

BAYOU STATE REGIONAL HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

17-19 April 2009

Donaldsonville, Louisiana

An NRA-Registered High Power Rifle Tournament

After a week of beautiful weather, the forecast for the match weekend was a 50% to 80% chance of rain each day. Typical breezy, overcast conditions dominated the three day Bayou State Regional High Power Rifle Championships. Somehow, we managed to shoot for three straight days with the weatherman promising rain without anyone getting wet (flooded pits notwithstanding!). We had strong southerly winds that switched from southeast to southwest throughout the matches. The winds continued to support the range's nickname, "Perry on the Bayou."

Last year's Bayou State Regional was the largest high power rifle match in the state of Louisiana in recent memory. This year's match surpassed that attendance mark. Sixty-eight competitors fired on at least one day of the match, with seven 4-man teams shooting on Friday, 60 in the regional on Saturday and 46 non-distinguished shooters in the EIC match on Sunday. The regional match included competitors of all classes with 14 High Masters, 15 Masters, 16 Experts, 8 Sharpshooters and 7 Marksmen attending. These competitors were from Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and again included members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU). As has become tradition, the post-match meal was held at the Palo Alto Plantation, which served another one of its excellent local meals for everyone involved in the match.

Seven 4-man teams competed in Friday's match, with the two teams fielded by the USAMU taking the top two positions. This was the first year that we used the 4-man team format, and it worked out really well, ensuring it will be featured in future Bayou State Regional Championships. USAMU Craig (Firing Members: **PFC Augustus Dunfey**, **PFC Kevin Trickett**, **SGT Nathan Verbickas**, and **SSGT Joel Micholick**; Captain/Coach: **SGT Walter Craig**) fired a combined 1935-58X for top honors. USAMU Heuman (Firing Members: **SSGT Todd Pace**, **SSGT Daniel Peters**, **SPC Evan Hess**, and **SGT Scott Grant**; Captain/Coach: **Don Heuman**) turned in a nice 1923-50X for second place. The strong civilian team featuring competitors from north Louisiana and Arkansas, Sabine (Firing Members: **Jon Rhynard**, **Jim Bates**, **Randy Nash**, and **Walter Kraft**; Captain: **Randy Nash**), finished third with a 1902-49X.

The sun rose on Saturday morning to heavy rains that had begun the night before. The weatherman said to expect rain all day, and we did. This Match Director kept one eye on the radar, and delayed the starting time from the scheduled 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The break in the weather lasted all day, despite heavy overcast skies, dark conditions, and strong full value winds. The 2009 Bayou State Regional Champion was **SSGT Joel Micholick**, who used his service rifle to fire a strong 782-30X. The Service Rifle Champion was **SSGT Daniel Peters**, who shot a close 780-32X. The Match Rifle Champion and High Senior Competitor honors went to **Jon Rhynard** (again). Jon used his talents at 600 yards to great avail scoring a 776-22X. The High Junior Competitor was a much improved **David Higgins, Jr.**, who shot a fantastic 725-10X. The front that everyone had been nervously watching on their PDAs all day finally arrived Saturday night, dumping significant rain on the area. Sunday turned out to be a nice day with no weather issues save the several inches of water in the pits that remained throughout the match.

The CMP Excellence-in-Competition Match on Sunday found 46 non-distinguished shooters competing in moderately windy conditions. **Robert Case** won the match for the gold medal and a 10-point leg with a 481-16X. The silver medal and 8-point leg was awarded to **Mark Altazin** with a 479-5X, and the bronze medal and 6 points went to **Troy Lawton** with a 478-9X. **Jim Knerr** received another 6 points, turning in a fine 474-9X. Finally, **Dan Karmolinski** added 6 points to his total with a 469-5X, just edging out **Jay Hunt's** 468-7X. This is Jay's third "First Leather" finish at Palo Alto in the last couple of years. First Leather is a term that is used for the person who has the highest score short of having leg points awarded at an EIC match. It is generally an honorary title that leaves the recipient wondering how he could have scored just a few more points. At this year's match, however, **Doug Giraud** decided that the shooter ending up First Leather shouldn't go home empty handed, and donated one of his renowned case trimmers as a consolation prize. Because Jay Hunt already owned a Giraud trimmer, the trimmer was awarded to **Danny Hudson** who had the next highest score. Winning the trimmer certainly was timely as Danny had ordered one on Thursday, right before leaving for the regional matches. **Thank you Doug!** To see all of Doug's shooting products, go to <http://www.giraudtool.com/>.

