

My Camp Perry Experiences

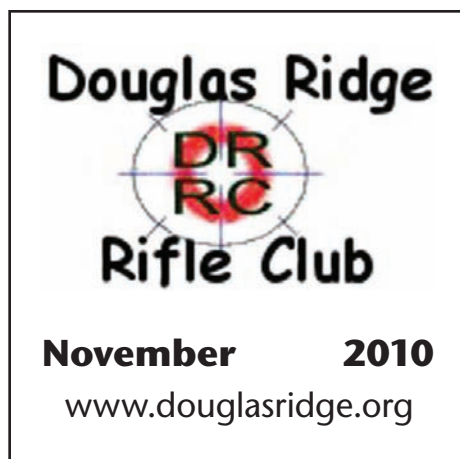
Jerika Wallace

As you may know, I competed in the National High Power Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio this summer. I enjoyed myself immensely, met many new people, learned a lot, and shot very well in competition. Here is a summary of my experiences in and out of competition each day.

The evening of July 28th, my grandma drove me out to the Portland International Airport to meet up with my coach, Carl Haggland, my shooting partner, Adam Swint, and another team member, Ralph Klein.

This would be the first time I had ever been on a plane so I was both excited and a little nervous. Our flight left at 11 PM, right on time. It was a four hour flight, but it felt much longer because I could not get to sleep. We arrived at the Detroit Airport at 6 AM. We got our rental car and as soon as I sat in the seat, I fell asleep and didn't wake up until we stopped for breakfast a few hours later. When we arrived at Camp Perry we couldn't get our rooms right away so we went shopping at Commercial Row. Within two hours, between the four of us, we had completely filled the trunk of the car. Later in the afternoon we finally got our rooms and unloaded all of our gear from Chuck's trailer (Chuck Spiker was kind enough to drive the entire teams gear and baggage to Ohio). Being the only girl on the Oregon Service Rifle Team, I had a room to myself, which meant the two giant team scopes got to have my extra bed.

The next day I got to sleep in until 8 AM and then went out to breakfast with Ralph, Carl and Adam. At 1 PM, Adam and I both had to be at the Clubhouse for the classroom portion of the USMC Junior High Power Clinic. The class consisted of mostly review stuff but I did learn some new things and brushed up on some things I had almost forgotten. Some of the topics were safety, the fundamentals of shooting, use of your data book, effects of weather, the positions, pit procedures, weapons maintenance, and mental management and health. The clinic ended at about 5 that evening,



when it was over each student received a case of Hornady .223 ammunition.

July 31 was the first day of shooting, the day consisted of live fire drills and the first 2 stages of the EIC match for the USMC clinic.

We had to be on the range a 6:45 in the morning. Just take a moment to imagine about 150 teenagers being told that they had to be on the range ready to shoot practically before the sun was even up. It was a productive, fun, and long day. We finally finished and were released from the range, absolutely exhausted, at 7 PM.

After such a long day everyone was relieved that the next day was very short. Firing began at 7 AM, all we had to do was shoot the last stage of the EIC match and we would be finished. We got done at about 10:30 and were told to come back at 2 PM for pizza and the short awards ceremony. I arrived just before 2 PM but they were just starting and most of the pizza was gone. The Marines called each person up and handed us our certificates and we each got a t-shirt.

August 2nd held the first of the real matches. The day began early and once on the range there was a lot to take in. Every morning the cannon would be set off and everyone would stand at attention for colors as the national anthem rang out across the base. The Presidents 100 was the first real match, this was the biggest and most overwhelming match I had ever been to. Both Viale (a 150 point range) and Rodriguez (a 100 point range) were filled with 6 relays on each. Firing began at 7 AM and it was a very good thing this was only a 30 shot match or else the match would have lasted forever. As it was, it finished at about 2 in the afternoon.

The National Trophy Individual Match, the National EIC Match, was the next day. This was also a huge, 6 relay, match and it was a full 50 shot match so

it took all day.

The CMP Junior Team Match- the Freedom's Fire Trophy Match was on August 4th. Adam and I were the Oregon State Shooting Association Team, with Carl coaching us. We placed 13th out of 88 teams (13 must be becoming mine and Adam's shooting number, we came in 13th in both junior team matches last year). Our team score was 933-18x (out of 1000 points possible), and my personal score was 473-11x which I was quite happy with.

