

BAYOU STATE REGIONAL HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

15-17 April 2011

Donaldsonville, Louisiana

An NRA-Registered High Power Rifle Tournament

The range at the Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club did not let us down, as the Bayou State Regional High Power Rifle Championship was dominated by windy conditions, ensuring the range's reputation for challenging shooting. The winds continued to support the range's nickname, "Camp Perry on the Bayou."

Sixty-two competitors fired on at least one day of the match, with six 4-man teams shooting on Friday, 49 in the regional on Saturday, and 38 non-distinguished and 6 distinguished shooters in the EIC match on Sunday. We were again proud to host 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.



Friday's 4-man team match saw 24 competitors firing on 6 teams in mostly cloudy, humid weather. A strong full-value wind from the South dominated all day, with rapid light changes caused by the blowing clouds. It was truly a difficult day. USAMU Heuman took the top honors. The team was composed of Firing Members: **SSG Armando Ayala**, **SSG Brandon Green**, **SPC Augustus Dunfey**, and **SPC Kevin Trickett** and Captain/Coach: **Don Heuman** who fired a combined 1948-57X. Second place honors went to USAMU Verbickas, with a 1916-48X. The team comprised firing members: **SSG Scott Grant**, **SFC Lester Case**, **SSG Joel Micholick**, and **SGT Nathan Verbickas** and Captain/Coach: **SGT Nathan Verbickas**. Third place went to local Team Helen Keller, which fired 1870-34X. Firing team members comprised: **Bob Jenkins**, **John Laws**, **Mark Altazin**, and **Buck Kliebert**, Captain **Mark Altazin**, Coach **Dan Zelenka**.

A powerful series of dangerous thunderstorms passed during Friday night and early Saturday morning, which left in its wake much cooler temperatures, very low humidity, and strange winds. The winds in the morning were light for the first couple of relays, but increased during the day become strong, and switching from full-value out of the North to no-value out of the West. There was not a cloud in the sky, but the winds were strange and difficult to read. The 2011 Bayou State Regional Champion and NRA Gold Medalist was **SGT Nathan Verbickas** of Fort Benning, GA, who used his service rifle to fire a 783-27X. The NRA Silver Medal and Match Rifle Champion was **SSG Armando Ayala** of Phenix City, AL, who fired a strong 781-29X. The NRA Bronze Medal and the Service Rifle Champion was **SPC Augustus Dunfey** of Ft. Benning, GA, who turned in a 781-25X. High Civilian for 2011 was **Jon Rhynard** of Haughton, LA, who was also High Senior. Jon fired a 770-25X with a very impressive 198-9X at 600 yards, demonstrating that Jon can still beat the best on windy days at the 600 yard line. High Junior honors went to **David Allen Higgins** of Mandeville, LA with a 764-18X.

Name	Score	Awards
SGT Nathan Verbickas	783-27	Regional Champion NRA Gold Medal
SSG Armando Ayala	781-29	Match Rifle Champion NRA Silver Medal
SPC Augustus Dunfey	781-25	Service Rifle Champion NRA Bronze Medal
SSG Brandon Green	773-26	1st High Master
Jon Rhynard	770-25	Regional Civilian Champion 2nd High Master High Senior
SPC Kevin Trickett	768-27	3rd High Master
David A. Higgins	764-18	1st Master High Junior
James Knerr	756-14	2nd Master
SFC Lester Case	751-15	3rd Master
Mario Fajardo	747-15	4th Master
Richard Fuller	742-17	1st Expert
Sean Creel	734-9	2nd Expert
Samuel Beane	727-11	3rd Expert
Paul (Rudy) Kalman, Jr.	711-8	1st Sharpshooter

The CMP Excellence-in-Competition Match on Sunday found 38 non-distinguished and 6 distinguished shooters competing on a beautiful cloudless day. Unfortunately, the winds had switched to mostly Easterly, and the fishtailing wind switched rapidly to cause a lot of consternation at the 600 yard line. **James Knerr** of Pensacola, FL won the match for the Gold Medal with a 473-8X. The Silver Medal and 10-point leg was awarded to **Warren Ginn** of Pace, FL, who also turned in a 473-8X. Warren earned enough points to earn his Distinguished Rifleman badge with this 10-point leg. **Congratulations Warren!** The Bronze Medal went to Distinguished Rifleman **Bob Jenkins** of Covington, LA with a 471-11X. **David Allen Higgins** of Mandeville, LA earned an 8-point leg with a 468-5X, despite running a fever for most of the day. David only needed 4 points to go Distinguished. **Congratulations David!** The two 6-point legs went to **Bill Jenkins**

of Covington, LA with a 466-10X and **John Laws** of Port Allen, LA (his first leg points!) with a 465-8X. Finally, **Bruce Record** of Gonzales, LA came up just short this year with a 458-12X, taking first leather. 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. But, as the saying goes, you have to be present to win, and Bruce left the range before the awards ceremony. The trimmer was won by **Mario Fajardo** of Crestview, FL. Doug was not even able to make it to this year's match, but sent a trimmer anyway. **Thank you Doug!** Tell Doug thank you by going to <http://www.giraudtool.com/> and checking out all of his high quality high power shooting tools and equipment. You won't be disappointed!

