

LONG RANGE RIFLE SHOOTER

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

We are just four months from the World Long Range Championships in Ottawa, Canada. Our team is selected and we just had a very productive training session in Phoenix, Arizona. The big change to this year's match is that the coaches are now allowed to communicate over a land wired comm system. This took a lot of getting used to for the coaches, but it is going to be a big help in keeping all four shooters on the line centered on the target. The coaches can now share wind information with each other without having to yell over the noise of rifle fire. The coaches picked up quickly on the use of this tool and it is becoming second nature to them.

The eighteen shooters are all showing why they made the team. They are all fitting well into the team. We still have some work to close the gap between the best shooter and the worst shooter, but I am very confident that this team will accomplish our goals. This team is "Fired Up" and they are communicating with each other on a daily basis. I am really proud to be called the captain of this group.

The next training session will be in July on the Connaught ranges in Ottawa along side the Canadian Team. Canada is acting as our host and they are going to extremes to make sure we are well taken care of. I can't say enough to thank the Canadian Team in helping us out. And this should be a good experience for both teams since we will compete with each other on the same range where the World Championships are being held.

As always, I ask that all of you do your part to sponsor the US Palma Team as well as the US Veteran's Team, the US Under-25 Team, the US Under-21 Team, and the US F-Class Team. This is a lot of people and requires a lot of dollars to train properly and to participate in the World Championship matches. Please donate through Palma Promotions if you can. And more important, find businesses that can donate and help them guide their charity dollars to USA shooting.

The gold is there for us to win. We have the right team and it just means execution. I hope to report to you how it feels winning the gold in the next newsletter ;>).

Until then, keep them in the middle!

Pete LaBerge

2007 USA Palma Team

Captain: Pete LaBerge – Cary, NC
Vice Captain/
Coach: Gary Rasmussen – Bellingham, WA
Adjutant: Roger Whitney – Tucson, AZ
Armorer: Jim Cloward – Lake Stevens, WA
Head Coach: Mid Tompkins – Prescott, AZ
Coaches: Emil Praslick – Columbus, GA
Bob Mead – Cedar Falls, IA
Bob Jones – Phoenix, AZ
Shooters: Norm Anderson – Forston, GA
Lane Buxton – Orangevale, CA
Ty Cooper – Ft Mitchell, AL
Wayne Daniel – Gregory, MI
Dennis Flaharty – Irvine, CA
Michelle Gallagher – Prescott, AZ (now in CA)
Randy Gregory – Medford, WI
Jon Howell – Bear, DE
Ed Huskins – Carthage, NC
Carl Kovalchik – Kittrell, NC
Mike Maurer – Renton, WA
Noma Mayo – Jamestown, CA
Kent Reeve – Cary, NC
Jon Rhynard – Houghton, LA
Ron Sekellick – Canton, CT
Justin Skaret – Tucson, AZ
Nancy Tompkins – Prescott, AZ
John Whidden – Nashville, GA ■

Long Range Rifle Shooting Website

Whether you are just beginning or an accomplished Long Range Rifle Shooter, we recommend you visit the website www.long-range.com. This website is managed by a USA Palma Team Shooter, Grant Ubl, Weyauwega, Wisconsin. If you scan the forum, you'll see that it covers subject matter such as Palma, Junior Shooting, Veterans Team issues, F-Class, Coaching techniques, Service Rifles, Gunsmithing questions and the latest Gear available that will increase your Fullbore shooting skills. The moderators on this forum are verifiable experts in their disciplines. You'll get no-nonsense answers and expert data from the greats of the long-range shooting sports, with little fluff. ■

Rifle Raffle!

The USA Under 21/25 YOUNG EAGLES RIFLE TEAM is raffling off a Stolle Action with a Brux standard Palma Barrel 30" 1-13 twist.

