

LONG RANGE RIFLE SHOOTER

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The 2011 World Championship of Long Range Rifle Shooting



The next World Championship of Long Range Rifle Shooting (including the 'Palma' Match) will be shot on Belmont Ranges, BRISBANE from Sat 8th October 2011 to Sat 22 October 2011(both dates inclusive).

The Ranges will be available for practice from Sun 2 October 2011 (when the Brisbane Metropolitan Championship one-day event is fired).

- Ranges Open Sun 2 October
- State Presidents Prize starts Sat 8 October
- Australia Match Tues 11 October
- NRAA Queens Prize, Wed 12 to....
- World Veterans & U-25 Individuals Fri 14 October
- World Veterans & Under-25 Teams Sat 15 October

World Long Range Championship

Individuals: Mon 17 - Wed 19 October

Teams for the
'Palma' Trophy: Fri 21 & Sat 22 October

The Captain's Corner 2011 US National Rifle Team Report

It's hard to believe that it's been four years since the 2007 World Championships. Our plan from the beginning was to develop a National Rifle Team program to train and recruit America's best Palma/Fullbore shooters. We were very pleased that we had over 240 people try out for this National Rifle Team. Making this cut of the top 20% was not easy and we could have not hoped for better results. We have traveled to far off South Africa and Australia and several times to Canada, Sprit of America and Camp Perry to train in international and national venues. All of this was worth it. We have an excellent and seasoned team ready to go and win.

The top 20% of the shooters trying out for the National Team made the cut and that is a very special achievement. Portions of this team traveled to places mentioned above and we won some big matches and we lost some.

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In all cases we learned a lot and what we learned has made us a better team. Notable in 2010 was the USA National Team to Australia. That Team Captained by Emil Praslick III won all of the team matches! This includes the one half Palma Team match (8 shooters vs. 16) against the Australian Palma Team who split their team in two. USA won this match which also included teams from New Zealand and South Africa. Equally notable in 2010 was the US National Team to Camp Perry. We fielded nine teams that year including three junior teams. Gary Rasmussen coached his team to a victory in the Roumanian. This is the first time a Palma Rifle team has won this prestigious match against the best any-any teams in the country. Not to be outdone the US National Team captained by Bryan Litz set a new Palma Team record with a total team score of 1796 – 119X out of 1800.

From this very select group of shooters and coaches we finalized the 2011 Palma Team. Having been on four previous teams it is my opinion that this team is the strongest and most cohesive team I have ever seen.

The 2011 Palma Team:

Dennis Flaharty, Captain
Dan Simpson, Vice Captain/Adjutant
Dr. Tom Whitaker, Vice Captain
Emil Praslick III, Head Coach
Robert Gamboa, Armorer

Coaches:

Norman Anderson Robert Mead
Steve Cunico Gary Rasmussen
Steve Hardin

Shooters:

Kelly Bachand	Bryan Litz
Trevor Hengehold	Sherri Gallagher
Lane Buxton	David Littlefield
Ty Cooper	Trevor Massey
Noma Mayo	Nancy Tompkins
Trudie Fay	Kent Reeve
Justin Skaret	David Crandall
Wayne Forshee	John Whidden
Robert Gustin	Jerry DeCosta

With the 2011 Palma Team selection completed we set our sights on training. Our first full team training session was at the Sacramento Shooting Complex this April. The team quickly came together and in some pretty tricky wind conditions turned in some world class scores. At the end of the training session this team had beaten the previous world record by nearly 100 points for a two day Palma Team Match!

Everyone on the US National Team earned their way on and paid their own way. This is personal dedication at the highest level. We are now faced with a very tight budget and a very expensive trip and we may have to ask the team for further financial sacrifices if we do not bring in donations to support them. Please take a minute and mail in a tax deductible donation to Palma Promotions today. There is no better cause in our shooting sports world than this one.

Sincerely,

Dennis Flaharty
Captain, 2011 US Palma Team

World Long Range Rifle Championships

Match conditions

Preamble

The origin of the World Fullbore Rifle team Championships dates back to the 9th November 1875, when the Board of Directors of the NRA of America resolved “That in furtherance of the steps already taken for a Grand International Competition on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of American Independence, and for a proper observation of such Anniversary on the part of this Association, a series of Rifle matches be inaugurated to take place during the Summer or Autumn of 1876, and a general invitation be and hereby is extended to riflemen of all Countries to participate”.

