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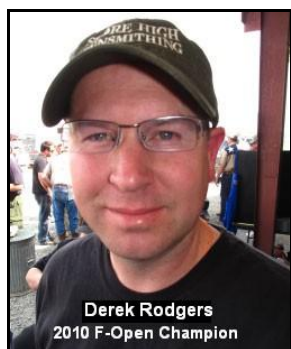
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## 2010 F-Class Nationals

### Rodgers Wins F-Open, Buxton Wins F-TR

The 2010 U.S. F-Class Nationals were held March 25-28, 2010 at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center, Sloughhouse, California. It was a big success, drawing nearly 120 individual competitors and 18 teams. Young Derek Rodgers (Sharpshooter Class, 1330-57X) from Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the new Open Class Champion, and Californian Lane Buxton (1302-42X) won the F-TR division using a .308 Win Palma Rifle with Sierra #2156 bullets. Forum member Ken Dickerman finished second in F-Open posting a 1325-57X. Past multi-time F-TR Champ Danny Biggs shot F-Open this year, finishing third with a 1324-67X. While we are still waiting to receive ALL the final official results, it appears Danny set the high X-count for the match, while shooting with a Sinclair bipod equipped with a vertical adjustment knob. (The Open-class guns work amazingly well off the wide-base bipods.) Charles Ballard, the reigning (back to back) F-Open champ, finished seventh in F-Open.



Derek Rodgers  
2010 F-Open Champion



Lane Buxton  
2010 F-TR Champion

New F-Open Champ Derek Rodgers was shooting a 300 WSM with 210-grain bullets. This heavy bullet/short magnum combo performed well in the windy afternoon conditions during Sunday's afternoon matches. Most of the other top F-Open competitors were shooting a .284 Win or some other 7mm. Charles Ballard told us told us: "with so many guys shooting 7mms this year, the competition is tougher than ever. If I had a caliber advantage before... that's gone. With the winds we had in the afternoons, I'm

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## Captains Corner

I begin this letter with thanking all of you that have given the US National Development Team your help and support these past two years. We are well into the 2010 shooting season and we have firmed up our plans for teams to Camp Perry, Sprit of America, Canada, and Australia. We have also put in motion our regional training sessions in Phoenix for the South-West region, Harris, MN for the Mid West and Rattle Snake, WA for the Pacific North West. Unfortunately the range non availability in the East Coast region prevents us from holding a training session there.

The tryouts for the National Team are now complete which gives us the opportunity to focus on future team development. From this core of outstanding coaches and shooters we will choose the 2011 Palma Team. Shooters and coaches excelling in the international and national events and training sessions will move forward to the 2011 Palma Team selection. As has been expressed many times in this News Letter and other media the National Team program is much bigger than the single Palma Team event which occurs only every four years. We are building a program to train coaches and shooters to work together in a large team format. We are also training the next generation of National Team and Palma Team managers in the skills of team coordination, logistics, and international travel. Developing the resources of shooters, coaches, and team managers will lead the United States back to the forefront of international and Palma team competitions.

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We have had many international and national team victories in the past two years. I am very happy to say that we have won more gold, silver, and bronze medals than any other US team in modern history over a comparable time. Starting with our gold medal win at the 2008 America Match in Raton, NM and an excellent showing at Camp Perry, the USA National Team traveled to South Africa in 2009 winning both Gold and Silver in two very prestigious team matches, the Republic of South Africa International and the Protea respectively. At the 2009 Canadian National Championships our National Team dominated the field achieving a clean sweep of all the team matches, as well as individual wins in the Grand Aggregate and Governor's General championships. These team match wins are the first time the USA has won the Canada Match or the Commonwealth Match.

I am very pleased to announce that we have added three new companies to our impressive sponsors list: Lapua, Pacific Tool and Gauge, and Creedmore Sports.

Lapua, in cooperation with the US team, has developed and added a new cartridge case to their product line, the "308 Palma". Lapua's reputation for quality and innovation needs no introduction. The "308 Palma" case features a small rifle primer. Team testing, conducted over a six month period, confirmed the benefits that a small rifle primer offers. It seems the small rifle primer is milder which contributes to more consistent ignition. This new "308 Palma" Winchester case is available from Sinclair International and other distributors of Lapua products.

Pacific Tool, (541)-826-5808, has added a new "**Fullbore 2011**" 308 Winchester chamber reamer to its product list and has made a cash donation to sponsor a member of the US Palma Team to the 2011 World Championships. They have also pledged a portion of the sale of each Fullbore 2011 reamer will go to the Team. This reamer was designed by Bob Gamboa for the National Team and it meets all of the new ICFRA rules. We have used it extensively in our Lapua case and Sierra bullet testing and highly recommend it. Pacific Tool and Gauge is well known for their quality and service.

