

The Firing Lines



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President's Message – Leo Cebula

On February 14, 2005 the Internal Revenue Service notified MRPA that the tax status of the organization was **changed to 501c3** effective September 7, 2004. MRPA qualified as an organization promoting amateur athletics.

This means that as MRPA moves forward with fund raising for range development, education programs etc. funds or gifts received by MRPA as a donation (not dues) should be tax deductible to the donor. MRPA will be instituting tighter financial controls to assure any donors that MRPA has in place proper fiduciary controls.

Now is when the real work begins. MRPA needs your help to populate and serve on the Women's, Junior and Club committee; Finance and Budget committee or the Membership committee. These committees will be evaluating the needs and spearheading the fund raising efforts. The future of MRPA will be as bright and successful as you make. The MRPA Board of Directors and Officers cannot do this alone.

Please email or contact Leo Cebula, President (Lcebula@concast.net) or Charles Hayes, Secretary – Treasurer (cfhayes@voyager.net) regarding how you can help.

NOTICE

This newsletter is being sent to individual and clubs who have paid their 2005 dues and those individuals who were MRPA members in 2004 and have **not yet paid** their 2005 dues. So, if you do not yet have your 2005 MRPA membership card please complete the enclosed application and submit it with your 2005 dues payment. Thank you.

Division News

Black Powder – Lew Owen

As the 2005 shooting season is about to begin I would like to review the 2004 results for the Black Powder division. Our Regional long range match turned out great. Ray Saltzman Took the Regional title with Paul Behe second and Eric Leidich Third(first time shooter) not to shabby. Sam Krawczyk won Expert and, RK Scott won sharpshooter, Joe Hepsworth continues to amaze everyone with his superb shooting skills using a muzzleloader. Mr Hepsworth has set all the muzzleloader national records. Great shooting for a tour guide! Thanks to all of you who attended and to those of you who helped put together our Regional and State Long Range championship. Many thanks to the donors of our door prizes. Looking forward to seeing all of you at some of the 2005 matches.

Lew Owen: Match director.

The first State Black Powder Silhouette championship was held at the A.P. Goodrich Rifle and Pistol club in Alma, MI July 9th through the 11th 2004. The weather held up well through out the three day match even with a heavy mirage and minimal winds.

Jim Dietlein was top scorer with a 95/120. Don Leidich second with a score of 93/120 and Paul Behe third with a score of 81/120.

Some of the other Agg. Winners:

- Eron Ahmer 84/120 Master agg.
- T.Penwarden 71/120 AAA
- B.Goldsmith 58/120 AA
- R.Spetta 52/120 A
- R.Maze 74/120 Scope Class
- D.Maurer 79/120 High Senior
- Joni Decker 58/120 High Woman
- L.Jones 44/120 High Junior

A great lunch was provided on Sat. and great door prizes drawn after the match. The help we received from all of you made this a great event. Many thanks to all of you who participated and those who put their time and effort into our first State Championship. Hope to see more of you shooters next year, stop by and join us for a match and some story telling.

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Keepem in the center. Paul Prichard : Statistical Officer Black Powder Silhouette

Highpower – Dave Goebel

Highpower Shooters:

There are some issues that will affect Highpower match dates at Fort Custer. Last year we knew that the increase in military usage would affect our ability to get all the weekends we want. We requested five weekends at Fort Custer to run our traditional schedule. Three of these weekends have been cancelled, and one was re-scheduled for a net loss of two weekends.

Why? Given the increase in small arms training, the military has begun enforcing the 'fan fire' safety zones, which previously were not enforced. If you shoot the Presidents 100 or NTI, you know what a 'fan fire' safety zone is. When shooters on Rodriguez range are done with their 300 yard stage, and Viale range is not complete with their 300 yard stage, you may have noticed that Rodriguez range has to wait until Viale range ceases fire to have a pit change and to fire the 600 yard stage.