Steve McGee Claro Walnut Stock; PNW Rear Sight; Rightsight Front. Smithed by Earl Liebetrau. \$3500 Value. ■



USA Young Eagles 2007 Update

Final preparations are being made for the Team's travel and participation in the World Under-21 and World Under-25 Team Championship Match held on Sunday, the 26th of August. For some Team members, this will be quite the shooting excursion. The Long Range portion of the National Matches at Camp Perry which will be contested from the 11th through the 14th of August will start the journey to Gold. Those Team members that will be able to arrange the large block of time off will have this final opportunity to hone their skills before their arrival in Canada. The day after Camp Perry ceases competition, the entire Team will rendezvous at Camp Perry and board a motor coach for the movement to Ottawa and arrive at Connaught on the evening of the 15th of August. The Team will have the 16th of August as a down day to learn the lay of the land and familiarize themselves with operations Canadian style. Only one of our Team members has been to the range at Connaught before this trip. The Team will then begin a rigorous ten day schedule of individual and Team competition in the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships (Canadian Nationals) followed by the World Championship Matches.

The level of support for this Team has grown by a quantum leap. To date, this Team has received very gracious support from some very recognizable names in the shooting industry to include the NRA Foundation, the Competitions Division at the NRA, Sierra Bullets, Hodgdon Powder, Lapua, Savage Arms, Sinclair International, and Precision Shooting Magazine. The fund raising effort exceeded my capabilities to coordinate so Vanessa Warner stepped up to ramrod the fund raising and publicity efforts on behalf of the Team. Other noteworthy contributions include Mr. Earl Liebetrau for his construction and donation of the Palma rifle used in our raffle. This fine shootin' iron will be awarded at Camp Perry at the conclusion of the Long Range portion of this year's National Matches. You can find the raffle tickets in this newsletter. Thanks Earl so very much. Also of note is the donation of a large amount of time and expertise by Mr. Alan Warner of Warner Tool Company. Alan has donated a great deal of gunsmithing to put various Team rifles into top condition necessary for international level competition at the World's. Alan, your dedication to junior shooting programs is an inspiration to us all. Thank you. Also, as noted above, Sinclair International made a very nice contribution. The Team program that will be distributed in Canada was donated by Sinclair International President, Mr. Bill Gravatt. As many of you probably receive the Sinclair catalog, our program will have a similar look and by far be our finest program produced to date. Bill, we greatly appreciate the professional touch that will spread the word of our Team's presence. "Go Boilers!!!" and Thank You. Yeah, that was a shameless plug for Purdue which is where Bill and I went to school.

I hope most of you reading this will have the opportunity to come to Canada to either participate in or view the World Championship Matches. The Canadians are most gracious hosts, the weather is very pleasant, unlike Texas in August, and the matches are run with great efficiency. The Commonwealth style of shooting also makes for some interesting spectating as scoreboards are continuously updated as rounds are sent downrange during the Governor General's finals and during the Team matches. It will make the trip worthwhile to see the USA dominate this year's Worlds.

Keep those junior programs going strong and keep the future of the shooting sports infused with new blood! We'll do our best to "Bring Home the Gold!" If you would like more information about the USA Young Eagles, please visit our website at www.usaunder25team.org. Again, Thank You for your gracious support. We couldn't do it without you.

by J.J. Jackson, Team Manager ■

USA Veterans Team

The USA Veterans Rifle Team had their last organized practice for the World Championships. The practice session was held at the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix during the first week of April. Practice was conducted in "Team Mode" emphasizing team procedures and routines. Team Captain Lonnie Kuhns was very pleased with the performance of both the coaches and shooters and feels very confident of the teams chances at Ottawa, Canada in August. The team would like to thank all of those that have contributed to the support of the team.

