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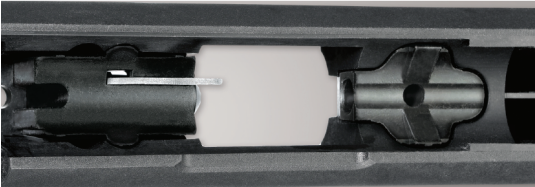
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Summer is here, and those of you who are seniors this fall are thinking about college. Even juniors should start thinking about college. Did you know that shooting sport scholarships are available from a variety of colleges and organizations for you to participate in?

There are nearly 300 colleges and universities that offer shooting programs in the United States. Many of them have shooting scholarships. For example, 31 schools sponsored varsity rifle teams during 2017-2018. Even more had shotgun shooting discipline programs.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) has a wealth of information on this. Check out:

<https://competitions.nra.org/competitions/nra-national-matches/collegiate-championships/>

and look at the NRA for their Collegiate Shooting Sports Directory:

<https://competitions.nra.org/competitions/nra-national-matches/collegiate-championships/collegiate-shooting-sports-directory/>

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which allows you to filter by discipline and by state. If the college you want to go to isn't listed, then call the school and ask them if they have a shooting sport program. Another NRA resource link is:

<https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2017/7/31/how-to-get-a-shooting-scholarship/>

which provides information on "How to Get a Shooting Scholarship."

I mentioned scholarships in the paragraph above. Quite a few colleges have shooting scholarships, but they aren't the only ones. Many shooting organizations and clubs have shooting scholarships, including the NRA, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP), Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship,

the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), Cowboy Fast Draw Association (CFDA), the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), the American Legion, and many more.

Don't give up on a sport you love just because you are going to college. Participate while in college and try for a scholarship!

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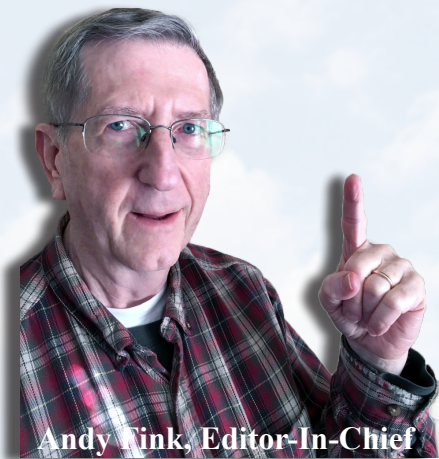
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NRA Youth Education Summit

By Alexander Mrosko

The National Rifle Association Youth Education Summit (Y.E.S.) brings like-minded high school juniors and seniors together for a week-long Second Amendment experience in Washington, D.C. In D.C., students participate in activities ranging from tours of monuments, debates, and even shooting on the NRA's range. All of these activities allow teenagers, like me, to be able to make friends and connections with people who share the same passion for the Second Amendment as I do. Before arriving, I did not know many people who were interested in the shooting sports like myself. Although hunting, USPSA, and High-Power Rifle are widespread in Ohio, not many high schoolers like me are involved in these activities. Going on the trip gave me the opportunity to make friends with people my own age that share these same interests with me.

In order to be able to attend, one must complete an application and send it to the NRA headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. Although it sounds simple, the NRA Y.E.S. program is very selective. There are two sessions available to attend with approximately two students per state selected to go for each session. This amazing opportunity is made possible by the money raised by the NRA Foundation, especially during Friends of the NRA banquets across the country. Money raised at these banquets goes to support Y.E.S, but also many other great NRA programs as well. With many

applicants in the running each year, it is no easy task to be selected, but given the opportunity, it is truly an experience like no other.

The lengthy application initially can seem intimidating because of recommendation letters and transcripts that are required from the applicant's school. At first, I was nervous about asking my teachers to write recommendation letters for me, but once I asked and explained, each one was thrilled about the opportunity. After getting my recommendation letters and putting the finishing touches on the rest of the application, I mailed it to the NRA headquarters in Virginia. During the following weeks, I was on the edge of my seat waiting to hear back. When I finally got the letter in the mail that said I was accepted, I was overjoyed. The next few months were almost as difficult as waiting to be accepted because of how happy I was to be able to go.

In the final few weeks leading up to the trip, I was assigned my debate group. The members of my group were from all different states including Utah, Georgia, and Arkansas. During the middle of Y.E.S., teams of four students debate each other on various topics such as social and political issues. In my debate group, we were assigned topics to research and prepare our argument; we did this via many different Skype calls and emails. This was also a great opportunity to meet some of the people that were going to be on the trip.