August 5th was the National Trophy Rifle Team Match; the Oregon State Shooting Association Team consisted of me, Carl Haggland, Trent Hering, Adam Swint, Abe Kamerman, and Ralph Klein.

"Load and be ready!" this command is to shooters as "Gentlemen, start your engines!" is to NASCAR fans, and I love it. It marks the beginning of Rattle Battle, the National Trophy Infantry Team Match.

This match is the most exciting shooting ever gets, from the perspective of a spectator. I did not fire in this match; the team was Carl Haggland, Trent Hering, Abe Kamerman, Ralph Klein, Adam Swint, and Eric Sundholm, with Chuck Spiker as the team captain and Sean Bell as the team coach. Instead of shooting I helped the team get ready to shoot, collected brass and took pictures. As much as I love to shoot it was kind of nice to have the day off. The Oregon State Shooting Association came in 17th out of 42 teams.

On August 7th I was not signed up for any matches so I happily slept in until 8 instead of getting up at 5:20 like I had for the past 7 days. Trent, Eric, Carl, Ralph, Adam, Abe and I all went out to breakfast that morning and afterwards most of us went to the Laundromat to wash our clothes. When we finished with laundry we went back to the base and went off to do our own stuff. I hung out with some people I met and walked through Commercial Row. The CMP Awards Ceremony was that evening, the trophy display on the stage was well put together. Everyone who had earned the last of their leg points and had become Distinguished since last year was called onto the stage to receive their Distinguished Rifleman's badge. My thoughts while watching that were that "I can't wait until my name is called for my Distinguished Rifleman's badge."

The NRA Whistler Boy Junior Team Match was held on August 8th. I was excited and ready to shoot the moment

I woke up; this was the match that both Adam and I had been waiting for all year. We had both been talking about it for months; we wanted to do really well. At the end of the day our team score was 942-26x (1000 points possible), my personal score was a 477-17x. We came in 12th place out of 26 teams, this was not as well as we had hoped to do but it was one place higher than last year.

August 9th was the Rumbold Team Match. Since the rest of the team had been supporting Adam and me in the Junior Matches (scoring, pulling targets and coaching), neither of us shot in this match, instead we pulled targets for them, all day and by the end of it we were both exhausted. The members of the Oregon State Shooting Association Team were Carl Haggland, Ralph Klein, Abraham Kamerman and Chuck Spiker.

The end score was 1889-49x (2000 possible) which gave them 2nd place in the High Master class.

Tuesday, August 10th was the first of the NRA Individual Matches, over the next 3 days we shot 12 – 20 shot matches (adding up to three normal 80 shot matches). In the end I came away with 1 bronze medal, two silver medals and six gold medals (1st, 2nd, 3rd place, high lady and high junior awards in the Expert class). The final aggregate was of 2400 points possible (all 12 matches added together). With a 2312-62x, I placed 141st out of 430 competitors and 1st Expert overall.

During the NRA awards ceremony the same people kept getting called to the stage to receive awards for the matches they won. Through the whole thing I kept thinking about how glorious it would be to get called up and stand on the stage. I found out quite by surprise that there was a new award being given, one that had never existed in previous years. Springfield Armory had donated two Springfield XD .45 caliber pistols, one for the High Civilian with a Service Rifle below a Master classification (the other was for High Civilian with a Match Rifle below a Master). Sitting in the Auditorium I was stunned, thrilled and more than a little surprised when I heard them announce my name and call me onto the stage; I had won the pistol and the title of High Civilian Service Rifle below a Master, in the Nation. Oh yeah, did I mention that I also moved up from expert to master rating. Many thanks to DRRC for your financial and moral support. I could not have done this without you.

