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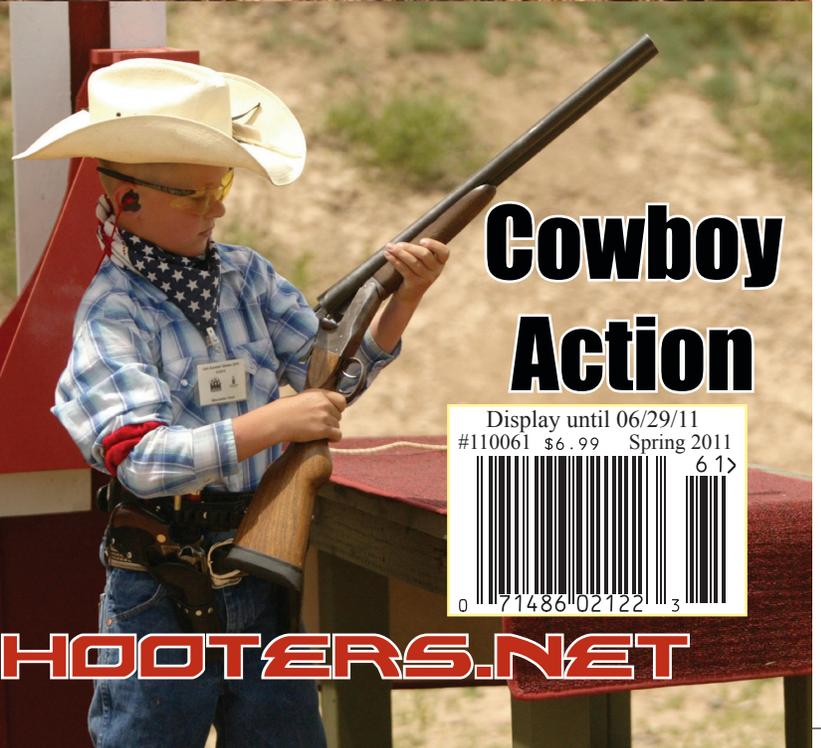
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Top photo taken via remote camera. Jessie Previtt (14) shooting her FNH FNX-9 used for modern 3-Gun. Left: Ally Setting (Alleycat - 12) with her custom Ruger 10/22 and C-MORE red dot shooting in the Ruger Rimfire Nationals 2010. Right: Reed Harrison aka "Winchester Reed" (9) at the Summer Games in Cedar City, Utah.

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# A Word From Your Editor

Since we don't have a regular safety column in this issue, I thought I would write my editorial on safety. It is a subject that cannot receive enough attention, and yet there is a tendency to get complacent about safety. Safety should always be the number one consideration in any shooting sport.

There are many different shooting sports, and each of them has slightly different safety rules. The area I intend to cover in this issue is: What is the proper manner of handing a firearm to another person or receiving a firearm from someone? In all cases, the barrel must be pointed down (I prefer down), or up and away from any person. It should never be waved in any direction where a person could be. Be aware of your background. Even if the person giving you the firearm has just checked the firearm, you need to check it yourself.

If the firearm is a semi-automatic rifle or pistol, the first thing to do is make sure the safety is engaged if it has one. Then take out the magazine. Make sure it is not loaded. Draw the slide or bolt back, and lock it in the open position. Make sure the chamber is empty. For extra safety, I recommend you do NOT put the magazine back in. Now you can check out the firearm and admire how cool it is and tell the person you wish you could get one just like it. Remember, all the time you are doing this, you are probably moving the firearm all around. Make sure it is pointed in a safe direction and that you don't sweep anyone with the barrel. This is the critical time while handling a firearm. Do NOT ever take a sight picture in your house pointing it at a wall and assume there is no one behind the wall! You have to know that whatever backdrop you are pointing it at it would totally stop a bullet.

Transferring a revolver from person-to-person is a little different, though all of the same rules apply. In this case, open the loading gate or cylinder and rotate it, making sure that it is completely empty. You can then check it out to your heart's content.

Never dry-fire a firearm unless the owner gives you permission. Even then, you still need to follow the rules above. Shoot safe, have fun, and enjoy this special edition..

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# 2-Gun and 3-Gun Competitions

## Introduction

By: Andy Fink

When I hear a parent or friend ask a junior if they want to go shoot a 2-Gun or 3-Gun competition, the answer is invariably, "Cool. Can we go this weekend?" These shooting disciplines have really expanded across the country in the last few years. Probably the biggest reason for this is that they are a ton of fun. There are usually a number of stages, and you usually get to shoot a lot of rounds. The targets and scenarios the match directors set up for each stage are also challenging and require a little bit of thinking to minimize the time it takes to make it through the stage while hitting your targets.



Ally Setting's (12) custom Ruger 10/22 with a C-MORE red dot and a Tactical Solutions Trailite (based on a Browning Buckmark) along with a box of Lapua .22 Long Rifle ammunition make the perfect combination for .22 rimfire 2-Gun competitions. This is Ally's favorite set of Ruger Rimfire competition guns.

Two-Gun competitions are shooting events wherein each participant has to use two guns for the match. This usually means the same two guns on each of the stages, and normally that means a rifle and pistol. The most prevalent 2-Gun matches are .22 Rimfire matches, and the Ruger Rimfire series of matches held throughout the United States is getting to be the most popular, even though it has only been going on for the last three years. Though there are some 2-Gun matches held at various clubs around the country that use center-fire rifles and pistols or revolvers, we have decided to limit our 2-Gun section of the magazine just to .22 Rimfire. This is probably the most fun for juniors. It is fairly cheap considering that any stock or custom .22 Rimfire rifle, pistol, or revolver can be used. It is also great practice for when you are ready to move up into the 3-Gun arena and shoot center-fire firearms.

Three-Gun competitions naturally use three different types of firearms: rifle, pistol or revolver, and shotgun. Some matches even have the option to use a long-range precision rifle on some of the stages making it a 4-Gun competition. Most people when they hear of 3-Gun or multi-gun competitions think of modern firearms such as semi-automatic rifles, pistols, and shotguns. Most people don't realize that Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) has been around for 30 years using lever-action rifles, two single-action sixguns, and old-time shotguns (double-barreled or pump with a hammer). We have therefore split our 3-Gun Competition section into two: Modern 3-Gun and Cowboy Action Shooting.



Modern 3-Gun competition requires a shotgun, rifle, and pistol. All of these need to be semi-automatic if you want to be competitive. Shown are: Top: FNH SLP Mark I shotgun with shotgun slide from 3 Gun Gear. Middle: Sig Sauer P226 9mm USPSA model. Bottom: AR-15 - Cavalry Arms lower with a lower parts kit from Brownells, and a Bushmaster A3 heavy, match barrel upper in 5.56mm/.223 Remington.



Cowboy action shooting requires three different types of firearms: revolvers (two), pump or double-barrel shotgun, and a slide or lever-action rifle. Shown are a custom pair of Ruger Vaquero (old model) sixguns in 38/40, an original Winchester 1897 shotgun, engraved by Aspen Filly - [www.aspenfillys.com](http://www.aspenfillys.com), and a Cimarron 1866 Yellowboy in .44/40 engraved by Vicki Akers Hand Engraving, PO Box 140, Demark, ME 04022-0140.

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# Practicing with Airguns and Airsoft

By: Cody Leeper (16), Nick Halbasch (16), and Andy Fink

Training for 2-Gun and 3-Gun competitions can be time-consuming and expensive. You can make it fun, cost less, and reduce travel time to the range by practicing at home, either indoors or in your back yard, using airguns or airsoft replica firearms. Just make sure you have the proper backstop, and continue to adhere to all safety requirements. Always wear eye protection even when shooting airsoft guns. Just like with a real firearm, never point an airsoft or airgun at a person. Read on and see the testing that was conducted on some of these airsoft guns and the power they have.