Washington, D.C. at the Capitol with the 2018 NRA Youth Education Summit participants.





Washington, D. C. , the 2018 NRA Youth Education Summit participants at the Lincoln memorial.

When the day finally came, these were some of the first people I talked to. After finally meeting them in person and many of the other people on the trip, we got to visit a variety of places throughout the city. One of my personal favorites was the United States Capitol building. Not only did we get a tour of the rotunda, but we were allowed into the House Chamber. I was especially excited to be able to tour the House Chamber because of the exclusive nature of that area of the Capitol. Since that is where the State of the Union Address is held and other exclusive events, that area of the Capitol building is not usually open for tours to the public.

Another interesting place that we got to visit was the Marine Barracks in downtown Washington D.C. At the barracks, we got to watch the extremely talented Marine band and parade. In the “8th and I” parade, we got to see all of the amazing drumming and rifle marching. Another amazing part of the trip was visiting the NRA headquarters. At the headquarters, we were allowed to tour the NRA’s National Firearms Museum as well as shoot on the NRA’s range.

Overall, my favorite part was making friends. Many of the people that I met on this trip I still keep in contact with to this day. I believe that making friends on the trip is the

most important part because having this shared experience and shared interests created friendships that may last a lifetime. It is because of the friends that I have met on the NRA Y.E.S. trip that I have gained the confidence to speak at Friends of the NRA banquets and have become more active in getting people my age involved in the shooting sports. Meeting and connecting with people from all around the country is priceless. The NRA Youth Education Summit is an amazing program that has shaped me into being a more confident and passionate individual about the Second Amendment. ©



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ME & THE GUARDIAN LONG RANGE TEAM

“Aim small miss small”, my dad always says and that’s how I’ve been shooting since I got my first rifle. My first long range shoot was a Guardian match in May 2018, where I met the Guardian team. Gary Larson (Guardian’s philanthropic founder) let me use his rifle for the duration of the match. Not only did he let me use his rifle, but he also helped me through each stage in getting the dope right, finding the targets and getting set in a comfortable position to shoot from. He also kept the mood light with lots and lots of laughter through his jokes and stories. After the match, Justin St. John contacted me and offered to sponsor me with a custom long range precision rifle. That’s when lots of my sponsors and great friends stepped up, Guardian Long Range, Spinner Fit and Chamber, McMillan Stocks, Target Hit Indicator Systems, Reasor Products, Armory Valentine, and Vortex Scopes. The Guardian team made it possible for me to have the privilege of getting sponsored by all these great people. The gun is built in a 6.5 Creedmoor with a Bartlein barrel, Remington 700 action, Timney trigger, McMillan Mc3 stock, and topped with a Vortex Viper PST scope. A sweet precision system and I aim to do it and my sponsors’ justice. Not only will I strive to shoot true but pass along Gary’s passion and faith-based mission of helping those less fortunate.

Even before I was born my parents felt called to a mission of supporting needy children through fostering. So growing up with all the extra kids in our family combined with the influence of my dad’s love for precision shooting makes Guardian a great fit for me. As I get older I intend to continue to shoot Guardian matches. I hope to be able to contribute to my community and the world by helping kids in need like Guardian does.

In September 2018, I participated in a match in Martin South Dakota. I won a 6mm Creedmore during the junior raffle. I, in turn, gave it to another junior shooter who didn’t have a rifle of her own. This is the Guardian way. Guardian has been a great influence on my life and I want to continue to help others as well.

I shoot the Guardian matches because I enjoy them. Guardian is about helping and encouraging one another to improve our skills. The shooters at Guardian matches are happy to share their knowledge and skills with beginners and are patient and generous with their time and talents, especially with kids. ©

By Brendan Nelson (13)



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9MM M1 CARBINE

By Andy Fink and Kaden Barney (16)

We tested the Chiappa M1-22 Carbine in .22LR last year and reviewed it in the Fall 2018 issue of Junior Shooters. This time we were very pleased to be able to test out the Chiappa M1-9 carbine in 9mm and I was impressed by both the function and accuracy.

I have always had a nostalgic feeling for the M1 Carbine (United States Carbine, Caliber .30, M1). A standard firearm for the U.S. Military during World War II, the Korean War, and well into the Vietnam War, its appeal to the civilian market for

collectors is huge. The M1 Carbine is a semi-automatic firearm while the M2/M3 are selective fire. However, it is the M1 Carbine that is readily available and a lot of fun to shoot.

