



# IOWA STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2003

### **BOARD MEETING:**

On July 12, 2003 the Assoc. will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting at Gander Mountain in Cedar Rapids. The street address is 2140 Edgewood Rd SW. As always, all members of ISR&PA are welcome to see how the association works and your input is always welcome. If any one is interested in helping, there are many activities within the Assoc. for volunteers. Most of these activities don't require a lot of time and help make every part of the Assoc. run a lot smoother (many hands make light work).

### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

The annual meeting, awards ceremony and election of officers for the Iowa State Rifle & Pistol Association is scheduled for Oct. 11, 2003 at the Colony Village Restaurant at the Junction of Hwy 151 and Interstate 80 (exit 225).

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

Included in each newsletter is a membership application. It is very helpful to the Secretary when members fill out the application for renewals and address changes. By using this form I can update association records and fix errors. Renewals only use one of the four applications during the year. An excellent use for the other three would be the recruitment of new members. Please note the date printed on the address label. This represents your membership expiration date for the Iowa State Rifle & Pistol Association.

### **EMAIL:**

If you have email and would like your ISR&PA News and information sent by e-mail, Please send your email

address to me. Compose a new message, send to [besgroveb@hotmail.com](mailto:besgroveb@hotmail.com), in the subject line type **ISR&PA email** and send. I will add you to the list.

### **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Any one interested in running a state championship must follow the application process. This policy was adopted at the April 25, 1981 Board of Directors Meeting. Although it has not been followed for many years, it is the Board of Directors responsibility to see that it is followed or changed. It is not necessary to register the championship with the NRA at this time, but send the match bulletin to the proper chairman. Lets get this policy back on track. By following this policy it allows the board to stay informed about all the championships, their scheduled dates and lets the secretary send out reporting information to the match director before the match. I will place a list of competition chairmen at the end of the policy process.

Those submitting a request for the state championship in 2004 will need to file by September 1, 2003.

1. The applying sponsor must submit a proposed program to the proper competition chairman by 1 July of the year preceding the match. A written request to hold the match, signed by an authorized Club Officer, must accompany the program.

2. The committee chairman will review and evaluate the proposal then return the program to the applicant for correction and reevaluation or wait for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

3. The corrected program and written proposal will be presented to the entire Board of Directors at the annual meeting and the final decision will rest with the Board.

4. Clubs, which are awarded State Championship matches, will be provided with:

a. A reporting form which must be completed when the match is over.

A representative of the Iowa Association should be present during the match.

Air Gun	Ray Dietrich	563-236-2186
Black Powder		
High Powder Rifle	Robert Mead	319-266-6223
Pistol	Paul Porter	319-455-2477
Shotgun		
Silhouette		
Smallbore Rifle	Jon Gallentine	515-366-3023

The Board of Directors are looking for someone who will chair Black Power, Shotgun and Silhouette. Any member of the Association can serve as a committee chairperson. Chairperson's duties are to advise the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and general membership in the conduct of shooting sports activities.

### STATE AIR GUN CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Dietrich

April 26&27 the West Liberty Gun Club held the 2003 air pistol and air rifle State Championship. Paul Porter again won the air pistol championship with a 551 and Cassandra Rauch won air rifle with a 550. This is the third time the two of them have won these championships in the four years these matches have been in existence.

There were 30 competitors participating with 8 of them being juniors. A sporter air rifle division was added for juniors because of the interest in this discipline. Austin Dietrich won intermediate junior. In the sub junior category Turner Watkinson was the gold medal winner, Tyler Reynolds won silver, and Ronald Vieceli won the bronze.

Erik Hahn won combined sharpshooter & marksman in air rifle; Steve Gile won the combined expert & sharpshooter in air pistol, while Mark Herzog was the

top marksman. The air pistol team composed of Porter, Gile, Mundhenke, Terry, and Hilgendorf shot a 2701. Air rifle made up of Rauch, Hahn, Babcock, Baker, and Watkinson posted a 2437.



Four juniors who shot air rifle on Sunday. From left to right (Susan Loehr, Ronald Vieceli, Brock Amundson and Tyler Reynolds). All are members of the West Liberty Gun Club. Tyler and Brock are member of Mumm's Rifles (American Legion) Lone Tree, Iowa.

