

## Floyd Central Navy JROTC Precision Air Rifle Team Wins the 2026 All-Service JROTC Championship

By Drew Rudd

Navy JROTC cadets Megan Fondy, Ysabelle "Izzy" Martinez, Lacy Schillmiller, and Logan Hall achieved what no other JROTC Precision Air team has been able to do in recent memory, unseat the eight-time championship winner, the MCJROTC team from Grandbury TX. If this was not enough to celebrate, they also set a record score of 4,717-345 in the 4-person, 3x20 competition beating the previous record of 2358-165 set in 2016 by the "Hardcore 4" from Georgia.

Seniors, Megan Fondy and Izzy Martinez plan to continue their shooting careers after high school both signing on to Division 1 schools. Megan will be attending The University of Akron in Akron, Ohio beginning in the Fall of 2026. Izzy will be attending Morehead State University located in Morehead, Kentucky.



# ISRPA: 60 YEARS STRONG

As America celebrates 250 years, ISRPA celebrates 60 years! Chartered in 1966, ISRPA was formed from a merger of two earlier organizations: the Indiana State Rifle Association and the Indiana State Pistol Association.

As part of the celebrations we've undertaken several projects to both celebrate our rich heritage and preserve the legacy that's been handed down to us over so many years.

ISSN Project: Bill Thomas retired from producing the Indiana Shooting Sports News early in 2024 after 37 years. We have all of the archived issues digitized and are

posting them to the ISRPA website! This treasure trove will be a resource available to members. How many National Records are documented in these pages? Send us your list—we'll compile them and enter everyone that sends in an entry in a drawing when we roll out the results on October 3! Throwback Thursday is going to be FUN!

Family Day on the Range October 3, 2026: We had so much fun last year we're expanding the program for 2026! Join us at the beautiful facilities of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association for a FULL day of activities including Metal



Madness, Scout Merit Badge Opportunities, Shotgun, Rifle, food, and MUCH more! Club Membership focus: ISRPA will be focusing on our member clubs, ranges, and teams. Let us feature YOUR Club or Range here!

## ISRPA Needs YOU!

Volunteers - Ambassadors  
ISRPA's largest volunteer need is communications. The Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association is, more than anything else, a communications "hub" for all things 2A in Indiana. Shooting sports, self defense, 2A advocacy, all disciplines and all walks of life- ISRPA works to keep people informed, answer questions, and find answers. We need volunteers to connect what's happening in Indiana and the people that make it happen with the people out there that have questions and want to know more.

- Website
- Indiana Shooting Sports News quarterly magazine

- Electronic monthly newsletter- distributed to all ISRPA members
- Topical newsletters: Youth and Advocacy: distributed to subscribers (via MailChimp)- do not need to be an ISRPA member to subscribe, subscribers are invited to join as members.
- Facebook
- IYSSF Website and Facebook
- We DO NOT currently have an Instagram or X account.

We need volunteers to help in all areas of communications: Contact clubs, gun ranges, businesses to represent ISRPA, benefits of membership,

and opportunities for sponsorship/partnership.

- Contact Clubs, ranges, businesses- represent ISRPA and benefits of joining/ sponsoring/affiliating
- Where to shoot, how to join, how to get started, how to improve skills
- Club news, scheduled events, matches, etc
- Businesses: opportunities for partnership for advertising, sponsorships, discounts or specials, etc.
- Outstanding achievements in the various disciplines of shooting sports
- Education opportunities: skills development, coach training, volunteer opportunities

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



## With Spring Comes Great News! NRA Annual Meetings Coming Back To Indiana! ATF Cleans Up Rules

By Charlie Hiltunen, President, ISRPA

The NRA Annual Meeting in Houston was a tremendous success. If you've never attended, I strongly encourage you to make plans to do so—it remains one of the most important gatherings for Second Amendment advocates in the country. Mark your calendars now: next year's Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta, April 22–25, 2027. Houston also brought exciting news for Hoosiers. NRA CEO Doug Hamlin joined Governor Braun, Congressman Jefferson Shreve, and several Indiana leaders—including Craig Haggard, Alex Carroll, Kyle Hupfer, FNRA Director Josh Toenessen, and myself—to announce that the NRA Annual Meetings will return to Indianapolis in 2029 and

