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Bullseye!

Newsletter of the Utah Precision Marksmanship Society

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Notice of Annual Meeting

We desperately need to hold a UPMS annual meeting; we were unsuccessful at getting a significant number of people to respond last year. It should correspond to the beginning of our fiscal year, 1 November. Can we do it at the Hendriksen Range on Saturday evening 3 November 2007? (Rifle and pistol PTO that day.) This will be the standard format: social hour at 6:00 PM, potluck dinner at 7:00 PM and business meeting at 7:30 PM. As usual UPMS will supply the meat, members will be responsible for salads, bread, drinks and desserts. Please contact Dan Durham at bookmdanno123@comcast.net or by phone: 599-5213 to coordinate what you will be bringing. Because the meeting has been postponed and lots of things have happened we have lots to discuss! Please contact Dan and sign up early so we don't have to bug you later.

U Pistol Team Scholarships Awarded

Each year UPMS awards up to two scholarships of \$1500 for residents and \$3000 for non-residents who participate on the U Shooting Team and agree to meet minimum standards of training and commitment. This year's winner is Jamie Sue Rankin. Jamie graduated from Olympus High School in June 2006, ranked #1 in her class of 481. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Utah, pursuing a double degree in both Physics and Music. Jamie is an active member of the U marching band and currently does undergraduate research on thermo-acoustics within the Physics Department for Professor Orest G. Symko. She joined the University of Utah Pistol Team in October 2006 and is training to qualify for both the Junior Olympic and the Collegiate Nationals this season. When asked how she has benefited from her participation on the U team, Jamie responded: "With all of my training, I have discovered that the best matches come down to this: Don't think, just shoot, abort when necessary." She is another prime example of the many fine student athletes on our team.



Maust takes State Conventional Outdoor Pistol Championship



*2007 Utah State Outdoor Conventional
Pistol Champion Robert Maust*

In the new champions' own words: "I started shooting in 1999. Since I was active duty, I concentrated my efforts on Service Pistol while shooting the San Diego area NRA matches. I had excellent coaches from the beginning and I won the high new pistol shooter award at the 1999 Navy Pacific Fleet matches. I was PacFit Pistol Champ and went Distinguished in 2001. I have been on the Navy Pistol Team at Camp Perry four times and was PacFit High Active Duty Pistol champion several times. I have always used .45 pistols built by a fellow Navy shooter, Ben Valdez, and recommend to any new shooters to get a gunsmith-built HardBall gun and a Marvel .22 conversion.

I was active duty for 23 years as an Electronics Technician. I served on four different ships and a couple of shore tours teaching and as a technical support technician. Managing Navy duties, life's up and downs and retirement from the Navy has kept my shooting to a minimum for the last several years but I am now training to get my NRA Master card and earn Rifle EIC points.

Allie MacGregor represents Utah at Nationals



This year Allie MacGregor of Park City was the only athlete representing Utah at the USA Shooting National Championships held at Fort Benning in Columbus GA in June. Allie's score of 676 out of 800 won her 21st place among all female air pistol shooters in the country; her 966 in Women's Sport Pistol was good enough for 22nd place, pretty impressive, considering that she has no opportunity to train in Montana, where she is a sophomore at Montana State University. The ever-photogenic Allie (picture middle) managed to get her photo (with others) occupying nearly the

entire last page of the recent copy of USA Shooting news. Way to go Allie! (Now if we could just get her to transfer to the U and shoot with our collegiate team...)

New indoor shooting range

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Clark Aposhian, Elwood Powell, Dan Durham and others, it is beginning to look like UPMS will actually be able to pull off the fundamental reason for its formation: the construction and operation of an indoor shooting range in the Salt Lake Valley. The range will be located at one of three sites that have been identified at the U. The final operation will be a joint venture of UPMS, the U, and Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. The initial capitalization will be shared equally by the State Legislature and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the latter at the suggestion of congressman Rob Bishop, who has been a supporter of the effort for many years. As discussed in the following article, this new range will not happen or operate unless and until there are some major changes in the way we do business. All these changes can be summed up in one sentence: **many more people need to get involved in running and participating in our activities.** At our current level of participation, we simply cannot justify the new range or our "place at the table".

