

# SHARPSHOOTER

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

### August

**19** LGC High/Low Power Rifle Match – **0800-1500**

**26** Smallbore Benchrest Match 50 yd. Range – **0900-1200**

### September

**10** Smallbore Benchrest Match 50 yd. Range – **0900-1200**

**16** LGC High/Low Power Rifle Match – **0800-1500**

**23** NRA Smallbore Prone Match – 50 yd. Range – **0900-1200**

**30** NRA 3-P Match – ASB Range – **0900-1200**

### October

**15** NRA Dewar Match – 50 and 100 yd. ranges – **0900-1200**

**21** LGC High/Low Power Rifle Match **0800-1500**

**28** NRA Smallbore Prone Match – 50 yd. Range - **+0900-1200**

Low Power Matches are shot during the third relay on the 100 yard range. Match fee:\$4.00. Benchrest matches: Match fees: \$4.00 a relay. NRA Prone Matches have a match fee of \$7.00 a relay for adults, with Juniors only paying \$4.00 arrelay for the second and third relay. Match fee for NRA 3-P Matches are \$8.00 a match. .

The Junior Shotgun Program meets alternate Saturdays from **0800-1100**.

## Trigger control

Squeezing the trigger—the moment of truth—is the essence of every shot. Do it right and you will succeed. Do it wrong and not matter how good everything else was—breath control, grip, position, sight alignment and sight picture—the shot will not find its target. This is not just a matter of tightening a few muscles; success will also depend on the trigger, the trigger mechanism, trigger pressure, and technique.

The trigger is the lever the shooter pulls to fire the shot. Most competitive rifles and air rifles hae some trigger adjustment. Often the lever is adjustable forward or backward. When correctly adjusted for the shooter, the trigger finger should be at a 90-degree angle to the line of the barrel, so that pressure on the trigger is parallel to the barrel. Where you place your finger on the trigger (lever) will affect how hard you need to pull to break the shot. The higher up the trigger you place your finger, the more pressure it takes to break the shot. The lower down you place your finger, the lighter pressure it will take. But always, place your finger in the same way, and always in the center of the pad, so your finger will not slip off the trigger.

The trigger mechanism also contains adjustments so that the pressure can be set. Some triggers are two stage, with a light “take-up” stage which makes the final “firing” stage also lighter. As you progress in match shooting, try various adjustments on your trigger and practice with each to find one that is most comfortable and reliable for you. Make sure that the trigger “creep” or play in the trigger in the final stage is removed. Finally, for three-position shooters, have your trigger adjusted so it suits your most unstable position (usually standing).

Trigger pressure is also related to grip pressure (how tightly you hold the rifle with the grip hand). If you grip the rifle too tightly, your trigger finger will be less sensitive to pressure (you won't feel your pressing on the trigger). Make sure you can feel the trigger pressure with your normal grip, or teach yourself to relax your grip. If you shoot in cold weather, you may want to increase your trigger pressure, so you can feel it when your fingers are cold.

Your trigger hand serves several functions: besides positioning the trigger finger, this hand grips the stock and helps steady and support the gun. Your grip must be the same on each shot, the saem placement and the same firmness. The trigger finger should always be placed so that trigger pull will be straight back with the same smooth pressure each time.

Practice grip and trigger control be dry firing repeatedly. Balance a coin on your front sight. Can you break the trigger without knocking the coin off. When you can, you will have a smooth, consistent trigger pull.

### Notices

Juniors are selling **Lafayette Gun Club patches** at \$12.00 for one patch or \$20.00 for two. Also for sale: breech safety flags for \$2.00 each, and Lafayette Jackets for \$15.00 each. We are raising money to support all the Junior teams attending away matches. See Patty Harris.

### The Junior Rifle and pistol Teams

The Junior Rifle Team meets every Friday starting at 6:00 PM. This is a community service of LGC, and parents of interested young people ages 5 – 18 need not to be members of the club. **A new shooter should be accompanied by a parent (Legal Guardian) the first time they attend and should plan to arrive by 6:00 PM that first time.** The first evening is free. After that, Juniors contribute \$2.00 each time they attend, which is used to defray the cost of ammunition and of awards earned by Juniors. The Junior Pistol Team meets at 8:00 PM every Friday night. Shooters should already be Rifle Team members before joining the pistol team. The cost is also \$2.00 each time a shooter attends.

**AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SHOOTING****Pro-Marksman**

Curtis Hause

**Marksman**Celia Pincus  
Kyle Lawson  
Thomas Wheelless  
RyanCrandol**Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class**Charlotte Good  
Thomas Wheelless**Sharpshooter**Donna Anselmo  
John Kravitz**Bar**Charlotte Good - 1  
Charlotte Good - 5**Expert**

Jeremy Teller - 6

**Distinguished Expert Pending**Matt Black  
Willie Teller  
Joshua Springer – International Air**17<sup>th</sup> four position smallbore distinguished expert!**

Christopher Melochick completed his NRA Distinguished Expert in Four Position Smallbore Rifle on July 19, 2006. He is the seventeenth Junior shooter to earn this honor. Congratulations!

**Benchrest Match**

Two Juniors fired in the Benchrest Match in July, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Iron Sight</u>	<u>Any Sight</u>	<u>Two Gun Aggregate</u>
Willie Teller	188-6x; 182-3x	185-4x	373-10x
Joshua Springer	186-5x; 186-4x	179-1x	365-6x

This was a very close match. The next Benchrest Match is on August 26. Come on out and learn what wind is all about.

**HIGH Power Match**

One Junior fired the High Power Match in July, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>SFS</u>	<u>RFS</u>	<u>RFP</u>	<u>SFP</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Jason Lee	96-1	98-2	99-4	189-5	482-12	96.4%

The next High and Low Power Matches are on August 19, 2006.

**NRA Three Position match**

Five Juniors shot the NRA Three-Position Match, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Prone</u>	<u>Standing</u>	<u>Kneeling</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Joshua Springer	195	162	178	535	89.16%
Willie Teller	189	151	180	520	86.67%
Christopher Melochick	180	139	143	464	77.33%
Braden Owens	165	117	140	422	70.33%
Jonathan Underwood	138	98	76	312	52.0%

**Air matches**

In the Sporter Match at Western Kentucky, Willie Teller took a silver medal in Prone. In the Precision Air Rifle Match, Dani Foster took a Bronze overall for J3 Shooters (her age class!) Nice shooting!  
The Precision Team came home with all kinds of neat gear.

The Junior Rifle Team welcomes new members during the month of July: John Kravitz, Ryan Crandol, Patrick Crandol, Matthew Dudek, and Thomas Wheelless. Braden Owens also joins us, as he was looking for a team to join.