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ASHLEY DAVIS IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S FREE PISTOL CHAMPION; UPMS TEAM TAKES THIRD IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Ashley Davis

Results are back from the NRA Open Sectional Pistol Competition. Ashley Davis of Kaysville, UT is the National Women's Champion in the Free Pistol Event with a score of 515 out of 600 possible points. Ashley led the U Collegiate Pistol Team to their National Championship in Standard Pistol in 2006. Way to go Ashley!



Don McGraw

Other local shooters also did well. Don McGraw of Dugway, UT won the Master Class with a score of 525; Kevin Peck, a member of the NROTC unit and U team, finished 6th in the Master Class with 501. Note that Master is the

highest class, with the best shooters in the country, but both McGraw and Peck were forced to shoot there because they have not fired in enough matches to get an NRA classification!

The UPMS Gold team, consisting of Will Brown (Twin Falls, ID), Don McGraw (Dugway, UT) and Brad Collins (Salt Lake City, UT) has taken third place in the Nation in the Team Air Pistol competition. Will Brown, currently a resident athlete at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs CO, also

won the Junior title and the Marksman class (this could give a whole new meaning to the term "sandbagger") with a score of 564.

In individual Air Pistol competitions, Robert Taylor, also a member of the U Naval ROTC unit, U Pistol Team and competitor at this year's National InterCollegiate Championships finished 14th and Brian Oberg was 16th in the Marksman class. Brad Collins was 25th in the Expert class with 547; Kevin Peck was 26th in the Master class with a score of 541. Way to go UPMS shooters!



Brad Collins



Will Brown

For those not familiar with the format, the NRA Open Sectional is a national postal competition. "Postal competitions" are fired at various locations around the country under nominally the same conditions. The scores are then mailed to

the NRA for tabulation. (The same true for Collegiate Sectionals; they are fired at schools around the country. The results of those competitions determine who gets invited to the National InterCollegiate Championships.) Events fired in this competition are NRA Conventional, Air, Free and Standard Pistol.

BIG CHANGES AT THE TOP FOR UPMS

Although originally planned for November, circumstances led to a new UPMS president for the first time in more than 20 years. The new President is Elwood P. Powell, long time UPMS Board member, President of the Utah State Rifle and Pistol Association, board Member and former President of the Utah Shooting Sports Council. Elwood recently retired from a career as a lawyer; he is a graduate of the Weber State University with a BS, the University of Utah with a JD law degree, and Georgetown University with an LLM law degree from these esteemed institutions. He is also an experienced high power rifle shooter, having made many trips to Camp Perry to compete in the National Championships. He has been teaching the University marksmanship classes for several years. He unquestionably does more work to promote shooting than anyone else in the state of Utah.



Woody Powell

Elwood (Woody) grew up on a farm in Southern Idaho, the site of a WWII Japanese relocation camp, now a National Historical Site known as Minidoka. It is about 20 miles east of Jerome, Idaho. The only recreation was swimming in the local canal and shooting rabbits in the evenings. This was a true homesteading experience. The farm was broken out of sagebrush and put into row crop production. Being the oldest child, he was the hired hand with no remuneration at a very early age. At 15, he, with his younger brothers, operated this entire farm one summer while his father went back to the university to recertify as a school teacher.

At the end of this summer in 1959 their family moved to North Ogden, where he graduated from Weber High School in 1961. He entered the University of Utah law school in 1966, graduating in 1969. His first legal employment was as a law clerk for a Judge on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He then moved to the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission as a staff lawyer in the Corporation Finance Division reviewing stock offering documents. He obtained his LLM in Taxation at Georgetown University while working in Washington, D.C.

After leaving the Commission at the end of 1972, Woody first moved to Denver, Colorado, for a short time, then back to Salt Lake City. He was in private practice as a business and personal injury trial lawyer until 1995 when he started his own practice and eventually moved to Ogden, Utah, where he presently resides with his wife. Currently, he is mostly retired, enjoying the shooting sports and traveling when the opportunity presents itself.