The carbine uses Berretta Model 92 9mm pistol standard magazines. Two 10-round magazines come with each M1-9. The firearm uses a straight blowback design, unlike the original gas operated (short-stroke piston) with a rotating locking bolt designed M1 .30 carbine from World War II. It is a semi-automatic and has dovetail machined front sights and a fully adjustable peep rear sight also like the original. This gun is a lot of fun to shoot and we got through function testing successfully firing every round of Armscor 124-grain

JHP and Black Hills Ammunition 115-grain FMJ. Accuracy was amazing at 100 yards. Kaden was able to hit the small rifle popper consistently and got a 3-shot group of 1-1/4" at 100 yards. There are only two areas I can think to improve on. The standard pushbutton bolt stop was not included on this gun and the trigger pull is stiff, though it will probably lighten over time, and a lighter spring may help.

At an MSRP of \$636 or \$559, depending upon what model you get, this is a great buy and I recommend you get one. It is fun!

Kaden: The M1 carbine has very little recoil and the sights were easy to use. The stock has a good fit on me but the trigger pull on the M1 carbine was a little stiff. I really enjoyed shooting it and would like to have one. I would probably put a red dot on it and see if the trigger pull could be adjusted. ©



Both Armscor 124-grain JHP and Black Hills Ammunition 9mm FMJ 115-grain cartridges were used for testing. The Black Hills got the tightest group with 3 shots in 1-1/4" group at 100 yards. This is really good shooting considering the first time out with military style iron sights at 100 yards and is indicative of the quality of the firearm and the shooter.



Kaden shooting the Chiappa M1 Carbine 9mm at 100 Yards. Caleb is in the background testing the Chiappa 1892 .357 Magnum.

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By Gary Weisbaum: SCTP Director of Marketing

One of the great things about being the “marketing person” in an organization like the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation is that you get to meet some of the most amazing young people from all walks of life.

At this year's Shot Show, I was introduced to one such “young person”, Kyleigh Kozel from Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. From the second we met; it was easy to see this was a very special young person.

Kyleigh currently competes on the Hunting Hills Hawkeyes, a Greene County, PA Scholastic Clay Target Program team. Kyleigh began shooting in the Pennsylvania SCTP at age 10, seven years ago following her brother Tristan who had competed in SCTP for 5 years.

Kyleigh indicated her most challenging obstacle starting out was finding a shotgun that she could hold and mount for 100 rounds. Learning and practicing stance fundamentals from her SCTP coaches proved key to handling that early shotgun along with being taught the correct set up (hold point-break point) and swing characteristics. Kyleigh smiled when she added “I wanted to beat my brother's scores and come home with trophies too, I just had to learn how to do it.”

Kyleigh joined the Hunting Hills Hawkeyes SCTP Team at its home course of Hunting Hills owned by Roy and Sally Sisler in Dilliner PA, “Mr. Sisler has

Kyleigh on the sporting clays course at the 2018 SCTP Championship.



always been extra supportive of having girls on the team, he believes in challenging us to be better competitors!” she said. Roy Sisler added, “Kyleigh is so much more than an outstanding youth shooter. She has the highest respect for firearms and for other people, she is always the first one to offer to help new younger shooters and is always positive”.

During Kyleigh's time in SCTP, with the help, guidance, and support of her dad Kevin has sought out different instructors who have helped shape and contributed to her shooting development. “I've found that some instructors have a great way of helping me understand how to read and shoot certain birds.” Her longtime and current instructor is NSCA Level III Michael Mohr, who developed the Shooting Academy at Nemaquin Woodlands and then went on to design and manage as

the Director of the Seven Springs Sporting Clays complex. “Mike knows in just a few minutes what I need to work on after we discuss my last shooting competition, he pushes me to work at building my shot presentation inventory in my mind so that everything becomes automatic muscle memory,” stated Kyleigh. “He's also helped me realize how important it is to work on my Pre-shot routine and mental game which is what really wins tournaments.” In a separate interview, Mike Mohr added, “Kyleigh and I usually work on one issue or target problem per lesson. She already performs well so we take the good and make it consistent.”

Kyleigh added “Seven Springs has contributed so much to help me train and compete. Mike really believes in giving his time and effort to SCTP shooters which is the future of the sport.



*Kyleigh shooting at
the team fundraiser
at Hunting Hills
Dilliner, PA*

SCTP Youth Competitor: **KYLEIGH KOZEL**

Kyleigh has put the skills she's worked diligently on to great use by winning 1st place female honors in her PA SCTP Sporting Clays divisions for the last four years straight with numerous 1st through 3rd squad team wins. Kyleigh also took 1st place female at the PA SCTP Skeet Championship in her division last year.