Creedmoor Sports, (800) 273-3366, has announced a new "**Fullbore Prone**" shooting coat. This light weight (ideal for travel) coat has many of the optional features found only on custom prone coats including tensioning straps on the shoulders, a relocated sling strap, vents, and custom embroidery, just to name a few. This coat is designed for the prone rifle shooter and is constructed of the same high quality materials and workmanship you have come to expect from Creedmoor Sports. Creedmore Sports is donating \$50.00 for each coat purchased between now and October 2011. The donations will be apportioned between the Young Eagles, the Veterans, and the Palma Team.

Please support these team sponsors who have stepped up to support our program.

Its raffle time! Not just any raffle. This raffle is special. We have put together a list of prizes that will interest shooters and non-shooters alike. We have a 50" Plasma TV, High Definition Sony Blu-Ray Player, HP Note Book, GPS, Play Station 3, and more. To simplify the process, all of the prizes will be award through Amazon.com. The total cash value of each prize will go to each winner in the form of an Amazon.com gift certificate. They can use that gift certificate to purchase the advertised prize or apply those funds to purchase anything they wish up to the gifted amount. Each of you receiving this News Letter from Palma Promotions has a \$20.00 book of tickets included. Each ticket is \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. Please support the program by filling out the information for the raffle and sending a check to the address listed on the raffle information enclosed. One half of all the funds collected from this Palma Promotions mailing will go to the Under-25/21/19 Young Eagles program. So please send your check today. Your raffle purchase is fully tax deductible as Palma Promotions is a 501 (C) 3 organization.

You are already the big winner by sending your check to help support the National Team and Young Eagles program. But who knows you maybe the next big raffle winner too!

Thank you for your support!

Dennis Flaharty  
Captain USA National and Palma Team



The team event was hotly contested, with 18 teams on the line, most of which were in F-TR Class. In Open Class, the North American Shooters Team, coached by Bryan Litz won the Berger Trophy for the 600 + 1000-yard combined Aggregate, as well as the 1000-yard Team Match. The Sierra Spindle Shooters team took first place in the 600-yard Team Match. In F-TR Team shooting, Savage Shooters pulled off a clean sweep, winning the 600-yard match, the 1000-yard match, AND the Team Aggregate. Congrats to Savage Shooters!



NAS Team shooters (left to right): David Mann, Dean Morris, Bryan Litz (coach), Rick Jensen, Larry Tait.

#### F-Open Class Results

Winner: Derek Rodgers (Sharpshooter) – 1330-57X Nat'l Champion  
 Second: Ken Dickerman (High Master) – 1325-57X  
 Third: Danny Biggs – 1324-67X – High X Count?  
 Fourth: Jeff Cochran – 1324-28X  
 Fifth: Jeff Traylor – 1323-51X  
 High Woman: Brenda Hill – 1302-31X  
 High Senior: Larry Bartholome – 1321-51X  
 High Grand Senior: Danny Biggs – 1324-67X

#### F-TR Class Results

Winner: Lane Buxton – 1302-42X – National Champion  
 Second: Robert Lach – 1297-36X  
 Third: John Hayhurst – 1293-37X  
 Fourth: Jeffery Rorer – 1293-37X  
 High Senior: Robert Lach – 1297-36X  
 High Grand Senior: Peter Church – 1279-31X

## USA Veterans Rifle Team 2010

The US Veteran's Rifle Team has 30 active shooters who are 60 years or older. Our goal is to win the Veterans World Championship which will be held in Australia in 2011. This year our focus is to improve 10-man team operations through practice and competitions.

This summer we have practices in conjunction with matches at these locations, Phoenix AZ, Coalinga CA, Raton NM, Lode WI, and Camp Butner NC. Major competitions this year are at Camp Perry, Raton NM and Brisbane AU. We compete internationally at least once every year.

We will send a 15 person team to Brisbane Australia this October to compete in the Australia National Championships. The team will be in Brisbane for almost 3 weeks competing in individual and 3 team competitions. During our stay in Brisbane we will attend several team social events hosted by the Australians.

The Veterans team is affiliated with the NRA, however we receive no financial support. Our team is funded by the generosity of individuals and businesses that help support our team. This year we are raffling several items of shooting equipment. For information about these raffles contact Eddie Newman,

[coptereddi@aol.com](mailto:coptereddi@aol.com). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

As always we are looking for talented shooters (at least master class) and coaches. Our team has a core of experienced personnel who can train new team members in all aspects of long range rifle shooting. If you are interested in our team and want to become a member please contact Eddie Newman at [coptereddi@aol.com](mailto:coptereddi@aol.com) for details. You must be 60 years old to be a member

Eddie Newman  
 Team Captain

## USA NRA LONG RANGE MATCHES 2010

The USA NRA Long Range Rifle Matches will be held August 14-18, 2010, at Camp Perry, Ohio. [www.nrahq.org](http://www.nrahq.org). This year the new Bert Rollins Memorial Trophy will be awarded for the overall aggregate "using a Palma Rifle".

