

LOUISIANA STATE HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

October 17 & 18, 2009

Donaldsonville, Louisiana

An NRA-Registered High Power Rifle Tournament

October 17 and 18, the Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club in Donaldsonville, LA hosted the Louisiana State High Power Rifle Championship. After months of hot and humid days, and seemingly unceasing rains, the weather improved with beautiful blue skies, low humidity, and temperatures in the mid-60s. And, even though cold, flooded pits greeted shooters from Louisiana, Maryland, Florida, Texas, and Alabama with enough water to easily top boots, spirits were high. The winds, however, did not show our guests the normal Louisiana hospitality, and were extremely rude to many of the shooters, despite excellent conditions for observing the mirage.

Jon Rhynard of Houghton, LA demonstrated his prowess on the long line, winning the 600 yard slow fire event dropping just 2 points on a very challenging day. Jon's 600 yard score also helped him to win the slow fire aggregate, and the 2009 Louisiana State High Power Rifle Championship with a 775-21X. Jon also was the High Senior. **Randy Nash** of Shreveport Louisiana was the High Match Rifle Champion scoring 768-17X, and also won the rapid fire aggregate. **Mark Altazin** of Prairieville, LA has really improved and is shooting better than he ever has before. Mark was the 2009 Service Rifle Champion firing a blistering 772-15X. Buck Kliebert of Denham Springs, Louisiana was just behind Mark winning First Master with a 771-17X. **Dan Zelenka** of Covington, LA placed second in the Master class with a 764-12X. These scores are testament to the brutal winds at 600 yards, and emphasize Jon Rhynard's fine performance in very challenging conditions.

The large Expert class was topped by **Wayne Creel** of Baton Rouge, LA, who turned in a 760-12X. It won't be long before Wayne joins the ranks of the Master class. **Jill Knerr** of Pensacola, FL has obviously been working on her long range shooting. Her performance at the long line propelled her to a 755-12X cinching second Expert. **Bruce Pickering**, who is constantly near the top of the Expert class, won third Expert with a 749-24X. The Sharpshooter and Marksman classes were combined. High Junior, **Sean Creel** of Baton Rouge, LA, also won the combined class with a 740-14X. Sean has had persistent ammunition problems in the past that have held him back from winning his class. A flawless day combined with excellent shooting sent him to the top. Marksman **MAJ Rob Phillips** of Ft. Polk, LA finished second in the combined class with a nice 705-5X.



From left to right, High Junior, Sean Creel; Service Rifle Champion, Mark Altazin; State Champion and High Senior, Jon Rhynard; and Match Rifle Champion, Randy Nash.

On Sunday, October 18, an Excellence in Competition Match was held. In this type of match, all shooters compete at the same level without the benefit of classes or sighting shots. For those members not familiar with the CMP Excellence in Competition Match, these matches are the competition for points toward earning a Distinguished Rifleman's Badge. Excellence in Competition Matches are also known as "leg" matches because the top 10% of the shooters are awarded points ("legs") on the road to

becoming a Distinguished Rifleman. To become a Distinguished Rifleman, one must accumulate 30 points in Excellence in Competition matches. Earning the badge or “going distinguished” has a long history and is one of most coveted awards in Service Rifle competition. If you would like to learn more about Excellence in Competition matches or the Distinguished Rifleman’s Badge, information is available at <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions.htm>.

Non-distinguished shooter **Jill Knerr** of Pensacola, FL embarrassed the pack, by winning the Gold Medal and the 8-point leg with a vicious 475-14X. Jill now has 18 points toward her Distinguished Rifleman Badge. The Silver and Bronze Medals were won by distinguished shooters **Dan Zelenka** of Covington, LA (470-7X) and **Rob Case** of Crestview, FL (469-9X), respectively. The second leg, worth 6 points, was taken by **Danny Hudson** of DeRidder, LA, who fired a 467-11X. The third leg, also worth 6 points, was won by **Bill Jenkins** of Covington, LA with a 467-8X. Finally, the detested First Leather went to **John Tatum** of Mobile, AL. (Note that a mistake on the scorecard of **Warren Ginn** of Pace, FL misidentified him as First Leather on the day of the competition. Sorry, Warren, there will be no leather for you this time).



