

The Firing Lines



Match Schedules for 2002

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Friends of NRA Banquet

The MRPA is hosting a Friends of the NRA banquet in Saginaw on March 23, 2002. These banquets are designed to raise money for the NRA Foundation with half of the money staying in the state for Michigan projects. For tickets contact: Larry Hayner 2278 Mayfield Saginaw, MI 48602, Phone 989-792-0093. Tickets start at \$30.00.

Interesting Websites

www.Targetsportatlanta.org
Wolf Creek Shooting Range
senator@levin.senate.gov Carl Levin (D-MI)
www.odcmp.com
Civilian Marksmanship Program.
www.sas-aim.org
Second Amendment Sisters (SAS)
www.pennarifleandpistol.org
Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association
www.nsrpa.org
Nevada Rifle & Pistol Association
www.nealjguns.com
Neal Johnson's Gunsmithing
www.championshooters.com
Champion Shooters Supply
www.nssf.org
National Shooting Sports Foundation
www.usashooting.com
U.S. Olympic Shooting Team
www.uspalma.com
U.S. Palma Shooting Team
www.riflesports.com
Rifle Sports
www.centershot.com
Center Shot Sports
www.pilkguns.com
Plinkington Competition Equipment

Shooter - in - a - Box Program

The MRPA has air rifles, targets, pellets, kneeling rolls, safety glasses and spotting scopes available for low cost lease (one dollar a year) to clubs desiring to start entry level rifle shooting programs.

Application procedures are for the club to write a letter to the MRPA requesting assistance in getting a program started. Leases are for a period of one year and are renewable at the discretion of the MRPA co-ordinator. Clubs must meet minimum requirements of being a member of the MRPA (\$20.00), having a Certified NRA Rifle Instructor in charge of the program, and providing annual reports on the status of the program. The number of rifles and equipment provided will depend on the number of participants in the program.

The purpose of the program is to provide low cost entry level shooting to the youth of Michigan.

For further information, contact: Shooter - in - a - Box Coordinator, MRPA, P.O. Box 1802, Midland, MI 48641-1802. Telephone 888-655-MRPA.

Black Powder - Owen

The Black Powder Committee is proud to announce, that the first Black Powder Cartridge. Midrange State Championship will be held at Camp Grayling April 19-21, 2002. We will be shooting at 200,300

and 600yds. It is unfortunate that the condition of the newly constructed berms will prevent us from using them at this early date. They should have their final contour and the new grass seed should be growing well by the time of our next big match in August. We will then host a Long Range Black Powder Cartridge Regional match August 23-25, 2002, using the new berms at 800,900 and 1000yds. Don't forget that High Power shooters are always welcome to come up and practice.

Contact: Lew Owen 4927 Iroquois Blvd. Clarkston, MI 48348, phone 248-394-1013. or Paul Behe at 586-463-7967

Smallbore - Shankland

National Open Sectional March 9 & 10, Waterford, Contact: Don Shankland

Linden Outdoor Prone Matches: June 16, July 7, August 11,

Central Michigan O.D. 3-P League: Williamston, April 28, May 26, June 9, July 14, Contact: Don Knisely 405 Theo Ave. Lansing, MI 48917

NRA 3-P Regional: Williamston, June 22 & 23, Contact Don Shankland

Michigan Prone Championship: Williamston, August 17 & 18, Contact: Don Shankland

Long Range Prone (smallbore), Williamston, September 15, Contact: Don Shankland

NRA 3P: October 13, Ithaca, Contact Rod Alton

NRA 3-P: October 27, Jackson, Contact: Don Shankland

Doug Greiner Memorial 100 Shot Standing: December 6 – 8, Jackson, Contact Michael O'Connor 2700 W. Morrell Jackson, MI 49203.

2002 Saginaw Valley Schedule of Smallbore & Air Rifle Matches

MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 1 & 2 - NRA Junior & Senior Outdoor Position Championship (Saginaw) Juniors 20 shots in Prone, Standing, Sitting & Kneeling; Seniors – 40 shots in Prone, Standing & Kneeling. All at 50 yards.

August 25 State USAS Junior & Senior Outdoor Championship English & 3P (Saginaw) Match 1 – English Match – Juniors & Seniors – 60 shots prone @ 50 yards. Match 2 - Juniors & Seniors 40 shots in Prone, Standing & Kneeling @ 50 yards.