There are a variety of different airguns. Both BB guns and pellet guns can provide excellent training. Practicing with the Daisy 499 Avanti Competition BB gun (covered in Volume 7 Summer 2010 of *Junior Shooters*) used indoors in a garage, or participating in USA Shooting and Civilian Marksmanship air rifle competitions using such guns as the Anschutz 8002 competition air rifle (article online at [www.juniorshooters.net](http://www.juniorshooters.net)), will give the 3-Gun competitor an edge.



Daisy's Avanti 499 Competition BB Gun can hone skills in the house or garage.



The Anschutz 8002 is a high-end, Olympic-style competition air rifle that can provide excellent practice for those off-hand shots.

Airsoft has become a big player in the shooting sports, not only for fun shooting, but for training. Many of today's airsoft guns are strong, reliable, weigh as much as their big brother counterparts, and, except for the blaze orange marking on the front of the barrel, look almost identical to the original they are a replica of. Using airsoft guns, both rifles and pistols, is not only good training, but it is really a lot of fun.

Since you are usually shooting from a short distance, make your targets smaller and more challenging. Place them at different ranges and angles. You can even set up different scenarios for each time you go practice. You don't have to make your own targets, though it is fairly easy to do. There are a variety of excellent targets available out there. Palco Sports not only carries airsoft guns but also target systems and safety gear, as well. You can check them out at [www.palcosports.com](http://www.palcosports.com).



Above: Airsoft BBs. Middle: Knockdown target set. Bottom Sticky target with Sig Sauer P226 spring airsoft gun. All available from Palco Sports.





Above: Jaxson Hixson with Sig Sauer GSR 1911 airsoft gun from Palco Sports.



Above: Hayden Hixson practicing with S&W M&P 9 airsoft gun from Palco Sports. Practice has made Hayden a top pistol shooter.



Above: S&W 1911 airsoft gun from Palco Sports is shown in the foreground while behind it is S&W 1911 .45 ACP owned by the author.



Above: A Sig Sauer P226 spring airsoft pistol is in front of a standard Sig Sauer P 226 9mm pistol.

Some of the airsoft pistols we tested included the Sig Sauer GSR 1911, the S&W M&P 9, the S&W 1911, and the Sig Sauer P226. All of these worked very well and can provide training in drawing, first shot, multiple shots, transitions, breath control, trigger control, and more. They are also easy enough for the younger kids to try out. Remember, safety first!

The airsoft rifles we received from Palco Sports for testing included the Sig Sauer 552, DPMS-17, and a Mauser sniper rifle. Here is what a couple of our juniors had to say about them.

**The A-17 R.I.S. DPMS (Panther Arms) A.E.G. Airsoft Rifle**  
By: Nick Halbasch (16)

"I was given the chance to test an airsoft rifle, the A-17 R.I.S. A.E.G. (Automatic Electrical Gun). This rifle is an official cyber gun. It features a red dot sight, mounting rails, spin-up or spin-down adjustment, adjustable sight, vertical grip, charger, rechargeable battery, and is both semi-automatic and fully automatic. After looking at the gun, I realized the rifle looks like its real-life counterpart in the military.



Above: Cody Leeper helped Nick test out the A-17 R.I.S. DPMS airsoft rifle which comes with holographic scope as well as standard AR-15 type iron sights.

"I got a feel for the gun, loaded the clip to its 300 BB maximum load and headed out. My friend Cody and I set up a series of targets ranging from 10 to 40 yards to shoot at and started shooting. I started by shooting the A.E.G. on semi-automatic. It shoots quite well. It is accurate up to the range of 40 yards. Then I switched it to fully automatic and shot at the series of targets. It shoots incredibly well and accurate. On this airsoft rifle, you have the ability to adjust the spin up or the spin down. To adjust the spin gives you better accuracy.

"After shooting for awhile, my friend and I wanted to see how powerful these airsoft rifles were, so we took a tarp and folded it in half and tied it up to two opposite posts and shot to see if the BBs would penetrate the tarp. Out of the 300 BB maximum magazine, I counted how many didn't go through, and only 75 BBs didn't go through the tarp. I think the A-17 R.I.S. is all in all an excellent firearm."

### The Mauser Airsoft Sniper

By: Cody Leeper (16)

"There is now something out on the market that we've all been waiting for. It's an airsoft sniper rifle with amazing accuracy. I have a feeling some of you doubt me already. Well, don't, because it's a fact! This new rifle by Soft Air USA, provided by Palco Sports, is extremely durable, accurate, and very reasonably priced. It features a sturdy construction made completely out of metal. The only plastic on the gun is the stock. The receiver is totally metal and uses a realistic bolt-action that looks and feels like a real rifle. One of the things, in my opinion, that gives this gun its accuracy is the really long, metal barrel. It has a 24-inch barrel that despite having a smooth bore still shoots accurately. Yet, another thing that helps provide better accuracy, is the patented spin-up system. The only downfall about it is that it's very hard to get to and adjust. Even though it's hard to adjust, once you dial it in, you can hit a quarter at 50 feet just as the box claims.



Above: Cody shooting the airsoft Mauser sniper rifle which comes with scope and bipod.

"I also liked the fact that this is a heavy gun. The heavy weight gives this rifle a realistic feel. Good for those prone shots while using the included metal tri-rail folding and adjustable bipod that attaches right to the front of the stock. With this combo, you'll have no problem keeping steady. Along with the bipod, this gun comes with a pretty good sling that attaches to sturdy rings on the gun, and a 3 x 9 x 40mm power scope that comes with rings that use the gun's picatinny rail. The scope is good, but you should replace it with a better one because in full zoom it really blurs out the image! So once you get a new scope and dial it in, this thing is deadly accurate! To help with the fact that not everyone that buys this will be the same size, the rifle's stock features an adjustable cheek piece with 1 inch of vertical adjustment to help keep your line of sight in line with the scope. Also, some people don't have long enough arms to fit the rifle, so they also put an adjustable butt pad

onto it that has four different length combinations to fit a wide variety of shooters.



Above: Close-up of the Mauser airsoft rifle with bolt closed and scope on picatinny rail.

"Along with accuracy, this gun is very powerful. It shoots between 440fps with 0.2g BBs and 520fps with 0.12g BBs. It has the power to go through both sides of a 12" x 12" cardboard box at 45 feet! If that doesn't show you how powerful it is, I've had BBs literally explode when they hit a hard enough surface! This gun even gets a little better. The magazine is realistic looking, until you go to load it, that is. It uses a speed loader that you may have gotten with other airsoft products. The only difference is it comes with a detachable tool that aids in loading the rifle's 23-round magazine. Then all you have to do is slap it in, cock it, and you're ready to go.

I have a feeling that this new rifle will do very well for people, and there will be a lot of them being bought for all sorts of reasons and applications."

### The Sig 552 Commando but Now it's an Airsoft Gun

By: Cody Leeper (16)

"It looks like one, it feels like one, it shoots like one, and it even weighs the same as one! You're probably wondering what in the heck I am talking about. Well, I'm talking about a new airsoft gun available through Palco Sports from Swiss Arms Softair Guns and Cyber Gun. It's a life-like reproduction of a Sig 552 Commando that has a couple of features other than just the looks.

"First of all, it has very realistic weight, especially when the magazine is full of heavy .20 or .25 gram BBs, which can help keep a steady aim on that tricky shot.