From left to right, Gold Medallist and 8-point leg winner, Jill Knerr; Silver Medallist, Dan Zelenka; Bronze Medallist, Rob Case; 6-point leg winner, Danny Hudson; and 6-point leg winner, Bill Jenkins.

Special thanks are extended to **Lee Shall** and **Buck Kliebert** for calling the line on the EIC. Thanks are also extended to **Ashlyn Kliebert**, who gave up her Saturday to be the statistical officer for the State Match. Also, great big thanks to **Doug Giraud**, who donated another one of his fine trimmers to be used as a drawing prize for each of the non-distinguished shooters who participated in the EIC match. Congratulations **John Tatum** for winning the trimmer! And, Doug, note that the trimmer went to the first leather competitor after all 😊. You can see all of Doug’s fine products on his website at <http://www.giraudtool.com/>. Finally, thank you to all of the competitors who travelled from near and far to attend the match. We hope to see you the third weekend in April 2010 for the Bayou State Regional High Power Rifle Championship.



State Championship (Saturday, October 17)

Name	CL	CT	1 200SF	2 200RF	3 300RF	4 600SF	5 SF Agg	6 RF Agg	7 State Match	Award
Jon Rhynard	HM	SR	180-0	199-7	198-3	198-11	378-11	397-10	775-21	State Champion, High Senior
Randy Nash	HM	CV	176-2	198-5	200-10	194-0	370-2	398-15	768-17	High Match Rifle
Robert Jenkins	HM	CV	181-3	193-3	195-3	194-5	375-8	388-6	763-14	
Bill Jenkins	HM	CV	180-2	194-7	194-4	192-2	372-4	388-11	760-15	
Mark Altazin	MA	CV	192-2	197-3	199-9	184-1	376-3	396-12	772-15	High Service Rifle
Buck Kliebert	MA	CV	182-3	198-6	198-6	193-2	375-5	396-12	771-17	1st Master
Dan Zelenka	MA	CV	190-2	195-4	193-3	186-3	376-5	388-7	764-12	2nd Master
Robert Case	MA	CV	183-3	199-9	194-2	186-3	369-6	393-11	762-17	
Danny Hudson	MA	CV	171-1	192-5	198-5	193-8	364-9	390-10	754-19	
Ray Diaz	MA	SR	179-2	196-6	197-8	179-1	358-3	393-14	751-17	
Warren Ginn	MA	CV	180-2	200-6	196-2	174-2	354-4	396-8	750-12	
James Knerr	MA	CV	179-3	189-2	191-0	191-6	370-9	380-2	750-11	
Matthew Bartel	MA	ML	174-1	195-4	192-3	187-2	361-3	387-7	748-10	
Douglas Giraud	MA	CV	183-1	195-8	190-5	170-2	353-3	385-13	738-16	
Norman Bennett	MA	SR	154-2	183-2	195-5	174-5	328-7	378-7	706-14	
Wayne Creel	EX	CV	183-0	197-8	195-1	185-3	368-3	392-9	760-12	1st Expert
Jill Knerr	EX	WO	177-1	191-2	194-3	193-6	370-7	385-5	755-12	2nd Expert
Bruce Pickering	EX	CV	172-1	193-4	193-10	191-9	363-10	386-14	749-24	3rd Expert
John Tatum	EX	CV	179-2	196-5	183-1	186-2	365-4	379-6	744-10	
John Stephenson	EX	CV	185-2	194-2	186-1	178-1	363-3	380-3	743-6	
Charles Freeman	EX	CV	171-2	186-2	193-3	191-6	362-8	379-5	741-13	
Nick Owen	EX	CV	186-2	191-3	184-2	177-1	363-3	375-5	738-8	
David Higgins	EX	JR	163-0	191-2	185-4	192-6	355-6	376-6	731-12	
Dan Ramsey	EX	CV	172-0	196-5	190-4	172-0	344-0	386-9	730-9	
Bruce Record	EX	CV	157-0	197-3	187-2	181-0	338-0	384-5	722-5	
David LaBalle	EX	SR	178-1	191-3	178-0	174-2	352-3	369-3	721-6	
Michael Strikmiller	EX	CV	169-1	193-2	183-0	167-1	336-2	376-2	712-4	
Joseph Meynier	EX	CV	160-1	157-0	183-1	174-2	334-3	340-1	674-4	
James Biermann	EX	SR	170-3	182-1	174-1	143-2	313-5	356-2	669-7	
Angelo Spagnola	EX	CV	184-1	99-3	167-1	165-4	349-5	266-4	615-9	
Sean Creel	SS	JR	185-3	193-6	187-4	175-1	360-4	380-10	740-14	1st Sharpshooter, High Junior
Rob Phillips	MK	ML	169-2	178-0	185-2	173-1	342-3	363-2	705-5	2nd Sharpshooter
William Luke	SS	JR	164-0	174-1	180-1	171-4	335-4	354-2	689-6	
Troy Lowe	MK	JR	160-0	194-4	172-1	159-0	319-0	366-5	685-5	
Samuel Beane	SS	CV	167-0	189-3	178-4	150-0	317-0	367-7	684-7	
Frank Dioguardi	SS	SR	174-2	175-2	162-1	160-2	334-4	337-3	671-7	
Lindsey Touchet	MK	JR	151-0	184-2	161-1	140-1	291-1	345-3	636-4	
Donald Gilliam	MK	CV	141-0	163-0	141-1	85-0	226-0	304-1	530-1	