Three years ago, Dale Pancake and Justin Dodd, the Founding Partners of Italian Firearms Group took notice of Kyleigh's shooting journey and accomplishments and wanted to help accelerate her shooting progress. They offered to sponsor her with a F.A.I.R. 12 gauge over/under Racing Prestige model that would be able to withstand shooting in excess of 100,000 shotgun rounds. "The gun felt so dynamic in my hands when I shot, I didn't know how natural an Italian made shotgun would feel when I went after the birds." "I am so thankful to Dale and Justin for everything they have enabled me to do. I traveled to Italy this past February to visit the manufacturing facility of F.A.I.R. which is the Isidoro Rizzini shotgun company, and after seeing and understanding the process of the shotguns being made and tested, I am so proud to be shooting the best shotgun from Italy in my opinion."

When she's not practicing or shooting competition birds, Kyleigh loves other outdoor sports. Fly fishing, ocean kayaking, skiing, hunting and travel top her list of "can't wait to do again." But that's only a part of what makes Kyleigh such an outstanding young woman. She is serious about music, sports, IT, and is a good student. No matter what she is doing, Kyleigh loves competition and always wants to be the best.

Kyleigh is a member of the Carmichaels High School band, where she plays the alto



Caption: Luca Rizzini (F.A.I.R. CEO) made Kyleigh the Youth F.A.I.R. Ambassador in the US.

saxophone, she's also played softball and basketball for the school. She's a member of National Honor Society and enjoys history, writing and political science debates. Kyleigh's plans are to attend college to pursue Business and Communication degrees.

Kyleigh sums up her competitive energy this way, "I started out wanting to beat my brother, then all of the boys in my grade. I've since come to want to only beat two people- myself and the Target Setter."

Kyleigh will compete again in 2019 for the Hunting Hills Hawkeyes at local, state and regional events as well as the SCTP Nationals in Ohio in July. ©



Kyleigh getting a lesson with her coach Mike Mohr.



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SCTP SHOOT TIME!

By Tom Wondrash SCTP National Director

What a great time of year, new teams & athletes joining SCTP along with veteran shooters and teams returning for another season!

Its break clay target season again!!!!

This time of year sees many athletes and teams from across the country, 48 states to be exact, preparing for the clay target competition season. Athletes and coaches prepare for the competition season by training and practicing week after week. That training also consists of attending local and regional clay target shooting tournaments, something the SCTP has been taking a very big interest in and offering more face to face competitions for the ever-growing youth sport!

This year, the SCTP has been part of 9 Regional tournaments and throwing approximately 400,000+ targets for youth ready to explode them with a round of 7 ½'s or 8's! As you can see by these pictures taken at the Iowa Regional Shoot held in Ackley, Iowa at the Stockdale Gun Club as well as at Crockett Ridge, these athletes had fun! The National Championships will throw a little over 1.5 million clay targets alone.....yes, that's one point five MILLION clay targets in one single week!!

Industry sponsors including firearm manufacturers, ammunition manufacturers and a host of other Industry related folks including Winchester Ammunition, Scheels Sporting Goods and Gander Outdoors (the SCTP's highest level supporters) will all descend on the Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio July 13-20. There, athletes will compete in a National Championship that will feature teams from over 22 states and over 225 teams and will compete in Trap, Sporting Clays and Skeet to see who is the best team in the Nation!