There are a few raffle tickets for the Palma Rifle that will be raffled in July at the Rocky Mountain Palma matches that are available from usaveteransrifleteam@yahoo.com or by mailing request to: Veterans Team, PO Box 52024, Mesa, AZ 85208. Anyone that has not sent in their tickets from the last newsletter - please send them in soon. All money from raffle ticket sales goes to support the Veterans Team. Pictures of the rifle are available in the internet at:

<http://veteransrifle2.blogspot.com/2006/11/finished-rifle-with-stand.html>

2007 USA Veterans Rifle Team members

Lonnie Kuhns - Team Captain Fort Collins, CO
Jerry Pullens - Vice Captain Fallon, NV
Al Coots - Team Adjutant Mesa, AZ
Earl Liebetrau - Coach, Viola, WI
Bob Gudgel - Coach, Kennewick, WA
Tom Whitaker - Coach, La Habra, CA
Scott Riles - Coach - Shooter, Thousand Oaks, CA
Jim O'Connell - Shooter, Alameda, CA
Gerald Tierney - Shooter, Plymouth, CA
Eddie Newman - Shooter, Eldridge, IA
Michel Dunia - Shooter, Mill Valley, CA
Boyd Goldsby - Shooter, England, AR
Peter Church - Shooter, Dearborn, MI
John Gaines - Shooter, Boerne, TX
Bill Lair - Shooter, LaCrescent, MN
Johnie Franklin - Shooter, Tulsa, OK
Robert Horn - Shooter, Austin, AR
Felix Solis - Shooter, Bothell, WA
Danny Biggs - Shooter, Huntsville, AL
Heigo Orav - Shooter, Reno, NV
Bruce O'Brien - Shooter, McAlester, OK
Marty Mayo - Shooter, Jamestown, CA
K. Blair Clowdis - Shooter, Randleman, NC
Mike StClair - Shooter, San Diego, CA
David Driscoll - Shooter, Vacaville, CA

by Al Coots ■

F-Class Match

There will be an International F-Class Championship August 8-11, 2007 at the Douglas Ridge Rifle Club in Estacada, Oregon. More info can be found at www.douglasridge.org. Scroll down to the F-Class link. Teams already committed include Canada, Ireland, Scotland and several from the U.S. Spread the word if you can.

Thanks,
Don Williams in Oregon ■

On-Line Donations!

You may now donate on-line to your favorite USA Long Range Rifle Team. Go to www.palma.org and click on "Support Palma USA" then look for The button "Support-Just Give". Or go directly to the website www.justgive.org and search keyword "Palma Promotions". You may designate your gift to either USA Palma Team; USA Young Eagles; USA Veterans Team; USA Goodwill Team or USA F-Class Team. ■

Bert Rollins Memorial Trophy

The Bert Rollins Memorial Trophy should be a new award during the 2008 Long Range Nationals, and will be an aggregate of ALL long range matches fired with a Palma class rifle. This long overdue trophy will recognize those shooters who ignore BC handicaps and put their win reading skills to the test.

To make it a reality takes a few steps. A well-written proposal must be submitted to the NRA and passed through three layers of committees. A trophy must be cast/etched/created. A case must be crafted to transport the completed trophy. \$300 additional dollars must be raised to cover the award plaques given for the first 10 years.

To accomplish this goal, we need three things.

1. Financial backing to create the trophy, case, and cover the awards.
2. A design for the trophy to be crafted.
3. The proposal.

I am in the process of drafting the proposal, as well as searching for an artist - volunteers wanted. PM me if you are interested. My spam blocker eats mail with a forged 'from' address, so e-mail from the longrange.com forum is not recommended.

As far as the monetary backing goes, I have been in contact with Palma Promotions, Inc. They are a certified non-profit organization and will be accepting all moneys for this trophy. Their non-profit status makes your donations tax deductible. Their contact information is as follows:

I have heard from a few people about donations, and I greatly appreciate your efforts. Those of you who have not donated yet, please do. Help create a permanent memorial to a great shooter, and a platform to recognize those who are at the pinnacle of their sport.

