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It's hard to believe that 2007 has come to a close and 2008 is already upon us. This issue of USA Shooting News marks the beginning of not only a brand new year, but also a very exciting year for USA Shooting with the Opening Ceremonies of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing only seven months away!

This year will be jam packed with all of our usual events and competitions, as well as the upcoming Olympic Airgun Selection Match in Colorado Springs March 1-3, followed by the second Shotgun Olympic Selection Match March 8-16 in Kerrville, Texas, the Beijing Test Event April 10-21, World Cup USA for Shotgun May 1-11 in Kerrville and the Rifle/Pistol Olympic Trials at Fort Benning May 12-22. It will no doubt be an extremely busy year leading up to the Olympic Games, where the shooting portion of the competition will be held in Beijing August 9-17.

USAS is once again looking forward to a successful year and especially to see our U.S. Shooting Team bring home the gold in Beijing!

There have been a few more improvements to the website, www.usashooting.org, that I would like to mention starting with the new, more colorful background! USAS is constantly trying to improve communication with our members but we also want to ensure that these communication tools, including the website and magazine, are attractive to look at.

We recently added three new pages (pistol, rifle and shotgun) to the Youth Programs section of the website in order to provide more in depth information on these programs and how our youth can get started in the sport of shooting. A PDF of the most recent issue of the magazine is also now available by visiting the Media/USAS Magazine section of the website on the left side navigation bar.

We hope you like the new look of the website and that the site is becoming easier to find all the information you are looking for. Also, don’t forget to visit our web store at www.usashootingstore.com to check out our wide variety of USA Shooting merchandise!
The USA Shooting Board of Directors assembled for their semi-annual meeting October 27, 2007 in Colorado Springs. Topics of interest and actions included:

- Reports from department managers on significant activities year to date and objectives for 2008.
- A consolidated discipline report updating the board on each of the National Coaches’ performance plans including accomplishments and a detailed Beijing performance plan.
- Chris Barry of Newport Creative Consulting gave a detailed presentation on direct mail operations. While competition for donor dollars continues to increase as does postage and printing costs, our direct marketing program continues to be a key and consistent source of revenue.
- Directors representing constituencies provided information on relevant topics to the group. Connie Smotek spoke about Athletes Advisory Council Representative (AAC) initiatives. Mike Krei highlighted NRA activities, LTC Frank Muggeo spoke about the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and Gary Anderson addressed subjects from the ISSF.
- The carry over topic of major gifts and an endowment program were discussed at length, with the board unanimously committing to an endowment effort to fund junior and elite training. The Bunker Club has raised a founding gift of $300,000 for that effort. President Lally appointed Kinsey Robinson, Mike Krei and Butch Eller to a committee to develop endowment program details.
- A minor amendment to the bylaws was passed that defines “active athlete” to coincide with the USOC bylaws.
- The annual membership fee for first time juniors was increased from $10 to $20. Effective January 1, 2008 there will be only one junior membership fee at $20. The fee change was based largely on the fact that the cost to provide USA Shooting News alone is more than $13.75 yearly.
- Wanda Jewell and Matt Emmons presented a series of membership promotion initiatives. The first effort will be to increase awareness and gain support from the shooting and hunting family following the theme “Shooting Is My Olympic Sport.” Proposals to be detailed for possible action are to promote supporting memberships to our donor base, producing shooting tips for DVD distribution and establishing an evangelist network using USAS team members.
- The afternoon portion of the meeting focused largely on strategic planning topics that the board has deemed most important to USAS that included succession planning, funding including major gifts, visibility and brand development and development of our athlete pool.
- The operating budget for 2008 was passed.

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

At their October 27 meeting, the USA Shooting Board of Directors established the base for a USAS Endowment Program and earmarked approximately $300,000 raised by the Bunker Club as the funding foundation for a USA Shooting Endowment Fund.

It has been realized for some time that an endowment is needed. In 2002 initial steps were taken to start an endowment fund, but that effort was sidetracked when USAS focused unsuccessful efforts on saving the 1996 Olympic Games shooting venue at Wolf Creek. USAS has been very successful obtaining gifts through mail campaigns, but we have not made a dedicated effort in the major gifts and philanthropic giving is a source of funding that has not been explored. We have not had the staff or expertise to enter this facet of fundraising. Many supporters wish to see their support impact the organization in perpetuity, which is also the desire of many estate gifts. It is an area of financial support in which we must become active.

Upon committing to the endowment effort, President Lally appointed Board members Kinsey Robinson, Mike Krei and Butch Eller to the initial Endowment Committee. The committee and staff liaison Bob Mitchell have established basic parameters for the endowment to include:
While a specific financial goal will not be identified, no program funding will begin until the endowment reaches $1,500,000.

Endowment emphasis will be placed on “legacy” funding, preserving the endowment principle and gifts will fund the Olympic shooting sports in “perpetuity.”

The Endowment Committee will remain fairly small but will be expanded to include others willing to assume an active role.

Specific contributions will be sought to specifically fund endowment operating costs thus allowing 100% of gifts to be dedicated to funding endowment program objectives. Those providing gifts to fund operating costs will receive special recognition.

The fund will have two objectives; to support elite athletes and fund youth programs.

At this time a staff member will not be hired to solicit endowment or major gifts. Endowment efforts will be carried out primarily by the Endowment Committee, the Board of Directors, Marketing Director Buddy DuVall and Bob Mitchell.

A website page or page segment will be devoted to the endowment fund.

The endowment effort will be two pronged focusing on our elite Olympic medal efforts and on youth programs.

The Olympic Foundation was agreed to be an attractive investment opportunity for the endowment principal, which offered a very competitive historical return with commensurate regard to safety.

A premium will be awarded for gifts meeting a specific size, thus providing the donor with a token of appreciation he or she would be proud to display.

Colonel Dennis Behrens, the founder of the Bunker Club, has agreed to serve on the Endowment Committee with additional members to be added. More work is required to include finalizing details and developing supporting material.

Next tasks include developing an appropriate booklet that will include costs to fund an elite shooter, various methods of providing an endowment as well as information regarding why the endowment fund was created and its importance to USA Shooting. A formal kickoff for the Endowment will be planned for an appropriate event.
On Target

A Visit to Perazzi USA

Perazzi shotguns’ place in Olympic history dates back to master gun maker Daniele Perazzi being commissioned by Ennio Mattarelli to produce an Olympic shotgun. Mattarelli used this gun to win the gold medal in the trap event at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games. More recently, a look at results from the 2004 Olympics show that 12 of 18 medals won in the shotgun events were won by athletes using Perazzi shotguns. Olympians Kim Rhode, Lance Bade and Glenn Eller are just a few of the U.S. team members to be seen on the range shooting a Perazzi. So what makes Perazzi such a popular choice for competitive shotgun shooters?

Founded in 1957, Perazzi’s world headquarters and manufacturing facilities are located in Brescia, Italy where fewer than 12 handcrafted shotguns are produced daily. Exports account for approximately 80 percent of the shotguns Perazzi manufactures with about one-third designated for the U.S. market and distributed through Perazzi USA in Azusa, Calif.. A visit to Perazzi’s Southern California location provides a behind the scenes look at one of the most popular brands of shotguns in competitive shooting. A tour of the showroom quickly demonstrates the extensive line of hunting and competition models offered with several models particularly well suited for Olympic style shooting.

