

Newsletter

Utah State Rifle & Pistol Association

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President's Message

2015 is history and 2016 is upon us. During the past year the Utah State Rifle & Pistol Association has continued to work on new shooting ranges and range improvement throughout 2015. Some of the high lights are the additional work on the Wendover range and the installation of a new target storage container in the Centerville 600 yard pit. Your State Association also helped sponsor in the first Utah State Silhouette Championship at the Perry Utah range over Labor Day weekend. It was a great success with 53 registered participants.

The State Association and the Utah Precision Marksmanship Society jointly sponsored the first NRA 900 and CMP Pistol leg match in many years. It was held in September 12, 2015 at the newly opened Weber County Shooting Sports Complex. Plans are also underway in 2016 to hold monthly pistol matches at this facility starting in May and continuing through October on the second Saturday of each month.

The 2016 high power schedule is in preparation. A draft is included in this newsletter. Please check the web site for the official programs and whether the match may have been cancelled due to weather.

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I have decided to step down as your president. I concluded that after 20 years serving as President some else needs to step up to the task. My last official function will be conducting the Annual Members Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016. This will be held at the Murray City Library. The official announcement of this meeting is included as part of this newsletter. I thank all of you for the support you have given me in years past.

At this year's Annual Meeting there are four director's positions to be filled. They are positions of Elwood Powell, Howard Andrews, David White and Steven Powell which expired on December 31, 2015. David White and Steven Powell are not standing for reelection. Elwood Powell and Howard Andrews have both indicated that they will stand for reelection to a board position.

Utah County has proposed the construction of two additional outdoor shooting ranges, one in Payson south of the city dump, and the other on the west side of Utah Lake south of the road going over Soldier Pass toward Eagle Mountain. The BLM held a scoping meeting regarding the Soldier Pass range this past August. The Utah County Board of Adjustment held a meeting on January 7, 2016 to approve this range as a conditional use. Hopefully, something will come of this effort.

You should be aware that SITLA is asking the legislature to pass a bill permitting it to close Utah State institutional trust lands to shooting. If you disagree with this, you must contact your legislators and ask them to defeat it.

I hope that you will continue your active participation in State Association events as new leadership takes over the helm. I hope each of you will have a great year participating in the shooting sport events.

Woody

Service Rifle Rule Changes

By Will Smith

Here are summaries of the most important 2016 changes in the **CMP COMPETITION RULES FOR SERVICE RIFLE**

These changes allow folks to bring out their AR15 rifles and compete with them. The NRA uses the CMP definition of service rifle, so these changes will be included in NRA matches as well.

Optical Sights for Service Rifles. The 2016 rules will, for the first time, permit M16/AR15-

type rifles to have optical sights with a maximum magnification of 4.5X. Legal scopes can be fixed power or variable, but the maximum power of variable scopes may not exceed 4.5X. Scopes will have to be manufactured with a maximum 4.5X magnification and have an objective lens no larger than 34 mm. There will not be a separate class for scope-sighted rifles. Instead, competitors will have a choice of using either a scope-sighted rifle that weighs no more than 11.5 pounds or a metallic sighted rifle that will continue to have no weight limit.

More Options for M16/AR15-Type Rifles. Since accurized Service Rifles first came into popular use in the 1950s and 1960s, those rifles, whether M1s, M14s or M16s and their commercial equivalents, have been rigidly defined. Legal M16-type service rifles had to retain the external profile of an M16A2 or M16A4 rifle and could only have modifications that were explicitly permitted in the rules. All this will change in 2016. The 2016 service rifle rules will state that M16/AR15-type Rifles must be *“an M16 U. S. Service Rifle or a similar AR15 type commercial rifle that is derived from the M16 service rifle design”* and there will be far fewer specific restrictions. 2016 restrictions will simply require M16/AR15-type rifles that:

- Are chambered for the 5.56 x 45 mm (.223) NATO cartridge.
- Are designed or modified for semi-automatic fire only.
- Have either a gas-impingement system or a piston-operated gas system.
- Have a barrel that is no longer than 20 inches, with or without a flash suppressor (16” barrels are permitted). (No Muzzle Brakes)
- Use one upper receiver and barrel for the entire match.
- Have a trigger pull of at least 4.5 pounds.

- Use standard service magazines or commercial equivalents that do not contain added weights.
- Have a fixed or collapsible butt-stock that may vary in length and even be adjusted between firing stages. Butt-plates or cheek-pieces may not, however, be adjustable.
- Have a standard A1 or A2 pistol grip.

This will open the way for competitors to use a wider variety of M16/AR-16-type rifles. The imposition of a weight limit for scope-sighted rifles reflects a long-simmering concern over how heavy Service Rifles became when there was no weight limit. 15, 18 or even 20-pound

rifles are far removed from the original service rifle weights. Opening Service Rifle shooting to optical-sighted rifles offered an opportunity to at least establish a reasonable weight limit for these rifles before they come into widespread use in Service Rifle competitions.