2031. This is a major win for our state and a testament to Indiana's leadership in defending constitutional freedoms.

The meeting also delivered significant results in the NRA Board elections. I am honored to have been re-elected, and I congratulate Alex Carroll and Kyle Hupfer on their successful elections to the Board. They join fellow Hoosiers Senator Jim Tomes and Representative Craig Haggard, strengthening Indiana's voice at the national level during a pivotal time for the organization and the broader Second Amendment movement.

Amid the energy of the Annual Meeting, we also witnessed a historic regulatory shift. Thanks to sustained advocacy by the NRA and its state affiliates, including ISRPA, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has announced sweeping changes to its regulatory framework.

These reforms mark a

decisive move away from the overreach of prior administrations. The ATF has repealed unconstitutional restrictions, modernized outdated regulations, clarified compliance expectations, and reduced unnecessary burdens on Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) and lawful gun owners. Key highlights include:

- Repeal of restrictive policies and regulations that infringed on Second Amendment rights.
- Modernization and simplification of regulatory processes and forms.
- Reduction of compliance burdens for FFLs and individual gun owners.
- Termination of the Enhanced Regulatory Enforcement Policy that disproportionately targeted dealers.
- Implementation of a new Administrative Action Policy focusing on public safety and traceability, rather

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than minor paperwork errors.

- Establishment of an industry liaison to improve communication and responsiveness.
- Creation of a formal classifications review board to ensure consistency and accountability.
- Improved response times from ATF's Firearms & Ammunition Technology Division.
- Reversal of prior

bans on non-lethal training ammunition and certain dual-use components.

Importantly, the ATF is inviting public comment on many of these rule changes. I strongly encourage our members to stay informed and engaged in this process. You can review the full set of reforms and submit comments here: <https://www.atf.gov/rules-and-regulations/atf-launches-new-era-reform>

These developments represent meaningful progress, but our work is far from finished. The strength of our movement depends on informed, active members who are willing to stay engaged and advocate for their rights.

Thank you for your continued support of ISRPA and for your commitment to preserving the Second Amendment for future generations.

— Charlie Hiltunen  
President, ISRP President

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## The X Count Receives NRA Outstanding Youth Club of the Year Award at 2026 NRA-AM

The National Rifle Association has named The X Count as the recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Youth Club Award, recognizing the organization's extraordinary commitment to youth development, marksmanship education, public service, and the preservation of America's shooting sports traditions.

Founded in 2011 as a small Olympic-style rifle program, The X Count has grown into one of the Midwest's premier youth marksmanship organizations. What began with air rifle and smallbore rifle training has expanded into comprehensive youth programs that impacts thousands of youth and families annually including Olympic Pistol, Shotgun, and Speed Steel disciplines. The organization has helped fuel an estimated 800 percent increase in youth

marksmanship participation and competition opportunities throughout Indiana over the past decade.

The organization's influence extends well beyond competition results. "Our most significant achievement is not a single event or trophy," said Diane Rice, Chief Growth Officer "It is the culture we have built every day for the people of our community and for the future of the Second Amendment." Youth athletes have the opportunity to volunteer assisting disabled athletes and veterans with adaptive shooting opportunities, and numerous Scouting events.

Each year, the NRA's Annual Awards Program honors outstanding clubs, associations, and individuals across the nation for significant accomplishments in organization,

operation, and public service. Award categories include Outstanding Club, Outstanding State Association, Outstanding Youth Club, and Public Service. The Outstanding Youth Club Award is one of the organization's highest recognitions for youth programming and leadership. Diane Rice thanked the athletes, families, and volunteers who have helped build the organization over the past fifteen years: "The NRA Outstanding Youth Club Award serves as both a tremendous honor and a validation of a mission that continues to change lives across Indiana."