The fan fire rules are now being followed on all military ranges. This is one of the reasons ORPA and MRPA have fewer dates to choose from. At Fort Custer, the firing lines on all but two ranges are adjacent to the 500 yard line of Range 7 at Fort Custer. This means if Ranges 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, or 9 are hot, MRPA can not be forward of the 500 yard firing line shooting (200 and 300 yards).

Given the limitations on usages at Fort Custer, the Highpower Committee decided to move the Garand Match to the Monroe Rifle and Pistol Club (MRPC). Several problems are solved by doing this. First we do not use a valuable weekend at Fort Custer for a 200 yard match that can be run at MRPC. Second, the MRPA does not have to provide ammunition that is compliant with the Fort Custer caliber restriction, nor worry about the liability involved in providing ammunition for all match participants. Finally, we can allow old military bolt guns to participate as well.

Tentative MRPA Highpower at Fort Custer (across-the-course 200, 300 and 500 yards)

Schedule Contingent on no further cancellations:

June 25-26: Service Rifle Championship 80 Shot and CMP EIC LEG

July 2-3: State Championship 80 Shot (Saturday) Tri-State Regional 80 Shot (Sunday)

Sept 3: Governor's Trophy

Note: Fort Custer 2005 dates are still subject to cancellation up to 30 days before the tournament. I believe there is little to no chance the July 2-3 and the Sept 3 dates would be cancelled unless we faced a large scale military deployment. If additional dates become available due to military cancellations we will attempt to offer another weekend at Custer. During the season we will certainly post any changes to the schedule on the website. It will be a good idea to check the website weekly, and at least three days in advance of coming to a Highpower match at Fort Custer.

For those interested in getting started in Highpower, there will be a two day introductory clinic held at Detroit Sportsmen's Congress from Saturday May 21, 2005 to Sunday May 22. The clinic will introduce new junior and senior shooters to shooting the U. S. Service Rifle in competition, and provide instruction in match operations. It will also provide new shooters the chance to earn their temporary NRA Highpower rifle classification card. All instructors are classified Highpower competitive shooters. Students with M-1 Garand caliber .30-06 rifles may bring them (a safety inspection will be required). Rifles will be available for those who do not have a rifle but would like to participate in the clinic. Contact the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress Office (586) 739-3500, Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM or e-mail Emil Silarski at: dscmatches@hotmail.com

Lastly, the Highpower Division would like to announce its two raffles for M-1 Garand rifles. Each Day's Prize is one As-Issued M-1 Rifle from the CMP:

Garand Raffle I, Saturday, April 23, 2005, \$5.00 per ticket

Garand Raffle II, Saturday, July 16, 2005, \$5.00 per ticket

This raffle is open to any U.S. Citizen 18 years of age or older, who can fulfill the CMP requirements to purchase an M-1 Rifle. The winner of the M-1 is required to fill out a CMP Rifle Sales Packet within 30 days of this drawing and forward it to the Highpower Division, failure to do so will result in forfeit of the M-1. The winner must also pass the

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NICS check conducted by the CMP. Failure to pass CMP's check will cause you to forfeit the M-1 prize. CMP will ship the M-1 directly to you in 8-12 weeks. No cash equivalent will be given; prizes will be accepted or declined.

Each drawing will take place between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. A minimum of 150 tickets will be sold; otherwise each raffle will revert to a 50/50 type raffle. Need not be present to win. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Michigan Service Rifle Teams. Raffle License Numbers: April 23: X58883 and July 16: X58882.

Tickets will be sold at all MRPA Highpower matches and by request using the form below. All information except e-mail is required and must be accompanied by payment in full by check or money order. You will be sent your ticket stub(s) via U.S. mail. Regards, Dave Goebel

Long Range – Renzo Tormen

The 2004 season marked a high point in my tenure as the Long Range Director. Our attendance was up by nearly 50% over the 2003 season and I expect to see attendance grow beyond that level in 2005. Despite the inconveniences due to heightened security at Camp Grayling, we continue to take every advantage to use the facility to hold competitions. The Camp Grayling staff has been a wonderful partner in helping us succeed as a division and as an organization.

