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2013 U.S. F-Open Team Status

The F-Class World Championships will be held in 2013 at the Whittington Center in Raton New Mexico. The F-Open Team has been busy conducting tryouts for the U.S. 2013 F-Open Development Team. Captain – Bryan Otey, Vice Captain - Shiraz Balolia, and Head Coach - Bob Mead have held 4 tryouts to date in Sacramento, Lodi, Houston, and Butner. Tryouts will resume in January at the SW National F-Class Championships at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Butner, Lodi just prior to the Midwest Palma, 2 tryouts in Raton in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Palma, and the Spirit of America matches, and culminating at the U.S. F-Class Nationals in Lodi WI. in September.

To date, 29 of 39 interested shooters have participated in coached tryouts where they must hold the best verticals possible. We have started to practice with coaches of the U.S Palma Team in an effort to assist in honing their skills and to help us with some of the best wind coaches this country has to offer. A special thanks go out to those from the Palma Team that are assisting us.

A more comprehensive explanation of the tryouts may be found at:
http://usfclass.com/team_tryouts_2013.aspx.

The Captain's Corner

2010 US National Rifle Team Report

The US National Rifle Team had a busy and successful year. We continue to grow and learn from each event and endeavor we attempt. Notable are the following:

- I. We held three regional training sessions in 2010. Regional sessions lessen the burden on the coaches and shooters for both time away from work and costs. It is definitely the way to go and we will continue this process going forward.
- II. We sent nine teams to Camp Perry and in the process set a new national record for the 4 person Palma Team match and an equally impressive win in the Romanian 4 person match with a Palma Team squad vs. the any-any squads they competed against. National team members won numerous individual awards including a clean sweep of the junior matches and a new

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police national record. We were also very proud to receive special recognition from Mr. Porter at the awards ceremony.

- III. Canada. We did not achieve our goals in Canada this year but used this tour to learn valuable lessons that definitely helped the team grow stronger. Great Britain won the America match with the US third behind Canada. The America match will be competed next in Raton, NM in 2012 as a part of the spirit of America Match.
- IV. Australia. The US Team consisting of five coaches and nine shooters traveled to Brisbane Australia to scout the range, learn the match procedures, and make all of the necessary lodging and vehicle arrangements for next year. This was a very successful tour with the US winning the ½ Palma match, as well as several other team matches, against two strong Australian teams and the New Zealand, and South African teams.
- V. Fund raising. Our fundraising drive was one of the best ever and we thank all of you that purchased these tickets. We had a very successful raffle raising over \$12,000. We have pledged 50% to the Under 25 team and will have another one next year. Mr. Ken Littlefield was the Grand Prize winner. The news gets better, he donated all of the money back to the Under 25 program. Thank you Ken! Berger Bullets has donated 50,000 bullets to the National Teams and we in turn have donated the sales of those bullets to the Under 25 team. Thank you Berger Bullets! Please contact Dan Simpson at ishoot@gsinet.net to purchase these bullets and help support the Under 25 program.

As we move into 2011 our focus will be the World Championships with the prestigious Palma Team Match as the grand finally. We will also be very focused on the Under 25 Teams as these fine young men and women are the future of our sport. We plan to combine our teams to travel, learn from one another, and support each other on and off the firing line. I am very proud of this new "team's" structure and I believe both teams will benefit greatly.

These very notable team successes that I have proudly listed for you each year did not come for free. The shooters and coaches as well as the teams' managers have spent a considerable amount of their time and money to make this happen. The unfortunate truth is that our sport is not cheap. And traveling internationally is even more expensive. But in spite of this the US National Team has now won Gold medals in Canada, South Africa, Australia and the USA. No US Team in the past 20 + years has ever done this. For the first time in that period we are really ready.

We ask you to take a minute and send a tax deductible check to Palma Promotions today. The address is located right inside this news letter. Every dollar helps. Please send what you can. We will be looking for businesses to advertise in our 2011 World Championship program. Anyone interested in this can contact Mrs. Cathy Praslick at cathy@lva.com.

Because of your support we thank you all again for being a part of this special program.