The unique demands of shooting international skeet, trap and double trap dictate certain basic features a shooter looks for in a shotgun, such as shorter barrels for skeet and typically longer barrels for trap. Beyond the basics, shooters have an array of options to choose from like fixed or adjustable barrel ribs, a removable trigger group, adjustable comb (cheek piece) and a selection of chokes. Perazzi offers a variety of models designed for specific competition events which can be further configured with options to accommodate individual preferences.

For shooters desiring a shotgun set up to their exact specifications, Perrazi offers custom fitting services extending beyond ordering a selected model with desired options. Lucio Sosta, VP of Perazzi USA and accomplished international shooter, is an expert in custom fitting a shotgun to the shooter. On this visit to Perazzi USA, Mr. Sosta demonstrated to USA Shooting National Team double trap shooters Glenn Eller and Josh Richmond how the fitting process works. Using a highly adjustable stock on a “try gun” of the model selected, Lucio put Josh through a number of mounting drills with adjustments and refinements being made...
throughout the process. As a final step to confirm the accuracy of the fitting, a bore mounted laser is used to check the desired point of impact.

With the fitting complete, the adjusted “try gun” is placed in a special machine which reads measurements of length and angles so the exact calibrations can be recorded on an order form. Master craftsmen in the Italian facility use the fitting calculations to produce a perfect replica stock out of select grades of wood. The stock is hand fitted to the model selected by the shooter along with the options desired. In approximately two to three months the custom shotgun will be available for delivery through Perazzi USA.

Shooting is just one of several Olympic sports where equipment plays a role in athletes performing at their very best. In a sport where results are measured in fractions of millimeters or a single target, having the best equipment possible may be the difference between a good performance and medal winning performance. For more information on Perazzi shotguns and the custom fitting services available, please contact Perazzi USA at (626) 334-1234 or PerazzUSA@aol.com.

Lucio Sosta records measurements from custom stock fitting with Josh Richmond

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USA Shooting is happy to announce the 2008 Athlete Support Grant Program. This program is a collaborative effort between USA Shooting and United States Olympic Committee and designed to assist performing athletes with training and competition funding to support mutual goals. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to call or e-mail me at 719-866-4890, wanda.jewell@usashooting.org.

I. USAS/USOC ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAM

A. The objective of USA Shooting’s Athlete Support Program is to assist elite level shooters with training and competition needs in their quest to sustain international competitive excellence. The 2008 Athlete Support Program is designed to support athletes that have actively committed to skill development and the goal of excellence in the 2008 Olympic Games.

B. The grant program for 2008 consists of a combination of Competitive Program Grants, Stipend Grants for proven performers, Incentive Grants, Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI), and Operation Gold Grants. The USA Shooting Grant Committee will administer this program.

C. Grant program announcements will be made in the USAS official publication “USA Shooting News” and on the USAS website at www.usashooting.com. USA Shooting will contact athletes that are qualified for the stipend grants under the established criteria. Qualified athletes will be provided with the details of the program and a contract to sign if they wish to participate in the program. Athletes qualifying for Operation Gold and Incentive Grants will automatically receive grant applications and instructions.

II. COMPETITIVE PROGRAM GRANTS

A. Competitive Program Grants will be awarded to the USOC approved Olympic Team members. Competitive Program Grants will be awarded in the following manner:

   1st Place    $4000
   2nd Place    $4000

B. To be eligible for the Competitive Program Grants, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

   1. Be a current member of the National Team.

   2. Be a current member of USA Shooting at the time of the grant payment.

   3. Performance standard qualified in the 2008 Olympic event for which the grant is being given, in accordance with USA Shooting’s Policies and Procedures, Section VI at the time of payment.

   4. Only one grant will be awarded in those events where USAS has obtained only one Olympic participation quota (Women’s shotgun and those events where not all quotas were earned or obtained).

   5. Be current with US Anti-Doping Agency’s (USADA) Athlete Location Form. In the event the athlete is not registered in the USADA Out Of Competition (OOC) pool, the athlete must complete all paperwork and be registered with USADA before disbursement of the grant.

   C. Athletes will receive 40% of the grant amount upon being nominated to the team. The remaining 60% will be disbursed to the athlete upon the completion of the Olympic Games providing the athlete has successfully participated with the team during the Olympic shooting events without receiving a major Code of Conduct violation as outlined in the USA Shooting Code of Conduct (approved by USOC for use during the Olympic Games) and in the official team letter.

   D. Athletes may receive only one Competitive Program Grant. Grants will not be passed down below the second place finisher. Competitive Program Grants not disbursed by the above criteria will be placed in the Athlete Support pool and may be disbursed by the USAS Grant Committee.

   E. Funds dispersed will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as miscellaneous income and each recipient will receive an IRS Form 1099.

III. STIPEND GRANTS

A. Stipend Grants will be awarded to athletes meeting the requirements below. Grant amount is determined based on the criteria below and the USA Shooting Grant Committee’s assessment of impact for medal potential in the 2008 Olympic Games. The grant will be dispersed monthly in equal payments through August 31, 2008. The first payment will be dispersed after receiving the athlete contract and meeting the requirements in paragraph III. B. 1-10. All payments will be dispersed monthly to the athlete as they meet the requirements in accordance with paragraph III. C. 1-6. Funds dispersed will be reported to
the Internal Revenue Service as miscellaneous income and each recipient will receive an IRS Form 1099.

B. To be eligible for the stipend grant, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. All athletes that have received stipend grants in 2007 will be continued on the stipend grant program until the completion of the tryout process for the event in which they participate. Stipend amounts will be determined by performance in the 2007 international competitive events and assessed medal potential for the 2008 Olympic Games.

2. If an athlete currently receiving a stipend grant does not make the Olympic Team, they will be dropped from the stipend program upon completion of the tryout process.

3. Athletes meeting all the requirements of B. 1-10, that have qualified for the Olympic Team will be picked up on the stipend program. Stipend amounts will be determined by performance in the 2007 international competitive events. Stipend amounts may be increased dependant upon performance levels achieved in 2008 international competitive events.

4. Be currently training and competing in a program monitored by the USAS National Coach. All athletes must participate in all 2008 USA Shooting Selection Matches and National Championships.

5. Be a current member of the National Team.

6. Be a current member of USA Shooting at the time of each grant payment.

7. Performance standard qualified in the 2008 Olympic event for which the grant is being given, in accordance with USA Shooting’s Policies and Procedures, Section VI at the time of each payment.

8. Be current with US Anti-Doping Agency’s Athlete Location Form.

9. Athletes salaried by an elite athlete shooting program are not eligible for this grant.

10. Athletes receiving the stipend grant must agree to Direct Deposit of the monthly funds.

C. To qualify for payments under the stipend grant program, athletes must meet the following requirements:

1. Selected athletes must remain a member of the National Team for the duration of the grant period.

2. Selected athletes must be performance standard qualified at the time of each payment.

3. Selected athletes must work directly with their discipline National Coach to develop and maintain a detailed training and match plan. The plan will be oriented toward medalling at the 2008 Olympic Games. This plan must be approved by the USAS Director of Operations and the USAS Grant Committee Athlete Representative before the first payment will be issued.