We have a new challenge to overcome in 2005. We are now required to have a qualified EMT on the range during all times when the range is "hot." The decision was made to hold match fees at their current levels at least for 2005. We will consider raising the fees for the 2006 season based on this year's attendance levels and the costs for providing acceptable EMT coverage. There has been no match fee increase since before I took over Long Range competitions several years ago. We will be adding range usage fee to those who practice on our set up days. This will be \$5.00 for those helping in the setup and \$10 for those who just practice. These fees will go directly to offset the EMT charges.

The match schedule for 2005 is as follows:

May 14-15, 3x1000 (any/any), 2x1000 (irons)

June 11-12, Palma + 1000 (irons), 2x1000 (any/any)

July 22-24, 3x1000 (any/any), Palma + 1000 (irons), Palma (Regional)

September 17-18, Palma + 1000 (irons), 2x1000 (any/any)

Set up is scheduled for 1:00 on the day prior to competition with the exception of the May match, which starts at 2:00 following the range safety certification briefing. Practice immediately follows range set up (around 3:00-4:00). Practice is open to all long range competitors and will follow all Camp Grayling and NRA rules and regulations. Please see the web site http://michrpa.com/long_range.htm for the full program text and last minute changes prior to traveling to Camp Grayling.

At the Annual Meeting, held on February 20, no committee member positions were up for election. The current committee was reduced from 6 to 4, based on the bylaws that are now in effect. Current members are Bill Newman and Tom Weber (terms expire in 2005), and, Peter Church and Pat Riley (terms expire in 2006). Committee members hold a 2-year term. I was re-elected to a 1-year term as Long Range Director, which has a position on the MRPA Board of Directors. This 1-year term was established by the new bylaws to ensure that the entire board was not up for election at one time. In 2006, we will elect the Long Range Director for a regular 2-year term, going forward.

I made the announcement at the Annual Meeting that I will not seek another 2-year term as Director and would urge anyone interested in running for the position to let me know so that I can help in the training and transition for the 2006 season. This was not a position I actively sought, but a calling to serve the organization – something I took seriously and performed with dedication. I can not alone take credit for the success the Division has enjoyed these past few years under my stewardship. It was the combined hard work of volunteers that are on the committee and those who showed up on set up days to get the range ready for competition and stayed after the last round was fired to break things down. I could not have done it myself, and thank all of those who have given their time to help us succeed.

Thanks for all the help and support, and good luck this season.

Renzo Tormen, Director, Long Range Division

Pistol – Ronald J Zalewski

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Last year was pretty good for pistol shooting. We had three state championships during the year, the indoor and outdoor conventional pistol championship, and the first time ever, a Service Pistol Championship. Chuck Vandenberg, from Grand Rapids, was the winner of the Indoor championship title. Bob Brown, from Parma Michigan was second and Roger Ziegler, who was firing his last Michigan Indoor match, as a state resident, was third. Teresa Meyer was the Woman Indoor Champion and the Junior Champion. She is now attending Ohio State University (because they offered the best shooting program) where she will continue her shooting training as well as earning a college degree.

Chuck Vandenberg also won the Outdoor Championship (Great shooting Chuck). Mal Zalud won second place, while Judy Tant, who finished a close third, was also the Female champion. Teresa Meyer continued to show her shooting expertise by winning the junior championship. We have had the Junior Trophy for four years now and Teresa's name is the only one engraved on it. Steve Harshberg, one of our state police's finest, won the last thirty round CMP hardball championship. Alan Barcon was first non-distinguished and earned his final points towards becoming a distinguished pistol shooter. Chuck Vandenberg won his first leg points in this match.

In September, 2004, the Taylor pistol Club hosted the first "stand alone", 900 point, service pistol championship held in Michigan. Along with this match there was a CMP hardball leg match and a NRA distinguished revolver leg match. Ron J. Zalewski won all three of the matches proving again that 65 year old guys can still beat the young guys.

Pat Munch, from the Flushing Club was first non-distinguished and won his first leg points in the CMP match.

