



IOWA STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION



1st QUARTER 2004

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER:

The annual meeting, awards ceremony and election of officers for the Iowa State Rifle & Pistol Association were held at the Colony Village Restaurant on Oct. 11, 2003.

Officers elected to a one-year term.

President	Dave Eilders	319-235-7661
Exec. V P	Wayne Marker	563-332-9346
2 nd V P	Paul Porter	319-455-2477
3 rd V P	William Mullen	319-372-2312
4 th V P	Robert Mead	319-266-6223
Secretary/Treasurer		
Bill Besgrove		319-626-2710

Directors elected for a term of two years expiring in 2005

Mark Salmi	515-961-7273
Craig Swartz	319-386-1351
Kayne Robinson	
Brian Vandewater	515-232-6783
Roger Howland	515-576-1660

The 2003 recipient of the Bob Brownell Memorial Award is William J. Means. Bill has been a tireless soldier fighting for the Second Amendment as well as spreading knowledge and promoting the safe and responsible use of firearms.

He has been and continues to be an NRA Training Counselor. NRA Training Counselors seem to be an endangered species. He conducts classes for instructors at no personal profit to himself. He has conducted shooting programs in summer camps and is an active shooter in a gun club. He has provided valuable guidance in safety programs to this club.

He provided, at no cost, a Daisy Running Boar Air Rifle system, which was used by the Iowa games and the Youth Hunter Education Challenge in Iowa.

He has served in various offices in the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association. He picked up the day-to-day work of Secretary Treasurer, establishing computer

membership list system. Dues notices and membership cards were distributed via this system. He held the administrative work and system together when some of the rest of us faltered.

He contributed to the writing of several NRA manuals and for a time worked on contract on these projects at NRA Headquarters. The entire shooting community has benefited from his efforts.

Paul Porter presented Pistol Awards to Mike Fulton for High Resident Marksmen in outdoor pistol and too him self for High Resident High Mater in outdoor pistol.

SMALLBORE AWARDS:

Jon Gallentine presented Smallbore Awards to:
State Junior Indoor 3P, Jessica Besgrove
State Champion Indoor 3P, Bill Besgrove
State Junior Indoor 4P, Tunner Watkinson
State Champion Indoor 4P, Bill Besgrove
State Junior Outdoor 3P, Tunner Watkinson
State Outdoor 3P, Lowell Baker
State Junior Outdoor 4P, Tunner Watkinson
State Champion Outdoor 4P, Lowell Baker



(left to right Bill Besgrove, Jessica Besgrove, Turner Watkinson and Lowell Baker)

In Ray Dietrich absents Lowell Baker presented Air Rifle and Air Pistol Awards to the winners present.

IN MEMOIR:

David B. Eilders, 56, Evansdale, IA, died Friday, January 9, 2004, after a nine-year battle with cancer. The funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Waterloo. He was buried in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Waterloo. He had retired from Sears, Waterloo, after 30 years of service as a technician

He is survived by his wife Patricia and daughter Andrea, as well as his brother, Dale and wife, Patricia, Story City, IA. Also surviving are his Mother and Father in Law, Warren and Marie Nietzsche, Waterloo, and numerous brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Dave was well known to shooters and outdoor sportsmen. He was a Master Class Bulls eye Pistol Shooter who had competed at all levels including the National Matches at Camp Perry. His medals and awards were prominently displayed at the visitation.

He was active in the Cedar Valley Pistol and Rifle Club, having held various offices in that organization. He was instrumental in re-commissioning that clubs outdoor range.

He was a participant and worker in Iowa Games Shooting from the inception of the games. He worked tirelessly with his brother, Dale, in the annual conduct of these events. He was selected as Male Athlete of the Year, in 1994. He was a medal winner many times. His activities continued through 2003.