His competitive shooting career started when he met a fellow high power competitive shooter while rebuilding an army truck motor at a local machine shop. One thing led to another and after much coaxing, he showed up for a match, and the rest, as they say, is history. He was asked to be the High Power Chairman for the Utah State Rifle & Pistol Association in 1990. This got him both running the high power matches at the Centerville range and competing. He attended his first National Championship at Camp Perry in 1991, and eventually won the Sharpshooter Class in 1999. His sons, Steven and Christopher, won the junior Whistler Boy Championship at Camp Perry in 2000.

He was asked to become President of the Utah State Rifle & Pistol Association in 1995, and remains so today since no one else really wants the job. He served as the Chairman of the Utah Shooting Sports Council from 1995 through 2005 and remains an active board member today. It is through these relationships that he met Matt DeLong and was asked to serve on the board of UPMS, and eventually became involved in pistol marksmanship as a coach. He is both a certified rifle and pistol coach. For the last two years he has coached the U of U Pistol Team at the NRA National Collegiate Pistol Championship at Fort Benning, Georgia, since Matt DeLong has taken on more teaching responsibilities at the U.

In these positions he has helped get new laws passed by the Utah legislature. One of these laws now permits anyone with a clean criminal record and no domestic violence convictions to obtain a “shall issue” concealed carry permit after taking the required course as well as getting new shooting ranges started in Utah. We now have new ranges in St. George, Cedar City, Green River, Price, and Vernal as a result of his efforts. Ranges in these locations are not just the garden variety DWR hunter sight-in ranges but are designed as and/or will become competitive ranges for a large variety of shooting disciplines. Getting these ranges from the wish list to the planning stage, then to the development and completed stage takes years. Woody first started on these projects in 1995, and they are still ongoing. His thought then was, without a place to shoot the sport will die as the population expands. This, then and now, was and remains a very significant challenge. It seems no one wants new shooting ranges, and marksmanship and firearms ownership is viewed as unacceptable in our current political climate.

For Sale: UPMS has three Rapid Fire pistols for sale. These are the older models that shoot .22 shorts and have wrap-around grips that are no longer legal to use in Rapid Fire matches. UPMS members get first chance before we put them up on Gunbroker. FAS 601: minimum bid is \$850; Pardini GP \$1200 and Walther OSP \$1000. Contact Matt at 801-580-7246.

Help wanted: Six people needed to clean out the lead in the trap at the range at the University. This is very hard, hot, dirty work taking about a half day. Somebody has to do it. Bunny suits and other equipment provided. Contact Matt at 801-580-7246.

NEW RULES FROM THE NRA ON SECTIONALS AND REGIONALS

Every year about this time the NRA sends out solicitations for organizations to host Sectional and Regional competitions. (Remember that the Sectional is a National Postal Competition. See the lead article, above!) UPMS has been hosting these events for about 20 years. This year the solicitation has new restrictions: there must be a minimum of 8 shooters in each event for the Sectional and 15 shooters in the Regional. For the International events in the Sectional this is no problem because of participation by the collegiate shooters. For Conventional Pistol (and Rifle) this will definitely be a problem: this year we had only four shooters in the Conventional Sectional and eight in the Regional (half of whom were not local!). As is chronically the case, we are in a situation of “grow or die”; we either need to get more people involved or we face going out of business.

Here is the deal. We are in the process of submitting match applications for next year. This is normally done in August; the Sectional and Regional applications are due by early September. Please respond to Cory Simon, cory.simon@gmail.com or call Matt DeLong at 801-580-7246 if you plan to shoot in these matches next year. If we get a sufficient number of responses, we will request sanctioning of these matches. If not, we continue to contract. **If we don't get enough responses, these matches will not be held!**

Next issue for member voting. Conventional Pistol matches are typically one-day events. Do you prefer that they be held on Saturday or Sunday? Next year's matches will be held on whichever day gets the most **votes by 10 August**. Again, contact Cory or Matt, listed above. Unlike voting for president in Utah, here your vote really does count!

