

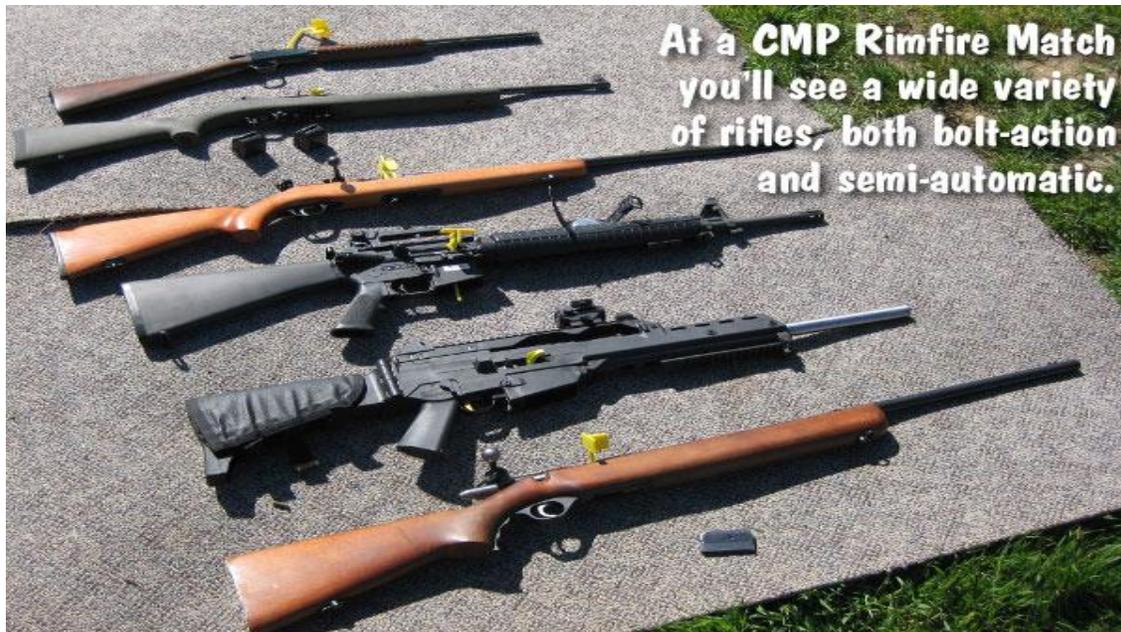


May Newsletter

Club events scheduled for the month are;

Date	Event	Start time	Contact
June 4	CRC Club meeting	7:00 pm	Any Officer
June 7	Thursday Night Steel Challenge Match	6:00 pm	Nic Blaser
June 9	USPSA	9:00 am	Tim Mathews
June 15	Cowboy Match	5:00 pm	Skip Fricke
June 16	CMP Small-bore	8:00 am	Andrew Malcolm
June 21	Thursday Night Steel Challenge Match	6:00 pm	Nic Blaser
June 21	CRC Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Any Officer
June 24	High Power Match	8:00 am	Matt Swackhamer

CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle Match



Divisions: This match will have two divisions, Open and Telescopic.

Rifle: This match is designed for shooters to use their favorite basic 22, not heavy target rifles. The maximum weight allowed is 7.5 pounds including sights and an optional sling. Rifles must be chambered in .22 cal. long rifle, magnum rim-fire or .17 cal. rifles cannot be used. Rifles used may be either manually operated or semi-automatic. Shooters with manually operated rifles are given extra time in rapid fire. Tactical 22 rifles are allowed for this match, but must meet weight and trigger rules.

Prohibited: Specialized shooting coats and shooting gloves are not allowed.

Sights: Any rifle with receiver mounted sights will compete in the T division. Scopes are limited to a maximum of 6 power. Scopes with more power than the limit may be used if they are taped with electrical tape at or below 6 power.

Triggers: Triggers must be at least 3 pounds for all rifles. A digital scale will be used to weigh both triggers and the rifles with sights. **No rifles will however be disqualified as this is a fun match, not the Olympics.**

Rim-fire sporter firing is done from 25 and 50 yards on special targets. Shooting starts from 50 yards. Competitors have 15 minutes for sighting or practice. Please bring a shooting mat, rug or piece of carpet to lay on for the first stage.