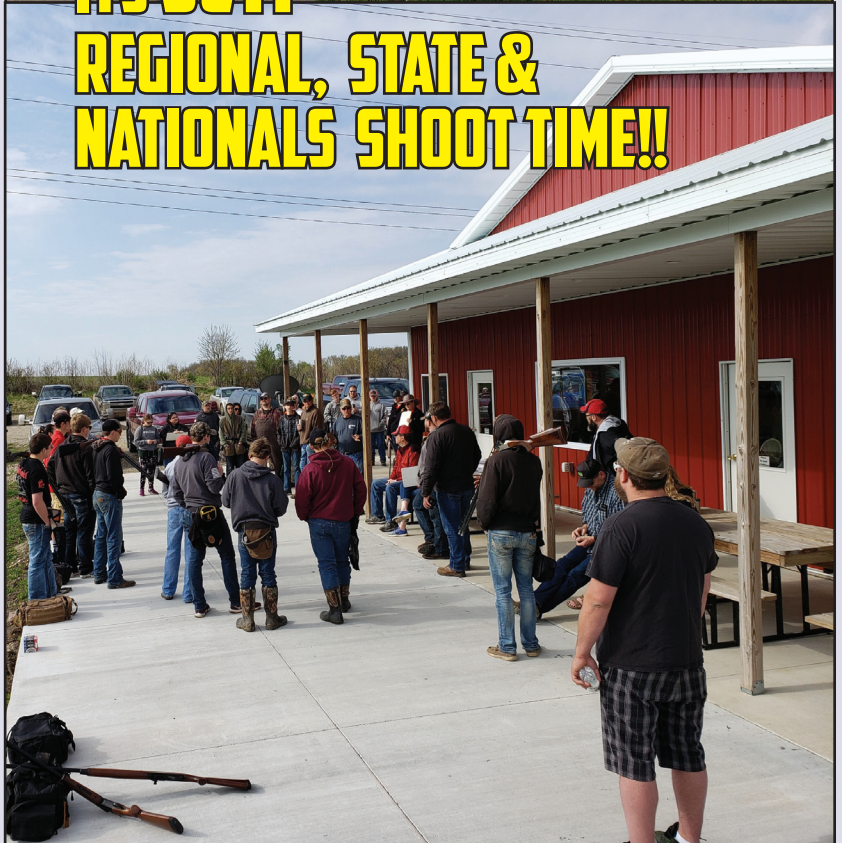
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WHY JOIN?

By Tom Wondrash
SCTP National Director

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- COMPLETE Background checks! The SCTP does a comprehensive background check on every coach!
- Coach Training....most of the SCTP coaches are certified Level I NRA/USAS/CMP Shotgun Coaches
- Shooting year that runs from September 1st through August 31st.
- Athletes from 4th & 5th grade through college can participate in our program.
- State, Regional and National Championships in both American and International disciplines.
- Competitions in Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, International Skeet, Bunker Trap and Olympic Doubles.
- The SCTP is the “official” youth shooting program to Team USA and USA Shooting.
- Junior Olympic Development Camps (JODC’s).... Athletes stay right at the Olympic Training Center!
- Team savings accounts through the Midway USA Foundation....and Endowment funds that we deposit.
- Raffle, new team start-up packages, Banquet packages available through us helping teams raise funds!
- Industry sponsored “special” gun prices for SCTP teams and athletes.
- Industry sponsored “special” ammo prices for SCTP teams and athletes.
- A registration and scoring system for all of our teams and coaches to use and track athletes.
- The SCTP gives out over \$89,000 a year in college scholarships

The SCTP is a National Youth Clay Target Shooting Program focused on “Team”! There is no room for the win at all cost attitude. Much like football, baseball, basketball and track, we help build school/club teams and conferences across the country and have been doing this since 2001 when it started under the National Shooting Sports Foundation!

The SSSF or Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation now implements this program.

to SCTP athletes graduating from high school. Since 2013, the SCTP has given out over \$350,000

- Prizes! Last year alone the SCTP gave out over 30 guns at our national championships!
- 2 year college division for college programs along with virtual shooting opportunities! New in 2017

• And much, much more.....

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Currently, the SCTP has over 18,500 athletes/coaches across the country participating in our program encompassing 45 states. Our teams are led by certified coaches and we carry a 5-million-dollar Liability policy on ALL of our members!

2019 SASP COLLEGE NATIONALS

By Kelvin Walton



Glock's Ed Fitzgerald runs the University of Arizona athletes through a stage.



Liberty University, in its first match, took 2nd place in rimfire pistol.



University of Arizona's Kyle Patterson with PCC.



Hillsdale University athletes prepare for a rifle event.

The 2019 SASP College Nationals were held March 8-10 at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park. The event was the largest college nationals to date with over 300 entries compared to 198 in 2018.