4. Each grantee must agree to contact the National Coach weekly to discuss training issues or new developments in their training. This weekly contact can take the form of weekly telephone conversation with the coach, an exchange of e-mails, or the completion of a report form designed by the coach. Updates and revision to the training plans may be required based on information received from these exchanges. All exchanges will be recorded and filed by the National Coach. They are subject to review by the Director of Operations.

5. Each selected athlete must meet specific training and performance measures established by the National Coach and approved by the Director of Operations to receive the monthly grant payment. Measures may include attendance at specified matches, performance level at competitions, training requirements, etc. These criteria and requirements will be customized to meet individual athlete needs with the objective of maximizing Olympic medal potential. The National Coach may recommend the stipend be removed or reduced if the above requirements are not being met or performance levels fall below performance standards. The final determination for removal of a stipend grant will be made by the USAS Grant Committee.

6. Grant funds not disbursed to stipend grant athletes may be reallocated and disbursed by the USAS Grant Committee.

IV. INCENTIVE GRANTS

A. Any athlete may receive an incentive grant when meeting the following criteria:

1. Winning an individual event medal in any of the four ISSF World Cups in an Olympic event.

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2. World Records:

   If an athlete equals or exceeds a preliminary world record $2000
   If an athlete equals or exceeds a preliminary plus finals world record $3000

Only one grant will be awarded, the highest grant will be awarded.

B. Athletes participating in World Cups are chosen by the National Coach from the top ranked athletes in a discipline athlete pool.

C. USA Shooting will fund the balance of all grants and incentives earned if the total disbursement exceeds the total USOC athlete support allocation.

V. USOC OPERATION GOLD GRANTS

A. The USOC will award Operation Gold grants based on individual athlete performance at the 2008 Olympic Games. Grants will be awarded in the Olympic events only as follows:

1st Place $25,000
2nd Place $15,000
3rd Place $10,000
B. Individuals must finish within the top three places to qualify for Operation Gold awards. In the Olympic year, athletes are eligible for multiple medal awards. There is no personal or family income limitation for Operation Gold awards.

VI. USA SHOOTING MEDAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

USA Shooting is offering an incentive program for shooting athletes winning medals at the Olympic Games and for the National Coaches responsible for the training program. The purpose of this program is to offer an incentive for the National Coaches and shooting athletes to train and work toward meeting the goal of medal winning performance in the 2008 Olympic Games.

A. To win the incentive funds outlined in the table in paragraph 4, the athlete must win a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal in any Olympic event in the 2008 Olympic Games and must have used either Eley .22 caliber ammunition (50 m rifle events and 25 m pistol events) or Winchester shot shells (all shotgun events) during the entire Olympic Games training and competition sessions.

B. Medals won by an athlete not shooting Eley or Winchester will count toward the total medal count, however, that athlete will not receive the incentive.

C. The chart lists the incentives to be given for medals won.

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C. Checks will be disbursed from USA Shooting to the medal winners upon return from the Olympic Games. Funds dispersed will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as miscellaneous income and each recipient will receive an IRS Form 1099.

VII. ELITE ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE (EAHI)

A. Number of EAHI slots allocated: 32

B. Eligibility and Criteria Approved for EAHI:

Elite Athlete Health Insurance will be offered in the following priority manner:

1. Athletes earning 2008 USAS resident athlete status are automatically eligible for EAHI.
2. Athletes receiving the Stipend Grants outlined by USAS are eligible for EAHI
3. Athletes obtaining a berth on the Olympic Team are eligible for EAHI.
4. Remaining EAHI slots will be dispersed by the USAS Grant Committee based on first place performances at the 2008 National Championships (July 2008) in Olympic Events only. Each National Champion, who has not already been offered EAHI, will be eligible for this benefit so long as:
   a. Each potential recipient is performance standard qualified as compared to the 2005 Performance Standard Average (PSA) established by USA Shooting.
   b. If there are more potential recipients than slots available then the next step would be to rank each National Champion’s Performance Standard Average against the Individual Performance Standard (PSI). Athletes with the next highest PSI would be offered EAHI. If all National Champions who are Performance Standard qualified are offered EAHI and there are slots remaining, they will go unused.
It’s that time of year again and State Junior Olympic matches are in full swing. Shooters from across the country are competing in state JO competitions with the hopes of making the cut for an invite to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

So, you are wondering, what exactly is the procedure for getting an invitation? Here are some guidelines to help understand the USA Shooting Junior Olympic program.

1. All shooters must be members of USA Shooting and citizens of the United States, with a birth date of 1988 or later.

2. There are two ways to qualify: in-state as a “Resident” or “At-Large” in another (non-resident) state.

3. Shooters can only shoot at one State JO Championship per event.

4. In each state, the top male and top female from each event will be invited to the NJOSC, provided they met the “State Qualifying Score” and are competing as a resident of that state. Everyone one else must shoot the “Automatic Invite Score” to be eligible for an invitation.

5. If a shooter chooses to compete “At-Large” in a visiting state, they must meet the “Automatic Invite Score” for their age group in order to receive an invitation.

Once the scores have been submitted to the USAS Competitions office, the scores are sorted and invitations will be mailed out by February 15, 2008. All invited competitors over the age of 12 are encouraged to stay at the Olympic Training Center, where meals and housing will be provided free of charge. The dates for the 2008 National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship are April 4-19, 2008.

Qualifying Scores

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***SUBJECT TO CHANGE***
Plans for the National Junior Olympic 3PAR and Progressive Position Air Pistol Championships have changed. Unfortunately, it currently appears that the Kerrville, Texas facility will not be ready for July, 2007. At the moment, a final determination on dates and location has not been made. Please watch the USAS website for updates, which will be posted there first.

USAS hosted a Junior Olympic Development Camp November 25-26 for the top athletes from the National Junior Olympic 3PAR and Progressive Position Air Pistol Championships and their coaches at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Nearly all of them took advantage of the chance to stay on and shoot the 3xAir match Nov. 30 – Dec. 2. Several of the athletes were able to make some quick changes, which helped them perform well in the big match and nearly all reported learning things they know will be helpful down the road. Everyone enjoyed the unique environment of the USOTC, which makes for a very special experience for athletes and coaches.

The 3xAir event overlapped the first National Coach Development Staff (NCDS) classes in our Coach College and Conference. New and/or current NCDS members then taught Level 1 Coach Schools in all three disciplines. Concurrent with those, were the Level 3 Advanced Coach Schools for rifle and pistol (note: we expect to have a Level 3 shotgun school available next year). The level 1 coach schools were followed by the optional American Sport Education Program Coaching Principles class. Over 35 signed up for ASEP even though it is also available online. We also had over 110 registrations for the eight classes and expect over 120 people to attend the conference. The first day of the conference will be a day with the National Team Coaches and their assistants, then a day and a half of varied presentations and finally, the CMP State Directors meeting on Sunday afternoon.

By the end of the year we expect to be able to sell a brand new, light weight and affordable junior air pistol from Air Arms. This pistol is powered by compressed air and comes with an ambidextrous grip. It weighs in at about two pounds and is approximately the size and shape of current top-of-the-line models. An accessory weight on the rail helps the airgun to “grow with the athlete.” Only 75 will be available at the introductory price (not yet fixed). Prices on future orders are subject to the changes in the foreign currency exchange rate.