No Extra Time or Refires for Service Rifle Malfunctions. In a move intended to speed up competitions and encourage competitors to take full responsibility for having rifles and ammunition that function flawlessly, extra time in slow-fire series or refires in rapid-fire series will no longer be permitted when malfunctions occur. A primary objective of this change is to eliminate most of the “alibi relays” that add so much time to matches.

Member Profile – Brent McNee

- Brent McNee retired from the US Air Force in 2009 with over forty years of service.
- He shot for the Air Force and All Guard Pistols Teams for seventeen years. He has an NRA High Master classification.
- He is an NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Self Protection in the Home.
- He is also an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer and a Concealed Firearms Instructor for the state of Utah. He is a certified pistol coach for the NRA, Civilian Marksmanship Program (DOD) and USA Shooting (International/Olympic events).
- Brent became a Distinguished Pistol Shot for the CMP and US Air Force in 1984 and has won the Presidents Hundred Medal thirteen times at the National Pistol Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio.
- In 1992, Brent won the Inter-Service Pistol Individual three gun championship at Ft. Benning, Ga. and Camp Robinson, Ar. He has also won the Total Forces Composite Combat Championships twice.
- Brent has trained advanced military marksmen (Rifle and Pistol) at Ft. Benning Ga., Quantico Va. and Ft. Ord Ca. In 2006-2009, Brent ran the Armed Forces Skill at Arms (AFSAM) matches at Camp Robinson which involved each military service from nine different countries and included rifle, pistol and machine gun combat matches.
- Since retirement from the military, Brent also shoots skeet, sporting clays and five-stand competitions weekly/monthly.

Member Profile – Eric Halter

- Mid 60's, family opens the first of two custom gun shops in Tucson AZ; Triple H Custom
 - Specializing in custom rifles set in “never done” mesquite stocks.
- 1969, family helps build the first High Power silhouette range in the US; Tucson AZ.
- 1970, First junior member of the Arizona Gun Collector's Association. Grandfather, Bernard “Bernie” Halter is the president of the Arizona Gun Collector's Association.
- Move from Tucson to Show Low (White Mountains) Arizona. Old enough to hunt...everything. Develop a passion for Elk Hunting.
- 1977, at 14 years old I complete my first custom rifle build; Sako Vixen action, 22” octagon Douglas XX barrel, Timney trigger, mesquite stock, cal. 17-222 (wildcat).
- 1980, Grandfather passes away, Triple H Custom is closed. I reopen under a new name, HHH Custom.
- After spending several years in the US Marine Corps and becoming a Police Officer in Utah, I rename HHH Custom to HHH Sharps when I fall in love with the Sharps rifles and the buffalo era.
- Competed in various shooting disciplines growing up. Discovered heavy, big bore, black powder cartridges and fall in love with that discipline. Winning almost all of the matches (sooner or later) that I would compete in. Still amazed that a hand cast 550 grain lead bullet can hold 1 moa to over 1000 yards...with iron sights.
- Retired from Utah Law Enforcement, I have the opportunity to help develop the new public, Three Mile Creek Range in Perry Utah. The first BPCR Silhouette Utah State Championship is held in 2015.
- We are in the process of developing a 1000 yard Creedmoor range and a Trap shooting complex.
- I am the Chief Range Safety Officer for the Three Mile Creek Range and have a staff of 72 Range Safety Officers that report up through me.
- Currently: I am a Branch Manager for Resource MFG, a high-skilled staffing company, where I have approx. 400 employees. I spend the rest of my time working on guns in my part-time shop, competing in the BPCR discipline and managing the operations of the Three Mile Creek Range.
- My wife Sharon and I have three sons, just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary and just held our first grandchild. That grandchild is a boy and he will be taught to “walk tall, shoot straight and tell the truth”.

Both Brent McNee and Eric Halter are running for the two vacant board positions.

Centerville Range Improvements

Representing the culmination of several hundred hours of work, a new freshly painted target storage container was delivered and placed at the Centerville Range. The new storage container will provide a secure location for targets and match supplies for both Centerville Small Arms and the State Association. Most importantly, targets will be protected from the rain and snow. Beginning this year, the old shed will be used to store practice targets for 600 yards.

Thanks to Woody Powell, Jim Foster, Larry Scanlan, Kendall Potter, and others who worked on this project.



Jim Foster assists with placement of new target storage container.



The new target storage container is in place at the 600 yard pits!