As many athletes within the program often say after joining The X Count: "It changed my life."

# SIR&PC's CMP M1 Garand Clinic: Putting the Ping in Spring

By Drew Rudd

On the weekend of February 28th, the Southern Indiana Rifle & Pistol club hosted a CMP Sanctioned M1 Garand and Modern Military clinic. Twenty participants of all ages attended the clinic focused on preparing a new competitor for their first as-issued M1 Garand and Modern Military match. The clinic spanned over two days and was taught by several of the club's most experienced competitors. The first day consisted of a classroom session covering aspects of shooting a match, the CMP's history, instruction on sling use and shooting positions used in the match along with practice loading dummy clips into the M1 rifle so they never have to fear the dreaded "Garand thumb". I am happy to report that all participants made it home  
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with all their digits intact! The second day of the clinic was a CMP sanctioned GSSM match consisting of five sighting shots and 30 shots for record fired in the prone, rapid-fire prone and standing position. This match was held solely for the clinic participants to test their knowledge from the previous day's instruction. Each competitor prepped with equipment on loan, had a dedicated coach who kept a watchful eye ready to assist the new competitor should they run into problems as well as offering tips and tricks learned over decades of shooting matches. The match was a great showing of sportsmanship and marksmanship with many shooting a Garand and AR-15 rifle for the first time. Namely, the Garand Match winner Jonas B., also a member of

the club's junior sporter air rifle team, who posted a very respectable score of 270-1. Jonas confided that the M1 Rifle was his "dream" rifle and he was excited that his participation in the match and clinic made him eligible to purchase a rifle from the CMP once he was old enough. After the match everyone was excited to participate in the next club match held in March and two participants even applied for membership in the club.

If you think you would like to give a CMP Garand match a try, the club offers loaner rifles and dedicated ammo for purchase to participate in the match. The Garand match is held on the third Saturday of the month at the club's outdoor range in Borden, IN. For more information visit the club's website at [WWW.SIRAPC.COM](http://WWW.SIRAPC.COM)



# Pictures from the Garand Clinic



# What does it mean to “shoot like a girl?”

By Tami Watson

She’s not afraid to carry a gun in her designer bag with a skirt and heels. She may have a collection of conceal carry bags for her different outfits. It’s ok for her to have pretty nails and still load magazines. Yes she can go to the spa before or after she hits the range. A waistband kydex holster or ankle holster with jeans is as comfortable to her as the jewelry she is sporting. She is flexible with her carry options, as she may have her little one on her hip.

Carrying a gun doesn’t make her a tomboy. But tomboys do carry often. She puts flowers and ammo on her grocery list. Her carry gun is on her nightstand next to her diamond earrings.

When she decides to carry, she

wants training. She wants to do it right.

When a girl learns to shoot, she takes her time. She may be a bit fearful of the gun at first, so she pays attention to every detail. She does exactly what she’s told and usually shoots well quickly. She can be nervous about carrying at first but once she gains confidence she will not hesitate to use her gun to defend herself or her loved ones. Her protective side prompts her to protect those she may not even know.

Carrying a gun means many different things to us girls. As generally the weaker sex, she can gain a sense of confidence and safety. She isn’t as afraid to walk alone, stay home alone. She feels a sense of security even though she may

fear the threat.

She can shoot one handed as well as she can two handed. She knows that she can handle the 1911 but can appreciate the compact. She is ok with being underestimated. It plays to her tactical advantage.

She is your daughter. She’s your sister. She’s a mom, an aunt, your grandma. She’s your schoolteacher, your nurse, your neighbor, your barista, your daycare provider, your realtor.