He held many offices in the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association, culminating in his service as President from 1997 until his death. His service included editing the newsletter, maintenance of a hot line, and membership promotion. He was particularly interested in promotion of Junior Shooting. It was his program that culminated in the purchase of 3-match grade AR-15's for use exclusively by juniors.

Dave was the 1998 recipient of the Bob Brownell Memorial Award for distinguished and devoted service to the shooting sports and defense of the Second Amendment.

Not well known to the shooting fraternity were Dave's activities related to the Catholic Church. He was the assistant youth minister at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Blessed Sacrament and Queen of peace in Waterloo. He was a Eucharistic Minister at the Ravenwood Nursing Home, Waterloo. He was an engaged couples counselor, a lay minister, and choir member. His major emphasis in his church activities was youth programs.

It has been proposed that the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association set up a scholarship fund for Dave's daughter, Andrea.

ISR&PA MEETING:

The next meeting of the State Assoc. is Sun. Feb 8, 2004 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will take place at Colony Village Restaurant, Williamsburg, IA. All members of the Assoc. are welcome to attend and offer suggestions and opinions to guide the Assoc.

ISR&PA HOTLINE:

The phone and answering machine for the State Assoc. is being disconnected. All calls must be directed to one of the officers or directors listed on the first page of the newsletter.

ISR&PA P.O. BOX:

The State Assoc. is also discontinuing the PO Box in Evansdale, Iowa. All correspondence with the State Assoc. will be with the Secretary at 240 Prospect Rd. North Liberty, Iowa 52317-9660

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 besgrove@hotmail.com, in the subject line type **ISR&PA email** and send. I will add you to the list.



Here are 4 more Iowans who shot the Springfield and Garand matches.

(From left to right) Larry Grouthuis, Darrel Boerschel, Darrin Boerschel and Vernon Slessor. Larry won a Gold medal in the Garand match. Darrel won a bronze and a Gold, Darrin won two silvers and Vernon Slessor won two gold metals.

Ken Hall Memorial Garand Match:

28 shooters participated this Oct. Some of us reminisced a little about Ken Hall and his love of the M1 Garand. After the match the club offered every one hot dogs and

chili for lunch while the scores were compiled. This years Winner is Steve Rasnussen with a score of 270.



This rock is located on Highway 25 north of Greenfield. It is approximately 1.5 miles south of I-80 on the east side of the highway. There is a gravel drive around the rock, which was supplied by the Schildberg quarry on whose property the rock resides. "Bubba" has painted the rock for Memorial Day for at least four years, each year with different scenes. He also painted a Veterans Memorial wall in Veterans Memorial park in the town of Casey, also nearby. Postcards (and photos) showing each of the four scenes can be purchased from Patsy Ahnen at 1st Street Antiques, located at the intersection of 1st and Hwy. 92 (Kent Street) in Greenfield. Each "side" of the rock is painted with a different scene. All the pictures of this rock can be seen on the Internet at <http://www.ticz.com/homes/users/bob/On-A-Rock/On-A-Rock.htm>

RELOADING ON THE WEB . . . The [National Reloading Manufacturers Association](#) has a Web site, which includes a virtual reloading section featuring short movies to explain the basics of metallic and shotgun shell recycling. The site lists phone numbers for those NRA certified instructors who can teach handloading, arranged so interested students can find the instructor nearest to them.

UPS ABUSE OF SHOOTERS:
By: Al Ricci

I am writing to alert all in the shooting community of a potential problem we, as individual, may suffer when dealing with the United Parcel Service. Let me explain.

I, as an individual, sold a valuable firearm to a dealer in Nevada. This transaction is perfectly legal under all Federal and State laws. The firearm was shipped via UPS and insured for \$1,400. One would think that the GCA and applicable state laws would be the defining authority in transactions such as these. This isn't the case when UPS is involved.

The package arrived and upon inspection of the contents, the rifle was severely damaged. It's apparent that the package was subjected to prolonged intense heat as would be the case of sitting in a trailer in the middle of Nevada. The foam disintegrated and the rifle was badly damaged as a result of shifting and banging against the steel piano hinge of the aluminum case.