This first match was fired in September 1876 and the prize was a trophy, similar to a Roman banner, which was originally called the Grand Centennial Trophy or the International Rifle Trophy. This later became known as the “Palma Trophy” because of the Latin word Palma (which replaced the Roman letters SPQR), signifying prominence, valour and victory. This first era of competition for the Palma Trophy continued sporadically until 1928, when the record shows the match fell into abeyance.

The revival of the Palma Trophy match was due to another Centennial, that of Canada, unfortunately without the actual Palma Trophy, which was lost after 1928. This second era began in 1966 and, since then, a regular competitive series has continued. The World Long Range Rifle Championships include the Palma Trophy team match and also now the individual Long Range Target Rifle Championship, which started in 1992.

In 2002 the newly formed world governing body for fullbore rifle shooting, the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), took the World Championships under its aegis.

Governance

The governance of these championships is vested in the Council of the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), which delegates to its World Championships Committee (WCC - “The Committee”) full responsibility for the rules and conduct of these World Championships.

This committee will consist of one representative appointed by each National Rifle Association/Federation or approved regional grouping which has participated in three or more past Long Range World Championship team matches.

Other ICFRA member bodies not yet meeting this qualification, or interested in participating in future World Championships, may participate in the Committee but without a vote.

In 2003 it was agreed that, for the future, the match would be known as the Long Range World Championships, abbreviated to LRWC, or ILRWC for the Individual event.

Except as may be provided herein, the conduct of the LRWC will be in accordance with the ICFRA Rules for the Management of World Championships.

The World Championship Long Range Team Match

The team match will only be designated as a World Championship if at least four countries/approved regional groups participate. A USA team must take part in order for the Palma Trophy to be awarded, or for the event to be referred to as “The Palma Match”. (This relates to the ownership of the trophy and the registered trademarks of the name and logo).

The match will normally be fired over a period of two days, with the complete course of fire being conducted on each day.

A World Long Range Championship team will consist of a maximum of 26 members, as follows:-

1	Team Captain,
1	Adjutant,
16	Shooters,
2	Reserves,
1	Main Coach/Coordinator,
4	Target Coaches,
1	Armourer, (who is not to perform any other function in a full strength team of 26).

It is permissible, by application of rule W8.5 for a Team to consist of only 16 members, or any other greater number up to 26.

The course of fire for each shooter, on each of the two days, consists of two convertible sighting shots and fifteen shots to count at each distance 800, 900 and 1000 yards. For metric ranges, the course of fire will be the same, at ranges of 700, 800 and 900 metres (or a combination of yards/metric distances if the range layout so dictates). Four shooters will be squadded to a target and the team time allowance (as an exception to TR Rules) will be 100 minutes per distance.

The Target shall be the ICFRA International Match Target for Long Range.

The Host Nation will supply register keepers on a scale of 1 per target.

The Host Nation will organise the provision of an appropriate reception for all LRWC team members at its own cost.

The Individual Long Range World Championship (ILRWC)

The Individual Long Range World Championships will precede the team match and will take place over three days. The daily course of fire will be identical to that in the team match, i.e. 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots to count at each of 800, 900 & 1000 yards. For metric ranges, the course of fire will be the same, at ranges of 700, 800 and 900 metres (or a combination of yards/metric distances if the range layout so dictates). After the final stage, the ten leading scorers will fire a shoulder-to-shoulder final comprising 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots to count at 1000 yards/900 metres. The scores obtained in this final will be added to the grand aggregate of each of the finalists to determine the ranking of the top ten places.

Entrants aged under 25, under 21 or under 19 as the case may be will shoot for their Individual World Championship(s) concurrent with the ILRWC. They will pay the ILRWC entry fee and will be squadded with all the other ILRWC competitors without distinction.

Eligibility

Should the number of applicants to compete in the Individual Long Range World Championship exceed the range target capacity, the Committee will determine the cut-off point based on the following list of priorities.

Members of the competing World Championship teams, whether Open, Veterans or 'Age-Group',

Shooters who finished in the top 100 in the individual match at the previous World Championships,

Other individual shooters accredited by ICFRA member associations, with the number of places per country/regional group allocated on relative membership numeric strength of the associations.

