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UPMS TO MAKE GUNS AVAILABLE

As alluded to in an earlier edition of Bullseye, UPMS has recently acquired several Free and Air Pistols from the US Military Academy at West Point, NY. After several heated discussions the UPMS Board of Directors has decided to make all of the guns purchased from USMA available for loan to UPMS members and to sell a number of other guns that we have, but have not used in some time. The decision of the Board with respect to selling and loaning guns, excerpted from the minutes, is as follows.

“All Hammerlis are available for loan.

Terms: First priority for loans is to those who attended meetings where purchase was discussed, who offered to buy them at that time, and where the decision to purchase all of them was made. Unfortunately, no written record can be found, but they are believed to include Micah Scholes, Lori Hanson, Tanja Hagen, Robert Maust and Hyrum Davis.

Second priority goes to U Pistol Collegiate team members.

Third priority is current UPMS members.”

Other requirements for loan:

- 1 - Must be active UPMS members
- 2 - Must set a work bond of 20 hours per year on UPMS business
- 3 - Those who are not members of the Collegiate Team must post a \$100 per gun deposit, refundable on return of the gun in good operating condition.
- 4 - Loans are renewable on an annual basis as long as they are being used in at least 50% of competitions and we have adequate stock to meet the needs of new shooters. (This is intended to allow new shooters/members to try out an event without major investment and to reward members who make significant contributions.)
- 5 - The same rules will apply to UPMS guns currently on loan to members who are not on the collegiate team.”

Guns listed below are available for sale via “sealed bid”. Bids may be submitted by US mail to UPMS at its registered address: 2736 Commonwealth Ave., Salt Lake City UT 84109 or by email to delong@physics.utah.edu. Bids must be postmarked or time stamped no later than 16 March 2009. Successful bidders will be informed of their good fortune by 23 March. Guns must be paid with certified funds by 31 March. Proceeds will go toward purchasing newer standard pistols. All will be on display at the International State Championship, 13-15 March at the U ranges.

<u>Gun</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Minimum bid</u>
Steyr LP5	5-shot air pistol, CO ₂	\$800
Hammerli 150	Free pistol. Needs trigger work	\$600
FAS 601	.22 short rapid fire pistol	\$900
Pardini	.22 short rapid fire pistol	\$1200 (like new)
Walther OSP	.22 short rapid fire pistol	\$1000
Ruger Mk I	.22 long rifle, 6" barrel	\$250
Ruger Mk I	.22 long rifle, 6" barrel; muzzle break	\$275
	.22 short ammunition	\$4.00 per box of 50
TOZ 35	Free Pistol	\$850

UPMS TO DO BULK PURCHASE OF AGUILA STANDARD VELOCITY AMMUNITION

Because UPMS is affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program we are able to purchase Aguila standard velocity .22 ammunition at the "reasonable price" of \$210.00 per case. Unfortunately, the collegiate team's stock has gotten fairly low, so we need to reorder soon. Please place orders with Matt at 801-581-7462 or delong@physics.utah.edu by 5:00 PM Thursday 25 February. If anyone is willing to take delivery of the shipment, that would be wonderful. They ship FedEx ground and someone must be home to sign for it, typically around 0830.

NRA INSTRUCTOR COURSE: BASIC PISTOL AND HOME FIREARMS SAFETY

Five individuals are expected to become NRA certified pistol and home firearms safety instructors in the next few weeks. They need to practice their new skills. Think about target markets where they can teach these courses. Talk to your friends, neighbors, church members, etc. Ask what groups they are members of who would like a safety lesson on dealing with guns, specifically including families with children. The class leading to an NRA Certificate of Completion lasts four hours and includes extremely basic information that everyone should know. Call Mark Scholes at 801-828-6041 with your suggestions.

STATUS OF NEW RANGE CONSTRUCTION

Negotiations with the University of Utah over construction of vastly improved shooting facilities continue. A formal proposal has been submitted to convert two classrooms in the Naval Science Building to a permanent, dedicated, state-of-the-art airgun range.

Matt met with the Director of Space Management and Space Planning and a representative of Campus Design and Construction (CDC) two weeks ago. As a result of that meeting the CDC rep was tasked with coming up with a number of cost-effective options. Remember that the original recommendation from the upper administration was to formulate a plan for remodeling the current facility. Unfortunately, these are not technically knowledgeable people, with detailed knowledge of constraints. The CDC people know where all the underground utilities are buried, utilities that would have to be relocated if a specific design in a specific location is chosen. The best (most cost effective) option may be to table the project for a few years while a more desirable building site, to which the range could be appended, becomes available. The only downside of this option is that the

current administration is very supportive of the shooting program; no one can predict the future with respect to support. More news as it becomes available!

U PISTOL TEAMS GOING TO NATIONAL INTER-COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

As a result of their performance in the Collegiate Sectional competition, held at the U ranges 14-16 February, four teams will be representing the U at the collegiate national championships. One team will be representing the Naval ROTC unit in the national ROTC competition and three other teams will represent the University at large in the Free, Standard and Air Pistol competitions. The Air Pistol team is currently in 7th place (but only 9 points out of 4th, and that's in a 2400 point match!) behind Ohio State, MIT, Army, Navy, Merchant Marine Academy, and Citadel. The Free Pistol team is also in 7th place. The Standard Pistol Team is in 5th place, one point behind Citadel. The top 10 teams in the US are invited to this competition. "The team is already doing a lot better than I would have ever imagined even a month ago. Who knows what they will be able to attain with another three weeks of training." said ever-optimistic head coach Matt DeLong. This year six individuals have been coaching to the team, a very significant increase in support from UPMS members.