EIC Match (Sunday, October 18)

Name	Distinguished	200SF	200RF	300RF	600SF	Agg	Award
Jill Knerr	No	95 1	95 3	94 2	191 8	475 14	Gold, 1st Leg
Dan Zelenka	Yes	92 0	96 1	99 5	183 1	470 7	Silver
Rob Case	Yes	92 0	99 4	98 2	179 3	468 9	Bronze
Mark Altazin	Yes	92 1	97 2	100 2	179 2	468 7	
Danny Hudson	No	91 2	98 4	87 0	191 5	467 11	2nd Leg
Bill Jenkins	No	93 2	100 3	90 1	184 2	467 8	3rd Leg
Robert Jenkins	Yes	89 1	94 0	97 1	187 5	467 7	
James Knerr	Yes	90 2	90 2	96 1	184 4	460 9	
John Tatum	No	89 0	98 1	88 0	184 2	459 3	1st Leather
Warren Ginn	No	85 1	97 1	92 1	183 2	457 5	
Sean Creel	No	90 0	94 2	93 1	180 1	457 4	
Ray Diaz	Yes	90 0	97 1	94 2	174 4	455 7	
Nick Owen	No	93 0	96 2	89 0	177 2	455 4	
Wayne Creel	No	93 2	95 0	91 0	176 1	455 3	
Bruce Pickering	No	88 1	94 1	94 2	176 5	452 9	
David Higgins	No	85 1	95 3	90 1	181 2	451 7	
David LaBalle	No	90 1	97 2	90 0	173 2	450 5	
Mike Strikmiller	No	93 0	92 1	88 1	175 5	448 7	
Warren Freeman	No	90 2	96 2	82 0	180 1	448 5	
Dan Ramsey	No	83 0	99 4	87 0	176 2	445 6	
Doug Giraud	No	89 0	91 1	91 0	170 2	441 3	
Jay Hunt	No	86 0	93 1	89 0	171 1	439 2	
Sam Beane	No	85 1	93 1	94 1	163 0	435 3	
John Stephenson	No	93 0	93 2	87 0	161 1	434 3	
Rob Phillips	No	85 0	94 1	81 0	164 4	424 5	
Jim Biermann	No	82 0	87 0	85 0	166 1	420 1	
Jerry Liuzza	No	66 0	92 2	87 0	167 0	412 2	
Frank Dioguardi	No	76 0	73 0	85 0	169 1	403 1	
Dwayne Vidrine	No	84 0	69 0	85 1	151 1	389 2	
Norm Bennett	No	82 0	77 0	70 0	153 1	382 1	
Paul Prokop	No	85 1	83 0	91 0	117 0	376 1	
William Luke	No	77 0	65 0	55 0	152 3	349 3	