The host nation in consultation with the Committee may allocate remaining places to local shooters.

NRAs will accredit their members who wish to compete in the World Championship individual matches under Rules L5.1.2 and L5.1.3. to the host nation. This is to ensure that all competitors are competent to compete in a World Championship. The host nation will not accept individual entries without national accreditation.

Rifles and Equipment

Competitors from each country will use their own rifles, which must conform to ICFRA TR specifications for 7.62mm/.308WIN. Except as provided below, the ICFRA Technical Rules for Target Rifle Shooting will apply.

In the LR World Championship Team Match, each shooter must use the rifle with which he/she started, throughout the match, unless:-

There is a mechanical breakdown of the rifle or sights and the Referee is satisfied that such is the case. The competitor will then be allowed to use his own spare rifle, with no additional sighting shots being permitted,

If the shooter does not have a spare rifle, he may use the spare rifle of one of the other team members,

Only under exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Referee, will two shooters be permitted to use the same rifle,

Spare rifles will not be permitted on the firing point and should be kept outside Competitors' Areas until required.

The list of team members designated to shoot will be handed to the Match Referee at a pre-arranged place and time, after the completion of the practice day. For each shooter, the serial number of the rifle he is to use must be shown. In the event of the substitution of a shooter, the replacement may use his own rifle. The serial number will be added to the team register in place of that of the replaced shooter's rifle.

All questions of admissibility of rifles or equipment will be dealt with under the equipment control procedures of Section W10 of the Rules for Management of World Championships.

Ammunition

Teams and Individuals will be responsible for supplying their own ammunition. 7.62x51mm/.308 WIN ammunition as specified under ICFRA TR Technical Rules will be used, and may be handloaded. Competitors' ammunition is liable for test under, and in accordance with, those rules.

Awards - Trophies

The Palma Trophy (which will only be awarded if the USA is competing) will be awarded to the winning team in the World Championship Long Range Team Match. This trophy is:-

the property of the NRA of America,

held by the NRA of America between matches for safekeeping.

The Fulton Trophy - a trophy won by Art Jackson, USA, and re-presented by him with specific conditions for the World Championship (Palma) Team Match - will be awarded to the highest individual scorer in the team match. The trophy is named after Major Henry Fulton who was Captain of the USA team in the first Palma Match in 1876. This trophy is the property of the NRA of America.

The Paterson Cup will be awarded to the winner of the World Championship Long Range Individual Match and may be held by the winner until the next championship. This trophy is the property of the NRA of Great Britain.

The Fulton Trophy and the Paterson Cup are:-

entrusted to ICFRA according to the terms of a bailment agreement,
the responsibility of the winner to safeguard,
to be shipped to the next host nation one month prior to the start of the next World Championships.

Awards - Medals and Badges

The host nation must provide all the under-mentioned awards, but their form and design must either emanate from, or be approved by, the Committee and incorporate the ICFRA Logo. The host nation may provide additional awards under conditions made known to the Committee in advance of each match as per Rule W6.9.

Each participant in the World Championship Long Range Team Match will be awarded a commemorative badge or medal of the agreed PALMA design.

Each participant in the Individual World Long Range Championship will be awarded a commemorative badge of appropriate design.

For the World Championship Long Range Team Match, medals of the approved design, based on that used in 1985, will be awarded as follows:-

- First place team - Gold,
- Second place team - Silver,
- Third place team - Bronze.

26 of each medal must be provided, one for each team member. Should a team have less than 26 members, each must receive a medal, but the remaining medals are not to be issued.

First, second and third place awards will be made even if only the minimum number of four teams compete.

For the World Championships Long Range Individual Match, the host nation will provide the following medals, of approved design incorporating the ICFRA Logo:-

Daily prizes: One set of medals (gold, silver & bronze) for each of the distances together with a fourth set for the daily aggregate for each of the three days,

Aggregate prizes: One set of medals for each the 700m./800y; 800m/900y and 900m/1000y aggregates,

Championship prizes: A special gold medal for the Champion, a similar silver medal for the runner-up and eight similar bronze medals. The bronze medals must be engraved with the relative finishing positions (3rd to 10th).