Dennis Flaharty
Captain USA National Rifle Team and
2011 Palma Team

The America Match

On August 22nd, both the F-T/R and F-Open Teams participated in the America Match held at the Connaught Range in Ottawa Canada. Members of The DCRA were gracious hosts for the event that consisted of Teams from Canada, South Africa and the United States. The America Match is held every other year. This was a combined event comprised of 4 F-T/R shooters and 4 F-Open shooters. Darrell Buell (Captain of the U.S. F-T/R Team) acted as Captain and led the T/R shooters while Bryan Otey (Captain of the U.S. F-Open Team) acted as Adjutant and led the F-Open shooters. Steve Knutson and Darrell performed line coaching duties while Michelle Gallagher was the back coach. Team shooters were: Dale Carpenter, Paul Phillips, Jim Murphy, Don Nagel, Jeff Rorer, Chris Ozlins, Robert Bock, and Larry Taite.

Results of the match are as follows:

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| 1) USA | 2354v274 |
| 2) CANADA | 2323v235 |
| 3) SOUTH AFRICA | 2286v193 |

Tax Shelter

The staff of Palma Promotions, Inc. would like to remind everyone that with the 2010 Year is coming to a close, you can use Palma Promotions as a tax shelter. We are a certified IRS 201 (c)(3) not for profit organization. Your donations are fully deductable in accordance with current IRS rules. Send your donations to Palma Promotions, Inc., Attn: USA Palma Team Foundation, P.O. Box 441, Mineral VA 23117 or contact the Corporate Officers of Palma Promotions, Dave Fichtner, President, 865 300-7553, email davefichtner@gmail.com or Leslie Chai Cook, Vice President, 540 894-8531, e-mail lekilic@msn.com.

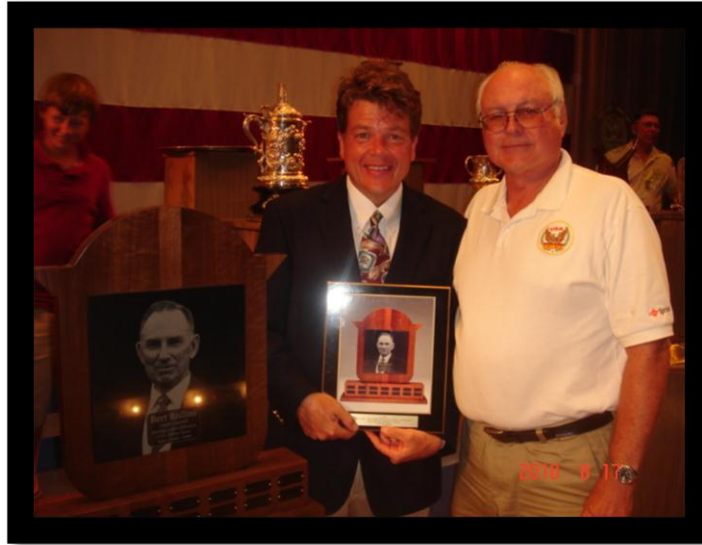
Young Eagles

Building off the truly dominating performance during the 2009 Canadian National Matches, the US U25 National Rifle Team has furthered their successes this year during many local, state, regional, and national matches. Through these recent successes, the members of the U25 National Rifle Team have proven they have the talent, integrity, and drive to compete in any level of competition...at any time! As we prepare for the 2011 World Long Range Championships, we are constantly reminded of our winning tradition and aim to add upon that winning legacy. Currently, the US U25 National Rifle Team is focused on finalizing the selection for the 2011 USA Young Eagles Rifle Team. There is still one venue, the Arizona Palma Championships, that will be considered as a tryout venue. After that December match, it is our intent to quickly announce the members of the 2011 USA Young Eagles Rifle Team. It is important to note that the data and plots that have been compiled thus far have been encouraging. The elevation that many of these plots show are every bit as tight as the plots for the adult teams. Without a doubt, this selection process will be the most competitive to date for the Young Eagle prospects. Additionally, we are in the process of a heavy fundraising effort. Without the appropriate amount of funds, our goal of adding upon our winning legacy cannot happen. Thus, I respectfully and kindly ask of the shooting community to donate what they can to the U25 National Rifle Team. Like Mr. Flaherty said, "every dollar helps!"