USAS continues to offer subsidized coach schools for groups of pistol coaches interested in Progressive Position Air Pistol youth programs. We may also be able to connect you with a member of our National Coach Development Staff to help with camps/clinics in your area. Please contact me at bob.foth@usashooting.org or (719) 866-4881 for more information.

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USA Shooting News
When I see athletes at a match, I often wonder how many of them are true competitors in the event. By competitors I mean athletes who have come to the match prepared to perform at, or exceed their personal best. Through my years of competing and coaching, I have seen and interacted with a lot of athletes. There are a few similarities characterizing the best performers and champions. What do champions do to consistently compete for a place on the podium?

Champions are driven to win--and hate to lose--and they are passionate about their performance. They do not care what the circumstances are – they are ready to face them. They do more in training than the average athlete; not only with the intensity of their work, but with the quality of their work. They pay more attention to details and work on a wider variety of skills. The best athletes also spend as much time as needed to figure out the details required to improve or adjust in order to excel.

Champions can think about and picture themselves exceeding the world record level and do not put any limits or caps on their abilities – absolute score becomes a reality and possibility for them. They identify the areas that make a difference in their performance and never stop looking for ways to improve them. Champions are determined to achieve planned goals.

What should developing athletes start working on now to get on the path to become one of the best performers?

I often see hard working and talented athletes arriving at a match not quite knowing exactly what they are going to do in the match to achieve their goals. They often have no match plan other than to “shoot well.” This common statement is not really a plan and creates uncertainty and confusion because the end result is the only focus, not how to get that result. The first thing needed is a clear pre-match warm-up strategy.

**Pre-match preparation strategy characteristics:**

This strategy is a warm up for the match: physical, technical and mental.

- **Physical**– body warm-up, starting in the morning with a light exercise session to wake up the body and start up the system. This session is based on personal exercise preference and experience. Everything from light jogging to some gymnastics and yoga can be used.

- **Technical**: This portion is about shooting technique repetition. Technical warm-up is a number of exercises designed to line up technical (fundamental) skills and bring them to a normal performance level. This includes a complete fundamental skills check: lift, approach, hold, triggering. After the fundamentals are brought to a "normal" level, start on the mental warm-up.

- **Mental**: Clarify the tasks you want to focus on through the match and intensify your focus toward these particular tasks – think about how the desired task needs to be performed and picture this image/process clearly in your mind. If you can practice the task perfectly and successfully in your mind, your body will take this direction and naturally try to execute the task correctly.

Now, you are ready to compete! There is much more to learn to become one of the best athletes in the world, but following a pre-match preparation plan is a good starting point on the path.
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Why keep a journal? People keep journals for many different reasons. Some like to look back and remember good times. Some like to keep track of dates and events. Any form of journal or diary can be a valuable resource when it comes to our hobbies, lifestyles and passions. Whatever the reason, it is up to you how detailed the content is and the format in which they lie.

While stationed in Europe I backpacked in the foothills of the Alps quite frequently. I kept a hiking journal. While incomplete at most times, I logged things such as the temperature at different times of the year, wildlife I encountered and I always tried to describe in detail what my campsites looked like. Additionally I wrote down how my equipment performed. I tried to learn a little more each time I went out. I used the Journal to look back at a trek and sometimes to say, I really didn't need to bring this or that. Or, I went about that one the hard way. By keeping the hiking journal I was able to enjoy subsequent trips more because I was more knowledgeable than I was the last time.

Many have applied the concept of keeping a journal or diary to shooting, so I know this is nothing new to a lot of you out there. Does keeping a journal help improve performance? I think so, as do many others. But if you are new to the idea, here are some basics to think about when getting started.

The shooting journal can be as detailed as you like or as minimal as you like. But it should contain some basics:

- What is the desired outcome of the training, match or goal?
- Performance analysis: solutions, successes and goals for next time.
- How much sleep did you get the night prior to training/match?
- What did you have to eat prior to the training/match?
- What was your physical condition going into the training/match (healthy, sniffles, cough)?
- Rate yourself from 1 to 10 on your attitude and concentration levels.
- What did you do differently today?
- What did you do the same today?
- Location of the Match or training (lighting & background)?

I am a big fan of logging what the weather was like. Believe it or not, weather does play a part in our mood.
- Temperature?
- Sunny or cloudy?
- Rain or snow?

Additionally, you should include your training plan in your journal. It will help to guide you along your path as you train and compete. Use it like a trail map to take you where you want to go. Remember, we only get out what we put in. So, when things are going well for you, it is essential that you be able to look back and physically see what you did right to make things happen in your favor. The opposite is also true. When things are not going well, it is equally essential that you can look back and see what you that may have caused you to perform poorly. The shooting journal can be a tool equally as important as your firearm. Use it wisely and you just might find it taking you places you never thought you could go.
Inside the Blue: 
Show Me Your War Face!

Gunnery Sergeant Hartman (R. Lee Ermey) asks Private J.T. “Joker” Davis (Matthew Modine) to show him his “war face” in the 1987 film Full Metal Jacket.

While most international shooters are not preparing for war and certainly do not train under the “guidance” of a drill instructor, we must nevertheless work on our “war face” to perform at our very best. In this article, Airmen will explore confidence and offer some tips to help you build your confidence and put on your best “war face.”

What is a War Face?

To make Marines, Gunny Hartman’s intent was to train, instill confidence and mentally prepare his recruits for their mission. Then, at the end of their training, each new Marine’s “war face” would be a physical manifestation of their warrior attitude, confidence and mental readiness to perform. Likewise in competitive shooting, each marksman’s “war face” on the firing line reflects his or her mental state and confidence to perform their task. A competitor’s physical expression and demeanor is ultimately the product of their pre-match preparation and will show either their internal “screaming demons” or “confident tranquility.” Your body language is a mirror to your emotions.

Warriors Expect to Win

An athlete must have confidence in his or her training regimen and their ability to perform when it matters most. Maj. Michael Herman, a 19-year Air Force International Trap Team veteran and three-time World Cup medalist explains: “A confident shooter believes they can post their best personal score each time they approach the firing line. It is a big difference between hoping to post a great score and knowing if they execute their game plan, they will perform at their best. Confidence is essential to achieve consistency and consistency is the key to winning. Watch the top shooters and you will see what confidence looks like and how they use it to reach the medal stand.”

Accomplished marksmen are what they aspired to be, trust your training and preparation and show confidence on the firing line.

Building Confidence

Confident, well-prepared competitors with Tiger Woods-like focus and physical presence are not made overnight. To a person, veteran competitors will tell you that confidence is a state of mind developed through years of training and experience. Each competitor must look deep inside and build their own confidence to perform their very best. Establish individual goals and let others see how dedicated you are to reaching them. Below, my teammates offer three tips to help you build and maintain your confidence:

1. Train like you fight. This funda-
mental military doctrine is equally applicable to shooting sports. To build confidence, competitors must train with the same mental focus and determination as they would in competition. After congratulating my teammate, Lt. Col. Dominic Grazioli, for winning the 2007 National Shotgun Championships, I mentioned how confident and calm he appeared throughout the competition and especially during the finals. The 11-time World Cup medalist remarked, “Hey, I’ve been here before and pressure is what you put on your own shoulders. I am confident on the line and my training and experience back me up.”