2016 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

To All Members:

Please be advised that the Annual Meeting of Members and Trustees will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m., Murray City Library, 166 E. 5300 South, Murray, Utah 84107. The purpose of this meeting will be:

1. To elect individuals to serve as trustees of the Association for a three year term ending on December 31, 2018, and continuing thereafter until their successors are duly elected. Those trustees whose terms expire on December 31, 2015 are: Elwood Powell, Howard Andrews, David White and Steven Powell. David White and Steven Powell are not seeking reelection.
2. To elect officers of the Association to serve for the 2016 calendar year and continuing thereafter until their successors are duly elected. Those officers whose terms expire are: Elwood Powell, President; Jim Foster, Vice President; Francine Mackey, Secretary; Larry Scanlan, Treasurer; and Matt DeLong, Executive Officer. Elwood Powell is not seeking reelection.
3. To discuss goals and objectives for the 2016 calendar year.
4. To review and approve prior minutes.
5. To review and approve the treasurer's report.
6. To hear reports from the various committees as set forth in the By-laws.
7. To conduct such other business as may come before the meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERS BANQUET

The Annual Members Banquet will be held this year at Cantina Grill, 75 E. 9400 S., Sandy, Utah on Thursday, February 4, 2016 commencing at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP with Elwood Powell, 801-499-9763 before Monday, February 1, 2016.

UTAH STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION

By: Francine Mackey, Secretary

2016 High Power Rifle and NRA Pistol Calendar (draft)

January

30 Logan – M1 Garand/Vintage Rifle

February

20 Logan – M1 Garand/Vintage Rifle

27 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000) **Weather permitting**

March

19 Logan – M1 Garand/Vintage Rifle

26 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000)

27 Wendover - Fullbore (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters

April

12 Centerville – Midrange600

16 Logan – M1 Garand/Vintage Rifle

23 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000)

24 Wendover – Fullbore (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters

May

7 Centerville – Midrange 600

14 Centerville – XC

Weber County - Pistol – NRA 1800 + NMC

28 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000)

29 Wendover – Fullbore (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters

June

4 Centerville – Midrange 600

June (Continued)

- 18 Centerville - XC
- 25 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000)
- 26 Wendover – Fullbore (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters

July

- 2 Centerville – Midrange 600
- 8 Wendover – State High Power Championship
Weber County - Pistol – NRA 1800 + NMC
- 9 Wendover - State Service Rifle Championship
- 10 Wendover - XC -EIC

August

- 6 Centerville – Midrange 600
- 13 Centerville - XC – EIC
Weber County - Pistol – NRA 1800 + NMC
- 20 Centerville - CMP Vintage
- 28 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000)

September

- 3 Centerville – Midrange 600
- 10 Centerville - XC
Weber County - Pistol – NRA 1800 + NMC
- 16 Wendover – Practice
- 17 Wendover LR Regional
- 18 Wendover LR Regional

October

- 1 Centerville – Midrange 600
- 8 Weber County - Pistol – NRA 1800 + NMC
- 15 Centerville - XC
- 21 Wendover – Fullbore Practice (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters
- 22 Wendover – Fullbore State Championship (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters
- 23 Wendover – Fullbore State Championship (3 – 6 – 9 – 1K) 15 shots convertible sighters

29 Centerville - Vintage Sniper

November

5 Centerville - CMP

12 Wendover – Long Range (3 x 1000) **Weather permitting**

2016 Smallbore /Air Rifle Calendar

January

15 University of Utah – NROTC range - JORC Air Pistol and Air Rifle

23 Springville – JORC - Smallbore

26 Springville - Air Rifle Junior Standing Precision Sectional

February

2 Springville - Junior Sporter Standing Sectional

6 Springville - Open International Air Rifle combined with
100 Shot Standing (Blood and Guts Match)

13 Springville - Open 3 Position Air Rifle Sectional

27 Springville - Smallbore 3 position Open Sectional

March

12 Springville - Smallbore 4 position Open Sectional

19 Springville - Junior Smallbore 3 position Sectional

26 Springville - Junior 3 Position Air Rifle Sectional

May

6 & 7 Springville - Smallbore Outdoors Prone/3 Pos.

June

1 – 4 Springville - Wasatch Shoot N Fest

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City _____ ST _____
ZIP Code _____
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If Joining the NRA, Use NRA ID No. T0028, Club Sale No. C004273D
Age _____ Birthday _____
Home Phone _____
Email: _____

Membership Classification - Please Check

NEW
 Renewal
 Annual (\$25.00)
 3 Year (\$65.00)
 5 Year (\$95.00)
 Junior (\$10.00)
 Junior Club (\$20.00)
 Senior Club (\$40.00)
 Life Membership (\$200.00)
 Senior Life (\$125.00 if over 60)
 Junior Life (\$125.00 if under 21)

I am interested in the following activities

High Power Small Bore
 Hunting Collector
 Muzzleloader Police Combat
 Bench Rest Pistol
 Reloading

THIS STATEMENT MUST BE SIGNED

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States; that I am not a member of any organization which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that if admitted to membership I will fulfill the obligation of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Signature _____

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