Andrew Doney

2011 USA Young Eagles Captain/ U25 National Developmental Team Captain

THE BERT ROLLINS MEMORIAL TROPHY



The new Bert Rollins Memorial Trophy was awarded to Kevin Nevius, Gibsonburg, Ohio for his Grand Aggregate score of 1236-52X in the Long Range High Power Rifle Matches “using a Palma Rifle” throughout all of the matches 14-18 August, 2010, Camp Perry, Ohio.

Biography Bert Rollins was born in Washington, D.C., but spent most of his life in Fairfax, Virginia. He served in the U. S. Army as a Military Police Specialist 4 and was an Assistant Rifle Marksmanship Instructor at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point. A life member of the National Rifle Association and a former member of the NRA’s National Coach Development Staff, Bert was a Distinguished Rifleman and won numerous awards at the USA National Rifle Championships both as an individual and a team shooter. Bert was a member of the USA Palma Rifle Team in 1992, 1995 and 1999, and was a member of the Virginia Firearms Education & Marksmanship Association, Inc., both as a marksman and a coach. One of his greatest enjoyments in life was mentoring individuals in marksmanship and coaching them to achieve success both personally and as marksmen. Bert died on May 19, 2006, after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and his children, Lesley Kelso, Matthew Rollins, Jennifer Isenberg, Mary Rollins; and four grandchildren.

Trophy The BERT ROLLINS MEMORIAL TROPHY is constructed of Black Walnut replicating the shape of the Distinguished Rifleman Badge mounted on a Black Walnut base. A laser image of Bert Rollins on Black Marble is centered on the badge. The trophy is 27” Tall X 24” Wide. The base accommodates 14 years or more of name plates, year and score of winners. A robust padded shipping case is included which uses an anchor bolt and lock down cross piece.

The Bert Rollins Memorial Trophy is donated by friends and teammates of Bert Rollins through Palma Promotions, Inc. Donations in support of the trophy can be made to Palma Promotions Inc., C/O Bert Rollins Memorial Trophy Fund, P.O. Box 441, Mineral, VA 23117.

USA VETERANS TEAM

The USA Veterans Team traveled to Brisbane Australia and competed in their national Queens. Although we were defeated by the Aussie Vets, we did have a great time during our 3 weeks there, participated in all the team matches, toured the Brisbane area, made many new Aussie friends, and represented the U.S. proudly in International competition. Touring internationally is expensive and because the Veterans Team is not funded we rely solely on donations from people like you to make international competition possible, please donate to the Veterans team through Palma Promotions.

Team tryouts for the Worlds Veterans Championship in Brisbane will be held at 2 locations next year, Phoenix, AZ 17-20 April, and Lodi, WI 12-13 May. 12 shooters and 3 coaches from these 2 tryouts will be selected to represent the U.S. in the 2011 World Veterans Championships. Shooters and coaches will be selected by their performance during team shooting.

The USA Veterans will conduct a rifles coach's clinic 17-20 Mar. 11 at Camp LeJeune, NC. The clinic is open to any experienced high power shooter; however because of time constraints we are not accepting applications from novice shooters. Contact Eddie Newman at coptereddi@aol.com for details.

Eddie Newman,
Vets Team Captain

On-Line Donations!

You may now donate online to your favorite USA Long Range Rifle Team. God to www.palma.org and click on "Support Palma USA" then look for the button "Support – Just Give". You can also go directly to the website www.justgive.org and search the keyword "Palma Promotions". You may designate your gift to either USA Palma Team; USA Young Eagles; USA Veterans Team; USA Goodwill Team; or USA F-Class Team.