The Taylor Pistol Club will host the Indoor State Championship on April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Contact Ron J. Zalewski at either 586-791-4162 or rjzalewski@aol.com, or Mike McShea at either 313-886-1481, or mbmshooter@att.net

Western Michigan R&P Club (Ionia) will host the Outdoor State Championship August 27th, and 28th. There will also be a CMP leg match at this championship. Contact Janice Raymond at either 616-761-3207, or jraymond@ionia-mi.net

The Taylor Club will also host the Service Pistol Championship on September 18th. There will be a

CMP leg match and a NRA distinguished revolver leg match included in the program. Contact people are the same as above.

During the rest of the year, there will be indoor and outdoor matches at Taylor, Ionia, Grand Rapids, and Flushing. If you are interested in competing in any of these matches, contact me and I will get the information to you as soon as possible. If you know of any club that is hosting matches and needs some competitors, let me know about them and I will get the word around.

Ronald J. Zalewski Pistol Director, MRPA

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Silhouette – Gary Dawson

Hope everyone has had a productive winter getting all of their ammo loaded and tested for the season ahead.

Congratulations to Ron Ellis the 2004 High Power Rifle Silhouette State Champion.

The matches for Camp Grayling in 2005 are on the following dates:

April 23 & 24

June 4 & 5

July 9 & 10

August 27 & 28 State Championship

For more detailed information contact:

Gary Dawson

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Phone: 248-652-2089

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This year there will also be a smallbore State Championship on August 6 & 7.

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Neil Booze, who ran several excellent State Championship matches a few years ago, will hosting this match at the Northland Sportsmen's Club in Gaylord.

For further information contact:

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Information on these matches, as well as other silhouette matches in Michigan, can also be found on the MRPA web site.

I would like to thank all of those who help out in seeing that the matches at Camp Grayling run smoothly. In particular, those who come out on Friday to set out targets, make necessary repairs, pull the barracks and have all those far ranging conversations down by the creek:

Rich Franke, Larry Medler, Jerry Pond,

Ron Ellis, Rich Chippa, Phil Langridge, Mike Mace and last, but not least, John Wier, who supports all of the Camp Grayling shooters as the MRPA liaison to the camp.

Results for the final two matches of 2004 are as follows:

July 10 – 11

Saturday:

Match Winner – Rich Franke – 25

1st A – Mike Mace – 19

1st B – Bob Sionkowski – 10

2nd B – Dave Buckler – 6

Sunday:

Match Winner – Gary Dawson – 25

1st B – Billy Buckler – 7

Two Day Aggregate:

Match Winner – Larry Medler – 46

1st AA – Rich Franke – 43

1st A – Mike Mace – 35

1st B – Dave Buckler – 12

August 27 – 28 State Championship

Saturday:

Match Winner – Ron Ellis – 26

1st A – Lewie Johnson – 13

Sunday:

Match Winner – Mike Jensen – 26

Two Day Aggregate:

State Champ – Ron Ellis – 51

1st AAA – Gary Dawson – 45

1st AA – Rich Franke – 42

1st A – Mike Mace – 31

1st B – Dale Craft – 23

High Senior – Lewie Johnson – 31

Jerry Pond, Silhouette Division Reporter

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Address: _____

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Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to: MRPA Highpower, Fees :

April 23, 2005 Drawing

Number of Tickets X \$5 = _____

July 16, 2005 Drawing

Number of Tickets X \$5 = _____

Mail to: MRPA Highpower, P.O. Box 701940, Plymouth, MI.

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MRPA membership Number

Type of membership

Junior Adult

Club For Club membership please supply **contact information** above and club address below

Club Name

Address

Club Phone # City State Zip

Club website address

Please check the shooting disciplines of interest

Blackpowder Pistol
Highpower Silhouette
Long Range HP Smallbore/Air rifle

Membership Fees

Regular \$20.00

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Junior \$10.00

(You are a junior if you do not turn 21 in the current calendar year)

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