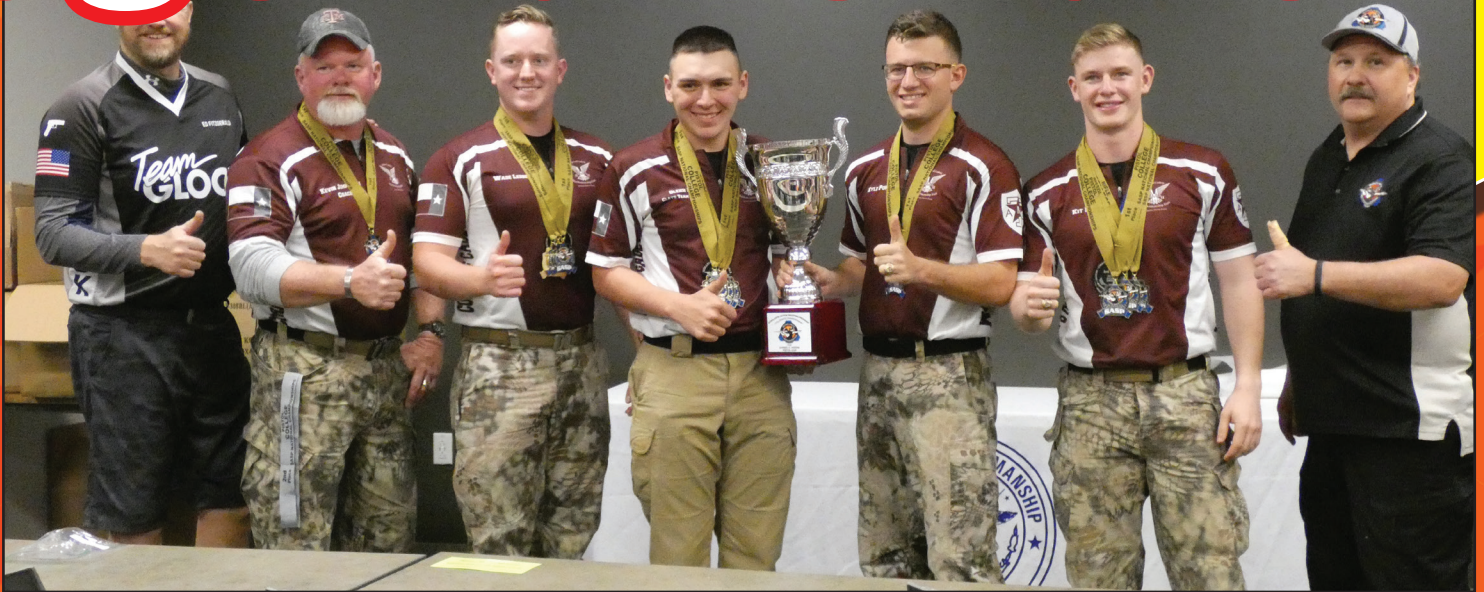
The match saw some repeat champions along with newcomers stepping onto the podium. Texas A&M Corp of Cadets Marksmanship Unit captured its 4th straight centerfire pistol championship. Liberty University from Virginia, in its first competition ever, took second place in rimfire pistol with the University of Vermont Pistol Team taking the title.

Other top team finishes include the University of Vermont in optic rifle; Hillsdale College from Michigan in iron sight rifle; and Texas A&M in PCC and 1911. In the open division, DC Steel from Tennessee took the titles in centerfire pistol, optic rifle, iron sight rifle and PCC while the Ozaukee Scholastic Shooting Sports from Wisconsin were top in 1911.

Individual champions for the women included Danielle Rosebrook from Michigan State in rimfire pistol, and Teagan Richman from Lake Country Action Shooters in Wisconsin taking the remainder of the titles in centerfire pistol, optic rifle, iron sight rifle, PCC and 1911.

The men's champions were Collin Villarin from the University of Vermont in rimfire pistol; Ryan

College Nationals



Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Marksmanship Unit 4th straight centerfire pistol championship.



Flowers from Clemson in centerfire pistol, iron rifle, 1911 and PCC ; and Andrew Jezewski from Clemson in optics rifle.

A big thank you goes out to CMP Talladega staff for their hospitality and professionalism in hosting the event. Thank you to Glock for sponsoring the range, providing wonderful prizes and for having Ed Fitzgerald at the match assisting as a safety officer.

Additionally, the event could not have been run without the volunteer safety officers. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event a success.

The 2020 SASP College Nationals will be returning to CMP Talladega March 13-15, 2020. Mark your calendars for the event. ©

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SCHOLASTIC ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM



SASP teams can compete in both pistol (centerfire and rimfire) and rimfire rifle matches.

SASP uses the discipline of speed shooting on steel targets, which is unique to our program, combining the best features of other disciplines to allow athletes to practice and participate in exciting matches with less specialized equipment.

We hope you, your school or your shooting club will consider becoming part of SASP.



SASP teams can compete in matches that are held locally, state, regionally, and nationally, plus we have a virtual match series that runs year-round.