MATCH 500 — TOMPKINS TROPHY MATCH

Aggregate of matches 531 through 540 2010 National Matches - Camp Perry, Ohio

FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN Competitors Entered - 333 Competitors Firing - 326

6449 WHIDDEN, JOHN
NASHVILLE, GA

MATCH WINNER 1243 75x TOMPKINS TROPHY PLAQUE, GOLD TONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLION, A FIREARM AND A \$500 VISA GIFT CARD
2129 SSG GREEN, BRANDON KEITH, USA
FORT BENNING, GA

MATCH 2ND 1240 60x A SILVER TONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLION, A FIREARM AND A \$300 VISA GIFT CARD
6276 GALLAGHER, MICHELLE M.
PRESCOTT, AZ

MATCH 3RD 1238 70x A BRONZE TONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLION, A FIREARM AND A \$200 VISA GIFT CARD
6276 GALLAGHER, MICHELLE M.
PRESCOTT, AZ

HIGH WOMAN 1238 70x AN NRA PLAQUE AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD
2653 STORER, MICHAEL D.
ENURNCLAW, WA

HIGH OVERALL JUNIOR 1221 45x AN NRA PLAQUE AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD
5183 GUSTIN, ROBERT A.
CAMERON PARK, CA

HIGH SENIOR 1233 70x AN NRA PLAQUE AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD
2141 SFC SINGLEY, GRANT L., USA
FORT BENNING, GA

HIGH SERVICE RIFLE 1209 39x BILLY C. ATKINS TROPHY MINIATURE AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD
5113 TOMPKINS, MIDDLETON
PRESCOTT, AZ

HIGH GRAND SENIOR 1228 56x AN NRA PLAQUE AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD
5026 NEVIUS, KEVIN R.
GIBSONBURG, OH

HIGH PALMA RIFLE 1236 52x BERT ROLLINS MEMORIAL TROPHY PLAQUE AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD
6126 SPC SHIELDS, CODY A., USA
CHANDLERSVILLE, OH

HIGH COLLEGIATE 1157 22x NO AWARD - INFORMATION ONLY
5183 GUSTIN, ROBERT A.
CAMERON PARK, CA

HIGH POLICE 1233 70x NO AWARD - INFORMATION ONLY
5869 RACHINSKI, BRIANNA C.
FERNDAL, WA

HIGH SUB-JUNIOR 1195 33x
(Under 15)

NO AWARD - INFORMATION ONLY
6501 RICO, TYLER C.
TUCSON, AZ

HIGH INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR (15-17) 1211 52x

NO AWARD - INFORMATION ONLY
2653 STORER, MICHAEL D.
ENURNCLAW, WA

HIGH JUNIOR (18-20) 1221 45x NO AWARD - INFORMATION ONLY

MATCH 523 — PALMA TEAM MATCH - PALMA RIFLE

Palma Course, prone, 800 900 and 1000 yds

NRA PLAQUES AND A \$20 VISA GIFT CARD TO EACH FIRING TEAM MEMBER.

MATCH WINNER USA NATIONAL PT117 - LITZ GALLAGHER

119x Coach: GALLAGHER, MICHELLE M. **1796** Captain: LITZ, BRYAN S.

5112 TOMPKINS, NANCY 449 28x

5183 GUSTIN, ROBERT A. 448 30x

6276 GALLAGHER, MICHELLE M. 450 32x

6384 LITZ, BRYAN S. 449 29x

9 AWARD POINTS TO EACH FIRING TEAM MEMBER.

MATCH SECOND PT106 SOUTHEAST RIFLE CLUB BLUE

106x Coach: KOVALCHIK, CARL B. **1788** Captain: KOVALCHIK, CARL B.

1041 NEWKIRK, BRIAN 446 23x

5987 UPDIKE, JOHN B. 448 22x

6257 KOVALCHIK, CARL B. 447 28x

6449 WHIDDEN, JOHN 447 33x

8 AWARD POINTS TO EACH FIRING TEAM MEMBER.

MATCH THIRD PT125 BALD EAGLES JONES

104x Coach: JONES, BOB **1788** Captain: JONES, BOB

5814 STEKETEE, ROBERT C. 449 33x

6142 HUSKINS, DAVID E. 448 23x

6325 WALRAVEN, LARRY L. 441 24x

6396 O'BRIEN, BRUCE E. 450 24x

Teams Entered - 29 Teams Firing - 29

MATCH 400 — NRA NATIONAL HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Aggregate of matches 414, 415, 416

NATIONAL CHAMPION MUMMA TROPHY PLAQUE AND GOLD TONE

NATIONAL CHAMPION MEDALLION

SPC GALLAGHER, SHERRI J., USA 2396 161x (New National Record)