I'm sure some of you will question the packaging and am I in any way at fault for the damage. I think not since this is the way manufacturer's ship firearms. The case was wrapped in heavy cardboard, strapped, impact cushions placed on all sides, wrapped again, strapped and wrapped one more time and strapped. It was then properly labeled and sent on its way. This is not the issue. The issue is the contradictory regulations of UPS.

My claim has been denied on the basis of the UPS tariff section 425 that states firearms will only be shipped between FFL holders with the exception of firearms being shipped for repair, modification, etc. Since I was unaware of this regulation, I will take the loss and consider it tuition of sorts. However, another UPS regulation states that firearms will only be shipped between licensed dealers only with no exceptions noted. These contradictory regulations are not very well known by shooting enthusiasts and, in my research, not very well known by dealers either.

The problem here is simply that individuals like myself leave themselves open for loss even when they believe they are complying with all laws and regulations. Based on these contradictory regulations, UPS would have denied my claim regardless of what the purpose of the shipment was; be it a sale or repair.

Based on this contradiction, a question arises. If a gun owner ships his firearm back to the manufacturer, via UPS, and damage or loss occurs, UPS regulations state that he is in violation. Hence, he will be denied the claim. I have spoken with the legal of a couple of firearms manufacturers and they tell me they have a contract with UPS and shipments from an individual to their facility are within the regulations and that the return of the firearm is also within their regulations. I have to wonder, if Browning or Winchester ships my firearm back to me and damage or loss occurs am I going to take the loss? Any damage that occurs on the return trip back the individual will be paid on their (the manufacturer's UPS insurance). However, damage that occurs on the way to the manufacturer would be covered under the individual's insurance. Either way, contract or not, UPS is violating its own regulations by shipping the firearms back to the individual owner. UPS sells the insurance, accepts the package and if damage occurs has these contradictory regulations that will cause a denial of a claim. An interesting situation wouldn't you agree?

I have contacted the National Office of the NRA and am awaiting a reply. I also have participated in various forums in the on line community.

My purpose for this writing is not to seek absolution, forgiveness or shake a tin cup. My purpose is to try to alert as many others as possible of this potential problem with UPS. I don't want my loss to be for nothing. If others were spared this aggravation, my loss would have served a purpose.

I urge that you review the UPS regulations and, if you see the regulations as I do as posing a potential problem for us law abiding gun owners, alert your organizations. I firmly believe that organization such as yours, the NRA, the ATA, etc. are obligated to warn their members of this very unfair and potentially costly loophole.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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IOWA HIGHPOWER WEBSITE:

Steve Rasmussen has a website called www.highpowerlinks.com on the web for some time now. He thought an Iowa Highpower website would be a useful resource for Iowa shooters, especially new shooters looking for a place to start. He hopes to keep the site up to date with match schedules, range info and contact info for Highpower matches in the area. The new site is <http://www.iowahighpower.com>. Check it out if you can. If there are any blanks to be filled in, any information or help. Suggestions will be appreciated. Steve can be reached at steve@iowahighpower.com

NRA JUNIOR AIR GUN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In 2005, the NRA Junior Air Gun Championships will be held at a location has yet to be set in Illinois. The event is scheduled for July 9, 10 and 11. Depending on the number of teams that sign up whether there is any shooting on Friday the 9. This will be an all weekend match. During the event, if you are not shooting, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about their discipline through a series of clinics.

In the past, teams from around the county have competed at this event. Teams are to be sponsored by an organization such as the American Legion, 4-H or the Boy Scouts. Teams will consist of, four and one alternate. Teams are the same for precision and sporter. The make up of a pistol team will be three members with one alternate.

The possibility exist that 1/2 of the cost attending this event will be paid for.