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PROGRAM GOALS:

- Teach the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms
- Provide a supportive team-based environment using the shooting sports as the catalyst for teaching life lessons and skills that emphasize positive character traits and citizenship values
- Introduce young shooters to a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, one that offers a level playing field, and one that all family members can enjoy together

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation is an educational-athletic organization that exists to introduce school-age youths to the shooting sports and to facilitate their continued involvement by providing, promoting, and perpetuating opportunities to safely and enjoyably participate and compete in a high-quality, team-based sport led by trained adult coaches focused on enhancing the personal growth and development of their athletes.

VISION STATEMENT:

To continue to be recognized and respected as the leader in the youth development shooting sports programs.

PROGRAM SPONSOR:

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for youth speed shooting and the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP). SASP was started by SSSF in 2012.

PROGRAM SCOPE:

The SASP offers participation in speed shooting using pistols and .22 rifles.

PROGRAM FOCUS:

TEAMS! The SASP is a TEAM-BASED program, focusing on youth development. Participation in SASP should be fun, and there is no place for a win-at-all-costs attitude.

TEAM SUPERVISION:

An adult Volunteer Head Coach leads each team. Volunteer State Advisors provide support for in-state activities and support to their Volunteer Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Full-time Directors of Development coordinate the program, and they are assisted by National Coach Trainers and the National Training Team. National Coach Trainers are responsible for coach development and training.

REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fee for State Advisors, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Adult Volunteers is \$30.00. This fee covers the cost of liability insurance and a portion of the cost of a background check. All adults working directly with SASP athletes must be registered with the SSSF. To be covered by SSSF liability insurance, a volunteer must be registered with the National Program.

The membership for each registered athlete, including Collegiate, is \$20.00. The fee covers the cost of insurance and awards. All athletes must be registered by their Head Coach.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:

Students in grades 6-12 are eligible for the Intermediate and Senior Divisions in the pistol and rifle disciplines. Students in grades 5 and below are eligible for the Rookie Division in the rifle discipline. There is no age limit for those enrolled as full-time students in the Collegiate Division. College athletes must be enrolled and attending an accredited college or university. All athletes must be academically eligible to participate in their school's extracurricular sports program.

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VETERANS HONORED

By Gary Weisbaum



On Thursday May 2, 2019 local veterans were honored at the Scholastic Action Shooting Program National Banquet in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. At every SASP Banquet, just after the presentation of colors SASP National Director Rick Leach asked every veteran in the room to stand.

Once standing, Leach asks each SASP youth athlete in attendance to go around the room and say “thank you” to each veteran, reminding everyone that with the sacrifices of these and all other U.S. Military Veterans, there would not be a SASP program for them to compete in.

Leach also provides each youth athlete a ticket that they are to pass out to each veteran and the first drawing of the night is for the veterans in attendance. At this event, a raffle was held for all the veterans in attendance and Steve Janus, an Air Force veteran presented a Savage A22 Rimfire Rifle.

Conner Guysky, one of the youth athletes in attendance said “being a part of recognizing these veterans was really special. You have a lot of people that overlook what these veterans have done and I think taking a few minutes to recognize them at our banquet was meaningful to all.

Another youth athlete Ian Papke indicated recognizing these and all veterans is very important. I know each of them were thankful that they were acknowledged”.

National Director Rick Leach stated, “we do this at every SASP event we hold. There is no better way to honor our veterans and the enormous sacrifices they and their family’s have made for our country. ©



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PERFECTION



Target Shooters—Join the +ONE Movement!

By Jennifer L.S. Pearsall, NSSF Director, Public Relations

In response to studies showing millions of people want to know more about hunting and target shooting, the National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) has launched a powerful new mentorship initiative called the +ONE MovementSM.

“We all know that getting involved in hunting and the shooting sports can be a challenge for people who have never gone before,” said NSSF President Joe Bartozzi. “Having a mentor at your side makes it much easier for someone to get started. With the +ONE Movement, we’re challenging every hunter and target shooter in America to introduce at least one new person to the sports we love.”

A major barrier for people wanting to learn about hunting and target shooting is that basic knowledge of these pastimes is not passed down from adults to youth as commonly as it once was. That’s where programs that inspire mentoring — like +ONE — can make a huge difference.

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According to recent research, if just one in three hunters added a new person to the ranks of hunting, it would secure a strong future for hunting. For target shooting, given that current participation levels are positive already, adding to the ranks only strengthens this growing community.

The +ONE Movement is supported by NSSF’s LetsGoShooting.org and LetsGoHunting.org website resources for target shooters and hunters, respectively.

