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Bullseye!

Newsletter of the Utah Precision Marksmanship Society

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NOTICE OF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 UPMS Annual Meeting will be held Friday evening, 4 December in the hall at the Hendriksen range. It will be the usual “potluck” with UPMS providing the meat. Please RSVP to Matt DeLong at Delong@physics.utah.edu or 801-581-7462 by 1 December with your headcount of the number of people coming and whether you plan to bring drinks, bread, salad, vegetable, dessert or hors d’œuvres. We will begin with happy hour at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and business meeting at 7:30.

This will be an unusually important meeting. We held no meeting last year, so we have two years worth of Board seats to fill. Board members whose terms are expiring are Elwood Powell and Dan Durham (2008), Rachel Peterson and Arnie Vitarbo (2009). All officers’ positions are up for re-appointment. This year the officers’ election will be unusual because we plan to create new positions to share the work load. The position of secretary will be split among a **Membership Secretary**, **League Secretary** and **Recording Secretary**. Also, as is the case in many organizations, the position of Vice President should be viewed as a “learning experience” with this year’s VP expected to move to President next year. We will add several other new positions, again to share the workload. The **Match Director** will be in charge of arranging labor to run each match. The **Match Coordinator** will be responsible for submitting match applications and handling all paperwork associated with matches, including submitting results to the NRA and USAS. The **League Coordinator** will be responsible for organizing Leagues, winter and summer. The **Range Coordinator** will be responsible for Maintenance and upgrades on the ranges we use. Anyone willing to serve in one of these positions should make their availability known to a current Board member before the meeting. Note that the Membership Secretary need not be a local resident; this job can be handled by remote control. Maybe we’ll finally get organized, in addition, in some cases, to giving people titles for the work they are already doing. What other titles and job descriptions do we need? A **Social Chair** to organize fun shoots and social events like those in Roosevelt used to be really good at? This should be interesting!

STATUS OF NEW RANGE CONSTRUCTION

Prospects for converting two classrooms at the University of Utah to a dedicated airgun range are looking up. It appears we have a route for making this happen. At last report the appropriate VP gave positive indications that he would be able to raise the necessary funding and we are hopeful that other claimants for the space will be amenable to our taking over. Unfortunately, there seem to be no good options for a powder gun range any time in the foreseeable future.

UPMS RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS

UPMS would like to acknowledge contributions from the Utah Gun Collectors Association as well as from Rich Burdette, Bill Dittenhofer, Brian Oberg, Aaron Ozminski, Rich Shea, and Tony Thompson. All these funds will go to support our programs. (Note that if you are pressured by your employer to make a donation to the United Way, United Way skims about 12% of your donation. If you donate to UPMS directly all money goes to programs.)

STEVE HOWE IS 2009 UTAH STATE CONVENTIONAL OUTDOOR PISTOL CHAMPION

Steve Howe, who recently moved to Utah to take a job with the FAA and was shooting in only his second local competition, is the 2009 Utah State Conventional Outdoor Pistol Champion. Steve's recent shooting history, in his own words, follows. "I answered an ad in the Army Times while serving the U.S. Army in Germany. The ad stated: The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) was looking for soldiers to serve as pick-up shooters for the summer. I was accepted and got my first taste of bullseye shooting finishing up at Camp Perry in 2001. At the end of the summer, I declined an offer to join the team (I still regret that decision) and joined my unit back in Germany. Ft. Benning would have been much better duty than Iraq. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to train with the USAMU one more summer ending at Camp Perry in 2005. My scores were not high, but they continued to climb. I was able to pick up 8 leg points at the Canton regional and 10 points at Perry the next week. I was also lucky enough to score 48th on the President's Hundred match. I retired from the military in 2006 and have not had the chance to shoot bullseye until I sent an e-mail to Matthew DeLong who was advertising matches in Utah in 2009. I live with my wife and two girls in Stansbury and enjoy being back in Utah. My goals are to continue maintaining my scores and getting the 12 points needed to be distinguished."



Steve Howe

U SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Brad Collins

One of UPMS's premier programs is the support of the University of Utah Pistol Team. This support includes not only equipment, supplies and travel but also scholarships to aspiring team members. This year's scholarships have been awarded by the Scholarship Committee to Brad Collins and Ashley Miller, both veterans of last year's team who had individual invitations to this year's National Intercollegiate Championships. Brad brought home three of the four All-American plaques won by Utah shooters this year. (The fourth was won by Lindsay Daniels, last year's scholarship winner.) Brad is a Junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He has Olympic aspirations and is considering a career in the competition firearms industry, combining International level competition with engineering design for a gun manufacturer. In addition to Collegiate Nationals, Brad participated in a week-long summer camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and will be attending the Winter Airgun



Ashley Miller

Championships, also at the OTC. Ashley says: "I am a senior in Biology and will be applying for medical school in May. I started off at the University of Utah in a program called ACCESS, which is a one-year scholarship program for women in science and math that sets them up with a research lab at the end of their ACCESS year. Through ACCESS, I joined Dr. Shapiro's lab where we study the biological basis of vertebrate evolution (specifically limb reduction), where I have worked for the last three and a half years. I also have been volunteering at Primary Children's Hospital for the last three years."

PISTOL CLINIC A SMASHING SUCCESS

UPMS hosted a pistol clinic by Olympic aspirant John Zurek on the weekend of 3-5 October. The clinic was attended by participants from as far away as Denver who were eager to learn the latest techniques in both International and NRA Conventional style shooting. Unfortunately, we forgot to assign either a reporter or photographer to the event. We do have a report from Ashley Miller, a participant and member of the U Shooting Team.