USA Veterans Team

The USA Veterans Rifle Team will be in for three weeks this October shooting in the World Veterans Championship, the Australian Nationals, and the World Long Range Championships. The Veterans have a very balanced and dedicated core of shooters going to Brisbane, Australia this year. We are taking two full teams to represent the US at these championships.

Team #1

- Peter Church
- Boyd Goldsby
- Bob Gustin
- Noma Mayo
- Steve McGee
- Bruce O'Brian
- Jon Rhynard
- Leo Cebula
- Ron Sekellick
- Mid Tompkins
- Marty Mayo
- Doug Frerichs

Team #2

- Bob Churchill
- Norm Crawford
- Jim Gaines
- Johnie Franklin
- Shirley McGee
- Bill Otten
- Bob Reil
- Scott Riles
- Vaso Sasic
- Larry Walraven
- J.P. Young

Support Staff:

- Eddie Newman, Captain
- Dave Driscoll, Vice Captain
- Bill Lair, Adjutant
- Dr. Armando Coello, MD, Team Physician

Both teams will compete in individual and team shooting events while in Brisbane.

The USA Veterans Team is a non-funded organization where members must pay their own way out of pocket unless it receives contributions from individuals and organizations. If you would like to make a contribution to the team to help defray the \$6,000 per member cost of this trip, you may do so through Palma Promotions. Any contributions will be used for team expenses incurred on this trip.

Eddie Newman
Veterans Team Captain

New Palma Team Trophy



This proposal will be presented to the High Power Committee in the late fall of 2011

Proposal

- I Purpose The purpose of the COWBOY TROPHY is to recognize the Winning Team of the Long Range Palma Course Team Match at the annual NRA National Long Range Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio.
- II Background Currently there is no trophy to recognize the winners of the Palma Course Team Match.
- III Trophy The COWBOY TROPHY is a Remington Bronze approximately 20" High and 24" Wide which will be mounted on a Black Walnut Base measuring approximately 30" Wide X 14" Deep X 4" High. The base will accommodate at least 10 years of team name plates, year and score of the team winners. A robust padded metal shipping case will be included.
- IV Sponsor The COWBOY TROPHY is sponsored by the friends and team mates of International Long Range Rifle Shooting by the COWBOY TROPHY FUND through Palma Promotions, Inc., Mineral, Virginia.
- V Implementation We propose the COWBOY TROPHY become part of the National Long Range Rifle Championship awards in 2012 for match Number 523.

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Palma Junior Coaching Achievement Award

The PALMA JUNIOR COACHING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD program is intended to recognize those juniors (under 25) who truly deserve recognition for their achievements in Long Range Rifle Coaching. One award per individual Junior Coach per year will be given. To be recognized, match sponsors, coaches, or parents should forward a copy of one or more Official Match Results of any USA NRA Approved or Registered Team Matches or International Team Competitions in which the candidate participated as a Coach along with the completed recommendation form including the name and address of the intended recipient. The coach will receive an engraved walnut plaque, shooting cap, pin, and certificate. Mail to:

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

The Palma Coach 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.

PALMA JUNIOR COACHING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION

Date _____

Candidate's Name _____

Candidate's
Address _____

I/We recommend _____ for the
Palma Junior Coaching Achievement Award for the
year _____ for the following reasons:

LEADERSHIP:

COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

TECHNICAL COACHING SKILLS:

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS:

PERSONAL PRESENCE & BEHAVIOR:

GENERAL REMARKS:

Printed/Typed Name(s)

Signature(s)

Title(s)/Relationship to Candidate

The 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 or rifle/caliber. The shooter will receive an engraved walnut plaque, shooting cap, pin, and certificate. Mail to:

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P.O. Box 441
Mineral, VA 23117

<u>Qualifying Scores</u>		
Any Rifle	Individual	Team with
Iron Sights	No Coach	Coach
1000 Yards (20 shots)	190	195
800 Yards (15 shots)	149	150
900 Yards (15 shots)	145	147
1000 Yards (15 shots)	143	146
Palma Agg (45 shots)	435	441

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.

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Donor Support Package including:

- Shooters cap with embroidered insignia
- USA Palma pin, enameled logo 7/8"
- Donor support card with and etching of the first Palma Match, 1876
- USA Palma Team souvenir program from the World Chamionships, 2007, Ottawa Canada

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