Michigan State Air Rifle League 3/17, 4/21 (Bay City) 60 shots Standing @ 10 meters

Snow Country English Match Series 3/03 (Bay City) 60 shots prone @ 50 feet

For information, contact:
Thomas Monto C/O MRPA PO Box 1802 Midland, MI 48641-1802
989-839-4173

Other Smallbore Matches – 2002

Southern Michigan Gun Club (Kalamazoo) Open 4 - P Rifle Sectional March 2-3, 2002
Contact Dale Drake at d Drake@cybersol.com

Contact: Don Shankland, VP Smallbore Division, 1057 Newport, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 313-662-7675.

High Power - Goebel

In response to the desire by many shooters to expand the MRPA Highpower program, the Highpower Division is pleased to announce the formation of the new MRPA Highpower Long Range Subcommittee. This subcommittee will exclusively handle all Palma and Long Range Highpower Rifle matches at 1000 yards. Renzo Tormen has been appointed as the Long Range Subcommittee Chairman. Contact: **MRPA Long Range, P.O. Box 535 Hastings, MI 49058-0535.** E-mail: mrpa_lr@yahoo.com

MRPA Long Range 2002 Match dates:

April 27-28, 600 Yard State Championship at Cadillac Sportsmen's Club

May 18-19, 1000 Yard State Championship at Camp Grayling

June 8-9, Palma Field Christening State Championship, at Camp Grayling

July 26-28, Long Range State Championship, at Camp Grayling

Sept 14-15 Long Range Regional, Individual only no teams, at Camp Grayling

General Security Issues at Military Bases:

Get your 2002 MRPA Membership updated before going to Fort Custer or Camp Grayling this year. In the past many competitors renewed at MRPA matches. Due to the heightened 'Threat Condition' at all military bases, MRPA must provide competitor rosters. Ohio

Rifle and Pistol Association and many other state associations, will have nearly identical requirements placed on their matches as well.

It is a membership in a state association that distinguishes us from the general public and allows our access. Out of state competitors should get their home state association membership updated and forward a photocopy to the appropriate point of contact for the match.

Please look on the last page of this newsletter for a MRPA Membership Application. Please note sending MRPA memberships to the MRPA Highpower Division only causes a delay in processing your membership application. Please send MRPA memberships to the following address:

MRPA Memberships
P.O. Box 1802
Midland, MI 48641-1802

Rifles brought on military posts must be: Unloaded and encased, in the trunk or inaccessible to the occupants of the vehicle and separate from ammunition. This is consistent with Michigan State law. Vehicle searches upon entry to military installations are highly probable. Once your vehicle is parked and you are in the range areas, your rifle may be exposed for cleaning or trigger weighing at the stat house. Uncased rifles may be carried from the range parking areas to the range and on the range. Rifles should be encased when going to and from the barracks. Rifles must be cleaned in the range areas or inside the barracks only.

Uncased rifles must be: Unloaded both in the chamber and magazine, detachable magazines must be out of the rifle and an open bolt indicator (OBI) must be inserted in the chamber at all times outside of the firing point (unless you are cleaning rifles). Keep your rifle under your control and supervision at all times.

Camp Grayling Security

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There is a separate set of security issues for each military base. Pre-registration at Camp Grayling will be required this year. Please pre-register for Camp Grayling long-range matches at: **MRPA Long Range, P.O. Box 535 Hastings, MI 49058-0535**. Camp Grayling will not allow concealed weapons, CCWs or CPLs in the cantonment areas. No handguns allowed inside the barracks. Leave your handguns home, this is the Highpower Rifle Division, we do not deal with pistols. MRPA Highpower Rifle Division does not authorize handguns for use or firing on Range 10 at any time. Any person who violates this rule will be banned from all MRPA Highpower events. Only bring rifles to be used in MRPA Highpower competition on post. Multiple rifles are O.K.

Competitor camping on Range 10 is still O.K. in 2002. If competitors wish to access Range 10 from M-72 west and Arrowhead Road this is also allowed. The bridge has been fixed.

Fort Custer Security

All the conventional across-the-course (Service Rifle) Highpower matches will be run at Fort Custer in 2002. We have expanded this program as well. Fort Custer has security requirements, which differ from Camp Grayling. Please make note of the distinction.

If you intend to attend any MRPA Highpower event in 2002 at Fort Custer you must pre-register or complete the 'Roster Registration Form' in the 2002 program and send either one to: **MRPA Highpower, P.O. Box 701940, Plymouth, MI 48170**. Either one only need to be done once in 2002. MRPA will be required to provide Fort Custer with a roster. If you are an out of state competitor, membership in your home state association is required.