Prone: Shooters begin at 50 yards with a sighting or practice series and then shoot ten shots for record slow-fire in the prone position, followed by two five-shot rapid-fire series. Shooters will have 10 minutes to fire the slow-fired portion of this stage.

Rapid fire: Bolt and lever action rifles will have 30 while semi-auto rifles will have 25 seconds to fire 5 shots. Shooters will then be given enough time to reload and make ready before firing the second 5 rounds.

Sitting: This is followed by ten slow fire shots and two five-shot rapid-fire series in the sitting or kneeling position at 50 yards.

Standing: Targets are then placed at the 25-yard line where shooters conclude with ten shots slow fire and two five-shot rapid-fire series in the standing position.

Date; Saturday, June 16th, 2018

Registration; 8:00 am (Help setting up will be appreciated)

Start; 9:00 am

End: Approximately 12:00 am

Cost: \$5.00 per shooter (Juniors shooters under 18 shoot for free with free ammo provided. Anyone may borrow and shoot a club rifle for free.

Rifle; Small-bore only, (22 rim fire)

MD; Andrew Malcolm, (402-649-4546 for questions)

Ammo: 60 shots for record with extra for sighting shots



The center white is 1.78" across on an official CMP target.

The Wussification of the High Power Shooter

By Hap Rocketto

American high power shooting has gone through many changes, much of it evolutionary and the natural progression of technological development. The earliest shooters used matchlocks which led to the snaphaunce, the wheel lock, the flintlock, the percussion cap, and now the self contained metallic cartridges.

The barrel started out as a smooth iron tube. Later it was grooved laterally to help in reloading, the grooves filling with the black powder fouling allowed for more shooting before a cleaning was required. Smokeless powder more or less ended that problem but some how the grooves became twisted and the resultant rifling increased the accuracy of the firearms.

All firearms were originally loaded from the front but innovative minds came up with primitive breech loading mechanisms that increased the rate of fire. With the development of the metallic cartridge breech loaders quickly moved from single shot actions to self loading. The advancement in actions brought about a transformation of the cartridge from pin or rim fire to the centerfire cartridge as the need for a faster and more powerful cartridge grew.

Sighting systems went from a simple V notch and bead to micrometer sights' Telescopic sight started as long heavy low powered tubes and a now are light weight variable powered, internally adjusted, waterproof marvels of optical science.

Even the target has changed. Giant painted metal plates were replaced with more easily handled window sash type target frames. The targets were pasted to heavy muslin, called target cloth, and now corrugated cardboard serves as a stiff surface which does not sag or tear as humidity changes. Even the method of pasting a shot hole has gone from painting over the dinged metal plate, to a paste pot and paper circles, to lick 'em and stick 'em rolls of gummed buff and black pasters, to the self sticking rolls of today.

These developments are natural extensions of man's quest for accuracy and technological excellence. These advancements are not without a darker, more sinister side, the wussification of the American high power shooter.

For the first half of the 20th century of high power shooting the rifleman used a service rifle with sling, a home made shooting coat, drawtube scope, or in the case of the legendary "Dad" Farr-one half of a set of binoculars, issue ammunition, scorebook, a small bag to carry incidental items such as an O'Hare micrometer, and a simple shooting stool. There were no shooting pants or mats and gloves were rarely seen. A small wad of cotton wool stuffed into the ears gave some ineffectual protection from the firearm's report. Life was simple.

After the Second World War the typical Camp Perry high power shooter's equipment had not changed much. For a day on the range the shooter would fill the shooting stool with 100 rounds of ammunition, a few clips if using an M1 or magazines if an M14, scorebook and pencil, stopwatch, shooting glasses, earplugs, poncho, canteen of water, and a peanut

butter and bacon sandwich for lunch that had been made economically in the Mess Hall from the remnants of breakfast and table condiments. Wearing the shooting coat, one slung the rifle over one shoulder; the scope and stand, with mat wrapped about it, was carried bindlestiff fashion over the other shoulder. Picking up the stool one headed out from the double numbered huts to the 200 yard line lightly, yet amply, supplied, not to return for ten hours.

