Army National Guard set these new National Rifle Association records during the MidRange Regional Championships, one of three championships that make up the OBR.

“The Orange Blossom Regional match is our shooting season opening match,” said Maj. S. Kirk Freeman, National Guard Marksmanship Training Center chief of competitions. “So, to see such high scores being fired during our first competition after many months shows the dedication and continued training our All Guard team members put in year-round.”

“I don’t go hunting for records, so to speak,” said Coggshall, “but when I step on to the firing line as my relay is called up, I am thinking about my plan on how to shoot the best I can under the current conditions. Sometimes it goes well; rarely a record is broken.”

Not only were records set, but surprisingly some were broken more than once during this seven-day event.

All Guard member Master Sgt. Scott Tolley from the West Virginia Army National Guard, during the 300-yard slow fire prone rifle match, was the first to break an NRA record with a score of 200-20x+2x in the service category, beating out Coggshall’s previous record of 200-18x set in 2018. Coggshall came behind him, two days later, in this match and beat out the new score Tolley set by two additional +X’s, setting the new NRA national service record as 200-20x+4x for the high-power rifle, 20 shots, 300-yard, slow fire prone.

The +X’s, Coggshall explained, “is because once you shoot a perfect score of 200-20x [200 points and 20 bulls-eyes] you are allowed to keep shooting until you miss an X, which will establish the record score.”

During the very next rifle match, 20 shots, 500-yard, slow fire- any sight, Coggshall broke two national records scoring 200-19x. He exceeded the open record by -1x that was previously 200-18x and simultaneously, exceeded the service record 200-17x that was set by himself last year.

A national record being broken twice at the same event is unusual, let alone the same individual setting two records in a row.

“It’s unbelievable that two were set, one after another,” said Coggshall.

Coggshall went on to set four more national records during this event, including the National Championship Mid-Range Aggregate Course service record, which was previously set in 2019 by Staff Sgt. Amanda Elsenboss from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, who had a score of 2397-166x.

A single individual setting seven records at one competition is quite astonishing and surprisingly, the individual, modestly, has not had much of a thought about it.

“I haven’t really thought about it,” said Coggshall, stopping to think about what happened during the OBR.

“When you have a bad shot you block it out and keep shooting and it’s the same for good shots,” he said trying to explain why he hasn’t thought much about it. “It’s unbelievable when you stop and think about it. Great shooting,” he said fairly stunned. “You don’t foresee that [breaking national records] ever happening, and then it did.”

“Staff Sgt. John Coggshall’s performance during the four-day, 2400 aggregate, firing an astonishing 2398-189x, setting a National Rifle Association national record for a service member not only shows the skill of the individual marksman,” said Freeman, “but showcases our own Master Sgt. Michael Hester’s ability to design and build a record setting rifle.

Master Sgt. Michael Hester is the NGMTC small arms machinist and a member of the All Guard team.

“I love building guns,” said Hester, “but building winning guns is the best.”

Winning teams have the best tools, and with that they must have the best machinist.

“Master Sgt. Hester is, in my opinion, the backbone of the team,” said Coggshall. “With his machine and tool making knowledge, he can make, create and alter anything.”

“It’s a synergistic formula though,” said Hester. “The guns have to be accurate enough to hit the X-ring, but the guns don’t do anything on their own. The shooters have to hold them steady enough to hit the bull’s-eye. You have to have both pieces working together with good ammo to win.”

“Shooting record scores not only takes many years of training but it also requires a highly accurate, precise and reliable firearm,” said Coggshall.

Hester has been working on weapons for approximately 20 years and has been a member of the All Guard team for about 10 years. He, also, worked as a sniper instructor for several years.

“What sets him apart is his competition shooting experience combined with his machine working background,” said Freeman. He knows that just because something looks cool, does not mean that it shoots well.”

He continued, “Staff Sgt. John Coggshall’s record setting score of a 2398-189x has never been bested by anyone in the U.S. Military and that feat was performed on the first competition the rifle was ever fired in. The National Guard has the world’s best marksmen and Master Sgt. Hester knows the best marksmen need the best equipment.”

Hester finished saying, “It does feel good to know what you gave to the team helped them win.”