Operations Need to Change

As mentioned in this space in the last newsletter, UPMS needs to make significant changes in many of our operations. For quite a few years now Matt DeLong has been responsible for emailing out reminders that matches will be held, squadding registrants, making up the sign-in sheet, calling/acting as range officer, usually with the help of the computer, for most events, processing match results, including checking addition and emailing the results to participants as well as USA Shooting and the NRA. Matt Jones has graciously offered to process match fees and has done some of them. After that lengthy introduction, one big change is that Matt DeLong will be out of the country for both of the matches next May and will be unavailable for Conventional Pistol matches in November and March. There is a good chance he will be out of the country for the December PTO, but that work-related trip is still being negotiated. Most important, if we get "our own" indoor shooting facility, the only way we can claim significant blocks of time for UPMS activities is to take to the table a significant piece of the action. That will require us to teach classes similar to the ones we are now teaching at the U and also supply range officers on the three ranges in the complex for many hours per week. (Think Lee Kay, but way more shooter-friendly.) Now is the time for all members to start learning to take over one small piece of the operation so we can get a lot more participant involvement and keep the organization going for future generations.

Honey-do List

A year ago we published a "honey-do list" of stuff that UPMS needs to do. Here is a status report on what has been accomplished and what you can still volunteer to help with. Who is going to do what will be a major topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting.

General

Rewrite League software. No progress. JD Hicks offered to do this but hasn't been back since he drove up from Las Vegas for a match and he was the only rifle shooter!

Replace range controller with laptop/USB-based system. Partially completed.

Hopefully to be done by the 1 November 2007

Write thank-you letters to donors. None outstanding at the moment.

Volunteer needed to take over this task.

Visit businesses and shooting clubs. Solicit support; establish new League teams. No progress. This needs to be done in October to get some participation in the Winter League.

UU Ranges

Glue loose airgun target retrieval mechanism screw sockets to wall; replace broken hand screws.

Needs to be done again. First locate the thumb screws! Done.

Make new pellet traps; throw out old ones. Done!

Clean out pit. Definite progress.

Repair broken floodlight. Done.

Repair control cord that somebody shot off. Done.

Re-plumb CO₂ line to rear of room (mandated by Environmental Health). Done.

Patch ceiling holes. Needs doing again. Again, not a huge job.

Repairs to target holders that are getting shot up due to significantly increased use.

Raise lower crossbars so prone shooters can see targets. How has this operated for 60 years??!???

Recruit lots more shooters for the Winter League. New shooters can help with all our projects!

Hendriksen

Install speakers; get amplifier compatible with computer input. Not started.

Replace single ram with two. Ram purchased.

Replace single drive rod with two. Needs to be done.

Pour pad on west end of 25-yard targets. Done by Tony Thompson.

Replace compressor with two rams powered by CO₂. Bad idea. New compressor purchased.

Repair target holder bases. Nearing completion, thanks to Tony Thompson and Steve Newman.

Make steel plates to interface between target holder bases and concrete. Done.

Install new studs into concrete. Partially done; to be completed in Spring.

Repair bases as necessary. Done.

New cardboards: 24" square, at least triple strength or glue together.

Needs to be done as soon as new holders are made. The backing will be much stronger, so single strength will be adequate.

Replace rat poison. Needs to be done.

Bottom line: we have made great progress. The new target holders are excellent. There is still a lot of work to do, particularly with respect to a sound system, plumbing and wiring. The really hard work is done!

New Range

Write business plan. **Dan Durham is nearly done!**

Lobby legislature to fund. Awaits business plan. Being actively pursued by Clark Aposhian and Elwood Powell.

Write funding proposal to Fish and Wildlife Service. Awaits business plan.

That's enough for a start!

Fun stuff

Enough of this blather about work and drudgery. Shooting is supposed to be fun! We need to field more teams to go places together and shoot. Let's start by taking a team to Phoenix to shoot in their State Championship 13-14 October. Who wants to go? Airfare is \$256.80. (It appears that the cheapest seats have already been sold. If we are going to do this, we need to make reservations soon.) Driving is definitely an option, especially if a whole team is going.

Pistol clinic

We have the possibility of doing an intensive 3-day clinic with Cliff Halenar, former pistol coach at UCLA and member of the National Coaching Development Staff over the Martin Luther King weekend, 19-21 January. How many of you would be interested in this 3-day event? Please respond to Matt: delong@physics.utah.edu or 581-7462. If we get 10 positive commitments by 15 October we will proceed with hosting it. How about \$50 for adults, \$20 for Juniors and Collegiates?