2. Divide and conquer. Proper goal setting and realistic performance standards help build confidence. Achieving each milestone in your training plan will build your confidence and give you the experience you need to meet the next challenge. Do your best measured against your own standards of excellence and approach each new challenge as an opportunity to bolster your experience. “You can’t win the match with your first round, but you can certainly lose it. Approach each shot with the goal of applying the fundamentals you developed during training,” echoed Maj. Herman.

3. Show them your war face. A “war face” is unique to its owner but is displayed for all to see – especially to fellow competitors, teammates and coaches. In all cases, appear confident, whether or not you feel that way, and remain focused on what you can control. If your shot misses its mark, evaluate the shot, adjust as necessary, refocus and hit your mark with the next shot. “Top marksmen overcome obstacles and focus on their next task with complete confidence. They press forward through the remaining shots with emotionless, machine-like efficiency,” explained Lt. Col. Grazioli, a 20-year veteran of the Air Force Shooting Team. Motivate yourself and not your competitors by keeping your focus – show them your war face!

Watch and Learn
Confident, veteran athletes are magnetic. “You can observe a lot just by watching.” remarked Yogi Berra, a Hall of Fame baseball player and amateur philosopher. Compare the expressions and body language of a shooter making his or her first final and that of a seasoned, competition-tested veteran. Does each competitor’s “war face” or physical expression reflect their readiness and focus? How does each competitor’s confidence, in fact or perception, influence the confidence of the other? How would you react in a similar situation?

Competitors should seek counsel from the vets and use the experience of others to their advantage. Similarly, coaches are better able to determine areas for improvement – like mental training or fitness – by observing the body language of their athletes. Observing the positive and negative actions of others may yield teaching points to build a marksman’s confidence and improve their game.

One Final Shot
The testimony of accomplished competitors in any sport has repeatedly shown that confident athletes are mentally prepared and expect to perform their best. Take time to build your confidence through training and experience, proper goal setting and your attitude on the firing line.

Until the next competition, the Air Force Shooting Team challenges each of you to show us your best “war face” and pursue excellence in all you do. If you have any questions about the Air Force in general, please visit www.airforce.com for more information.

Inside the Blue is a running series that looks at international shooting sports from an Airmen’s perspective. Master Sgt. Julig is a member of the Air Force International Trap Team and is currently assigned to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. The views expressed in this article, unless otherwise indicated, are that of the individual author. They do not purport to express the views of the Department of the Air Force or any other department or agency of the U.S. Government.
Confidence

“Confident athletes think about themselves and the action at hand in a different way than those who lack confidence. They have discovered that what they think and say to themselves in practice and competition is critical to performance.”

Often, we are unaware of our inner dialogue and its profound effect on our performance. Thoughts affect feelings and feelings affect behavior. The literature of psychology is rich with examples where thought patterns directly affect outcome.

“Confidence in competitive sport is the result of particular thinking habits more so than physical talent, opportunity, or previous success. These thinking habits, when consistently practiced until they have become automatic and natural, enable athletes to both retain and benefit from the experiences in which they have been successful, and release or restructure the memories and feelings from the less successful experiences. The result of this selective perception is the priceless trait called confidence.”

It is nice to know how critically important confidence is. What is confidence, what are some common misconceptions and how do we go about developing confidence?

To understand what confidence is, we need to look at a few key concepts.

- Confidence – is a state of assurance or belief in one’s powers. It is often marked by a level of inner arrogance or cockiness. This arrogance or cockiness is best kept as a “quiet air of confidence” inside the athlete, instead of brashly spoken to others.
- Mental Toughness – is an important component of confidence. It is the ability to cope with the demands of performance and remain focused in the face of adversity. Most of all it is an unshakeable belief in your ability to achieve your goals.
- Optimism – is the tendency always to think about the best possible or most hopeful aspects of a situation. Optimists tend to look for the opportunities that will help them achieve their goals. Optimism, regardless of the obstacles, is indispensable for success.
- Self-Efficacy – is a belief in one’s specific abilities to perform an activity or meet a challenge. Confidence can be thought of as a broader concept, while self-efficacy can be thought of as more specific, related to skills, techniques and situations.

Taken together, these four concepts create an “I can do it!” attitude. Such an attitude is critical to athletic success. Dr. Zinsser comments, “Without this belief, one automatically concedes an advantage to the opponent.”

There are a number of common misconceptions that need to be dispelled before one can develop true confidence.

- Misconception 1: Either You Have It or You Don’t – Confidence is not an inherited trait or characteristic. Instead, confidence can be developed. Successful athletes develop confidence using a consistently constructive thought process or outlook to hang on to, and benefit from past successful experiences and let go of or forget their less successful experiences.
- Misconception 2: Only Positive Feedback Can Build Confidence – Positive, constructive feedback and criticism certainly is more fun than negative inputs. When negative feedback stimulates positive changes in behavior or thought, the athlete builds confidence through the positive changes. Notice how the athlete’s choice of thought pattern and response determines if
the negative feedback stimulates improvement in confidence or becomes a debilitating distraction.

• Misconception 3: Success Always Builds Confidence – Just because an athlete experiences success does not automatically mean they will gain confidence. Athletes who focus on failures erode their confidence. How many shooters, upon shooting a tight group or good record target, focus on the one “bad” shot of the series of ten shots? Understand why the bad shot happened and learn from it in order to understand what needs to be done differently. Focus on the success of the other nine shots to build confidence in yourself!

• Misconception 4: Confidence Equals Outspoken Arrogance – A deeply felt inner confidence, cockiness or arrogance is a powerful tool to aid an athlete in achieving success. A loud, outspoken cockiness or arrogance is actually an impediment to the athlete’s success. “It is crucial for athletes to realize that they can be confident without being considered conceited or arrogant.”

• Misconception 5: Mistakes Inevitably Destroy Confidence – This is almost the reverse of misconception 3. All athletes make mistakes. We are, after all, human. Athletes who make improvements in their techniques, plans, strategies and thought patterns based on what they learn from mistakes actually improve their success and build confidence.

Notice how each of these five concepts point out that it is not what happens to an athlete, but what the athlete thinks, that makes all the difference. “Confidence is a result of how one thinks, what one focuses on and how one reacts to the events in one’s life.”

A solid foundation for building confidence involves these techniques.

• Understand the interaction of thought and performance – Earlier it was mentioned that thoughts affect feelings and feelings affect behavior. This is because the feelings, generated by thoughts, cause physiological changes in the athlete such as altered breathing patterns, restricted blood flow, muscle tensions and other changes. Muscle tension alters the familiar patterns and destroys timing. Tension in the wrong muscles causes the gun to move around more than usual. Even tension in the right muscles, but at the wrong time, can be devastating. Such as in the trigger finger!

• Cultivate honest self-awareness – How honest are you with yourself? How aware are you of your thought patterns and their effect on you? Many athletes delude themselves due to deep-seated defense mechanisms. Many athletes have developed habits of self-doubt, self-criticism and hesitation.