She doesn’t have to give up any of her femininity to carry a gun. She’s got class with a side of badass. She knows that if she ever must, she can level the playing field.

That’s what it means to “shoot like a girl.”

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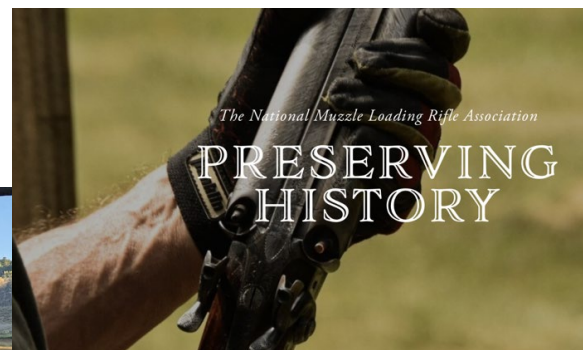
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# SIRAPC's Pistol Clinic: Taking the "Bull" out of Bullseye Pistol

By Drew Rudd

On March 29th, the Southern Indiana Rifle and Pistol club hosted an introduction to pistol class intended to welcome new and beginner shooters interested in competing in Bullseye Pistol matches. Twenty students of various beginner skill levels attended the course taught by SIRAPC Pistol Director, Lenny Chopovsky. Lenny's pistol training goes all the way back to his teens in the days of the USSR where he shot on his school team where he ultimately earned a scholarship to attend university. Lenny took a fifty-year break from his pistol shooting but is now back focusing on competition

with the intensity of a person intent on perfecting his sport. He took over the position of Pistol Director from the legendary Coach Dave Richardson and is doing a great job filling those large shoes left in Coach Dave's absence.

Lenny's class focused on the critical aspects of pistol marksmanship beginning with reducing a shooter's minimum arc of movement by focusing on stance, position, grip, and breath control. These concepts were built on with the addition of sight alignment and sight picture ending with the crucial skill of mastering trigger control.

These concepts were then applied on the firing line with some live fire training followed by target analysis. It would have been hard for anyone attending the class not to have picked up at least one new item to practice to improve their pistol marksmanship. Based on the smiles and comments at the end of the course, many left the class eager for the next lesson in the series featuring the topics of sustained fire consisting of both the Timed-Fire and Rapid-Fire stages of the Bullseye match course of fire.

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It is the hope of Lenny and the club that these introductory classes will inspire new shooters to come out and try this fun and challenging discipline by removing barriers and the initial intimidation of precision pistol shooting.

If you are interested in shooting bullseye pistol, Southern Indiana Rifle and Pistol begins their outdoor pistol season on April 25th with an outdoor 2700 match at its Borden, Indiana range. If you would like more information about the club, check out the Club's website at [www.sirapc.com](http://www.sirapc.com) to see the club's match calendar.





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## ISRPA DOUBLE EIC WEEKEND JUNE 13-14, 2026

Time to make plans to attend our Double EIC weekend at Camp Atterbury, Indiana! We're a month away from these matches, and last year we maxed out range capacity, and had to cut off registration. In 2025, we awarded 4 legs each day!

- Saturday morning June 13, we will gather in the parking lot across from Range Control at 9:00 AM, as always. We'll weigh triggers and check rifles before heading down to the range.

- On Saturday, you'll have the opportunity to shoot a brief squadded practice first thing. This squadded practice will be 5 or 10 minutes open shooting at 600 yards, then 5 or 10 minutes at 300 yards. After that, we'll move to 200 yards and begin the match.

- Saturday evening we host a cookout for all shooters, BYO drink of choice.

- Sunday morning June 14, we meet again in the parking lot across from Range Control at 9:00 AM, and

weigh any triggers not done on Saturday, and head to the 200 yard line to start the match.

With the use of e-targets, we're typically done early both days. For on base housing, call 812-526-1128. If you have any questions, reach out to me at 765-427-2753, or [schnelle1@aol.com](mailto:schnelle1@aol.com)

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