LetsGoShooting.org was created to be a go-to resource for all things target shooting and firearms safety. Those new to firearms and the shooting sports,

especially those who haven’t yet taken their first shots or purchased their first firearm, will find a wealth of information about the various target sports, firearms retailer listings and maps showing area ranges, shooting and safety tips and information on finding instruction. More experienced shooters will also find the site to be an invaluable tool, with a library of videos and articles, links to parent organizations for dozens of competitive shooting sports, and featured news about all things target shooting.

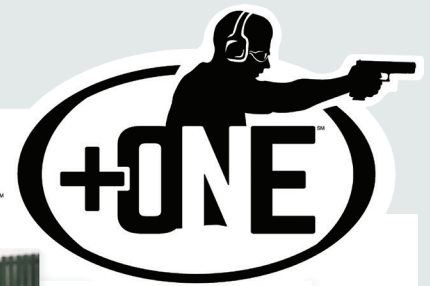
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NSSF asks all hunters to help spread the word about the +ONE Movement, reminding everyone in the firearms-owning community that they can play a role in establishing a secure future for hunting and shooting sports. Learn more at LetsGoShooting.org/PlusOneMovement and LetsGoHunting.org/PlusOneMovement.

We know many of you reading this are also hunters, and for that pastime you'll find LetsGoHunting.org to be your go-to resource for all things firearms safety, hunter safety and the pursuit of game. Those new to hunting or looking to get more involved in the sport will find a wealth of information about all kinds of hunting, from squirrels, rabbits and ducks to deer, turkey, elk, antelope and everything in between. They'll also find gear reviews, how-to articles and tips for success from

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Why should you get involved in the shooting sports? Where do we begin?! If you have a firearm—rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or muzzleloader—there's a sport for it. If you've never competed in anything before, there's a shooting sport that will welcome you with open arms. There's no limit to the fun you can find here.

some of the country's top outdoor writers, information on tags and licensing for all 50 U.S. states, including those states that offer apprentice hunting licenses, and a video gallery that hunters of all experience levels will find

beneficial. The "Where to Buy" section links hunters to the retailers carrying all the firearms, ammunition and accessories they need, and a special link to bird hunting preserves makes finding one easy.



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August is National Shooting Sports Month

Stay tuned! In this spot, we'll be offering some amazing prizes, and you'll be able to search for National Shooting Sports Month celebrations, events and promotions in your area. Check back as we approach the big celebration!

AUGUST IS National Shooting Sports Month

As spring gives way to summer, schools let out and families everywhere make summer plans. For most of you reading this, that likely means lots of time on the range, practicing for the hunting season opens that are just a few short months away—and that’s the perfect reason to get involved with NSSF’s National Shooting Sports Month.

Now in its third year, National Shooting Sports Month takes place throughout the month of August with shooting ranges, firearms retailers, public and private shooting clubs, shooting sports organizations and fish and wildlife agencies all focusing their attention on the fun and excitement of target shooting by encouraging newcomers and experienced shooters alike to head to the range.

“National Shooting Sports Month focuses attention on the fun, safety and sociability of our sports,” said NSSF CEO Steve Sanetti. “This is a great time to safely enjoy a day at the range with your family and friends.”

Manufacturers, shooting sports organizations, shooting ranges and retailers will be participating in or lending support to National Shooting Sports Month. This is also a great opportunity for hunter education instructors, fish



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and game clubs, shooting clubs, Boy Scouts of America troop and council leaders, and 4-H club organizers to host events, contests, family days and other activities that help introduce family members, friends and the community to the safe and enjoyable shooting sports. If your organization would like to get involved and host an event, it's easy to do:

Simply visit NSSF's www.ShootingSportsMonth.org.

Of course, National Shooting Sports Month is really about getting everyone out to the range, including those who've never been to one! This is the perfect time to embrace NSSF's +One Movement.

Have a friend who's heard about a match you won? You might be surprised by how readily they accept an



invitation to join you on the rifle range, skeet field or indoor handgun range and learn how to make a shot that counts. It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you're grabbing your favorite firearm and headed to the range to share the entertainment with someone else.

Oh, and did we mention the month-long Trigger Time Sweepstakes? Dozens and dozens of manufacturers in the firearms industry have donated thousands of dollars worth of prizes to inspire people to get involved in National Shooting Sports Month. Want to see what's up for grabs? Check back regularly at LetsGoShooting.org for more information on both National Shooting Sports Month and the Trigger Time Sweepstakes as the month of August approaches. ©



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