• Develop an optimistic explanatory style – How do you think about the events that happen to you? Optimistically or pessimistically? This style, developed in childhood and adolescence stems from your view of your place in the world. Do you think you are valuable and deserving or worthless and hopeless? Sport often results in setbacks. An optimistic pattern of thought is critical in analyzing and improving performance. Sometimes athletes are over-optimistic and make decisions that hold back their performance. This is much less common, but awareness of it is just as important. The hallmarks of explanatory style are:

  o Permanence – The optimistic athlete believes that good results are the result of their learning and execution and are a "permanent" part of their game. They believe that mistakes are isolated and rare and will diminish with more experience.

  o Pervasiveness – The optimistic athlete believes that success in a particular experience or activity will generalize to other contexts. They also believe that mistakes are isolated and are confined.

  o Personalization – The optimistic athlete believes that successes are the result of their own hard work and are repeatable. They also believe that mistakes are anomalies either that are beyond their control or that are the result of specific circumstances or errors that can be rectified.

  o Embrace a psychology of excellence – Our culture conditions us to focus on mistakes and constantly reminds us of them. This instills a self-critical “failure focus” that ignores the many successes one has and erodes confidence. Successful athletes buck this trend and develop a positive thought pattern to build confidence through successes and positive thoughts, while learning from and then forgetting mistakes. Here are important components of a psychology of excellence:

  o Go for your dreams – Believe that great things can be done – by you – even if never done before. Get excited about doing, feeling and experiencing things that few people have ever done.

  o Focus on your successes – Use your free will and decide to dwell on the successes and the opportunities for learning that you are presented with and that you make happen for yourself. After every session, regardless of how well or poorly it went, find and write down at least one success, one improvement and one instance of great effort.

  o Be your own best friend, biggest fan and greatest coach – Talk to yourself the way you want your best friend or favorite coach to talk with you. Think about the most positive, helpful person you have ever known or wish to meet and imagine what they would say to you... and then talk to yourself that way.

  o Create your own reality – If a session starts out with difficulty, tell yourself you are still working out some kinks and expect to do better on the next shot. You likely will. Interpret events in ways that open you to the possibilities of what you can create. Believe in yourself.

At the highest levels of sport, the difference between the winner and the others is so tiny that the slightest “edge” is often the difference. Understanding and believing that thoughts have a profound effect on performance is a critical skill that is required to be successful at the highest levels. In
the rookie leagues, talent may carry the day from time to time. It will not in the majors!

For deeper study on this topic, refer to the reference provided. Because self-talk is such an important component of developing and maintaining confidence, it is the topic of the next article in this series. In the mean time, enjoy this illustration of the power of confidence and one’s belief system.

Roger Bannister is best known for being the first person to run a mile in under four minutes. He did this in 1954 at a major competition in Oxford, England. Modern readers may wonder why this was such an important event. Up until then, almost everyone believed that the human organism could not possibly bear up under the physiological and psychological stress and therefore could never run a mile in less than four minutes. Numerous papers were written purporting to “prove” that it could not be done. Numerous athletes had tried and failed over the course of many years. As Roger’s awareness of his improving capabilities grew, he realized two important things: 1) it was possible for a human to run a mile in under four minutes, and 2) he could be the one to do it. He trained both his body and his mind for the goal with a strong belief that it was possible. Then, in 1954, he reached his goal. As remarkable as that is, the most remarkable thing is that in the following six months, no less than 37 other runners also ran the mile in under four minutes. The only thing that had changed was their belief. Their own beliefs had held them back until Roger proved to them it could be done.

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Two-time Olympian Glenn Eller (Katy, Texas) proved himself once again to be one of the best Double Trap shooters in the world by winning the 2007 ISSF World Cup Final, which was held October 16-20 in Kovilovo, Belgrade.

A 2003 World Champion and member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), Eller finished the Double Trap competition easily in first place, winning by a four point advantage with a final score of 192 targets. China’s Hu Binyuan finished in second place taking the silver medal with a score of 188, leaving the number two ranked Double Trap shooter in the World, Håkan Dahlby of Sweden, one target behind him with a score of 187 targets, giving him the bronze medal.

Eller’s USAMU teammate and 2000 Olympian Bill Keever (Rutherfordton, N.C.) started the match with the lowest qualification score in sixth place, but managed to climb up the scoreboard and finished in fourth place with a total score of 184 targets. Josh Richmond (Hillsgrove, Pa.), also a member of the USAMU finished in ninth place with 137 targets.

Eller qualified for the World Cup Final by winning this year’s World Cup in Changwon and taking the bronze in Maribor. Richmond won the gold at World Cup Italy and Keever took the bronze in Changwon.

Also competing for the U.S. team at the World Cup Final was Haley Dunn (Eddyville, Iowa) taking the top American finish in fifth place in the Women’s Skeet Competition with a score of 95 targets. Three-time Olympic Medalist Kim Rhode (El Monte, Calif.) finished the day in 11th place with a score of 64 targets. Winning the Women’s Skeet World Cup Final was Erdzhanik Aветисyan of Russia with an almost perfect score of 98 targets. Finishing close behind her were Chiara Cainero of Italy and Russian teammate Svetlana Demina who scored 97 and 96 targets respectively.

The Men’s Trap competition saw three-time Olympian (1996 Bronze Medalist) Lance Bade (Vancouver, Wash.) as the highest American finisher in sixth place with a score of 133 targets. Italian teammates Erminio Frasca and Massimiliano Malo had a shoot off for the top spot. Both finished the final with 140 shots, but Frasca was able to out shoot Malo in the shoot off for the gold. Malo received the silver and Russia’s Alexey Alipov earned the bronze with a score of 139 targets.

Fifty-six athletes representing 21 countries competed at the 2007 ISSF Shotgun World Cup Final October 16-20. Only the best athletes were...
invited to take part in the closing event of the 2007 ISSF World Cup Series: the title defenders of each event faced off against the eight best shooters in a single discipline from this year’s World Cups along with the medalists from the 2007 ISSF Shotgun World Championships.

For complete Shotgun World Cup Final results, please visit the following link on ISSF TV’s website: http://www.issf.tv/issftv_table.aspx?mod=csdt&pane=10&inst=1&iist=746&collapse=results
USA Shooting Announces 2007 Athletes of the Year

USA Shooting (USAS) is pleased to announce that 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist Matthew Emmons and three-time Olympic Medalist Kimberly Rhode have been selected as the 2007 USAS Athletes of the Year.

These athletes were chosen based on the USAS Athlete of the Year Policies and Procedures and were selected by a points system.

Emmons (Browns Mills, N.J./Fairbanks, Alaska) recently secured two nominations to the 2008 Olympic Team following a two-year point selection system and a gold medal win in the Men’s 50m 3 Position Rifle event as well as a silver in the Men’s Prone Rifle event at the 2007 ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup Final in Bangkok, Thailand.

Emmons won a total of eight medals on the World Cup circuit in 2007. Along with his gold and silver at the World Cup Final, Emmons captured the gold in Men’s Prone along with the silver in Men’s 10 Meter Air Rifle at the 2007 World Cup USA at Fort Benning, Ga. in April. He claimed the bronze in Men’s 50m 3 Position Rifle at the 2007 World Cup in Sydney and took home the silver at the 2007 World Cup Bangkok. He also won the silver in Men’s Prone as well as 50m 3 Position at World Cup Munich.

Rhode (El Monte, Calif.) was the 2007 World Cup Santo Domingo Champion and set a world record in Women’s Skeet. She was also the 2007 Pan American Games Silver Medalist and 2007 National Champion in Women’s Skeet.

Rhode finished in sixth place at the 2007 World Clay Target Championships and is currently leading the Olympic Shotgun Team Selection in Women’s Skeet after winning the 2007 Shotgun Fall Selection Match. Rhode will be vying for a spot on her fourth consecutive Olympic Team at the final Shotgun Olympic Selection Match in Kerrville, Texas in March.