Any interested persons, clubs or teams can contact Wayne Marker at (H) 563-332-9346 or e-mail at MARKERONCROWCREEK@WORLDNET.ATT.NET. Wayne would be glad to talk about this.

SMITH & WESSON RECALL:

Smith & Wesson received reports, in an extremely small number of cases, that the firing pin safety plunger of the SW1911 pistol can become disabled, creating a situation where the slide may jam and render the firearm inoperable. This only pertains to certain Smith & Wesson Model SW1911 pistols bearing serial numbers JRDOOOO to JRD4750.

To date, none of these cases have resulted in any injury, and Smith & Wesson has not received any reports of any accidental discharge associated with the functioning of the firing pin safety plunger. While the company has not received any reports of injury, a failure of the firing pin safety plunger may affect the reliability and safety of your firearm. S&W is initiating a recall campaign, and are offering to repair, free of charge, any affected SW1911 pistol. If you have any questions you may call (800) 331-0852 for more information.

IOWA RANGES:

Council Bluffs Rifle & Pistol Club

The CBRPC, Inc was formed in 1965 by a small group of shooters that were looking for a place to shoot that they could call their own, but which individually no one could afford.

In 1975, the facilities included an indoor range in the basement of a local Optical Shop, and a two hundred yard range near the eastern edge of Council Bluffs, close to where Iowa Western Community College is.

Unfortunately, when the Optician decided to retire, we lost the use of his basement, and when the farmer who owned the land the outdoor range was located on sold the property to a homebuilder, we also lost that.

About a year later, they located 20 acres of ground between Crescent, and Underwood just to the north of town; there we were able to construct a new range. It has been remodeled several times to comply with zoning ordinances over the years.

The new range has twenty concrete benches under a roofed, three-sided structure. The structure also includes a storage room (about the size of a two car garage), with set target frames at 100 and two hundred yards, and some portable frames for shorter-range use.

They have standard pistol matches, bowling pin shoots, action pistol, cowboy shoots, bench rest hi-power and smallbore matches, silhouette matches in RF and CF pistol, and RF rifle, plus black powder matches.

Our membership dues are currently \$75.00 per year with a first year initiation fee of \$75.00. All memberships expire at the same time in June, so anyone joining after July would pay a pro-rated dues amount.

We hold meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Manawa Fish and Game Club located on the north shore of Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

The Club mailing address is: CBRPC P.O. Box 1042 Council Bluffs, IA 51502-1042.

IOWA SHOOTING SCHEDULE FOR 2004:

Ames Izaak:

02-07-04	Air Pistol	Marvin Scott	515-233-1849
02-14-04	90 shot conventional 22	Gene Hedberg	515-382-6942
03-06-04	Air Pistol	Marvin Scott	515-233-1849
03-13-04	90 shot conventional 22	Gene Hedberg	515-382-6942

West Liberty Gun Club:

01-25-04	NRA-approved 3p/4p smallbore rifle.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
02-22-04	NRA-approved 3-gun 1800	Greg Terry	319-766-2781
02-29-04	State Air Rifle championship.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
03-13/14-04	State indoor bullseye pistol championship.	Greg Terry	319-766-2781
03-21-04	State 3p/4p smallbore rifle championship.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
05-16-04	State Light Rifle championship.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
06-27-04	State 3p/4p smallbore rifle championship.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
07-11-04	Iowa Games air rifle warm-up.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
08-22-04	CMP Light Rifle Match.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
09-12-04	Outdoor approved smallbore prone match.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409
10-03-04	WLGCA Annual Top Gun Match.	Lowell Baker	319-629-5409.

Marshalltown:

02-28/29-04	Approved 3 Gun 1800	Mike Anderson	641-752-6552
03-20/21-04	22 Pistol 900	Mike Anderson	641-752-6552
04-3/4-04	International Air Pistol & Rifle (State Champ)	Mike Anderson	641-752-6552

Poweshiek County Sportsman's Assoc.