"Along with the weight are the sights, which are both adjustable. The rear sight has a rotating four-position selector so you can go from open-iron sights to three progressively smaller peep sights for shorter to longer range shots. The front sight has two positions which are up and down. When it's up, you have a tall sight that is good for using the open rear sight, and when it's down, you have a shorter and thinner sight that works well with the rear peep sights because it's easier to see.

"The third thing is the folding stock that operates with just the push of a button and then locks to the side for ease of use.

"Other than the things that are like the real gun, it has some pretty cool features that make it great. The magazine is a type of spring operation that requires you to tighten the coil by turning a small piece of a gear that sticks out a little ways from the bottom. It has a large capacity of 300 BBs that are loaded through an opening in the top. And to reach 300 BBs after you load them, turn the gear on the bottom, and this will put

the BBs in the tube that will load the gun. Once the BBs reach the top, there will be more space at the top for you to put additional BBs in. Once you have everything ready and are preparing to fire, the safety switch becomes the rate of fire selector once it's in the off position. The first position is semi-auto and will only fire one shot when you pull the trigger, but the second is full-auto which will hold nothing back and will fire for as long as you hold the trigger.

"If you plan on using it for accuracy, it has a handy little device that is very useful. It's called a "spin-up system." This controls how much spin is put on the BB when it's shot. This is very helpful because different weight BBs will all shoot different at the same rate of spin, so you can adjust the spin according to the weight of BB you use so they shoot pretty much identical to each other. The spin-up is very easy to adjust. It's located in the bolt, and to access it, you just pull the slide back and rotate it one way or the other. It's very simple and will keep you shooting accurately. The spin on the BB is affected so much because it has a very high velocity at 445fps, and that is one of the fastest I have ever seen an electric-powered airsoft gun shoot! The battery fits in the stock at the hand grip and is super long lasting. I haven't run out of battery when I have gone out to shoot yet.

"This gun can shoot through both sides of a soda can at 40 feet and can go through one side out to 60, but at 15 feet on a rest, you can set out a single BB and hit it within five shots! This gun is awesome; it shoots great, looks good, and has a realistic look and feel that will impress your friends."



Above: Sig 552 showing pistol grip, trigger, magazine release, and rear sight.

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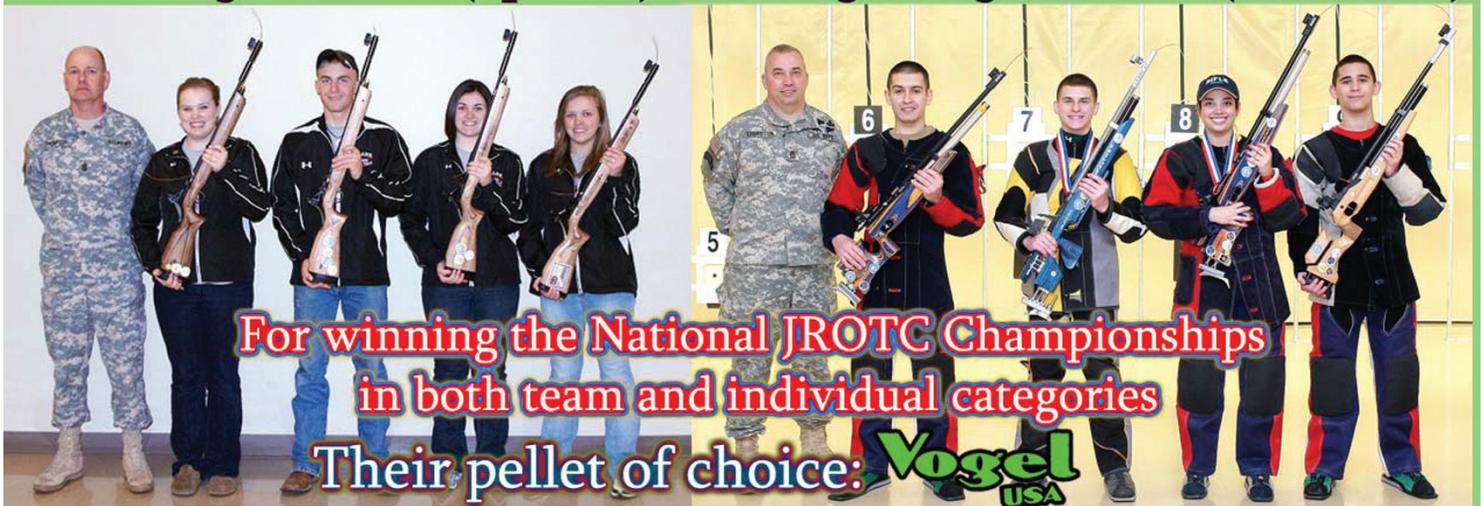


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# Why Ruger Rimfire?

By: Ken Jorgensen



Ashley Bolda is a top junior shooter shooting both the Take 5 Rimfire 2-Gun matches and Ruger Rimfire. Shown here shooting her pink Tactical Solutions Trailite which is built on a Browning frame. She is using a C-MORE red dot.

I have been asked “Why Ruger Rimfire?” and my first response is “Because it is fun!” Because spending a day at the range with friends, new and old, shooting lots of .22 LR ammo through your handgun and rifle, quickly and accurately at steel targets, is just plain fun. Whether it is your first Ruger Rimfire match or your fiftieth, the safe and friendly competition with helpful fellow competitors and challenging courses of fire will create an experience to remember and hopefully one you want to repeat at every opportunity.

There are many shooting activities for the experienced shooter, and many shooters compete in a number of them, but getting started is often difficult. All too often those interested in the shooting sports do not know what kind of competitions exist, where to find a club hosting events, or what it takes to get started. Consequently they miss out on the fun, and we miss the opportunity to share the shooting sports with them.

Shooting teaches discipline, safety, and a sense of accomplishment, plus it can be a life-long recreational activity. For some it leads to bragging rights, while for others it can lead to club championships and more, even Olympic medals. But it all starts with an introduction to the basics, and that begins with an opportunity.

The cost of competing is prohibitive for some, especially if they want to get the entire family involved. Expensive application-specific firearms and centerfire ammunition, as well as high entry fees, can be a barrier for many families. In addition, the noise and recoil of some firearms doesn't result in an experience that is likely to bring many beginners back.

Enter Ruger Rimfire events, specific competitions designed for the interested novice as well as the experienced competitor. The firearms used can vary from the basic .22 rifles and pistols to high-end, custom-built, special application rifles and pistols. Ruger Rimfire events are open to competitors using any brand of .22 Long Rifle firearms, and there is a place for all at a Ruger Rimfire event.

All shooters, regardless of experience, are welcome to participate, but we hope match directors design the match with the novice in mind. If the new shooter does not have a good time and enjoy the experience, they will not return. The successful clubs that run Rimfire events on a regular basis have seen the first-time Ruger Rimfire shooter return to the monthly matches because they enjoyed the event.

Entry fees for the Ruger Rimfire State Matches are held to a minimum, and match directors are encouraged to let women and youth shoot for free or at a reduced rate. Some clubs offer the use of firearms for the first-timers. It is a chance to participate and try the sport before making an investment. Some of the individuals that wish to participate have little or no knowledge of competitive shooting or the equipment with which to compete, so we all need to work to make these events accessible, affordable, and enjoyable.

Match design need not be complicated or expensive. A range that has 20 to 25 pieces of steel can easily run a Ruger Rimfire State Match where we ask at least five stages be available. The stage count can be accomplished by shooting a handgun stage, and then with a relocation of shooter's start



Top: Ally Setting at the 2010 Ruger Rimfire World Championship with her custom 1911 and Marvel .22 LR conversion.