FORT BENNING, GA

2010 National Matches - Camp Perry, Ohio

FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN Competitors Entered - 437
Competitors Firing - 430

Rank Id. # Competitor Name Score

1 — 2140 SPC GALLAGHER, SHERRI J USA 2396 161x

2 — 6531 BERNOSKY, CARL R 2395 140x

3 — 5978 CULPEPPER, STEPHEN H 2382 121x

4 — 2110 ZERR, RONALD L 2381 118x

5 — 2439 SGT SWEARINGEN, ERIC USMC 2381 103x

6 — 2169 TUBB, G. DAVID 2380 115x

7 — 2451 HOULE, NORMAN G 2377 136x

8 — 2138 SSG COOPER, TYREL L USA 2377 108x

9 — 6545 WARD, ROBERT W 2376 81x

10 — 2141 SFC SINGLEY, GRANT L USA 2372 121x

MATCH 540 — PALMA INDIVIDUAL TROPHY MATCH

800, 900, and 1000 yds, prone, 15 shots each 2010

National Matches - Camp Perry, Ohio

FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN Competitors Entered - 350
Competitors Firing - 253

5183 GUSTIN, ROBERT A.

CAMERON PARK, CA

MATCH WINNER 450 33x PALMA INDIVIDUAL TROPHY PLAQUE,

GOLD TONE PALMA PIN AND A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD

5814 STEKETEE, ROBERT C.

HASLETT, MI

MATCH 2ND 449 24x 35 AWARD POINTS

6555 BACHAND, KELLY S.

KENT, WA

MATCH 3RD 447 27x 25 AWARD POINTS

TO THE TOP TWENTY COMPETITORS FROM DIVISION A and B — A PALMA 20 BRASSARD

1 — 5183 GUSTIN ROBERT A 450 33x

2 — 5814 STEKETEE ROBERT C 449 24x

3 — 6555 BACHAND KELLY S 447 27x

4 — 2169 TUBB G. DAVID 447 26x

5 — 1050 BOWERS BILL 447 23x

6 — 5026 NEVIUS KEVIN R 447 23x

7 — 6349 HOPPER LANCE S 447 22x

8 — 2451 HOULE NORMAN G 447 22x

9 — 6456 MCGEE STEVE M 447 22x

10 — 6276 GALLAGHER MICHELLE M 446 31x

11 — 5112 TOMPKINS NANCY 446 27x

12 — 6407 HOWELL JON 446 25x

13 — 6455 MCGEE SHIRLEY J 446 25x

14 — 5359 FERRARO TOM M 446 21x

15 — 6259 LAIR WILLIAM D 446 21x

16 — 6544 NEWMAN EDDIE L 446 21x

17 — 6449 WHIDDEN JOHN 445 25x

18 — 5806 LEHN RICHARD A 445 21x

19 — 6504 LEBLANC RONALD C 445 17x

20 — 6541 MASSEY TREVOR L 444 26x

HIGH SERVICE RIFLE — GOLD PALMA PIN AND 30 AWARD POINTS

1 — 2133 SSG GRANT, SCOTT M., USA 439 19x

Palma Junior Coaching Achievement Award

The PALMA JUNIOR COACHING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD program is intended to recognize those Juniors (under 25) who truly deserve recognition for their achievements in Long Range Rifle Coaching. One award per individual Junior Coach per year will be given. To be recognized, match sponsors, coaches, or parents should forward a copy of one or more Official Match Results of any USA NRA Approved or Registered Team Matches or International Team Competitions in which the candidate participated as a Coach along with the completed recommendation form including the name and address of the intended recipient. The coach will receive an engraved walnut plaque, shooting cap, pin, and certificate. Mail to:

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Candidate's Name _____

Candidate's
Address _____

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PERSONAL PRESENCE & BEHAVIOR:

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Title(s)/Relationship to Candidate

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<u>Qualifying Scores</u>		
Any Rifle	Individual	Team with
Iron Sights	No Coach	Coach
1000 Yards (20 shots)	190	195
800 Yards (15 shots)	149	150
900 Yards (15 shots)	145	147
1000 Yards (15 shots)	143	146
Palma Agg (45 shots)	435	441

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