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 not a hitch. We wish to thank the following for taking the time to make this year's match a success: **Barbara Zelenka** for "volunteering" to be Chief Statistical Officer, **Lee Shall** for calling the line during the EIC Match, **Mike Clark** for donating the trophies for the Regional Championships, and **Doug Giraud** for donating the trimmer for the EIC Match.

The range looked great and the targets were in great shape thanks to all of those shooters who repaired the targets. Thanks to all of those who helped with target repair. **Thank you, for making our match a success, and see you next year!**



4-Man Team Match (Friday, 15 April 2011)

Last	First	200SF	X	200RF	X	300RF	X	600SF	X	Aggregate	X	Combined	X	Award
USAMU Heuman														
Ayala	Armando	98	3	99	6	100	5	199	10	496	24			
Green	Brandon	98	4	99	0	100	4	193	9	490	17			
Dunfey	Augustus	94	1	100	7	95	1	190	3	479	12			
Trickett	Kevin	93	0	99	5	96	1	195	8	483	14	1948	67	1st
USAMU Verbickas														
Grant	Scott	90	0	99	3	99	1	193	5	481	9			
Case	Lester	92	2	96	3	99	3	183	3	470	11			
Micholick	Joel	99	5	96	1	97	2	189	3	481	11			
Verbickas	Nathan	97	3	99	5	98	4	190	5	484	17	1916	48	2nd
Team Helen Keller														
Jenkins	Bob	89	1	96	0	95	1	193	6	473	8			
Laws	John	93	4	97	4	95	1	185	1	470	10			
Altazin	Mark	89	2	98	3	95	1	188	5	470	11			
Kliebert	Buck	86	1	99	3	90	0	182	1	457	5	1870	34	3rd
LaTex														
Hefner	Clay	92	2	98	1	97	3	166	1	453	7			
Mangione	Jeremy	95	2	100	2	97	3	188	4	480	11			
Laing	Tommy	80	0	99	3	97	5	173	5	449	13			
Foster	Gregg	93	1	98	2	96	2	190	3	477	8	1859	39	
Lady Gaga Bodyguards														
Vidrine	Dwayne	89	1	93	1	94	1	175	3	451	6			
Diaz	Raymond	86	0	97	3	88	0	187	8	458	11			
Rongerero	Nez	91	0	98	3	97	5	190	8	476	16			
Beane	Sam	88	0	98	4	90	1	187	2	463	7	1848	40	
Tarballs														
Stephenson	John	93	2	96	2	95	2	179	2	463	8			
Fajardo	Mario	85	1	95	2	93	1	171	0	444	4			
Jenkins	Bill	94	1	98	2	98	3	175	5	465	11			
Owen	Nick	90	1	95	1	96	2	182	2	463	6	1835	29	

Regional Championship (Saturday, 16 April 2011)