STATUS ON NEW AIRGUN RANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

This month things are looking up. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade group for the firearms industry has available a significant amount of money to support collegiate shooting. (UPMS is a member of this organization.) The deadline for applications is 17 September. Any volunteers to assist with grant writing?

TRAINING MATCH TO PROVIDE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY

These days everyone wants to save money. The August International-style Rifle and Pistol Training Match, 13-15 August, will be run in exactly the same format as a monthly PTO (Preliminary TryOut for the US National Team, a fancy name for the International-style matches we run every month). It will not be sanctioned by USA Shooting. This means that you don't have to pay \$40 to join USA Shooting (\$20 for Juniors). Additionally, if you have never fired in competition the first match is always free in UPMS matches. This means that you can try out a new event at zero cost. UPMS even has guns available for loan (by prior arrangement). Bring your friends, bring your relatives, bring your kids, bring your co-workers. Try out a new sport. For details contact Brian Oberg, upms.brian@gmail.com. Since nearly all events are fired on Friday evening, probably the best approach is to come Friday and watch and see how everything works, then plan to shoot on Saturday.

U PISTOL TEAM HAS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The nationally ranked University of Utah Pistol Team is seeking new members. Each year UPMS awards two scholarships, one to a male athlete, one to a female, assuming comparable qualifications. The UPMS Board has agreed that for the 2010 – 2011 academic year the scholarships will be for \$1000 per semester, to be paid at the end of the semester after all training and competitive goals have been met by the recipient. The mental discipline and focusing skills required for competitive shooting are well known to help academic performance. If you know of any experienced pistol shooters who are students at the U and who would like to improve their academic skills by participating in this fun and rewarding sport, please send them to the coach: Matt DeLong delong@physics.utah.edu.

ZINS TAKES 10TH TITLE IN PISTOL AT CAMP PERRY!

Last week at Camp Perry OH, Brian Zins took his 10th National Pistol Championship title. (He was also the first to win seven titles and all the ones in between.) His winning score was 2650-134X. Other category winners were Judy Tant, the Women's Champion, with 2565-69X, Ron Steinbrecher, Senior Champion (over 60) with 2607-92X and Elwood Harrison, Grand Senior Champion (over 70) with 2513-72X. The Collegiate Champion was also the Junior Champion, Bryan Layfield, with 2598-94X. The high Civilian High Master was John Zurek of Phoenix with 2625-104X. An informal tally counted 20 shooters at 2600 or better, a definite improvement from previous years.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Rapid Fire Pistol: Brad Balsley 583+583+194.8+1360.8

Men's Air Pistol: Daryl Szarenski 584+574+99.4=1257.4 (Nick Mower was 3rd, John Zurek was 5th and Will Brown was 7th)

Women's Air Pistol: Teresa Meyer 376+385+100.1=861.1

Women's Sport Pistol: Teresa Meyer 569+573+196.1=1338.1

Free Pistol: Daryl Szarenski 550+553+93.8+196.8

Standard Pistol: John Bickar 565+571=1136

Centerfire Pistol: Keith Sanderson 580+586=1166

Women's Air Rifle: Sarah Scherer 394+398+103.0=895.0

Men's 3P Rifle: Jason Parker 1169+1181+99.5=2449.5

Women's Prone Rifle: Sandra Fong 595+594=1189X75

Men's Prone Rifle: Joseph Hein 598+598+103.4=1299.4

Women's 3P Rifle: Amy Sowash 581+586+98.0=1265.0

Men's Air Rifle: Jonathan Hall 593+596=1189X86

Now those scores should give you something to aspire to for next season!