Highpower Tom Shaull (641) 522-9656

Smallbore Ron Heitman (319) 622-3489

April 11	9:00 AM	NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course
April 25	9:00 AM	Conventional Smallbore Prone, 4x20@100yds
May 2	9:00 AM	NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course
May 23	9:00 AM	Conventional Smallbore Prone, 4x20@100yds
June 6	1:00 PM	NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course
June 27	9:00 AM	Conventional Smallbore Prone, 4x20@100yds
July 25	8:00 AM	NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course
August 1	9:00 AM	Conventional Smallbore Prone, 4x20@100yds
August 8	8:00 AM	NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course
August 22	9:00 AM	Conventional Smallbore Prone, 4x20@100yds
September 12	1:00 PM	NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course
September 26	9:00 AM	Conventional Smallbore Prone, 4x20@100yds

Des Moines Rifle & Revolver Club.

Highpower Mark Salmi (515) 961-7273

Smallbore Dick Hewins (515) 279-1785

April 17	Reduced Palma Course (300,500,600yds)	
April 18	Spring Long Range Match (600 Yards)	
May 15	Highpower Rifle Clinic/CMP Leg Match	
May 16	Iowa Service Rifle Championship	
May 29-30	Outdoor Conventional Smallbore Prone	
June 19	Iowa State Highpower Rifle Championship	
June 20	4 Person Team Match/Extra 600 yd Matches	
June 26-27	.50 Caliber Matches	
July 10-11	Outdoor Smallbore Metric Prone	
July 17	4 Person Team Match / CMP Leg Match	
July 18	Regional Highpower - 1000 points	
August 28-29	Outdoor Conventional Smallbore Prone Regional	
September 18	Long Range Championship (600 Yards)	
September 19	Reduced Palma Course (300,500,600yds)	
October 16	Kenny Hull Memorial John C. Garand Match	

Humboldt Rifle & Pistol Club

Highpower Rifle: Gerry West 515-332-1547

April 13 12:00 NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course

Sept 27 12:00 NRA Highpower Rifle, 80 round Regional Course

Oak Hills Gun Club Bill Allison 1-563-391-6560

4 Apr	10:00 AM	Muzzleloading
11 Apr	8:00 AM	SR CMP (50 NMC)
14 Apr	5:30 PM	Trap Starts
18 Apr	8:00 AM	Bench Rest
25 Apr	1:00 PM	JR CMP
2 May	10:00 AM	Muzzleloading
9 May	8:00 AM	SR CMP (50 NMC)
16 May	8:00 AM	Bench Rest

23 May	1:00 PM JR CMP
6 Jun	10:00 AM Muzzleloading
13 Jun	8:00 AM SR CMP (50 NMC)
19 Jun	8:00 AM Bench Rest
27 Jun	1:00 PM JR CMP
4 Jul.	10:00AMMuzzleloading
11 Jul	8:00 AM SR CMP (50 NMC)
18 Jul	8:00 AM Benchrest
25 Jul	1:00 PM JR. CMP
1 Aug	10:00AM Muzzleloading
8 Aug	8:00 AM SR CMP (50 NMC)
15 Aug	8:00 AM Bench Rest
22 Aug	1:00 PM JR CMP
29 Aug	8:00 AM Springfield Match
5 Sept	10:00 Muzzleloading
12 Sept	8:00 AM SR CMP (50 NMC)
19 Sept	8:00 Am Bench Rest
26 Sept	1:00 JR CMP
3 Oct	10:00 AM Muzzleloading
10 Oct	8:00 SR CMP (50 NMC)
24 Oct	1:00 PM JR CMP
27 Oct	5:30 PM Last Trap

Quote for a Quarter

A strong body makes a strong mind. As to the species of exercises, I advise the gun. While this gives moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind.

Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

SERVING THE FIREARMS OWNERS OF IOWA-WE ARE THE NRA IN IOWA