## 2011 WORLD LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Rifle Association of Australia is hosting the 2011 World Long Range Championships at the Belmont Rifle Range, Brisbane, Australia, October 8-22, 2011. Detailed information can be found on their website at [www.2011.nraa.com.au](http://www.2011.nraa.com.au)

## On-Line Donations!

You may now donate online to your favorite USA Long Range Rifle Team. Go to [www.palma.org](http://www.palma.org) and click on "Support Palma USA" then look for the button "Support - Just Give". You can also go directly to the website [www.justgive.org](http://www.justgive.org) and search the 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.

## A Message from the F-Class Open Team Captain

The 2009 F-Class Open Team just returned from the Imperial Meeting and the World Championship in Bisley, England, bringing home two gold and a silver in the three team events we have competed in.

In the Imperial Meeting, we won the gold in the International Team Match. In the World Championship our team won gold in the Rutland Cup event. This was the third time the US won the Rutland Cup, in 2002, 2005, and 2009. In the World Championship main event, the Farquharson Trophy match, we have placed second (Silver) next the outstanding GB team.

In the various team events we have competed against some of the best shooters in the world from Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, Scotland, South Africa, and Wales. The Team performed marvelously, under very difficult conditions. We have proven the great depth of our team. The collective performance of our coaches, shooters, and our support was **second to none!**

I am extremely proud of our Team's achievement, and thankful of our Sponsors for their contributions, which made our attendance of the Bisley matches possible.

I also want to express my deep appreciation of the support, attitude and friendship of the members of the Team.

With the very best regards,  
**Robert (Bob) Bock**  
Captain, 2009 US F-Class Open Rifle Team

## Tax Shelter

The staff of Palma Promotions, Inc. would like to remind everyone that with the 2009 Tax Year coming to a close, 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. Send your donations to Palma Promotions, Inc., Attn: USA Palma Team Foundation, P.O. Box 441, Mineral, VA 23117 or contact the Corporate Officers of Palma Promotions, Dave Fiehtner, President, 865 300-7553, e-mail [davefiehtner@gmail.com](mailto:davefiehtner@gmail.com) or Leslie Chai Cook, Vice President, 540 894-8531, e-mail [lekilic@msn.com](mailto:lekilic@msn.com).

## A New Team, A New Raffle!

The 2010 Raffle to support the United States National Rifle Team and Young Eagles program is for shooters and non-shooters alike! This year, we are offering an impressive array of consumer electronics items as prizes for the Team Raffle. Among the prizes are a Panasonic 50" Plasma TV, a Sony Blu-Ray Player, an HP Notebook computer, a PlayStation 3 game console, Garmin GPS, a Canon digital camera and many other items!

All prizes will be awarded through Amazon.com: the total cash value of each prize will be provided to each winner in the form of an Amazon.com gift certificate which can be used to purchase the advertised prize, or to be applied to any other purchase up to the full amount of the gift certificate.

Tickets are \$5.00 apiece, or 5 for \$20.00. Winners do not need to be present at the drawing. We will notify all winners by phone or email. Proceeds from the Palma Promotions mailing will benefit both the National Rifle Team and the Young Eagles (Under-25/21/19 teams).

Please make checks payable to Palma Promotions . Palma Promotions is a 501(3)c organization and your purchase amount is tax deductible.

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40065



## WINNEQUAH FULLBORE/PALMA FUND RAISER

The Winnequah Gun Club, Lodi, Wisconsin, hosted their annual Fullbore/Palma Fund Raiser Match on April 17-18, 2010. A total of 41 competitors participated in the two day event. On Saturday, April 17, the Match Winner of the Fullbore Fund Raiser Match was Eric Eilberg, Rocky River, Ohio. The Match Winner of the F-Class was Earl Liebetrau, Viola, Wisconsin. On Sunday, April 18, the Match Winner of the Palma Fund Raiser Match was Randy Gregory, Medford, Wisconsin and the Match Winner of the F-Class was John Dunbar, Spencer, Wisconsin. The Winnequah Gun Club has requested that the proceeds from the matches of \$1072 be split three ways between the USA Palma Team, USA Veterans Team and the USA Young Eagles Team.

## 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:

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### PALMA JUNIOR COACHING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Palma Junior Achievement Award

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#### Qualifying Scores

	Individual	Team With Coach
Any Rifle	190	195
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

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