Match Results

May Rifle and Pistol PTO

4-6 May 2007

U of U Ranges

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----|
| Open Air Pistol | Gold | Scott Engen | 544 |
| | Silver | Rich Sheya | 523 |
| | Bronze | Arnie Vitarbo | 512 |
| Free Pistol | Gold | Arnie Vitarbo | 461 |
| | Silver | Matt DeLong | 447 |
| | Bronze | Hyrum Davis | 440 |
| Centerfire Pistol | Gold | Scott Engen | 556 |
| | Silver | Courtney Healy | 515 |
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| Rapid Fire Pistol | Gold | Scott Engen | 509 |
| | Silver | Hyrum Davis | 481 |
| | Bronze | | |
| Standard Pistol | Gold | Scott Engen | 536 |
| | Silver | Courtney Healy | 523 |
| | Bronze | Hyrum Davis | 516 |

July Rifle and Pistol PTO

6-7 July 2007

U of U Ranges

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|-----|
| Open Air Pistol | Gold | Scott Engen | 544 |
| | Silver | Robert Maust | 527 |
| | Bronze | Jamie Sue Rankin | 402 |
| Women's Air Pistol | Gold | Jamie Sue Rankin | 271 |
| | Silver | | |
| | Bronze | | |
| | Gold | | |
| | Silver | | |
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| | Gold | | |
| | Silver | | |
| | Bronze | | |
| Standard Pistol | Gold | Scott Engen | 535 |
| | Silver | Hyrum Davis | 502 |
| | Bronze | | |

August International Pistol Training Match

18 – 19 August 2007

U of U Ranges

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|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----|
| Open Air Pistol | Gold | Robert Maust | 542 |
| | Silver | Greg Mason | 386 |
| | Bronze | | |
| Free Pistol | Gold | Hyrum Davis | 471 |
| | Silver | Matt DeLong | 449 |
| | Bronze | | |
| Centerfire Pistol | Gold | | |
| | Silver | | |
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| Rapid Fire Pistol | Gold | Hyrum Davis | 439 |
| | Silver | Tony Thompson | 386 |
| | Bronze | | |
| Standard Pistol | Gold | Robert Maust | 524 |
| | Silver | Courtney Healy | 524 |
| | Bronze | Hyrum Davis | 512 |

May Conventional Pistol 2700

12 May 2007

Hendriksen Range

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|---------------|----------------|------------|---------|
| .22 Match | Courtney Healy | Salt Lake | 839X23 |
| CF Match | Courtney Healy | Salt Lake | 825X17 |
| .45 Match | Arnie Vitarbo | Cedar City | 832X15 |
| Match winner | Arnie Vitarbo | Cedar City | 2457X44 |
| High Marksman | Shawn Healy | Boise, ID | 2251X15 |

2007 Conventional Regional Pistol Championship

9 June 2007

Hendriksen Range

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| Match Winner | George Sinclair | Boise ID | 2564X75 |
| High Expert | Robert Maust | Bountiful | 2481X60 |
| High Sharpshooter | Ron Meyers | Grand Junction CO | 2376X43 |
| High Marksman | Mark Morris | South Jordan | 2159X20 |

July Conventional Pistol 2700

14 July 2007

Hendriksen Range

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Match Winner | Robert Maust | Bountiful | 2454X48 |
| High Marksman | Mark Morris | South Jordan | 2210X24 |

2007 Conventional Outdoor State Pistol Championship

11 August 2007

Hendriksen Range

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|-------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Match Winner | Robert Maust | Bountiful | 2498X59 |
| High Expert | Matt DeLong | Salt Lake | 2425X35 |
| High Sharpshooter | David Chapman | Ogden | 2298X30 |
| High Marksman | Tony Thompson | Salt Lake | 2088X22 |

September Conventional Pistol 2700

8 September 2007

Hendriksen Range

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|-------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Match Winner | Robert Maust | Bountiful | 2501X69 |
| High Expert | Matt DeLong | Salt Lake | 2457X52 |
| High Sharpshooter | Dave Chapman | Ogden | 2357X30 |
| High Marksman | Tony Thompson | Salt Lake | 2107X16 |

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We don't have a calendar of events. Match applications for next year have not yet been submitted. A proposed schedule for next year is attached. Who wants to help with the "paperwork" to submit applications?

How many would be interested in an intensive 3-day clinic over the weekend of 19-21 January 2008? (That's the 3-day MLK holiday weekend.) Please reply to Matt ASAP.

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