Left: Ally, with her Tactical Solutions Trailite .22 LR, is a real champion. She packs a lot of skill, determination, and focus into her shooting.

Bottom: Mason Wrest did an excellent job with his Browning Buckmark and C-MORE red dot at the 2010 Ruger Rimfire Championship.

position or stop plate, a rifle stage can be created. In this manner, three shooting bays with six or seven pieces of steel could result in six stages.

Most competitors want a high round count when they attend a match. With the simple design of a Ruger Rimfire event, that is possible by having each competitor shoot each stage several times.

Prize tables vary by event and consist of donated products from many industry manufacturers. Ruger offers Rimfire firearms for all sanctioned state, regional, and championship events. All firearms donated by Ruger are given by lottery to eligible individuals, so the new shooter has a great opportunity to win a firearm as well as the seasoned competitor.

At Ruger, we are working with interested clubs and match directors to arrange 25 Ruger Rimfire State matches in 2011. For more information on Ruger Rimfire events, go to: <http://www.ruger.com/micros/rugerRimfire>



# Getting Started in Ruger Rimfire Series Competition

By: Alicia Setting (12)

*For Kids  
By Kids*

Hi! I've been asked a lot of questions about what type of guns I like to shoot in competition. So I thought I'd pass along what works for me and why. Of course, the type of gun will depend upon the type of match tournament you are going to shoot. This time we will focus on entry-level competitions. This works out pretty well because I am just getting started in my career as a competitive shooter. I may have only been shooting for a couple of years, but I have already learned a great deal from my father who has been shooting on a professional level for more than 20 years. However, there is so much more to learn!

I began my shooting experience by attending Ruger Rimfire .22 matches. These are great starting place for both juniors and parents. In fact, in my opinion, there is no better way for families to enjoy the shooting sports together. I say this because the format is as simple as it gets, and a first-timer can jump right in and feel comfortable. When I shot my first Ruger match, I was really nervous. However, after shooting my first stage in competition, I knew this was for me. It was so easy! The Ruger series of matches is speed-shooting, and it's exciting, fun, and inexpensive, too.

The targets are steel plates of different shapes and sizes, and you shoot mostly from one position.

It's really just how fast you can hit the plates, and a hit anywhere on the plate counts. Because it is a timed shooting event, the faster you hit them, the better your time or score. This means you need to shoot accurately because missing adds a lot of time. My father always says to me, "You can't miss fast enough to win." That's his way of telling me to take the time I need to make every shot a hit. It's hard sometimes because I really like to pull the trigger, and shooting fast is a lot of fun. One of the great things about the Ruger Series matches is that even a little girl like me can shoot as well as a big, strong man. That's because the gun does all the work!



Ally hitting her targets at a Ruger Rimfire match with her Tactical Solutions Trailite.

## So what gun is best?

In the Ruger Series matches, you will shoot .22 pistols and .22 rifles. There are subcategories for bolt, lever and pump-action rifles or revolver-type pistols, but if you want to race, you will want to shoot in open class. This class uses semi-auto pistols and rifles with most people using red dot sights. I shoot open class because not only is it the easiest to shoot, it's the hardest to win. It's easy because red dot scopes are just like a video game. You just look at the target, put the red dot in the middle of it, and pull the trigger. Easy! It's hard to win because some shooters are so fast that it looks and sounds like they are shooting machine guns.

There are many pistols that can compete well in open class, but most people shoot Ruger Mark III's or Browning Buckmarks. There are many 1911s with .22 conversion units as well, but these are expensive guns so you don't see as many. The rifle events are dominated by the Ruger 10/22



Ally's Browning Buckmark/Tactical Solutions Trailites with C-MORE red dots and Lapua .22 rimfire ammunition are the tools for her success in Ruger Rimfire.



Ruger's .22/45 has the same grip as a 1911 so you get used to the feel of a 1911. The new RP model (Replaceable Panel) is shown above.



Left: Ally's first 1911 .22. It has a Colt frame, Advantage Arms .22 upper conversion unit, C-MORE 12 MOA red dot scope, prototype Allchin gun parts mount, Carbon Creations grip panels, (Ally loves the blue carbon fiber), Cylinder and Slide drop-in trigger group, Dawson Precision mainspring housing and mag well kit, STI safeties and small parts.

Bottom: Shooting USA Project gun and test bed. Caspian frame, STI .22 conversion unit, Techwell USA grips and magwell kit (magwell not on gun for photo), Cylinder and Slide Warp Speed II drop-in trigger group, Cylinder and Slide ambi-safeties, Caspian beavertail grip safety, mainspring housing and small parts. Right: Mica Setting's .22 (Ally's older sister) has a Springfield Armory frame, Marvel Precision Unit 1 .22 conversion, prototype Allchin gun parts scope mount, C-MORE 12 MOA red dot sight, Smith and Alexander mainspring housing and magwell, Ed Brown ambi-safeties and small parts, STI short trigger.



The full length of Ally's custom Ruger 10/22 built by her dad is shown above. It is custom fit for Ally's small size.

carbine. My father says that the 10/22 is one of the finest rifles ever created. Mine is a custom unit built up on a stock Ruger action. My dad cut down the stock, installed a Tactical Solutions aluminum barrel, and a C-MORE red dot sight. The small stock is really cool with a bright blue paint job! Having the stock fit really helped my scores, and the aluminum barrel makes the gun very light, so it's fast from target to target and I can hold it still longer. The C-MORE sight has a 12-MOA dot, which is big but easy to track from target to target. That also helped my scores a bunch. The Ruger rifle out of the box was hard for me to handle because I'm such a small kid - 50 lbs, and four-feet-nothing tall. Most kids can slap a C-MORE red dot on any Ruger rifle, and they are good to go! Remember to shoot target ammo like Lapua .22 LR Match whenever you can because this has less recoil and noise. Using a red dot scope will let you shoot faster, and Lapua is very, very accurate stuff.

When we talk pistols, there is a lot to consider. If you are small like me, you will want a light gun with a small grip. Another thing to consider is what other type of shooting you will be doing with the gun. I also shoot the Steel Challenge, World Speed Shooting Championships, where I draw a 1911 9mm from a holster. So having a .22 that has the same grip shape and angle to the bore is very important to me. That way, my body only has to learn the feel and presentation of one gun. Muscle memory is a big deal with my father. I didn't know my muscles could think, but sometimes at practice it feels like my arms have a mind of their own.

The good news is that Ruger makes a model called the 22/45 that has the same grip shape and angle of my 1911. The bad news is that it has a heavy barrel. The good news is that Tactical Solutions makes an aluminum barrel for the Ruger 22/45. The bad news is that I can't own it in California. So I shoot a Browning Buckmark. My Browning also has the same grip size and angle as my 1911, and because the serial number is on the frame and not the barrel (like the Ruger), I can put the T/S aluminum barrel on it. This setup, along with a 12-MOA C-MORE, is extremely light and way cool looking. Both the Ruger and Browning are inexpensive and great performers. Remember to purchase at least five magazines for both your pistol and rifle.

With all .22 caliber guns, the ammo you choose is very important. The Ruger 10/22 will run great with just about any standard velocity ammo. Because the targets are large, you



Ruger's SR-22 with its proven rotary magazine and AR-style appearance works great for .22 rimfire.



Ally loves her Tactical Solutions Trailite and C-MORE red dot.



Ally's custom Ruger 10/22 gives her accuracy while providing fast acquisition from target-to-target.

can shoot less expensive ammo in practice matches and save the Lapua for the big matches. I shoot CCI Blazer for practice and Lapua Signum in the matches. For the pistol, however, the right ammo is critical. The Browning Buckmark will not run reliably with standard velocity ammunition when shot from right out of the box (without some gunsmithing). It will run very well on CCI Blazer, but this is hot stuff, (.22 speaking), and the gun will lift a lot from recoil.