Name	Class	Cat	Rifle	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Match 7	Award
				200SF	200 RF	300 RF	600 SF	RF Agg	SF Agg	Reg Champ	
SGT Nathan Verbickas	HM	ML	SRV	194-7	200-9	196-7	193-4	396-16	387-11	783-27	Regional Military Champion, Gold Medal
SPC Augustus Dunfey	HM	ML	SRV	193-6	198-9	199-7	191-3	397-16	384-9	781-25	Service Rifle Champion, Bronze Medal
SSG Brandon Green	HM	ML	MAT	184-5	199-10	194-6	196-5	393-16	380-10	773-26	1st HM
Jon Rhynard	HM	SR	MAT	180-3	198-8	194-5	198-9	392-13	378-12	770-25	Regional Civilian Champion, 2nd HM, High Senior
SPC Kevin Trickett	HM	ML	SRV	191-3	197-10	197-8	183-6	394-18	374-9	768-27	3rd HM
SSG Joel Micholick	HM	ML	SRV	184-2	199-9	192-5	193-4	391-14	377-6	768-20	
Nez Rongero	HM	SR	SRV	187-3	194-6	191-4	187-1	385-10	374-4	759-14	
SSG Scott Grant	HM	ML	SRV	178-4	199-4	193-0	188-3	392-4	366-7	758-11	
Randy Nash	HM	CV	MAT	170-2	191-1	199-8	195-7	390-9	365-9	755-18	
Robert Jenkins	HM	CV	MAT	182-3	194-1	187-3	189-5	381-4	371-8	752-12	
Daniel Zelenka	HM	CV	SRV	176-0	188-11	195-3	190-3	383-14	366-3	749-17	
Gregg Foster	HM	CV	MAT	188-2	190-3	189-1	182-1	379-4	370-3	749-7	
Bill Jenkins	HM	CV	SRV	186-2	191-4	189-3	181-6	380-7	367-8	747-15	
SSG Armando Ayala	MA	CV	MAT	190.5	198-6	199-10	194-8	397-16	384-18	781-29	Match Rifle Champion, Silver Medal
David Allen Higgins	MA	JR	SRV	176-1	200-8	196-4	192-5	396-12	368-6	764-18	1st MA, High Junior
James Knerr	MA	CV	SRV	183-5	198-3	191-2	184-4	389-5	367-9	756-14	2nd MA
SFC Lester Case	MA	ML	SRV	170-3	196-5	197-4	188-3	393-9	358-6	751-15	3rd MA
Mario Fajardo	MA	CV	SRV	182-1	196-5	192-4	177-5	388-9	359-6	747-15	4th MA
Buck Kliebert	MA	CV	MAT	177-2	191-3	192-5	187-3	383-8	364-5	747-13	
John Laws	MA	PO	SRV	182-1	199-6	193-5	173-1	392-11	355-2	747-13	
SFC Jeremy Mangione	MA	ML	SRV	178-3	190-2	186-3	190-3	376-5	368-6	744-11	
Danny Hudson	MA	CV	SRV	170-1	193-5	194-5	186-4	387-10	356-5	743-15	
Clay Hefner	MA	CV	SRV	176-5	194-7	192-3	176-5	386-10	352-10	738-20	
Bruce Pickering	MA	CV	SRV	175-0	186-3	197-9	180-2	383-12	355-2	738-14	
Mark Altazin	MA	CV	SRV	182-1	190-1	185-3	178-0	375-4	360-1	735-5	
Wayne Creel	MA	CV	SRV	171-1	192-4	192-5	177-1	384-9	348-2	732-11	
Warren Ginn	MA	CV	SRV	168-2	185-2	191-5	186-6	376-7	354-8	730-15	
Ray Diaz	MA	SR	SRV	172-0	192-3	191-6	167-1	383-9	339-1	722-10	
Tommy Laing	MA	CV	SRV	164-1	193-2	189-1	173-1	382-3	337-2	719-5	
Jill Knerr	MA	WO	SRV	160-1	193-1	184-0	174-2	377-1	334-3	711-4	
Stephen Phillips	MA	CV	SRV	159-0	162-3	178-2	168-0	340-5	327-0	667-5	
Norman Bennett	MA	SR	MAT	132-0	195-4	186-2	145-1	381-6	277-1	658-7	
Richard Fuller	EX	CV	SRV	181-1	194-7	197-7	170-2	391-14	351-3	742-17	1st EX
Sean Creel	EX	JR	SRV	174-1	189-3	189-1	182-4	378-4	356-5	734-9	2nd EX
Samuel Beane	EX	CV	SRV	178-1	195-6	187-2	167-2	382-8	345-3	727-11	3rd EX
Dwayne Vidrine	EX	CV	SRV	166-0	187-2	194-5	180-1	381-7	346-1	727-8	

Charles Freeman	EX	CV	SRV	173-0	184-1	186-2	184-2	370-3	357-2	727-5	
Bruce Record	EX	CV	SRV	162-0	196-5	189-5	176-6	385-10	338-6	723-16	
Danny Henson	EX	CV	SRV	169-2	185-3	187-1	175-0	372-4	344-2	716-6	
Nick Owen	EX	CV	SRV	168-0	164-4	180-0	172-2	374-4	340-2	714-6	
Mike Strikmiller	EX	SR	SRV	166-0	190-1	179-1	173-2	3692	339-2	708-4	
David LaBalle	EX	SR	SRV	156-0	192-4	190-4	165-2	382-8	321-2	703-10	
John Stephenson	EX	CV	SRV	153-1	185-3	185-2	178-1	370-5	331-2	701-7	
Ben Hill	EX	SR	SRV	155-0	181-1	186-1	175-4	367-2	330-4	697-6	
Joseph Meynier	EX	CV	SRV	153-0	186-4	185-3	172-1	371-7	325-1	696-8	
Paul (Rudy) Kalman, Jr	MK	JR	SRV	165-1	183-2	188-3	175-2	371-5	340-3	711-8	1st SS
Ted Torress	MK	CV	SRV	169-0	197-4	167-0	176-4	364-4	345-4	709-8	
Tyler Smith	SS	JR	SRV	149-0	195-3	139-0	173-1	334-2	322-1	656-4	
Lindey Touchet	MK	WO	SRV	161-0	180-2	155-0	139-1	335-2	300-1	635-3	