Emmons and Rhode were selected as the overall USAS Athletes of the Year, but USAS would also like to recognize the Discipline Athletes of the Year, who were the individuals with the highest number of points in each discipline. Vincent Hancock was the top male athlete in Shotgun, while Jamie Beyerle won the honor for Women’s Rifle and Keith Sanderson had the highest number of points for Men’s Pistol.

Eighteen-year-old Hancock (Eaton, Ga.), a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), had a very successful 2007 winning the World Cup in Italy and setting a finals World Record in Men’s Skeet. He also captured the gold at the 2007 Pan American Games and won the bronze medal at the 2007 World Clay Target Championships. Hancock is currently leading the Olympic Selection process in Men’s Skeet by winning the 2007 Shotgun Fall Selection Match.

Beyerle (Lebanon, Pa.), the 2006 USAS Female Athlete of the Year, claimed the gold medal in Women’s 3 Position Rifle at the 2007 Pan American Games. Beyerle also took the bronze medal at the 2007 World Cup USA in Women’s 10 Meter Air Rifle and claimed the National Title in 3 Position Rifle.

Sanderson (San Antonio, Texas) claimed the bronze medal in Men’s Rapid Fire Pistol at the 2007 World Cup in Munich, winning an Olympic quota slot for the U.S. He was also the 2007 Pan American Games Silver Medalist in Men’s Rapid Fire and took second place at both the 2007 Spring Selection Match and the 2007 National Championships.

For more information on these athletes, please visit www.usashooting.org.
Over 200 air rifle and air pistol shooters from across the United States as well as Canada, the Czech Republic, France and Puerto Rico competed in the 2007 USA Shooting 3XAir Match at the U.S. Olympic Shooting Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. November 30 - December 2. Identical competitions in rifle and pistol took place with finals matches closing out each day of competition. This 3XAir event served as a qualifier for the Bavarian Airgun Match, which will be held in January.

Matt Emmons (Browns Mills, N.J.), a 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist, won the title all three days for Men's Air Rifle, while Matt's wife Katy Emmons, a 2004 Olympic Bronze Medalist for the Czech Republic, also took the title each of the three days for Women's Air Rifle.

“Matt demonstrated again why he is USAS's Shooter of the Year and World Ranked number 1 in two events,” said Major Dave Johnson, National Rifle Coach. “His preparation was very good and he executed extremely well. This event was a practice run of the March Olympic Airgun Tryouts. Many of the athletes made significant improvements in their performance levels and I am anticipating that we will have our strongest Airgun Olympic Team ever.”

On the first day of the 3XAir competition, Matt Emmons, Jason Turner, Katy Emmons and Becky Snyder each claimed first place in their respective categories.

In Men's Air Rifle Matt Emmons shot a perfect score of 600 and a final of 104.4 for a total of 704.4 to take first place. His score of 600 tied a national record held by Matt Rawlings. Valerian Sauveplane from France took second place with a total score of 697.3 and Ryan Tanoue (Honolulu, Hawaii) took third with 696.8.

For the Junior Air Rifle men, Ethan Settlemires (Walnut, Miss.) shot a final score of 689.7 on day one, taking first place, while Bryant Wallizer (Little Orleans, Md.) finished in second place with a total score of 688.5 and Michael Kulbacki (DuBois, Pa.) took third with 686.2.

Jason Turner (Rochester, N.Y.), a 2004 Olympian, claimed first place for Men's Air Pistol with a score of 679.0. Two-time Olympian and member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) Daryl Szarenski (Saginaw, Mich.) took second with 675.3 and Martin Tenk of the Czech Republic captured the third spot with 674.6.

For the Junior Air Pistol men, Nicholas Budnella (Colorado Springs, Colo.) won the title with a total score of 662.0, while Cody Owsley (Tonganoxie, Kan.) took second with 657.6 and Anthony Lutz (Tonganoxie, Kan.) finished in third place with 652.9.

Katy Emmons captured first place with a score of 501.9 for Women's Air Rifle. Emily Caruso (Fairfield, Conn.), a 2004 Olympian, grabbed second with 498.9 and Marrie Gigon of France took third with 496.7.

Navy rifle team member Lisa Kunzelman (Constantia, N.Y.) finished in first place for the Junior Air Rifle women with a total score 496.0, while Emily Holsopple (Wilcox, Pa.) took second.
with 495.3 and Taylor Beard (Parker, Colo.) grabbed the third spot with a total score of 495.1.

In Women's Air Pistol, three-time Olympian Becky Snyder (Colorado Springs, Colo.) took first with a total score of 473.5. Brenda Shinn (Riverside, Calif.) captured second with 467.6 and Erdenetuya Baasandamba (Denver, Colo.), a foreign exchange student from Mongolia, finished in third place with 465.3.

Courtney Anthony (Lexington, Neb.) finished in fifth place for the senior women and took first for the Junior Air Pistol women with a total score of 462.0. Heather Deppe (Monument, Colo.) took second with 458.3 and Kelsey Imig (Westminster, Mass.) finished third with 452.

On day two of the 3XAir Match, Matt Emmons won the Men's Air Rifle title for the second day in a row, finishing the competition with a total score of 703.1. Matt Rawlings (Wharton, Texas) took second with 697.2 and two-time Olympian Jason Parker (Omaha, Neb.), a member of the USAMU, finished right behind Rawlings in third place with 697.0.

For the Junior Air Rifle men on day two, Settlemires took first place again with a score of 690.7, while Lutz took the top spot for the second day in a row with a total score of 675.1. Lutz captured second with 662.8 and Owsley finished in third place with 652.3.

Katy Emmons captured first place in Women's Air Rifle for the second day in a row after shooting a perfect score of 400, then firing a 103.3 in the finals for a total off 503.3. Caruso took second place again with 500.1 and Pavla Kalna, Emmons' Czech teammate, finished third with 498.7.

Kunzelman claimed first place again on day two for Junior Women's Air Rifle with a score of 497.6, while Christine Costello (Queen Creek, Ariz.) took second with 495.9 and Holsopple finished third with 495.1.

In Women's Air Pistol, Ohio State University shooter Teresa Meyer (Dearborn, Mich.) claimed the title with a total score of 470.9. Shinn took second with 466.9 and Deppe finished in third place with 465.7. Deppe also claimed first place for the Junior Air Pistol women, while Imig finished second with 456.9 and Anthony took third with 456.4.

The 2007 USA Shooting 3XAir Match came to a close on day three with Matt Emmons, Szarenski, Katy Emmons and Libby Callahan claiming titles on the final day of competition.

In Men's Air Rifle Matt Emmons took the title for the third day in a row shooting a match score of 599, then a 103.1 in the finals for a total score of 702.1. Rawlings also shot a 103.1 in the finals, finishing in second place again with a total score of 700.1. Csenge captured third place as well as first place for the junior men with a total score of 697.3. Wallizer took second for the junior men with 693.1 and Kulbacki took third with 689.2.

Also on day three of the competition, Paralympic shooter Michael Dickey (Trafford, Ala.) shot a perfect score of 600 in Men's Air Rifle. Szarenski took the top spot in Men's Air Pistol, finishing with a total score of 676.5. Owsley finished in second place with 675.1 and Turner finished right behind him in third place with a score of 675.0. Owsley took the top spot in Junior Men's Air Pistol, while Lutz took second place again with 663.7 and Budnell, the day one and two champ, took third with 660.2.