Palma Promotions,
Inc.
Bert Rollins Trophy
P.O. Box 441
Mineral, VA 23117
info@palma.org

Regards,
Eric Eilberg eric@martenjewelers.com
(440) 781-4114 ■

The schedule for the 2007 World Long Range Individual Rifle Championships and the Palma Match and the 125th CFRC 2007, the Veterans and U21/25 Team Matches are on the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association website: www.drcra.ca

PALMA Junior Achievement Award

The Palma Junior Achievement Award program is intended to recognize those Juniors who truly deserve recognition in Long Range Rifle shooting. Juniors need to fire only one of the required scores to win the award. One award per Junior per year will be given. To be recognized, match sponsors, coaches or parents should forward a copy of the Official Match Bulletin of any NRA Approved or Registered tournament in which a qualifying score was shot along with the name and address of the intended recipient; type rifle/caliber. The shooter will receive an engraved walnut plaque, shooting cap, pin and certificate. Mail to:

Palma Promotions, Inc • P.O. Box 441 • Mineral VA 23117

2006 Junior Achievement Award Winners

- Christopher J Atkins, Brunswick, GA
- Kelly Bachand, Kent, WA
- David L Bahten, Jamestown, CA
- Ryan L Castonguay, New Hartford, CT
- Amanda L Elsenboss, Woodbury, CT
- Abraham M Kamerman, EagleCreek, OR
- Kyle R Liebetrau, Cross Plains, WI

- David K Littlefield, Renton, WI
- Joe T Lucas, Camp Hill, PA
- Steven Lunsford, Marion, NC
- William J VanTrececk, Racine, WI

Qualifying Scores

| Any Rifle Iron Sights | Individual No Coach | Team With Coach |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 600 Yards (20 Shots) | 195 | 197 |
| 1000 Yards (20 Shots) | 190 | 195 |
| 800 Yards (15 Shots) | 148 | 150 |
| 900 Yards (15 Shots) | 145 | 147 |
| 1000 Yards (15 Shots) | 142 | 145 |
| Palma Agg (45 Shots) | 435 | 440 |

The Palma Junior Achievement Award program is sponsored by Lakeview Associates, Niantic, CT, a corporate communications consulting company, Ian Cheeseman, President/CEO and Precision Shooting Magazine, Dave Brennan, Editor, and in coordination with the National Rifle Association of America, Michael Krei, Director of Competitions; and Palma Promotions, Inc. ■

2007 USA Palma Team Program

The 2007 USA Palma Rifle Team Souvenir Program is being planned now which will be distributed throughout the United States and the participating countries and others who support World Class Amateur Sporting Events. Make your commitment and reserve a space for your advertisement and "Good Luck" note to the Team! Help the USA Team BRING HOME THE GOLD!

Full Page \$1000 Donation - Half Page \$500 Donation - Quarter Page \$250 Donation - Business Card - \$100 Donation

Check out our Website at www.palma.org/USA and contact Dave Fiehtner or Leslie Cook. Email davefiehtner@adelphia.net or Lekilic@msn.com or contact the 2007 Palma Team Captain, Pete LaBerge at plaberge@nc.rr.com.

Palma Promotions, Inc. is a not-for-profit tax-exempt amateur sport fund raising organization, 501(c)(3), incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 17, 1993, dedicated to support the USA Palma RifleTeam. Proceeds go directly to the USA Palma Team Captain. Adv. Copy Deadline: June 30, 2007 ■

Tax Shelter

The staff of Palma Promotions, Inc. would like to remind everyone that you can use Palma Promotions as a tax shelter. We are a certified IRS 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Your donations are fully deductible in accordance with current IRS rules.

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USA PALMA RIFLE TEAM FOUNDATION

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| _____ BENEFACTOR | \$ 500 | _____ BRONZE | \$ 35 |
| _____ GOLD | \$ 100 | | |

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- SHOOTERS CAP with embroidered insignia
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- USA PALMA Team Souvenir Program World Championships, August 2007, Ottawa, Canada.

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