While there are a series of modifications you can make to the Browning to make it run on standard velocity ammo, there aren't many gunsmiths who know how to do the modifications. My dad does, but don't ask him to. He'd say, "Sure," and I'll never see him again because he'd be too busy fixing up everyone's Brownings!

I think I've touched on most of the important points of what to shoot in the Ruger series .22 matches. There are hundreds of fine points to cover, but that would take a book. Here is a recap.

The Ruger .22 series matches are the best way to get started in competition speed shooting because it's simple to understand, offers multi-level competition from beginner to pro, very inexpensive to gear up for, a great way to meet some really cool friends, and, most of all, a terrific way to spend a fun-filled day with the whole family!

On the equipment side of things, if you can afford a 1911 with a .22 conversion unit, these are great. But if you are small or just starting out, look at the Ruger 22/45 or Browning Buckmark. Remember that light guns are best, and red dot scopes will really help. The rifle needs to fit the shooter, and the Ruger 10/22 is unbeatable.

Most importantly, stop thinking about it and get out to the range and shoot the Ruger match.

You won't know how much fun you've been missing until you try it! Remember to always wear eye and ear protection, follow the safe gun-handling practices, and have FUN!

Check out events near you at [www.ruger.com/micros/rugerRimfire/index.html](http://www.ruger.com/micros/rugerRimfire/index.html).

Maybe I'll see you at the Ruger World Championships some day soon.



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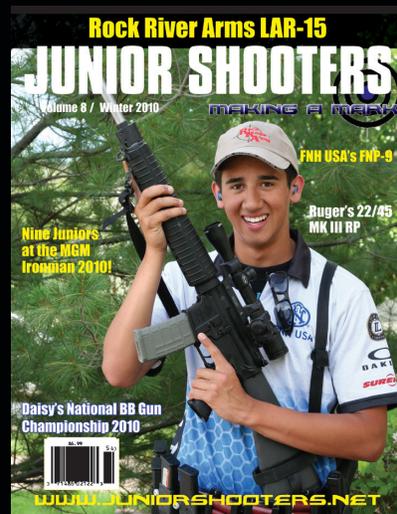
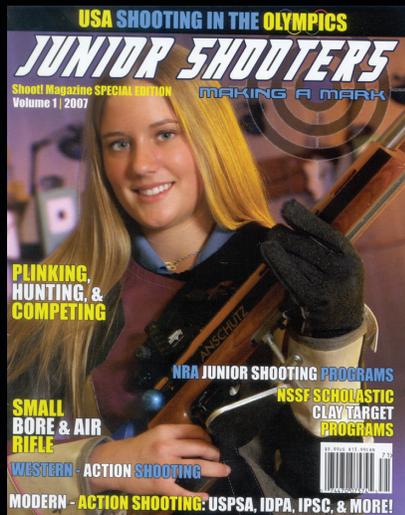
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# Rifles for Ruger Rimfire



Ruger 10/22 rifle with scope rail out of the box can be used for Limited class in Ruger Rimfire.

By: Andy Fink

It is amazing how many rifles can be used for .22 rimfire competitions. This is especially the case for Ruger Rimfire competitions. There are a number of divisions, including special recognition classes:

- Cowboy/Cowgirl (period lever or pump-action)
- Manually Operated (bolt, lever, slide or pump)
- Open (any .22 rifle with optics including lasers)
- Limited (iron sights - adjustable sights and fiber optics)

Please note that there must be at least five people in one of the special recognition classes for trophies to be awarded.

Any .22 rifle that has a magazine that holds 10 rounds and functions well will work in at least one division. This means all of those .22 LR rifles with tubular magazines and most with standard magazines can be used. Yep, you can drag out your favorite Remington, Marlin, or Winchester you have had sitting in the closet for the last 10 or 20 years. You remember the one that you hit the quarter with and you had so much fun with when you were a kid. Now your kids can enjoy shooting it in competitions as well.

We certainly can't cover all of the applicable .22 LR rifles but will cover those we have received for testing. These rifles have been used by juniors and *Junior Shooters* adult staff over the last few years in a variety of competitions; for training, plinking, and hunting.

Henry Firearms has always produced excellent lever-action rifles, many of them as youth models. These are excellent for the Cowboy/Cowgirl class. They are also a lot of fun and great for getting ready for cowboy action shooting.

Well, what about a bolt-action rifle or a pump-action rifle?



Top left: Colton's (8) Henry lever-action youth model is great in the Cowboy/Cowgirl class. Top right: CZ's Pink Scout held by Casey Lutz (12). Middle: Remington's semi-auto is a perfect example of taking that old .22 in your closet and using it in the Limited division. Bottom: Winchester's old pump-action Model 62 - works well for the Manually Operated class.



Above: Some of Ruger's special distributor model 10/22s.  
Below: Ally and her custom 10/22 Ruger .22.



Almost any of these will work fine in the Manually Operated class as long as the magazine holds 10 rounds. We recently received a Model 452 (bolt-action) standard and a Pink Scout rifle from CZ. These will work fine for this class as the action is very smooth and they are very accurate. So will the old Winchester 62 pump .22.

The most popular rifle used for .22 rimfire competition is the Ruger 10/22. Developed by Ruger in 1964, it has a 10-round rotary magazine which has a history of tried and true performance. It is simple, lightweight, easy to handle, and may be the rifle which has seen more customization and after-market parts built for it than any other, even more than the AR-15/M16. There are numerous companies that have thrived on providing custom components for the 10/22, especially stocks. There are even gunsmiths who make a living who specialize in customizing and accurizing the 10/22.

Ruger has developed a number of different variations of the 10/22. They used to be available as the carbine, target, compact, and sporter models. Then, along came the tactical model with a heavy barrel and bipod included, and the SR-22 which looks like an AR-type rifle but still has the rotary



Above: Ruger's 10/22 Tactical model with bipod.



Above: Hayden Hixson (15) shooting Ruger's 10/22 carbine with scope rail and Aimpoint's Micro Dot.



Above: Custom Ruger 10/22 from Sportsman's Warehouse.



Above: Wyatt Gibson (11) shooting his custom Ruger 10/22.



Above: Dallin Hixson (16) shooting Ruger's SR-22 which has the standard 10/22 rotary magazine. An after-market 50-round magazine from Brownells is shown.



Left: Casey Lutz (12) holding the Bantam Plinkster.

Mossberg's 702 Bantam Plinkster is a good option for a youngster in the Open division.

magazine and action of the proven 10/22. Along with these stock models from Ruger comes an extensive list of distributor exclusive models. Any of these are perfectly fine for .22 rimfire competitions right out of the box. We have used a number of 10/22s including the carbine, target, tactical, and SR-22, as well as custom 10/22s.

Mossberg has some excellent .22 rimfire rifles which apply to this sport. We received a Mossberg 702 Bantam Plinkster for testing in a 4X scope combo. It has a 10-round magazine and would work well for Open class, though using a regular scope is a lot slower than using a red dot or holographic optic. This Bantam model is sized for small youth and makes a great starter gun.

We have been working with .22 rifles and .22 conversions that are as similar as possible to those centerfire rifles used in modern 3-Gun competitions such as the AR-15. There are an increasing amount of both dedicated .22 rimfire military version rifles (not requiring caliber conversion) and .22 conversion units available for use for both competition and training. The vast majority of these are AR configurations, which is nice, especially if the magazine release and safety are identical to standard AR-15s.