A match this large takes hard work from a lot of people. The range looked great, we had new targets, and match day went off with only very minor problems. We wish to thank the following for taking the time to make this year's match a success. The Match Director wishes to thank **Lee Shall**, who called the line on Saturday and Sunday, and **Barbara Zelenka**, who did her usual fantastic job as statistical officer for Saturday's Regional Match. The range looked great and the targets were in great shape thanks to all of those shooters who repaired the targets after the mid-range prone match at the beginning of the month. Thanks to all of those who helped with target repair. Also, all of the non-distinguished shooters cannot express enough thanks to the distinguished shooters for the excellent pit service we received for the EIC match on Sunday. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

4-Man Team Match (Friday, 17 April 2009)

Last	First	200SF	X	200RF	X	300RF	X	600SF	X	Aggregate	X	Combined	X	Award
<u>USAMU</u> <u>Craig</u>														
Dunfey	Augustus	95	2	100	6	99	5	184	4	478	17			
Trickett	Kevin	96	2	99	2	98	2	188	2	481	8			
Verbickas	Nathan	94	2	100	8	97	1	198	8	489	19			
Micholick	Joel	92	1	100	6	100	3	195	4	487	14	1935	58	1st
<u>USAMU</u> <u>Heuman</u>														
Pace	Todd	94	2	100	7	99	3	189	7	482	19			
Peters	Daniel	96	0	100	2	100	4	188	6	484	12			
Hess	Evan	93	0	95	3	98	2	192	4	478	9			
Grant	Scott	93	0	99	1	97	4	190	5	479	10	1923	50	2nd
<u>Sabine</u>														
Rhynard	Jon	95	2	100	7	97	4	193	8	485	21			
Bates	Jim	85	1	93	2	98	2	189	3	465	8			
Nash	Randy	88	0	97	1	92	0	191	7	468	8			
Kraft	Walter	98	2	97	2	98	3	191	5	484	12	1902	49	3rd
<u>½ Fast</u> <u>Riflemen</u>														
Zelenka	Dan	96	5	97	2	98	4	181	3	472	14			
Jenkins	Bob	91	0	96	1	94	2	186	4	467	7			
Jenkins	Bill	89	1	97	1	99	1	190	5	475	8			
Kliebert	Buck	89	0	97	2	92	1	174	1	452	4	1866	33	
<u>3 blind mice</u> <u>& Mark</u>														
Haley	Walt	94	3	98	1	97	2	190	3	479	9			
Bose	Robert	93	0	99	2	91	1	173	4	456	7			
Meaux	Joe	89	1	96	3	92	1	187	4	464	9			
Altazin	Mark	93	3	99	4	96	1	173	0	461	8	1860	33	
<u>Team</u> <u>Hudson</u>														
Hudson	Danny	90	0	96	3	99	3	177	3	462	9			
Phillips	Rob	80	0	96	1	82	0	175	0	433	1			
Pickering	Bruce	84	0	91	0	97	1	179	5	451	6			
Creel	Wayne	87	0	95	1	90	2	175	5	447	8	1793	24	
<u>Junior</u> <u>Mix</u>														
Laing	Tommy	92	2	98	3	94	1	184	6	468	12			
Case	Lester	82	0	94	1	95	1	186	3	457	5			
Higgins, Jr.	David	79	0	93	1	97	1	170	1	439	3			
Carson	Will	88	1	98	0	0	0	163	1	349	2	1713	22	