Ashley reports: "A few weeks ago, John Zurek offered a clinic at the University of Utah to help the UPMS members improve their shooting. He offered quite a few pieces of advice; however, the most pertinent thing I learned was his shooting process. His process had close to 30 steps in it. Some of the steps were different from mine. One of the new steps was to pump the trigger before you shot to make sure there are not any problems with your trigger pull. This has helped me notice if my finger is pulling the trigger to the side or not. Also, he mentioned breathing heavily before you take your shot. This was probably common knowledge to most, but I didn't think to do this.

I have a hard time blocking out the outside world and concentrating on shooting. Zurek said to help this; I need to envision my entire process before I take my shot then focus on my actual shot. In the month that followed, I have tried this and it has significantly helped." We should note that due to the efforts of both John Zurek and Coach Leonard Wojcik, Ashley's performance has improved markedly in the past month. To wit, despite a disastrous first shot, Ashley managed to shoot an 88 on her last Free Pistol target of the recent PTO. (If she were to shoot six targets like that at the next Collegiate National Championships, she is guaranteed to go to finals and would probably medal!)

STATUS OF CMP .22 AMMO

The Civilian Marksmanship Program, which, in the past, has been the source of ammunition, parts and M-1 rifles, stopped taking orders for .22 ammunition on 22 September, promising to deliver on backorders in the next 120 – 180 days. This shortage of ammunition and components is getting absurd!

2009 UTAH STATE CONVENTIONAL OUTDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

13 September 2009

Hendriksen Range

Name		Class	Score	X
Anderson	Robert	GM	2510	53
Sinclair	George	MA	2509	61
Howa	Steve	EX	2435	41
DeLong	Matt	EX	2413	43
Mishchenko	Eugene	SS	2396	46
Lindsey	Dave	SS	2333	34
Chapman	David	SS	2323	35
Dittenhofer	Bill	SS	2287	25
Thompson	Tony	SS	2181	20
Oberg	Brian	MK	1316	12
Wright	Nolan	MK	341	2

2009 LEG MATCH

13 September 2009

Hendriksen Range

Name		Score	X
Dittenhofer	William H.	229	1
Mishchenko	Eugene	227	1
Chapman	David C.	223	2
Lindsey	David W.	216	1
Howa	Steven M.	188	1
Oberg	Brian	143	0
Wright	Nolan R.	46	0

SEPTEMBER 2009 INTERNATIONAL PISTOL PTO RESULTS

25-28 September 2009

U of U Ranges

Open Air	Gold	Will Brown	564
	Silver	Brad Collins	560
	Bronze	Don McGraw	554
Women's Air	Gold	Ashley Miller	343
Standard Pistol	Gold	Steve Locatelli	541
	Silver	Steven Knotts	515
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	515
Free Pistol	Gold	Steve Locatelli	528
	Silver	Will Brown	523
	Bronze	Don McGraw	522
Rapid Fire	Gold	Arnie Vitarbo	540
	Silver	Steve Locatelli	522
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	488
Women's Sport	Gold	Ashley Miller	480
Centerfire	Gold	Arnie Vitarbo	533
	Silver	Steve Locatelli	525
	Bronze	Eugene Mishchenko	487
60-shot Air Rifle	Gold	John Pitts	545

NOVEMBER 2009 INTERNATIONAL PISTOL PTO RESULTS

6-8 November 2009

U of U Ranges

Open Air	Gold	Will Brown	564
	Silver	Don McGraw	554
	Bronze	Brad Collins	545
Women's Air	Gold	Ashley Miller	333
	Silver	Jamie Rankin	284
Standard Pistol	Gold	Brad Collins	526
	Silver	Eugene Mishchenko	520
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	509
Free Pistol	Gold	Will Brown	522
	Silver	Don McGraw	512
	Bronze	Brad Collins	505
Rapid Fire	Gold	Arnie Vitarbo	531
	Silver	Eugene Mishchenko	511
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	509
Women's Sport	Gold	Ashley Davis	543
	Silver	Ashley Miller	517
Centerfire	Gold	Eugene Mishchenko	524
	Silver	Mark Morris	516

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
13-15 November	Collegiate Pistol: USMA vs. U of U	UPMS/UU
20-22 November	AZ State International Pistol Championship	Phoenix AZ Don Plante donpla@msn.com
21 November	Conventional Pistol 2700	UPMS/UU Tony Thompson 801-712-8089 tony.thompson@utah.edu
22 November	Conventional Pistol 2700	Boise ID Larry Wetzel 208-377-4312
28 November	Conventional Pistol 2700	Denver CO Steve Locatelli 303-697-5748
4 December 6:00 PM	UPMS Annual Meeting	Hendriksen Range Hall Parley's Canyon Matt: 801-581-7462
5 December	Conventional Pistol 2700	UPMS/UU
11-13 December	International Rifle and Pistol PTO	UPMS/UU
19 December	Conventional Pistol 2700	Denver CO Steve Locatelli 303-697-5748
20 December	Conventional Pistol 2700	Boise ID Larry Wetzel 208-377-4312
8-10 January 2010	International Rifle and Pistol PTO and Junior Olympics	UPMS/UU
16 January	Conventional Pistol 2700	UPMS/UU
23 January	Clinic with Arnie Vitarbo	UPMS/UU
31 January	Conventional Pistol 2700	Boise ID Larry Wetzel

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