One of the non-AR-type .22 rifles we have been using is the Sig Sauer 522. This is a dedicated (non-conversion) .22 LR that is almost an exact copy of the Sig Sauer 556 combat rifle in .223. This rifle even comes standard with a red dot scope! The magazine capacity is either a 10-round or 25-round magazine. With absolutely no malfunctions, we did see that the 10-round magazines occasionally stuck a little tighter in the magazine well while the 25-round magazines popped right out when released. There is also a variety of accessories available, and it also comes in a S.W.A.T. version. This is a sweet rifle and is excellent for competition and training.

One of the best dedicated AR-type .22 rifles to come out in the last couple of years is Smith & Wesson's M&P 15-22. The M&P 15-22 is built with high-strength polymer upper and lower receivers. This creates a reduced-weight rifle that retains the looks and operating features of the standard M&P rifle. Let me tell you, this rifle rocks! We have used it extensively with both iron sights and with scopes. It shoots, shoots, and keeps on shooting, even when it hasn't been cleaned after 1,000 rounds.

Another AR-type .22 rimfire rifle we received is almost an exact copy of the Colt AR-15. This rifle is licensed by Colt and imported through Umarex. It has almost all of the features of the original Colt. It functioned very well, and we used it mostly in the iron-sight mode. Very accurate. Once we sighted it, it was right on target. We were very pleased to have it as part of our rimfire AR selection.

There have been a number of AR upper conversions on the market now, and more seem to be popping up all of the time. The only one we have received for testing comes from Tactical Solutions. We actually used two: an older model that belonged to and was used by Danny Garcia (17) and a brand new version used by Terry Bowers, one of our staff members. These are superb conversions, though sometimes a little



Sig Sauer's 522 .22 LR is as exact a copy of their Sig 556 5.56mm/.223 Commando as you can get. It comes with a Sig Sauer red dot.



Smith & Wesson's M&P 15-22 is a reduced-weight rifle that just keeps on shooting round after round.



Umarex's Colt M4 carbine is licensed by Colt and has almost all of the features of the original M4. Accurate with iron sights once sighted in, it makes an excellent rifle for the Limited division of Ruger Rimfire and a great practice rifle for Modern 3-Gun.

particular about what ammunition you use. Also, make sure you don't put it in on top of a lower receiver which has a very light hammer/trigger configuration. It needs a nice hammer strike to ensure the primer in the .22 rimfire goes off.

Everyone who has an AR-15 rifle should have either a dedicated AR-15 .22 rimfire rifle, or a .22 rimfire upper (conversion).



Hayden Hixson (15) shooting Sig Sauer's SIG 552 with red dot optic.



Cody Leeper (16) shooting the S&W M&P 15-22 with iron sights.



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# Handguns for Ruger Rimfire

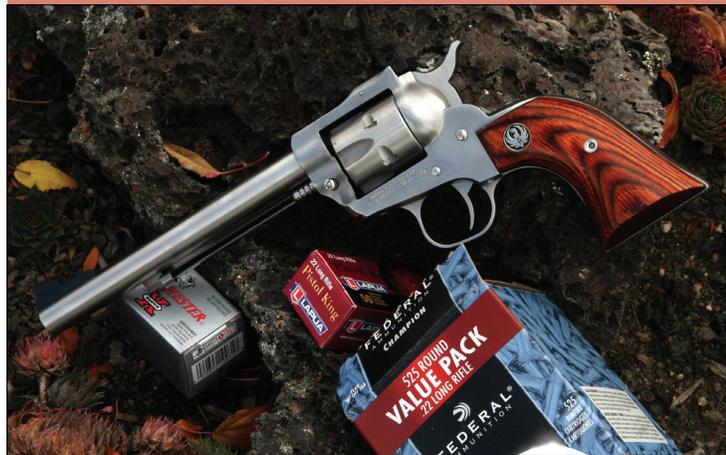
By: Andy Fink

There are so many handguns that apply for Ruger Rimfire events that it's almost impossible to cover them all. They don't have to be custom guns, and most work fine right out of the box. Though the majority of people seem to use a Ruger 22/45, Ruger Mark II/III, or one of the newer Mark IIIs that have been modified with a Tactical Solutions' conversion kit, there are also a number of Browning Buckmarks used as well. Just about any semi-auto pistol that holds a 10-round magazine is applicable. Some people also use .22 rimfire conversions of the same pistol they use in centerfire competitions. Oh, did I say semi-auto pistol? Well, let's not forget that there is a Cowboy/Cowgirl division for the Ruger Rimfire. The Ruger Single Six seems to dominate this category though a few other brands appear every now and then such as Cimarron's new .22 Plinkerton.

We can't cover them all, but we will touch on the different ones that we have used. These certainly include the Rugers, Buckmarks, and a variety of others, some of which I think you will find very interesting.



Above: Tactical Solutions PACLITE built on a Ruger MK III with an Aimpoint Mirco H-1 red dot produces a lightweight competition .22 handgun that is very accurate and easy to handle for even young juniors. With the compensator and red dot, it places the shooter in the Open Class, but the firearm has hardly any recoil.



Above: The venerable Ruger Single Six .22 LR is a tried-and-true, single-action sixgun that is fun to shoot and has a smaller frame than its big brother. Different configurations are available including an extra .22 Magnum cylinder.



Above: Ruger's MK IIIs work very well right out of the box!



Above: Laura Garcia loves her .22 LR Buckmark. At 12, (when this photo was taken - she is now 14) Laura has been shooting steel challenge and is very anxious to start shooting in Ruger Rimfire series of events.



Above: Cimarron's Plinkerton .22 LR is a small-frame replica of Colt's 1873 single-action. It is perfect for the young junior shooting in the Cowboy/Cowgirl Class.

Though adjustable sights are not a necessity, I prefer pistols that do have adjustable sights allowing me to adjust them for the specific ammunition I plan on using in a match. You do need to sight them in, test out the ammunition you are going to use, and make sure you have a minimum of five magazines prior to going to a match. Why five magazines? It is nice to be able to have at least one available for a reload, and it makes it easier going from stage-to-stage. You might also want to practice your pistol techniques shooting local steel challenge events where each stage is run five times. You don't want to have to reload rounds into your magazines in the middle of a stage.

The Ruger Mark III and the Ruger 22/45 RP are well-constructed, single-action, semi-automatic pistols with most models having adjustable sights. We received a Hunter model and a Target model Mark III, as well as a 22/45 RP, for testing. These guns have been used extensively for training young juniors and in competitions. They function well, need very little sight adjustment, and have excellent safety features. Each uses 10-round magazines. See the full articles: *The Ruger Mark III* Volume 3 Summer 2008, and *Ruger's 22/45 MK III RP* Volume 8 Winter 2010 of *Junior Shooters* magazine (also available as a free download at [www.juniorsshooters.net](http://www.juniorsshooters.net)).



Above: Ruger's .22/45 RP Target model has adjustable sights, the grips are identical to a 1911, and the "RP" stands for replaceable panels so the grip panels can be replaced.

The Browning Buckmark comes in a variety of configurations. We received a black, laminated UDX and a rosewood UDX, both good looking guns with adjustable sights. These shoot very well, are accurate, and operational at the get-go. They are of blowback, single-action operation and use 10-round magazines.

The Tactical Solutions conversion kits for the Ruger Mark III (PACLITE) and Browning Buckmark (TRAILITE) are definitely worth it. They provide custom components for these pistol models which make them lighter and super accurate. Many young juniors, as well as adults, have had excellent results when shooting the Tactical Solutions .22. With its lighter weight, picatinny rails for red dot sight installation, and cool



Above: Smith & Wesson's Model 22A cameo version is an excellent .22 LR handgun. Nice for hunting, plinking, shooting in the Limited Class in Ruger Rimfire. It also looks cool. It does have a slightly wider grip than the Buckmark or Ruger .22/45 so it usually fits better in an older youth's hand.

looks, the PACLITE and TRAILITE are eye-stoppers as well as tack drivers.