Regional Championship (Saturday, 18 April 2009)

Name	Class	Cat	Rifle	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Award
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Joel Micholick	HM	ML	SRV	191-2	199-12	198-7	194-9	397-19	385-11	782-30	Regional Champion
Daniel Peters	HM	ML	SRV	189-2	196-10	199-11	196-9	395-21	385-11	780-32	Service Rifle Champion
Walter Craig	HM	ML	SRV	190-4	196-6	199-9	194-9	395-15	384-13	779-28	1st HM
Nathan Verbickas	HM	ML	SRV	188-4	200-12	194-4	196-7	394-16	384-11	778-27	2nd HM
Augustus Dunfey	HM	ML	SRV	193-4	197-7	195-5	193-11	392-12	386-15	778-27	3rd HM
Evan Hess	HM	ML	SRV	188-3	196-4	198-10	196-6	394-14	384-9	778-23	
William Pace	HM	ML	SRV	193-3	199-10	199-10	186-3	398-20	379-6	777-26	
Jon Rhynard	HM	SR	MAT	181-1	197-5	200-5	198-11	397-10	379-12	776-22	Match Rifle Champion, High SR
Kevin Trickett	HM	ML	SRV	194-4	200-10	186-1	194-9	386-11	388-15	774-24	
Jim Bates	HM	CV	MAT	175-1	198-5	196-4	197-7	394-9	372-8	766-17	
Randy Nash	HM	CV	MAT	177-1	196-5	196-3	197-3	392-8	374-4	766-12	
Bill Walter	HM	CV	MAT	188-3	187-2	193-4	195-5	380-6	383-8	763-14	
Scott Grant	HM	ML	SRV	193-6	198-8	191-2	176-3	389-10	369-9	758-19	
Bob Jenkins	HM	CV	MAT	179-0	197-2	183-3	195-8	380-5	374-8	754-13	
Rob Case	MA	CV	SRV	186-2	193-10	197-8	191-4	390-18	377-6	767-24	1st MA
Dan Zelenka	MA	CV	SRV	178-2	192-1	196-4	196-8	388-5	374-10	762-15	2nd MA
Mark Altazin	MA	CV	SRV	188-2	194-4	190-4	190-1	384-8	378-3	762-11	3rd MA
Warren Ginn	MA	CV	SRV	177-1	187-1	197-5	195-2	384-6	372-3	756-9	
James Knerr	MA	CV	SRV	177-3	195-4	194-6	188-4	389-10	365-7	754-17	
Tommy Laing	MA	CV	SRV	174-0	194-6	197-6	187-5	391-12	361-5	752-17	
Danny Hudson	MA	CV	SRV	173-0	191-3	194-4	192-5	385-7	365-5	750-12	
Buck Kliebert	MA	CV	SRV	182-1	186-2	195-6	186-3	381-8	368-4	749-12	
Walt Haley	MA	SR	SRV	185-4	192-5	190-6	180-3	382-11	365-7	747-18	
Mario Fajardo	MA	CV	SRV	167-1	198-6	197-2	184-7	395-8	351-8	746-16	
Walter Kraft	MA	CV	MAT	180-0	193-4	178-0	193-3	371-4	373-3	744-7	
Doug Giraud	MA	CV	SRV	176-2	197-2	196-5	174-2	393-7	350-4	743-14	
Daniel Karmolinski	MA	CV	SRV	171-2	192-4	190-6	180-2	382-10	351-4	733-14	
Lester, Case	MA	ML	SRV	160-7	182-2	183-5	186-4	365-7	346-11	711-18	
Paul Prokop	MA	SR	SRV	170-2	169-0	189-6	183-6	358-6	353-8	711-14	
Norman Bennett	MA	SR	SRV	155-0	192-5	183-0	180-1	375-5	335-1	710-6	
Jill Knerr	EX	WO	SRV	176-2	197-8	189-2	188-4	386-10	364-6	750-16	1st EX
Wayne Creel	EX	CV	SRV	176-1	196-4	192-6	186-5	388-10	362-6	750-16	2nd EX
John Stephenson	EX	CV	SRV	184-1	190-3	190-3	176-2	380-6	360-3	740-9	3rd EX
Danny Henson	EX	CV	SRV	177-2	192-4	188-2	180-3	380-6	357-5	737-11	
Robert Bose	EX	CV	SRV	174-1	195-5	191-2	174-3	386-7	348-4	734-11	
Bruce Pickering	EX	CV	SRV	168-1	194-7	195-6	176-2	389-13	344-3	733-16	
Tom May	EX	ML	SRV	176-1	188-1	187-2	176-3	375-3	352-4	727-7	
Will Carson	EX	JR	SRV	173-0	180-3	193-5	173-1	373-8	346-1	719-9	
Ben Hill	EX	CV	SRV	165-1	193-8	186-1	172-1	379-9	337-2	716-11	
Angelo Spagnola	EX	CV	SRV	169-1	193-7	180-0	169-1	373-7	338-2	711-9	
David LaBalle	EX	SR	SRV	156-2	196-1	185-3	170-1	381-4	326-3	707-7	
Michael Liuzza	EX	JR	SRV	134-0	188-1	194-3	190-6	382-4	324-6	706-10	
Mike Strikmiller	EX	CV	SRV	152-0	193-5	187-1	170-0	380-6	322-0	702-6	
John Ferguson	EX	SR	SRV	158-3	187-3	161-0	180-2	348-3	338-5	686-8	
Warren Freeman	EX	CV	SRV	172-0	184-0	94-1	187-2	278-1	359-2	637-3	
Joe Meaux	SS	CV	SRV	186-1	195-4	185-6	189-7	380-10	375-8	755-18	1st SS
Bruce Record	SS	CV	SRV	171-1	189-3	181-0	178-2	370-3	349-3	719-6	2nd SS
Rob Phillips	SS	ML	SRV	156-0	184-2	183-2	181-3	367-4	337-3	704-7	