Excellence-in-Competition Match (Sunday, 17 April 2011)

Last	First	MI	Distinguished	200SF	X	200RF	X	300RF	X	600SF	X	Aggregate	X	Award
Knerr	James	P	Yes	89	1	99	5	96	0	189	2	473	8	Gold Medal
Ginn	Warren	C	No	93	1	97	1	97	3	186	3	473	8	Silver Medal, 10-point Leg
Jenkins	Robert	E	Yes	92	2	96	2	97	2	186	5	471	11	Bronze Medal
Higgins	David	A	No	87	1	95	0	90	0	196	4	468	5	8-point Leg
Jenkins	Bill		No	91	1	97	3	95	3	183	3	466	10	6-point Leg
Altazin	Mark	D	Yes	88	2	98	4	94	1	185	3	465	10	
Laws	John		No	93	2	95	2	93	0	184	4	465	8	6-point Leg
Zelenka, II	Daniel	E	Yes	85	1	97	2	97	2	185	0	464	5	
Record	Bruce	R	No	85	0	100	6	98	2	175	4	458	12	First Leather
Fajardo	Mario	E	No	88	1	95	2	91	0	184	2	458	5	
Fuller	Richard		No	91	0	96	1	96	2	174	2	457	5	
Pickering	Bruce		No	92	0	93	0	98	0	174	2	457	2	
Hunt	Jay	D	No	85	0	98	4	98	1	173	3	454	8	
Stephenson	John	E	No	84	0	96	0	87	0	186	5	453	5	
Knerr	Jill	R	No	86	1	98	6	86	0	182	2	452	9	
Creel	Sean		No	87	0	97	2	92	0	174	4	450	6	
Henson	Danny	L	No	84	0	93	1	94	0	178	2	449	3	
Freeman	Charles	W	No	84	0	95	3	98	2	171	3	448	8	
Rongero	Nez		Yes	84	0	94	1	86	0	181	4	445	5	
Diaz	Raymond	M	Yes	87	0	95	1	82	0	178	2	442	3	
Strikmiller	Michael	G	No	84	0	94	3	92	1	171	2	441	6	
LaBalle, Sr	David	W	No	86	0	96	2	89	0	170	2	441	4	
Owen	Nicholas		No	91	0	91	0	82	0	177	2	441	2	
Pinsonat	Derek	S	No	92	1	90	1	86	0	172	2	440	4	
Beane	Samuel	S	No	88	1	93	1	71	0	182	4	434	6	
Phillips	Stephen		No	86	1	98	4	72	0	174	1	430	6	
Vidrine	Dwayne	H	No	84	0	80	0	74	0	183	2	421	2	
Kalman, Jr	Paul		No	75	0	88	0	71	0	185	4	419	4	
Smith	John		No	77	0	82	0	94	2	161	1	414	3	
Luke	William	A	No	79	0	93	1	76	0	164	2	412	3	
Lozes	Bill		No	77	0	79	0	95	3	160	3	411	6	
Creel	Wayne		No	91	0	98	1	57	0	159	4	405	5	
Smith	Tyler		No	77	0	88	0	64	0	171	2	400	2	
Fore	Matthew	J	No	73	0	93	2	85	0	149	0	400	2	
Biermann	James	F	No	79	0	93	2	89	1	138	0	399	3	

Hill	Ben	F	No	66	0	83	0	73	0	176	4	398	4
Clark	Cecil	L	No	87	1	90	1	79	0	133	0	389	2
Petras	Bradley	W	No	81	2	92	1	67	0	146	1	386	4
Drummond	Todd		No	77	0	63	0	93	0	153	3	386	3
Bennett	Norman		No	76	0	75	0	67	0	145	0	363	0
Angrisano	Paul		No	67	0	70	0	80	0	137	2	354	2
Bumpus	William	M	No	61	0	74	0	36	0	160	1	331	1
Angrisano	Ron		No	35	0	36	0	50	0	62	0	183	0
Angrisano	Alex		No	0	0	5	0	11	0	140	0	156	0