Smith & Wesson also manufactures a number of .22 rimfire handguns which we found both accurate and easy to shoot. Most of these include a variation of the Model 22. The Model 22A cameo version is pictured in this article. Oh, don't forget: If you want to shoot a revolver, they have the Model 617 .22 LR which holds 10-rounds. We shot this one out at the Shooting Industry Masters and were very impressed.



Above: Corey Shaw (17) shooting the Smith & Wesson Model 617 .22 LR at the 2010 Shooting Industry Masters.

Sig Sauer carries two excellent .22 Rimfire handguns: the Mosquito and the P226 .22 LR. The Mosquito is an excellent .22 and is built on a tough polymer frame, has a DA/SA operation, and features an accessory rail, a rugged blowback system, a fixed barrel, adjustable sights, a 10-round magazine, and multiple safeties. It is an excellent handgun for plinking and target shooting. Check out the full article in Volume 5 Summer 2009, page 58, of *Junior Shooters* magazine.

The Sig Sauer P226 handgun system is close to amazing. It was originally designed for the U.S. Army and is carried by Navy Seals and other elite law enforcement professionals. It also has a DA/SA operation, an accessory rail, and a four-point safety system: a decocking lever, a patented automatic firing pin safety, a safety intercept notch, and a trigger bar



Above: Sig Sauer's Mosquito is a great little .22 semi-auto. It is accurate right out of the box, fairly lightweight, and is shown here inside a custom Ted Blocker's holster.



Above: Sig Sauer's P226 .22LR barrel and slide give you the opportunity to shoot essentially the same gun in both .22 rimfire competitions and then switch over to a 9mm or .40 S&W configuration for centerfire competitions.

disconnecter. Most of all, it allows you to have multiple calibers with one pistol! Just replace the barrel, and slide, and you can have about any caliber you want. We received one in 9mm with the conversion system to change it to both .22 LR and .40 S&W. Each one shot exceptionally well. One of our juniors who shot in the MGM Ironman 2010 3-Gun event used the .22 for practice and the 9mm for the match and did very well with it.



Above: Hayden Hixson testing out Tactical Solutions new .22 LR GLOCK conversion. He said he couldn't even tell any difference except for the recoil.

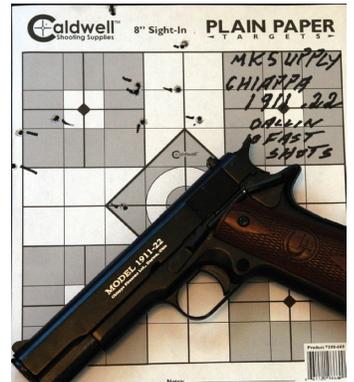
Tactical Solutions has just come out with the TSG-22 17/22 conversions for GLOCK Safe Action Pistols. These are designed as excellent training and competition units and are manufactured of 4140 steel giving the shooter a traditional weight and feel. These conversions will also function on both 3rd Generation and 4th Generation GLOCK 17s.

Rimfire versions of the 1911 are probably the most developing .22 LR semi-autos for using in Ruger Rimfire. There have been a few .22 rimfire conversions to the Colt Model 1911 .45 ACP out for some time, but there seem to be more cropping up over the last few years, as well as dedicated 1911 .22 LR pistols that are not conversions. We will cover some of the conversions we have received and tested first.

Terry Bowers has been using a Kimber .22 conversion for some time which has worked very well for us. We have had four different juniors use it. Though he had some difficulties when he first received it, after being cleaned and reassembled, it worked great. It functions well with just about any ammo, is accurate, and continues to give you the operation and feel of Kimber's outstanding 1911 pistols.

Mike Setting and his daughter, Ally, have a number of custom 1911s with conversion units on them which they enjoy shooting. These include conversions from Marvel, STI, and Advantage Arms. They reside on Caspian, Colt, and Springfield 1911 frames.

The only dedicated 1911 .22 LR we have received so far for testing is the Chiappa. The price for these is an amazing \$299 MRSP! The slide was very easy to operate, and function was excellent. The first one we received was extremely accurate, though shooting about 6" low. It does not have a grip safety, and the trigger pull was really hard at about 12 pounds. It was fun to shoot, but there was a tendency to jerk due to the hard trigger pull. This has since been fixed and the new one, a Target Model with adjustable sights, has a trigger of seven pounds and 6 ounces. Still heavier than I would like, it does compare to a standard stock 1911. These guns are a great buy for the money.



We have also seen a number of new dedicated 1911 .22s come out just this past year and hope to have our hands on them soon. They will make great additions to the lineup of 1911 .22s for shooting Ruger Rimfire.



Above: Tactical Solutions TSG22 conversion for the GLOCK 17 and 22 is just about the perfect .22 to shoot the Ruger Rimfire with - quick to change calibers and easy to use.



Above: Issac Furtney (8) shows off his expertise with Kimber's .22 LR conversion. Check out the center target!



Above: Chiappa's dedicated 1911 .22 LR from MKS Supply functions very well, has a trigger pull of 7 pounds 6 ounces, and is very accurate, capable of achieving 1" groups at 15 yards. Shown here with Kimber's Tactical Pro 9mm in the back ground.

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# Competing in the Ruger Rimfire

For Kids  
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## "Shoot Fast or Go Home!"

By: Alicia Setting (12)

Hello again, everyone! Ally here to give you the scoop on the Ruger Rimfire World Championship match.

"Shoot fast or go home" was a common saying at this year's championship. John Allchin of Allchin Gun Parts, who was both a competitor and a sponsor of this year's match, has "Shoot fast or go home" as his company motto, and quite a few attendees felt this accurately described the match. There were 14 stages of fire with over 400 scored rounds to shoot. Take 116 competitors and only one day to shoot, add in a little rain and a very cold wind and mild temperature, and you get a lot of reasons to shoot fast.

The Ruger Rimfire series of matches has been a topic of mine before, but for you first-time readers, Ruger sponsors a series of competitions that are designed to introduce new shooters to action-shooting sports. There were ten regional matches across the United States in 2010 with the eleventh being the World Championship. The idea behind these matches is to provide a safe, organized environment where people can get involved in the shooting sports with .22 caliber pistols and rifles. The format is simple, the cost is low, the guns and ammunition are readily available, and the matches are a whole lot of fun.

This really is the best and most economical way to get started in the shooting sports. It can't be bad for Ruger gun sales either. When you consider that just about every gun maker in the world has .22 pistols and rifles in their product lines, you would think that more manufacturers would see the wisdom in what Ruger is doing. As for me, I'm just glad to see that someone cares enough about protecting our rights and passing down the heritage of sport shooting to put their money and efforts behind the cause. Remember who gives back when it comes time for you to purchase your .22.

Given the fact that the matches are designed to be simple and not intimidating, Nelson Diamond, match director and course designer, wanted the World Championship to be a real test of skill. Well, I'm here to tell you that this match was no piece of cake. Some stages had as many as 50 scored shots, and other stages required the shooter to run from position to position while reloading on the move and on the clock! Two or three of the stages of fire were just like you might see at a USPSA action pistol or 3-Gun competition. If this was to make it harder for the top shooters, I do not think it worked. It seemed all the pro shooters like BJ Norris, Mark Itzstein, John Bagakis, Mike Setting, John Allchin, and the rest had no trouble on these run-and-gun-type stages. In fact, because of the difficulty level, two of these stages were removed from the match before the match was half over. That was all right by me because the rest of the match was tough enough. The stages that remained were not too difficult to shoot. In fact, they were mostly wide open, close shots. What made it very challenging was that everyone was going to do well on them. To win, you had to really push the limits of your abilities and shoot faster than the others, all 116 of them.