MAY UTAH RIFLE AND PISTOL PTO RESULTS

30 April – 2 May 2010

U of U Ranges

Open Air Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	556
	Silver	Brad Collins	546
	Bronze	Jason Zicha	536
Standard Pistol	Gold	Brad Collins	530
	Silver	Eugene Mishchenko	521
	Bronze	Ashley Davis	499
Free Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	521
	Silver	Brad Collins	501
Rapid Fire	Gold	Tony Thompson	520
	Silver	Eugene Mishchenko	504
Women's Sport	Gold	Ashley Davis	552
Centerfire	Gold	Eugene Mishchenko	526
	Silver	Mark Morris	507
Men's 3P rifle	Gold	Jason Zicha	543
Men's Air rifle	Gold	Jason Zicha	540
	Silver	Rich Sheya	461

2010 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL RIFLE AND PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

30 April – 2 May 2010

U of U Ranges

Open Air Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	568
	Silver	Brad Collins	555
	Bronze	Jason Zicha	530
Women's Air Pistol	Gold	Andelyn Seeley	288
	Silver	Jamie Rankin	249
Standard Pistol	Gold	Arnie Vitarbo	551
	Silver	Brad Collins	537
	Bronze	Eugene Mishchenko	528
Free Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	509
	Silver	Eugene Mishchenko	465
Rapid Fire	Gold	Arnie Vitarbo	552
	Silver	Eugene Mishchenko	519
	Bronze	Hyrum Davis	512
Centerfire	Gold	Arnie Vitarbo	539
	Silver	Mark Morris	484
Men's 3P rifle	Gold	Jason Zicha	518
60 Shot Air rifle	Gold	Jason Zicha	552
	Silver	Rich Sheya	458
	Bronze	Ash Covey	385

JULY UTAH RIFLE AND PISTOL PTO RESULTS

16 – 17 July 2010

U of U Ranges

Open Air Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	569
	Silver	Aaron Ozminski	534
	Bronze	Brian Oberg	524
Standard Pistol	Gold	Eugene Mishchenko	531
	Silver	Ashley Davis	526
	Bronze	Tony Thompson	515
Free Pistol	Gold	Don McGraw	541!!!
Rapid Fire	Gold	Eugene Mishchenko	488
	Silver	Tony Thompson	482
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	481
Women's Sport	Gold	Ashley Miller	534
		Ashley Davis	317
Centerfire	Gold	Mark Morris	505
	Silver	Tony Thompson	495
Men's 3P rifle	Gold	Jason Zicha	543
Men's Air rifle	Gold	Rich Sheya	452

2010 Conventional Regional Pistol Championship

13 June 2010

Hendriksen PMAA Range

TOTAL	X	NAME, LAST	FIRST	CLASS
2538	72	Anderson	Robert	MA
2525	59	Sinclair	George	MA
2466	54	Mishchenko	Eugene	SS
2401	35	Vitarbo	Arnie	EX
2395	39	DeLong	Matthew	EX
2382	41	Moseley	Robert	EX
1909	16	Oberg	Brian	MK
692	7	Vodosek	Markus	MK

July Utah Conventional Pistol 2700

11 July 2010

Hendriksen PMAA Range

TOTAL	X	NAME, LAST	FIRST	CLASS
2463	59	Mishchenko	Eugene	SS
2458	58	DeLong	Matthew	EX
2381	31	Howa	Steve	EX
2362	33	Thompson	Tony	MK
2281	23	Chapman	Dave	SS
1947	11	Oberg	Brian	MK
1423	3	Leasure	Chad	MU
825	10	McGraw	Don	EX
677	3	Vodosek	Markus	MK

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7 August	Conventional Pistol 2700	Hendriksen
8 August	Conventional Pistol 2700	Byers CO Wayne Harris wwharris@q.com
13-15 August	International Rifle and Pistol Training Match	UPMS/UU
14 August	Idaho State Conventional Outdoor Pistol Championship	R. Swing 6001 N. Atlas Rd. Cour d'Alene ID 83815
11 September	Utah State Conventional Outdoor Pistol Championship	Hendriksen
18 September	International Pistol PTO	Phoenix Don Plante (480) 855-0002
19 September	Conventional Pistol 2700	Phoenix Don Plante (480) 855-0002
24-26 September	September International Rifle and Pistol PTO	UPMS/UU
9 October	International Pistol PTO	Phoenix Don Plante (480) 855-0002
10 October	Conventional Pistol 2700	Phoenix Don Plante (480) 855-0002

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