Supervising for Safety

Charlie McAlister, VP

What is our first and foremost concern when at our range? Safety of course. This brings us to a needed clarification of how many guests one member can safely supervise. As a member you must supervise any guests you bring and you must also supervise any junior (minor) members you bring. So here it is, any one senior, oldtime, life, or associate family member when coming to the club to shoot may not bring any more than four persons requiring his/her supervision. This includes associate members (not family associate members), junior members, and guests. As an example, you have an associate member (your spouse) and you have two junior members (your children), when bringing them to the club to shoot that is three of the four you may bring and you can then only bring 1 more guest. It is also important to use good judgment. If you are new to shooting and are learning yourself I would submit to you that you should not bring any inexperienced guests until you are sure of your own skills. We ask for your understanding and compliance with this rule as it was not that long ago that a large guest group came out that did not have adequate supervision and one of the group stepped in front of the rifle of another shooter just as he was ready to fire a round. It was dang scary to say the least. We cannot have anyone injured due to lack of supervision so please be advised that our range hosts will be monitoring this and if any member is found to be violating this rule the member and the group will be asked to leave. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Happy shooting and STAY SAFE.

Christmas Party

Nils Bittner

Hello everyone, it is getting closer to the joy of Christmas. Only have a couple of months until it is time to enjoy the DRRC Christmas Party. We have two new chefs this year with Joe Keller and Dan Sweet taking over the cooking duties. We thank Ron and Jamie Lucas for their years of dedicated cooking. The club is furnishing turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, and the great Black Forest ham. Everyone one bring your favorite main dish, salad, or dessert. The club will furnish the eating utensils and drinks. We will have a raffle for a .22 Henry Lever Rifle with the large loop

lever (does anyone but me remember the Rifleman) and a Nikon Spotting Scope. We will also give away over \$300 in cash envelopes, \$50 restaurant gift cards, and many more gifts. You must be present to win. We can use more donated gifts, let me know at 503/661-0324. The party is at Mountainview Christian Church on 1890 S.E. Cleveland Ave. in Gresham from 6 PM - 9 PM. Come on out and have some fun and try to win some gifts.

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November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range • Archery Range • 100/200 100/200 Yard Range • Silh Silhouette Range • LR Long Range </div>	<p>2</p> <p>8am-12pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4pm Trap Practice (at Sandy Gun Club)</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am-12pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>12pm-Dusk Black Powder Cartridge (200-1000yd)</p> <p>4pm Trap Practice (at Sandy Gun Club)</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Long Range Day</p> <p>8am-1pm 300-600yd</p> <p>1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p> <p>7pm-9pm General Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</p> <p>8am-4pm NRA RSO Class (Ind/CH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette (Silh)</p> <p>4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (Ind/CH)</p> <p>8am-4pm NRA RSO Class (Ind/CH)</p> <p>10am-12:30pm Trap</p> <p>12:30-3p Jr. Shotgun (at Sandy Gun Club)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Newsletter Submissions Due</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am-12pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>12pm-Dusk Black Powder Cartridge (200-1000yd)</p> <p>4pm Trap Practice (at Sandy Gun Club)</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS' DAY</p> <p>Long Range Day</p> <p>8am-1pm 800-1000 yd</p> <p>1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30am-5pm Applesseed Shoot (Silh)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30am-4pm Applesseed Shoot (Silh)</p> <p>1pm-3:30pm New Member Orientation (Ind/CH)</p> <p>4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (Ind/CH)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>6:30pm-8:30pm LRPC Meeting (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am-12pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4pm Trap Practice (at Sandy Gun Club)</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (LR)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Long Range Day</p> <p>8am-1pm 300-600yd</p> <p>1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am-2pm Black Powder (Silh)</p> <p>10am Scouts Arrive</p> <p>12pm-3pm Ind/CH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (Ind/CH)</p> <p>8am-Noon Scouts (Silh)</p> <p>10am-12:30pm Trap</p> <p>12:30pm-3pm Jr. Shotgun (at Sandy Gun Club)</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8am-12pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4pm Trap Practice (at Sandy Gun Club)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7pm-9pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Long Range Day</p> <p>8am-1pm 800-1000 yd</p> <p>1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3pm -sunset 3-Gun Setup (Silh)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am-5pm 3-Gun (Silh)</p> <p>4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (Ind/CH)</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8am-12pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4pm Trap Practice (at Sandy Gun Club)</p>					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • TH Trap House • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA ... NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div> 

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2011: 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28.

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