Otto Bader	SS	SR	SRV	159-2	193-0	181-1	163-0	374-1	322-2	696-3
Sean Creel	SS	JR	SRV	173-2	176-2	161-1	171-1	337-3	344-3	681-6
Sam Beane	SS	CV	SRV	154-0	191-1	178-1	157-1	369-2	311-1	680-3
Nick Owen	SS	CV	SRV	168-1	189-0	157-0	161-3	346-0	329-4	675-4
Jim Biermann	SS	SR	SRV	151-0	173-0	181-2	162-1	354-2	313-1	667-3

David Higgins, Jr	MK	JR	SRV	166-3	193-6	186-0	180-1	379-6	346-4	725-10	1st MK, High Junior
Frank Dioguardi	MK	SR	SRV	167-2	168-1	183-1	173-2	351-2	340-4	691-6	
Steven Lewis	MK	CV	SRV	161-0	187-2	184-2	158-2	371-4	319-2	690-6	
Jerry Liuzza	MK	ML	MAT	151-1	184-1	177-2	168-2	361-3	319-3	680-6	
Paul Hanson	MK	ML	SRV	163-1	181-2	176-0	147-2	357-2	310-3	667-5	
Nick Gilliam	MK	CV	SRV	131-0	168-0	152-0	145-0	320-0	276-0	596-0	
Troy Lowe	MK	JR	SRV	145-0	145-0	144-1	156-0	289-1	301-0	590-1	

Match 1: 200 SF

Match 2: 200 RF

Match 3: 300 RF

Match 4: 600 SF

Match 5: Rapid Fire Aggregate

Match 6: Slow Fire Aggregate

Match 7: Regional Championship Aggregate

Excellence in Competition Match (Sunday, 19 April 2009)