### 2003 Iowa State Service Rifle Championship

By Mark Salmi

Sunny skies and comfortable temperatures made for a great weekend of shooting. However, the tricky wind and constantly changing light conditions proved to be quite a challenge for all shooters. In the end John Holliger from Illinois finished as the match winner with a score of 969-31x. Roger Howland finished in second place with a 966-23x and the title of 2003 Iowa State Service Rifle Champion. Shawn Breuklander claimed the title of 2003 Iowa State Junior Service Rifle Champion with a score of 937-17X. Bill Besgrove wrapped up the top three with an overall 3rd place victory and Master class with a score of 961-24X. Lee Wells fired 952-29X for top High master. Raymond Powers is the high Expert firing 940-14X. Stewart Drake High marksman for the day with a score of 929-16x and Brain Smith Unclassified fired 909-19X.

Distinguished shooter Mark Henrichs won the CMP leg match with a 480-11x. Second place went to Roger Howland for shooting a score of

475-6x. Roger picked up 10 points and went Distinguished. Congratulations to Roger on becoming Highpower Distinguished. Shawn Breuklander picked up 8 points with his 3rd place win with a score of 474-10x. Stewart Drake picked up the 3rd leg giving him his 1st leg points with a score of 464-12x.

### **WINCHESTER .22 CALIBER MODEL 52-D TARGET RIFLES:**

A quantity of government-surplus Winchester M52D Target smallbore rifles will be available for purchase by clubs beginning on June 16, 2003 and by individuals, beginning on July 14, 2003. Some of these rifles will be available for purchase at the CMP Store at Camp Perry, beginning on July 14.

The Winchester M52D Target rifle has a single shot action, 28 inch round heavy barrel and "micro-motion" adjustable trigger. Target stocks are of several different configurations, but all have an accessory rail. Rifles do not have front or rear sights. Rifles do not have any accessories such as slings, butt plate hooks or hand stops. These rifles are returns from ROTC and other U.S. Army marksmanship programs. Rifles are used and show normal wear. Stocks exhibit minor dings, dents, and scratches. Stocks may be refinished and/or may have rack or unit markings. Metal finish is good, but some scratches, bluing wear, and minor pitting may be present. Rifle bores may show lead fouling, but should clean up nicely. All rifles are U.S. property marked (scribed, not stamped).

There are only several hundred of these rifles in current inventory. Because of the limited quantity, CMP is giving affiliated clubs an opportunity to purchase some of these rifles before we begin accepting orders from individuals. Beginning on June 16, 2003, only club orders will be processed. Beginning on July 14, 2003, individual orders will be processed. This model also will be available at the CMP North store during the National Matches as long as quantities last. All sales are subject to available supplies. Sales are on a first come-first served basis. The CMP store will not hold rifles for pick up. There are no individual or club purchase limits. The price for these Winchester M52D rifles is \$375 plus \$20.95 S&H. Clubs receive the standard 10% affiliate discount for government surplus rifle orders.

### **IOWA RANGES:**

Each quarter I would like to feature one of Iowa's ranges. I have asked for information from several clubs and will print them in later issues. If any of the State affiliated clubs would send me information (history, facilities, membership information, highlights about club or range) all of the State Assoc. members can read about your range.

This quarter's range is West Liberty Gun Club Inc.

The West Liberty Gun Club (WLGC) has been in existence more than 50 years. As a pistol club for many years members fired in the basement of a West Liberty city business. Match results from many a match had been published in the local paper. WLGC later became incorporated in 1957 and later a Non-profit organization. WLGC moved to a 40-acre site owned by the city of West Liberty in 1974. With the help of many club members, NRA and DNR the club erected a Backstop, outdoor range cover, trap house and indoor range with 15 firing points at 50 ft. The outdoor range has four benches for sighting in center fire pistol, 22 rimfire arms, shotguns and muzzle loading arms. Silhouette pits and 12 firing points at 25, 50, 75, 100 yards. Many of the range officers volunteer to help with Hunter Education programs. There is a junior program that runs from November to April. The club is open to the public on Sat. and Sun. 1:00pm until 5:00pm with a club member certified by the NRA as a basic rifle and pistol instructor. Last Sept. WLGC received help from 389<sup>th</sup> engineering battalion Company A to raise the backstop and build side wings on the outdoor range. Cost of membership is \$60 per year. Before someone becomes a member they must take a safety quiz and be interviewed by a range officer. Members may use the facilities 7 days a week from 7am to 11pm.

### **A NEW BEGINNING:**

An amazing event happened June 28, for the first time in nearly ten years a conventional pistol match was held at the Cedar Valley Pistol & Rifle Club's, Hudson Range. The fact that this event happened at all is somewhat of a miracle. Pistol shooters from three clubs the Cedar Rapids Pistol Club, the Cedar Valley Pistol & Rifle Club and the

River City Gun Club came together to restore the CVP&R Hudson Pistol Range. The Hudson Range once a sixty-position covered range hosted NRA Regional and Approved events and Iowa State Championship Competitions until the early 1990's when disaster struck.