~~2020 OBR CHAMPIONSHIP ALL GUARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS~~

MidRange 2400 Aggregate Individual (Match 13)

1st – Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard score 2398-189x (New service rifle national record)

4th – Master Sgt. Michael Hester, Arkansas Army National Guard score 2395-150x

MidRange 4-Man Team Match

1st – Team All Guard – Coggshall

(Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard; Master Sgt. Scott Tolley, West Virginia Army National Guard; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Denver Gillham, Pennsylvania Army National Guard; Master Sgt. Michael Hester, Arkansas Army National Guard)

MidRange 2-Man Team Match

1st – Team All Guard – Coggshall/Tolley

(Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard & Master Sgt. Scott Tolley, West Virginia Army National Guard)

Excellence in Competition Match

1st Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard

2nd Maj. Samuel Freeman, Arkansas Army National Guard

Across the Course 2400 Aggregate Individual- Service Rifle

1st Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard – score 2377-137x

3rd Maj. Samuel Freeman, Arkansas Army National Guard – score 2373-95x

4th Spc. Josh Hanrahan, Wisconsin Army National Guard – score 2365-94x

Across the Course 4-Man Team Match

1st – Team All Guard – Grimm

(Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard; Lt. Col. Aaron Grimm, Kentucky Army National Guard; Maj. Samuel Freeman, Arkansas Army National Guard; Spc. Josh Hanrahan, Wisconsin Army National Guard)

Across the Course 2-Man Team Match

1st – Team All Guard – Grimm/Freeman

(Lt. Col. Aaron Grimm, Kentucky Army National Guard & Maj. Samuel Freeman, Arkansas Army National Guard)

2nd – Team All Guard – Coggshall/Hanrahan

(Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard & Spc. Josh Hanrahan, Wisconsin Army National Guard)

4th – Team Tolley Gillham

(Chief Warrant Officer 3 Denver Gillham, Pennsylvania Army National Guard & Master Sgt. Scott Tolley, West Virginia Army National Guard)

Across the Course One & Done 4-Man Team Match

1st – Team All Guard – Grimm

(Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard; Lt. Col. Aaron Grimm, Kentucky Army National Guard; Maj. Samuel Freeman, Arkansas Army National Guard; Spc. Josh Hanrahan, Wisconsin Army National Guard)

Sheriff's Twenty

1st – Spc. Josh Hanrahan, Wisconsin Army National Guard

3rd – Staff Sgt. John Coggshall, Connecticut Army National Guard

The National Guard took six places in the Sheriff's Twenty.

New NRA National High-Power Rifle Records set by Coggshall:

- 20 shots, 300-yard, slow fire prone, service- score 200-20x+4x
- 20 shots, 500-yard, slow fire, any sight, open- score 200-19x
- 20 shots, 500-yard, slow fire, any sight, service- score 200-19x
- 20 shots, 600-yard, slow fire, any sight, service- score 200-19x
- Mid-Range Prone Course – Any Sights 60 Shot 3×600, open- score 600-50x
- Mid-Range Prone Course – Any Sights 60 Shot 3×600, service- score 600-50x
- National Championship Mid-Range Aggregate Course- service- score 2398-189x

Alito dissent blasts NYC gun law, as Supreme Court punts on highly charged case

By Tyler Olson

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to decide on the constitutionality of a controversial New York City gun law that has since changed, ruling in an unsigned opinion that the case is now "moot" because of the changes in the law.

The court's move to even hear the gun rights case despite a perceived procedural issue previously drew veiled threats from Democratic senators who filed a brief in the case, saying "[t]he Supreme Court is not well. And the people know it. Perhaps the Court can heal itself before the public demands it be 'restructured in order to reduce the influence of politics.'"

The statute in question initially restricted the transportation of firearms outside city limits -- even when licensed, locked and unloaded. The city's statute was later amended after the Supreme Court agreed to review it and New York state passed a law overruling the original version of the city's law. The court heard arguments over the original measure anyway.

"After we granted certiorari, the State of New York amended its firearm licensing statute, and the City amended the rule so that petitioners may now transport firearms to a second home or shooting range outside of the city, which is the precise relief that petitioners requested in the prayer for relief in their complaint," the unsigned opinion read.

"Petitioners' claim for declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to the City's old rule is therefore moot," it continued.

The Supreme Court sent the case back down to lower courts for undefined further action.

But Justice Samuel Alito issued a lengthy dissent in which he not only disputed whether the case is moot, but tore into the original New York City law as clearly unconstitutional.

Alito argued that the New York gun owners who sued over the original law didn't get "all the prospective relief they seek" because there was still a lack of clarity in the new version of the law on what travel restrictions actually apply to gun owners. Gun owners under the new law are told they have to bring their guns directly between their homes and gun ranges they wish to practice at with only "reasonably necessary" stops.

"But the meaning of a 'reasonably necessary' stop is hardly clear," Alito wrote. "What about a stop to buy groceries just before coming home? Or a stop to pick up a friend who also wants to practice at a range outside the City? Or a quick visit to a sick relative or friend who lives near a range? The City does not know the answer to such questions."

Alito also noted that if the Supreme Court ruled the original law was unconstitutional, then the gun owners on the case could seek damages from the city for the violation of their rights.