Michigan concealed weapons laws are not valid at Fort Custer. Fort Custer is Federal property and handguns are not

permitted. Any person who violates this rule will be banned from all MRPA Highpower events. If you are a law enforcement officer please contact MRPA Highpower for special instructions.

Please understand that this is a time of national crisis and the protection of our military installations is very important. All of us at the MRPA are hopeful that participation will not decline due to the restrictions. We are doing what we have to do, so please do not feel as if this is too much to deal with and decide not to shoot this year. The restrictions are reasonable and very easy to live with; it will just take a little bit of patience. It will also be prudent to allow an extra 15-20 minutes in your travel time, to allow for vehicle inspections upon entry to Fort Custer. All the 2002 MRPA matches are expected to run smoothly.

2002 Highpower Event Dates at Fort Custer:

March 30, Nostalgia Match (CMP Garand Match)

April 20-21, Advanced Clinic and CMP Garand Match

June 1, Governor's Trophy (Saturday only)

June 2, Prone Match 300, 400 and 500 Yards

June 15-16, Service Rifle Championship and CMP EIC-LEG

June 29-30, Tri-Stage Regional, Individual and Team

July 4-6, LEG Match and Two Day State Championship (July 5th and 6th)

September 1, Prone Match 300, 400 and 500 Yards

This year the Highpower Division is having an Advanced Highpower Rifle clinic. The MRPA Highpower Committee believes, that advanced

Highpower clinics are what is needed to encourage past Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM) clinic attendees and local club Highpower shooters make the transition into state level Highpower rifle competitions. Some BRM clinic attendees and local club shooters still feel uncomfortable entering state championships without another intermediate step. Advanced instruction and range firing at 200, 300 and 500 yards will offer the bridge that previous BRM clinic attendees and club shooters need in order to migrate toward Highpower rifle competition beyond 200 yards.

Don't let the words 'Advanced Clinic' scare you. We prefer that clinic attendees have some rifle range shooting experience but it is not required. Priority will be given to junior shooters, unclassified shooters who have attended a previous MRPA BRM Clinic and to classified shooters in the Marksman and Sharpshooter classes.

Team Information

The MRPA Highpower Division will sponsor rifle teams for all CMP and NRA team matches held during the Highpower phase of the National Matches. The general requirements are that you must fire in at least three days of MRPA Highpower sponsored tournaments to be eligible for any NRA four person team or CMP six person team. Specific requirements and information about team selection and team guidelines will be made available to those who apply. Please send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to: **MRPA Highpower, P.O. Box 701940, Plymouth, MI 48170** and you will be sent information regarding adult team requirements and a team application. The deadline to return applications is 5/1/02

For 2002 MRPA Junior (ages 13-20) Highpower Team information contact: **Ed Torres, 3518 W. Webster, Royal**

Oak, MI 48073. Telephone: 248-288-4420. E-mail: echotango3@home.net

Contact:
Dave Goebel
MRPA Highpower
P.O. Box 701940
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-455-4491 (evenings)
E-Mail: mrpa_hp@yahoo.com

Silhouette – Chippa

Here we are again looking forward to another good year, of shooting matches for the Silhouette Division at Camp Grayling. The sunny and warm January got us thinking more about the coming shooting season. Then came a little reality setback in the last few days of January with some snow and ice storm in Lower Michigan and business as usual for the Northern shooters. The old saying goes: "Winter in Michigan"? Wear Your Heavy Coat and Sunglasses.

The Annual Meeting was held in Waterford at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club on Sunday February 3, 2002. Attendance was good with about 150 shooters to take care of the non shooting items that have to be done in order to participate in competition each season, election and re-election of officers, annual reports etc. The Silhouette Division recognized John Weir for his many years of being the Camp Grayling Liaison Officer so we are able to fire on range 10. This position is more important than ever due to the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 in reserving the match dates. For this reason in light of increased security at the base, Weir will be the only official contact person from MRPA for dates of matches and other military business related to our competition on Range 10. **Match dates for the 2002 Silhouette season are April 27th and 28th, June 1st and 2nd, July 13, 14th, and August 17th and**

18th. The final match is the State Championship Match.