Brad Collins 2009 National Collegiate Sectional Free Pistol Champion

This competition is a "National Postal Match", meaning that it is fired at schools around the country. The results are then forwarded to the National Rifle Association for collating. In addition to teams, the top 30 individuals in each event are invited. Junior Mechanical Engineering major Brad Collins has garnered invitations in all three events. Brad not only finished in the top 30, he is the National Champion in the Free Pistol event. Way to go Brad! Reflecting on his shooting experience, Brad observes "Shooting has changed my life by teaching me concentration...also DFT." Junior English major Micah Scholes will be invited to participate in Standard Pistol. "My entire team has worked tremendously hard this season, training the long hours necessary to push our abilities farther than ever. Last

weekend at the NRA Collegiate Sectional I saw that hard work pay big dividends. My teammates and I are honored to represent the University of Utah on the national stage and we will continue working hard to bring awards and recognition to our school and state" said team captain Scholes of his team's accomplishments.

Because of a smaller number of participants, only 15 women are invited to participate in events open to women. (Note that men and women also compete in separate pistol events in the Olympics.) Lindsay Daniels, a senior graduating in International Studies, will be invited in Air Pistol and is the first alternate in Women's Sport Pistol. Ashley Miller, a junior in Biology, will compete in Air Pistol.

The only University support for this year's team is \$300, which is restricted to the purchase of shirts. The trip to Nationals will cost approximately \$5000. Your tax-deductible contributions will be gratefully appreciated. The team is also down to less than 1000 rounds of match-grade ammo.

New Dates for Indoor State Championships

As a result of range access problems, the Indoor State Championships will be moved back one week from the originally scheduled dates. The International Championship and PTO will be held 13 – 15 March. The Conventional Championship will be held 21 March. We already have one out-of-state registrant for the Conventional match! Both will have the usual format, but the International match will be unusually hotly contested because it will be the match that decides the composition of the collegiate team at the National Championships, to be held later that week. This year, for the first time in many years, there will be serious competition to for slots on the U team. Come join the excitement.

New Rules for PTOs hosted by UPMS

This is a reminder that since USA shooting is now posting shooter classifications (and national rankings) in a timely fashion (apparently after competitors have fired in three matches), individuals competing in UPMS PTOs will be required to enter their classifications on their entry cards to be eligible to win UPM\$. We will still keep track of shooters' scores for their first three matches and assign temporary classifications until official ones are issued by USAS.

To find your classification in each event, go to usashooting.org, log in and click on the "membership" tab at the top of the page. Scroll down a short distance to see your classification in each event. Note that in accordance with USAS rules, if you have classifications in some event you may use the highest one in additional events until a classification is assigned in the new event you are taking up. Thank you for your assistance in making our match operations more efficient and accurate.

2009 Pistol Open Sectional

6 – 8 February 2009

U of U Ranges

The 2009 NRA Open Sectional Pistol Competition was a raging success by any measure: we had the most competitors (31) and competitor-events (55) of any match we have ever run. The increase is largely due to a significant increase in membership on the U Collegiate team: last year three U team members participated, this year there were nine from the U team and nine more from the

ROTC unit. Despite the large number of collegiate competitors, note that more experienced UPMS members were able to hold their own and take the majority of medals. The program is doing well!



Don McGraw Free Pistol
Gold Medallist and Air Pistol
Silver Medallist



Robert Maust won
Conventional and
Standard Pistol

Open Air	Gold	Brad Collins	559
	Silver	Don McGraw	543
	Bronze	Hyrum Davis	534
Women's Air	Gold	Lindsay Daniels	346
	Silver	Ashley Miller	345
	Bronze	Millie Boyd	305
Standard Pistol	Gold	Robert Maust	543
	Silver	Lindsay Daniels	517
	Bronze	Brad Collins	515
Free Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	506
	Silver	Brad Collins	493
	Bronze	Lindsay Daniels	477
Conventional	Gold	Robert Maust	836X20
	Silver	Arnie Vitarbo	830X16
	Bronze	Eugene Mishchenko	796X17

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
13-15 March	Utah State International Rifle and Pistol Indoor Championship	UPMS/UU
16-20 March	Collegiate Nationals (Spring break!)	Benning GA
21 March	Conventional Pistol Indoor State Championship	UPMS/UU
1-3 May	International Pistol and Rifle PTO	UPMS/UU
9 May	Approved Conventional 2700	Hendriksen
5-7 June	Southwest Regional International Pistol PTO	UPMS/UU
13 June	Conventional Pistol Regional	Hendriksen
11 July	Approved Conventional 2700	Hendriksen
17-18 July	International Pistol and Rifle PTO	UPMS/UU
8 August	Approved Conventional 2700	Hendriksen
14-15 August	International training match	UPMS/UU

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