Day three saw first, second and third place finishes by international competitors in Women's Air Rifle. Katy Emmons took the title for the third day in a row, shooting a match score of 399 and a final of 105.1 for a total score of 504.1. France’s Gigon finished second with 501.9 and Kalna of the Czech Republic took third place with a total score of 500.3.

Kunzelman captured the title for the third day in a row for the Junior Air Rifle women with a total score of 499.8. Sarah Scherer (Billericia, Mass.) finished close behind Kunzelman in second with 499.0, while Beard took third with 493.7.

In Women's Air Pistol, three-time Olympian Libby Callahan (Columbia, S.C.) captured the title with a score of 468.1. Deppe took second with 467.3 and Sandra Uptagraft (Firestone, Colo.) finished in third place with 463.4. Deppe claimed first place for the junior women, while Anthony took second with 458.3 and Imig finished third with 450.7.

For complete 3XAir Match results, please visit USA Shooting’s website at www.usashooting.org.
Margaret Murdock Inducted Into Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

Olympic Silver Medalist Margaret Thompson Murdock, of Topeka, Kan., was inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in Wichita on October 21, 2007. Murdock, who tied winner Larry Basham in the 50 Meter Three Position Rifle event at the 1976 Olympic Games, in Montreal holds four Individual World Championship titles and nine Team World Championship titles. She has five Pan American gold medals, holds 13 World Shooting Records and 28 National Championships in rifle.

Sponsored by three-time Olympian and former Congressman Jim Ryun, Murdock joins a prestigious group of Kansas athletes, coaches and media figures at the KSHOF, which began in 1961. Margaret’s Class of 2007 includes Olympic sprinter and Gold Medalist Maurice Greene, Olympic wrestler Melvin Douglas, WNBA basketball pro Jackie Stiles, legendary basketball coach Gene Ready and the oldest KSHOF inductee, at 95 years, pro baseball player Don Gutteridge, former member of the St. Louis Cardinals “Gass House Gang.”

Other members previously enshrined in the Hall are Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Lynette Woodard, first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters, Billy Mills, Al Oerter and Bill Koch, winner of the America’s Cup in yachting.

Taught to shoot by her father, Robert D. Thompson a Kansas High Power Rifle Champion, Ms. Murdock, a graduate of Kansas State University, is a two-time (1963 and ’64) Big Eight Individual and Team Champion and twice a Collegiate Rifle All-American. During her international shooting career, Murdock, a retired U.S. Army Major, was a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia. The majority of her championships were fired in men’s competition.

Albert Leo Menefee Jr.


Albert Menefee, a long time supporter of the shooting sports and USA Shooting, died on October 28, 2007. Menefee was born January 21, 1928 to Mary Fulghum Menefee and Albert L. Menefee, Sr. in Nashville, TN. He attended Cathedral School of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Father Ryan High School, Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College for Teachers. He also served in the military following World War II in Europe.

Menefee is survived by his wife of 53 years, Valere Potter Menefee and children, Ruth Valere Adar (Linda), Marianne M. Byrd (Andrew), Albert L. Menefee III (Theresa), Eleanor M. Parkes (Gary) and John T. Menefee (Libby), and 14 grandchildren, Genny Parkes, Alex Parkes, Marissa Parkes, Ashley Parkes, Ben Menefee, Hannah Menefee, Albert Menefee, Phillip Bradnax, A. J. Byrd, Val B. Fulwider, Mab B. Sabis, Jamie Scott and Aaron Scott. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Menefee Gillum (Edward); niece, Margaret Battle and nephews, Ed and John Gillum.

USA Shooting Junior Membership Fee Changes

Effective January 1, 2008, all USAS Junior Membership fees will be $20.00. No other USAS membership fees will be affected.
Bunker Club Members on Safari in Kenya July-August 2007

In July and August of 2007, several Bunker Club members went on a photographic and bird shooting safari in Kenya with Colonel Dennis Behrens. It was an old fashioned tented safari that included bird shooting on Masai tribal lands. The local Maasai tribesmen helped put on the shoots. Guinea fowl, sandgrouse, yellow-neck spurfowl and francolins were some of the bag.

Pictured left to right are Dr Gene Bishop, Dr Paul Googe, John Googe, Colonel Dennis Behrens, Captain Carl Kilbofer. John Googe, son of Dr. Paul Googe, is the youngest member of the Bunker Club at just 14 years of age.

Caitlin Connor Wins Gold in Mexico

Seventeen-year-old Caitlin Connor (Winnfield, La.), a member of the USA Shooting Shotgun National Development Team for Women’s Skeet, recently competed in the Copa Continental Americana Continental Cup 2007 and the first International Grand Prix 2007, held at Club de Caza, Tiro y Pesca in Acapulco, Mexico. The competitions took place October 29 - November 4.

These two combined competitions were the first shooting competitions held in Mexico in approximately 20 years. The Copa Continental Americana Continental Cup along with two other competitions this year were held in order to help determine who would make the only Olympic spot for Mexico. There were 11 countries represented and all competed in International Trap and Skeet. Connor was the only person to represent the United States in the International Skeet Competition. For both competitions, the Continental Cup and the Grand Prix Open, the top three finishers for the women were Caitlin Connor for the U.S. in first place, Argentina in second place and Brazil in third. Connor also won for the juniors in each competition.

Matt Emmon Selected as October USOC Male Athlete of the Month

The U.S. Olympic Committee announced on November 14, 2007, USA Shooting’s Matt Emmons and USA Swimming’s Natalie Coughlin as its October Athletes of the Month. The USOC Team of the Month was awarded to the U.S. Junior National Taekwondo Team.

Emmons (Browns Mills, N.J.), a 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist, earned a gold medal in the Men’s 50m 3 Position Rifle event at the 2007 ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup Final in Bangkok, Thailand. Along with the gold, Emmons also won a silver medal in the Men’s Prone Rifle event. Following a two-year point selection system, Emmons secured two nominations to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team with his first and second place finishes in the World Cup Final.

Coughlin (Vallejo, Calif.) was awarded three gold medals for her performance at the FINA World Cup in Singapore, Oct. 27-28. Her first place finishes came in the 100m backstroke, 100m fly and the 100m IM. Coughlin’s time of 56.51 seconds in the 100m backstroke broke her five-year old short course world record in the discipline.

Coughlin was also recognized by USA Swimming earlier in October with three nominations for the annual Golden Goggles Awards. She is a finalist for relay performance of the year, female race of the year and athlete of the year. The winner’s will be chosen Nov. 18 at the award ceremony in Los Angeles.
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Teams from the Czech Republic and France visited the U.S. Olympic Shooting Center November 26 through December 12 for a training camp, as well as to compete in the 2007 USA Shooting 3X Air Match. Pictured in back from left to right are French Coach Roger Chassat, French team members Valerian Sauveplane and Josselin Henry and French Coach Gilles Muller, along with Czech Coach Petr Kurka, Czech team members Petr Smol, Vaclav Haman and Martin Tenk. Pictured in the front row from left to right are French team members Marie-Laure Gigon and Laurence Brize, along with Czech team members Pavla Kalna, Katy Emmons and Adela Sykorova.