The Hudson range was virtually destroyed by a powerful storm in 1993, the covered firing line, buildings and shooting positions were unusable. A full season was spent by CVP&R club members just cleaning up debris. Beginning preparation was begun to raise the backstop install new firing lines, but a shortage of funds and manpower took a heavy toll. The Hudson Range fell on hard times, although maintained by the club, manpower to rebuild the firing lines could not be mustered. In the fall of 2002 members of the Cedar Rapids Pistol Club offered their help and resources to rebuild the Hudson range, their help was gratefully accepted by Cedar Valley. With new energy and technical expertise firing lines were soon laid out and new cement columns poured during the fall of 2002. Over the winter new stands and a turning mechanism were designed and fifteen new Camp Perry style benches built. During April, May and June of 2003 the new stands, turning mechanism and benches were put into place and a new thirty-position range was ready to be tested.

In early June the first match schedule mailed in ten years by the Cedar Valley Pistol & Rifle Club, Inc.

was sent to pistol competitors in Iowa and surrounding states. On June 28, 2003 a Shakedown-Fundraising event was held with near perfection, all systems performed flawlessly. The only problem was a slight Camp Perry breeze, which was hard on everyone's sunscreen. One of Iowa's oldest ranges is back in business thanks to clubs reaching out to help one another.

The results of the inaugural match are impressive: High Master, Paul Porter won the event across the board finishing with a 2606-97x. Expert Joe Jindrich took first expert in the .22 cal events with an 844-19x. Expert Tom Hunt took second with an 839.20x. In Center Fire Tom Hunt captured first expert with an 816-19x. Expert Steve Gile took second with a 813-15x. The sequence repeated itself during the .45 event with Tom firing an 808-19x for first and Steve Gile an 805-12x for the second. The same held true for the grand aggregate Tom Hunt turned in a 2463-58x to win first Expert and Steve Gile followed with a 2451-44x for the second.

All the clubs that worked so hard to bring this range to life and give it a new beginning want to thank everyone for their participation and we hope to see you at our next event July 26-27, 2003.

Thanks Everyone,  
David Eilders

**MATCHES FROM AROUND THE STATE:**

**Des Moines Rifle & Revolver Club**

06/28&29/03	.50 Caliber Matches	Wayne Satern	712-262-9275
07/19/03	4 Person Team Match / CMP Leg Match	Mark Salmi	515-961-7273
07/20/03	Highpower Regional Match	Mark Salmi	515-961-7273
08/23&24/03	Outdoor Conventional Prone	D. Hewins	575-279-1785
09/20/03	Long Range Championship (600 Yards)	Mark Salmi	515-961-7273
09/21/03	Reduced Palma Course Match (300,500,600yds)		
01/19/03	Kenny Hull Memorial John C. Garand Match	Mark Salmi	515-961-7273

**Poweshiek County Sportsman's Association**

07/07/03	Conventional Prone	Craig Hall	515-623-2020
07/13/03	Highpower 80RC 9:00 AM	Thomas D. Shaull	641-522-9656
07/28/03	Mini Palma	Craig Hall	515-623-2020
08/10/03	Highpower 80RC 9:00 AM	Thomas D. Shaull	641-522-9656
09/08/03	Mini Palma	Craig Hall	515-623-2020
09/14/03	Highpower 80RC 9:00 AM	Thomas D. Shaull	641-522-9656

West Liberty Gun Club

07/06/03	ISR&PA Outdoor 3p & 4p championships	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
09/14/03	Outdoor Prone Rifle Match (approved)	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
10/05/03	WLGC Top Gun Match	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
01/19/03	Muzzle Loader Match	Terry Boyd	319-629-5457
08/24/03	Light Rifle	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409

Oak Hill Gun Club Inc

08/31/03	Springfield Match	Bill Swartz	563-386-1351
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Cedar Valley P&R

07/26 27/03	Outdoor 2700 3 Gun	Dave Eilders	319-235-7661
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**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
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<b>Terms expiring in 2004</b>		<b>Terms expiring in 2003</b>	
Tim Bacon	515-352-1285	Mark Salmi	515-961-7273
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Dean Henderson	515-972-4868		

**Quote for a Quarter:**

“They that can give up essential liberty  
to purchase a little temporary safety,  
deserve neither liberty nor safety”

Benjamin Franklin,  
Motto of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, 1759