Last	First	MI	Disting	200SF	X	200RF	X	300RF	X	600SF	X	Agg	X	Award
Case	Robert	L	No	95	3	98	4	100	4	188	5	481	16	Gold Medal, 10 leg pts
Altazin	Mark		No	92	0	95	0	100	3	192	2	479	5	Silver Medal, 8 leg pts
Lawton	Troy	A	No	97	2	99	3	96	1	186	3	478	9	Bronze Medal, 6 leg pts
Knerr	James	P	No	91	1	98	2	96	1	189	5	474	9	6 leg pts
Karmolinski	Daniel	J	No	95	1	94	0	97	2	183	2	469	5	6 leg pts
Hunt	Jay	D	No	93	1	96	0	94	2	185	4	468	7	First Leather :-)
Hudson	Danny		No	82	0	90	2	99	3	193	4	464	9	
Laing	Tommy		No	93	1	94	1	97	3	176	2	460	7	
Fajardo	Mario	E	No	86	1	95	2	87	3	190	7	458	13	
Jenkins	Bill		No	92	2	95	1	85	0	186	3	458	6	
Giraud	Doug		No	90	1	95	2	97	1	175	1	457	5	
Pickering	Bruce		No	86	0	91	0	95	1	183	6	455	7	
Freeman	Charles	W	No	90	1	92	1	98	2	174	3	454	7	
Stephenson	John	E	No	93	1	97	1	88	1	176	2	454	5	
Ginn	Warren		No	90	0	93	1	91	0	180	2	454	3	
Creel	Sean		No	95	0	92	2	95	1	171	3	453	6	
Meaux	Joseph		No	94	0	95	2	94	2	169	2	452	6	
Henson	Danny		No	83	0	94	2	91	0	183	4	451	6	
Knerr	Jill	R	No	89	1	98	1	84	1	178	4	449	7	
Carson	Will		No	89	2	90	1	93	1	177	0	449	4	
Record	Bruce		No	81	0	98	2	94	1	175	1	448	4	
Schwabe	Gary	V	No	86	1	96	3	97	0	166	2	445	6	
Higgins, Jr	David	A	No	84	0	94	1	86	1	179	2	443	4	
Strikmiller	Michael		No	83	0	96	3	89	1	174	2	442	6	
LaBalle	David	W	No	82	0	94	0	95	2	171	2	442	4	
May	Thomas		No	83	0	97	3	88	0	172	0	440	3	
Phillips	Robert		No	81	2	88	0	83	0	181	4	433	6	
Hill	Ben	F	No	75	0	93	1	92	0	171	2	431	3	
Beane	Sam		No	89	0	96	2	92	0	153	1	430	3	
Prokop	Paul		No	77	0	92	0	94	0	166	2	429	2	
Biermann	James		No	87	1	89	0	88	0	165	0	429	1	
Owen	Nicholas		No	87	0	97	2	93	2	151	2	428	6	
Spagnola	Angelo		No	85	0	91	0	82	1	166	1	424	2	
Hanson	Paul		No	82	0	91	0	94	1	153	1	420	2	
Ferguson	John		No	82	0	93	5	70	0	171	2	416	7	
Dioguardi, Sr.	Frank		No	81	1	79	0	88	0	167	1	415	2	
Pinsonat	Derek		No	91	1	85	0	79	0	159	1	414	2	
Bennett	Norman		No	80	0	72	0	93	0	163	0	408	0	
Liuzza	Michael		No	66	0	91	2	84	0	163	1	404	3	
Zettler	Roger	W	No	76	0	92	0	82	0	145	0	395	0	
Fore	Matthew		No	85	0	80	0	74	0	154	4	393	4	
Creel	Wayne		No	94	2	98	2	0	0	178	0	370	4	
Liuzza	Gerald	E	No	55	0	73	0	63	0	166	2	357	2	
Bader, III	Otto		No	83	0	78	0	28	0	162	1	351	1	
Higgins, Sr.	David		No	72	0	58	1	45	0	111	1	286	2	
Henson	Beth		No	79	0	0	0	54	0	116	0	249	0	