All said and done, Nelson and his band of helpers at the San Luis Obispo Sportsman Association put on a terrific match at the Houge Shooting Park on the beautiful central California coast. One of the really cool things at this match was that juniors paid nothing to enter the competition. There was a separate prize table for the juniors which held none of the 50 guns donated by Ruger. However, if a junior shooter wished,



This stage is typical of ones you will see at Ruger Rimfire matches.



My 1911 semi-auto with a Marvel Precision .22 Conversion ran flawlessly all match. Thanks, Dad!

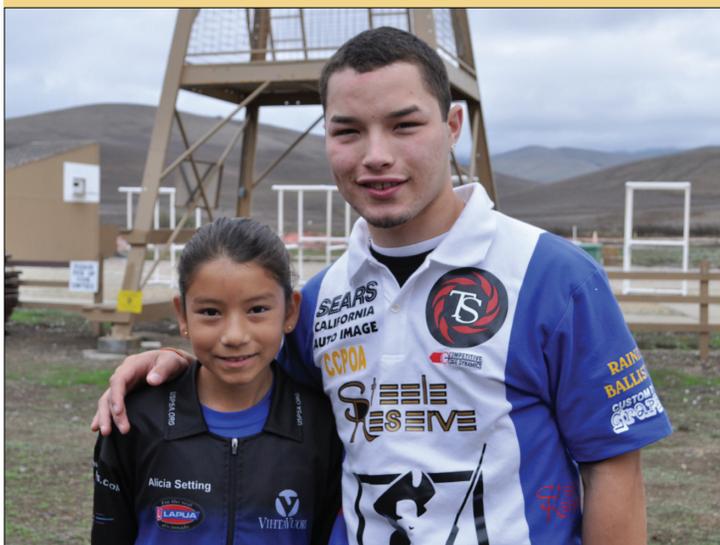
they could pay the regular match fees, and then, according to their place of finish, walk the prize table with the guns. All the guns were awarded by means of gift certificates that are to be redeemed through the winner's local gun shop with proper registration and according to all California laws. So I guess some moms or dads are now the proud owners of a new gun that was won by their youngster!

There were more juniors at this match than at many of the others I shot this year. We had a really good time all during the day of the match and even more fun the next day when we junior shooters finally had a chance to sit together and catch up on all the neat things that we have done since the

# Fire World Championship 2010



My father was the range officer while Joseph Fisher burned down the rifle speed stage. Note the super cool T-Rex rifle stock. Joseph was hoping to win a C-MORE red dot for his rifle. He won a Ruger 22/45 pistol instead but since picked up his red dot.



Chris Saylor is also a member of The Junior Marksmanship Academy, but he forgot to wear his team shirt. Just imagine my shirt but bigger.



Joseph Fisher has only been shooting for two months, but the way he performed anyone would think it has been two years.

last time we were together.

Note to all you future match directors: We juniors like to shoot a lot sure, but I would like at least a couple of hours during the day to talk to friends more, eat lunch together, check out the vendor tables, and stuff like that. I do not want to sound ungrateful, but 14 stages and 400 shots is asking a lot from a 12-year-old kid. My father told me that putting on a match is just like learning to shoot; without mistakes, we

cannot learn to improve. So I guess it's fair to say that the Ruger Rimfire series will be even more fun in the years to come. I loved the match and would do it all over again, even with the hectic pace and cold weather. All the kids at this year's match wore smiles all day long, not just for the photo you see here.

Chris Saylor, one of my teammates, won the junior division and placed 12th overall. My friend Janae Sarabia won 1st



place ladies division and 21st overall, and Donald Donikowski, another Junior Marksmanship Academy teammate, finished in 3rd place. The overall match winner was John Bagakis of team Smith and Wesson.

The Ruger Rimfire series is really getting popular across the nation. Next year there will be many more State Championship matches, an East and West Coast Championship, and the World Championships. Rumor has it that the Worlds will be held in New Mexico in 2011. The media coverage is getting to be huge for this series. I even got in on the act by learning a little about how the TV camera works from Michael Banes, "Shooting Gallery" film crew. Watch for the interviews that all the Junior Marksmanship Academy members shot with the Shooting Gallery group. They should air on the Outdoor Channel a month or two after you read this.

All the juniors remembered to say thanks to Ruger by signing a banner to send back to Ruger. Remember to always say thank you to our many sponsors. Without them, shooting competitions would be much less exciting and there would be fewer of them. As mentioned, Ruger put 50 guns on the prize table. That meant that almost one out of two competitors won a gun! However, Ruger was not the only sponsor. In fact, there were too many to mention here, but check out the [www.ruger.com](http://www.ruger.com) website for a whole listing. Worthy of special mention is Lapua Ammunition who donated over \$500 worth of .22 ammunition that was for the juniors only. So a big thank you to Jeannie Bold of Lapua.

During the match, I interviewed all of the top junior shooters. I asked them all how old they were when they started shooting. Ten and 11 years old were the two answers most often given. When I asked the pros the same question, the youngest response was from BJ Norris. I won't tell you how young he was, but if you look at the picture of the junior shooters who attended the match, he is the short guy in the middle with the Tactical Solutions hat and team Smith and Wesson shirt. I thought it was interesting that Smith and Wesson sent two pro shooters and three junior team shooters but was not listed as a sponsor.

On the equipment side of things, the Ruger 10/22 rifle was by far the most common. My unofficial count tallied only 6 out of 117 competitors that did not use the 10/22. Pistols were different however, with equal numbers of Ruger Mark III and Browning Buckmarks. Almost all of the pros used 1911 semi-autos with .22 conversion units on top. There were a couple of Smith and Wesson model 41s mixed in. I shot a 1911 with a Marvel Precision top end as did my father and two other Junior Academy members.

I am happy to report zero malfunctions with any of our Marvel-equipped pistols. I wish my rifle, (Ruger 10/22) was running as well. In fairness, the rifle ran perfectly, but I had a brand new magazine jam up badly, and that cost me a great deal of match scored time. There is a lesson for all you juniors. Never take unproven equipment into a major match.

To sum it all up, this year's Ruger Rimfire series has been a wonderful success story for Ruger and all us junior shooters. Ruger and the many wonderful match directors and volunteer workers and safety officers have learned a great deal this year. I am sure next year will be even bigger and better than ever. I can hardly wait. I hope you will try a Ruger match in your area this year. To find out more about the Ruger Rimfire series and the trick equipment I use, check out the websites listed here.

Just shooting them as I see them! Bye for now,   
Ally Cat



Top left: This Ruger banner signed by many of the competitors went back to Ruger with all of our thanks. Above: Juniors who competed at the Ruger Rimfire World Championship 2010. Photo taken with BJ Norris, World Steel Master Champion. Front row: William Fisher, and Alicia Setting. Middle row: Todin Shea, Jena Sarabia, Molly Smith, Mason Wrest, and Joesph Fisher. Back row: Chris Saylor, Mason Ballard, BJ Norris, Michael Housemen, and Donald Donikowski.



Above: L to R: Match Director Nelson Diamond, Ken Jorgensen and Sara Williams of Ruger, Ally Setting, Jim and Annette Chapman, and Bob Snyder - all worked countless hours to put on a great match. Below: My father shot his way into the one second club by hitting all five shots on steel under one second - 0.86 seconds!



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