Having your membership paid in advance is encouraged this year, so mail it in when you receive this newsletter. The base personnel must have a roster of all MRPA Shooters before any of the matches. This is the only way the base may be accessed by competitors for competitive matches at military facilities from now on. If you are not staying in the barracks or do not want to go through the base, you may access Range 10 off M-72 by taking Arrowhead Lake Road south. You must know your way through the dirt roads to range 10. The Army is building another checkpoint on M-93 south on the way to the range, so if you elect to enter at the main gate you will have another checkpoint to continue to the match. This new security gate is for exiting or entering the facility at the last road on M-93 that leads directly into the camp or cantonment area. Either way or method will not let you escape from going past the target house. So keep a pair of gloves handy for getting the targets out and putting them away, the storage building is out of the secure area of the camp. This target handling time is really a sharing of ideas and helpful tips for the up coming match, sharing a bit of work allows all the shooters to have a good time competing. The security measures will about eliminate casual spectators and those not specifically on the competitor roster for the various days of competition this season except those who know how to come in off Arrowhead Road.

Further details of requirements new this season to access the base under new security regulations will be included in the flyer that is mailed out to previous competitors. This info will also be on the MRPA web site under your division information. Every attempt is being made to gather all new regulations and to get this information out to the shooters in a timely manner. One very important item is the fact under Michigan's new

CCW law, carrying of a concealed pistol is NOT allowed in the cantonment area, as it is a Federal Facility. You may have a legally owned and licensed fully unloaded handgun in a locked case while in the barracks and secured areas in your vehicle but may it may NOT be removed while in these areas for any reason. So if you have a permit to carry please remember this, if you happen to be a law enforcement officer please contact MRPA for specific information that may apply to you in the carrying of your weapon.

The shooting will be much different on the Range 10 starting this 2002 Season as the Army finishes the berm work. The Silhouette Division will have to make some target adjustments to fire the matches. At present, it looks like the Chickens will shoot like the Turkeys have been. So now, all two legged animals will be hiding in the grass behind a berm. The higher firing line may help some on the Turkeys. That is a very small some. It may require some work on the day before the match and even the first day of shooting so try to be there on Friday if you can to help set the range for the 2002 Matches.

A Silhouette Division Raffle enhanced the annual meeting this year. A raffle of shooting related merchandise put together by the dedicated Larry Medler, alias "Captain Graft" to help raise funds for the Silhouette Division for range and target improvement and supplies. Graft spent untold hours glued to the computer and telephone to garner the prizes. Fifteen different items, some items were six of each, were given away with a retail value of well over sixteen hundred dollars. The top prize was a wheeled customized hard shell waterproof Starlight gun case. Dave Evans, a High Power MRPA competitor, won the Starlight Gun Case. Check the MRPA Web Site for pictures of the annual meeting. The web site also has the directions on how you may add 16-inch wheels to a Starlight Gun Case.

Most of the competitors are going through their gear and readying their ammunition for the coming season of Silhouette events at Camp Grayling. Those who procrastinate will be as usual loading up their gear the night before the match but I have never seen much difference in the shooting abilities, the prepared and the hurried do equally well on the range. There is always room for more shooters so if someone has been curious about the sport this is the time to mentor a new shooter and get them the information and sign them up to shoot this year. For the small match fee, which include lodging on the base and a bit of gas you, cannot afford to stay home and miss a good time shooting competition.

As in all matches sponsored by MRPA Silhouette Division eye and ear protection are an absolute requirement on the range firing line for competitors, spotters and coaches. A safety briefing for competitors and personnel shall be conducted before each day of shooting. Course of fire reviewed, and rifle safety checks made before each match. All safety issues are under the direction of the Range Officer and are adhered to with no exceptions. Also keep in mind that membership in the MRPA is required for anyone engaging in competition or firing a weapon on the range for insurance purposes.

If you believe the printed word, various editions of the Farmer's Almanacs are predicting good weather for the Silhouette match weekends at Camp Grayling this season but we fire in competition like the mailman works, rain, snow sleet and heat. It is always better in ideal conditions but the weather especially at Grayling provides an extra challenge for the competitors there.

We have enjoyed a good working relationship with the military in Michigan since the MRPA organized in 1905 and in competitive shooting at Camp Grayling and we hope to continue that good relationship in the years ahead. So

far as the liaison officer John Weir and silhouette VP Rich Chippa have indicated, things should be running smoothly as in years past for our events there on the base. The Army seems to like us as a responsible organization of competitive shooters. The Army still has some "finishing touches" to do on the "berm improvements" to enable better competitions and scores. Silhouette Division would like to ask the patience and co-operation of the members of the MRPA who would be competing at Camp Grayling. In light of the security changes on the base this year for entry and regulations pertaining to use of the base, just remember that how any one acts, good or bad, reflects on all of us as a group.