Nowadays such a simply equipped and attired rifleman draws a judgmental sidelong glance from the children of “The Greatest Generation”-fathers who knew how to work the bolt of the '03 or to load an M1 without tearing off a thumbnail. Indulged as children they are accustomed to creature comfort and have grown rich on the economic dynamo their parents created out of the GI Bill of Rights. They feel aggrieved if a boat wanders in to the impact area and delays the shooting while they lie in the sun; they are distressed if an alibi run disrupts the flow of the match and causes lunch to be late, they are unhappy if the “shooters shuttle” is off schedule. They are, in a word, wussies.

Their wussification is manifested by the range cart. The simple and utilitarian shooting stool is now a Shooting Utility Vehicle replete with rubber spoke wheels, rifle rack, scope stand, rain cover, desk, and assorted other add on features. Mentioning this to a fellow competitor, who was grunting as he lifted his overloaded cart from his truck, I was told that any fool could be uncomfortable. Now I am all for comfort and that is why I mostly shoot smallbore prone now, there is less walking and more shooting in less time than the average high power event and we shoot under cover. The sight and sound of Baby Boomer shooters harnessed to their SUVs is more reminiscent of a covey of gossiping grandmothers returning home from the market dragging their loaded shopping carts behind them than a rifle range in full activity.

My complaint with the SUV set is not the gear but the constant carping about it's weight, capacity, wheel size, ability to fold into a neat package for travel, cost, and how they have to buy an SUV for their SUV because it won't fit into their present pick up or minivan and how the price of gas is so high they may have to cut back on their shooting. A top of the line SUV, and what shooter doesn't want a top of the line gadget, runs about \$700 all tricked out. Even at today's prices that is a lot of gas. Perhaps a snack might make them feel better? They ought to rummage around in their carts and see if they can come up with some cheese and crackers to compliment their whine.

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About the Author: Hap Rocketto is a Distinguished Rifleman with service and smallbore rifle, member of The Presidents Hundred, and the National Guard's Chief's 50. He is a National Smallbore Record holder, a member of the 1600 Club and the Connecticut Shooters' Hall Of Fame. He was the 2002 Intermediate Senior Three Position National Smallbore Rifle Champion, the 2012 Senior Three Position National Smallbore Rifle Champion a member of the 2007 and 2012 National Four Position Indoor Championship team, coach and captain of the US Drew Cup Team, and adjutant of the United States 2009 Roberts and 2013 Pershing Teams. Rocketto is very active in coaching juniors. He is, along with his brother Steve, a cofounder of the Corporal Digby Hand Schützenverein. A historian of the shooting sports, his work appears in Shooting Sports USA, the late Precision Shooting Magazine, The Outdoor Message, the American Rifleman, the Civilian Marksmanship Program's website, and most recently, the apogee of his literary career, pronematch.com.

Minutes for the date of May 7th, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order with a declaration of a quorum and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm by President Tim Mathews.
2. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.
3. Vice President, Levi Abbot reported on the election coming up..
3. Treasurer, Doug Olsen reported the income, expenses, checking and savings balances for the month. The club has a total of \$49,817.06 in checking and savings.
4. Range Officer, Ron Brooks reported on the work party on March 24th. Only 4 members showed up to help out and there is plenty of work that did not get done. Koch Excavating will be called to repack the berms that are sliding down. A mock up of the baffle will be erected at the range to test out our baffle concept. A question from a member was asked about spraying the weeds with a chemical to kill them off in the gravel areas. They seem to be growing like weeds. Levi is looking into seeding the berms with some sort of grass to help prevent erosion.
5. Membership Officer, Bevin Baker was not present. Andrew shared the participation spread sheet with the club.
6. The last USPSA match had 24 shooters with Josh Wilgocki winning the match. If you have never seen him shoot, it is worth coming out and watching him, he is amazing as are some of the other young Steel Challenge shooters.
7. A motion was made by Leon to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Attendance for this meeting was 14 members and no guests. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Loup Building.