We look forwards to seeing old friends again this season and new shooters also on Range 10. For other details and information go to the links on this page if you can access a computer, if not contact by phone the numbers listed. Respectfully submitted by Jerry Pond - Silhouette Division Reporter, Mullet Lake Michigan.

FOR SILHOUETTE INFORMATION

Rich Chippa, PO Box 157, Northville, MI 48167 Telephone 1-734-522-1286
Or Email To: gorgos1923@aol.com
Silhouette Ballistics Version 9.0 Made For Competitive Match Shooters At - <http://www.members.home.net/anyrane>
Silhouette Shooting In Michigan At - <http://www.members.home.net/mi-silhouette>

Rifle Silhouette Shooting in Michigan
<http://www.members.home.net/mi-silhouette>

Women On Target

May 11, 2002 North Macomb Sportsman's Club - Shotgun; Contact Linda Carey 989-832-5783; brianontarget@aol.com

June 15, 2002 Michigan State Extension - Shotgun; Contact Linda Carey 989-832-5783; brianontarget@aol.com

June 15, 2002 Linden Sportsman's Club - Rifle, Handgun, Shotgun; Contact Tom Campbell 810-2320440

Women On Target is a NRA program designed to introduce more women to the shooting sports. For more information, please contact Linda Carey.

Pistol - Zalewski

Thanks to all of you who came to the Annual Meeting. Although some issues brought by the other divisions were time consuming, we did get our business accomplished.

Remember, the deadline for NM lodging requests is March 5th. If you haven't yet received your info flyer, contact me immediately!

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St Clair Shores, MI 48080
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rszalewski@aol.com

Junior - Pam Valet

Contact Pam Velat at (810) 659-7107 after 5:00pm weeknights.

NRA Junior Sectional: March 23 & 24, Waterford. Contact Karen Gauthier 2945 Garfield, Waterford, MI 48329

NRA Approved Junior Outdoor Matches May 18 & 19, Waterford, Contact Karen Gauthier

Duncan's Positional Air Rifle Matches: June 9, October 13, 2002. Entry-level sporter air rifle matches by age and skill level. Contact Duncan's

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Outdoors 501 Salzburg, Bay City, MI 48706 989-894-6691.

Michigan State USAS Junior Position & Prone PTO & State Championship: Saginaw August 26, 2001

MRPA juniors who are planning on going to the National Championships at Camp Perry in July are urged to contact Tom Monto at MRPA P.O. Box 1802 Midland, MI 48640; 989-839-4173. We need to set up housing accommodations through the MRPA.

MRPA Telephone

The MRPA telephone numbers. **989-839-4173 and 888-655MRPA (888-655-6772).** Please use these numbers when you need to contact our office.

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Memorabilia

We have a supply of hats (\$5.00) and pins (\$3.00). Other items such as polo shirts, sweatshirts, tee shirts and jackets are also available on special order.

Miscellaneous:

Range Conference: The NRA's Range Department is conducting Range Development & Operations Conferences with business planning in 2002. These conferences are designed for public, private, law enforcement and government ranges. For more information contact RTTA, Thomas Monto P.O. Box 1802 Midland, MI 48641.

If you are involved with operating a range in Michigan, or belong to a club, I strongly urge you to contact the NRA Range Department and have a RTTA visit the range for an evaluation. The cost is VERY reasonable (\$100 per day plus expenses.... no, we don't get paid a cent, only reimbursed for our expenses) and we provide a valuable service to range operators.

If you need further information on the program, please contact me, or the NRA's Range Department.

By-Law Change

Article V. The Board of Directors Section 8, Nomination and Election Procedures. Add at the end of the first paragraph after.... Meetings. ***Directors must have been members of the Association a minimum of 5 consecutive years.***

Article VI – Officers Section 1 Number and Election add after ...21 years of age. ***Officers must have been members of***

the Association a minimum of 5 consecutive years

Please make changes will be made to your copy of the By-Laws.

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Address: _____

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Telephone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

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Area of Interest:

Smallbore; Highpower; Silhouette; Pistol;

Junior; Legislative; Blackpowder

Complete and send with appropriate fees to: Membership, MRPA P.O. Box 1802, Midland, MI 48641-1802



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