



# The David Thompson Shore-Line Classic Junior Rifle Tournament Hosted By The Niantic Sportsmen's Club

Date: **Friday-Sunday, December 2-4, 2011**

**Limited Relay times available by appointment for Thursday and Friday nights, December 1&2**

Range: Niantic Sportsmen's Club, 67 Plants Dam Road, East Lyme CT 06333

**TIME:** First relay starts at 8AM then every hour until the Last relay at 6PM (45 minute Block Time per relay).

**Eligibility:** Open to all as defined by NRA Rule 2.3, NRA Membership is not required.

Sub-Junior (14 and under): born on before Dec 31st 1997 (NRA 2.3.2)

Intermediate Junior (15-17): Born 1994 –1996 (NRA 2.3.1)

Junior (18-20): Born 1993 or later (NRA 2.3)

**Entry Fee: \$7.00 per shooter** & Four man Team entry fee is an additional **\$5.00** per team. Registration in advance is appreciated. Checks payable to **Niantic Sportsmen's club or Lisette Grunwell.**

*Cash or check only. NRA Award points will not be accepted.*

**Registration & Info:** Lisette Grunwell, 13 Boggy Hole Road, Old Lyme CT 06371.

Telephone: 860-434-1846 (home) or 860-625-6218 (cell)

Email: lgrunwell@sbcglobal.net

**Challenge Fee's:** \$1.00 and \$2.00 for Team challenges.

**Rules:** Current NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules will govern the conduct of this tournament.

**Coaching:** Allowed as per NRA 12.6

**Positions:** Rule 5.6, 5.10 and 5.12

**Distance:** 50 feet

**Targets:** USA 50

**Rifle:** any .22 Cal. Rifle

**Sights:** Metallic Sights only

**Time:** Block time, 45 min.

**Ties:** Ties will be broken using Rule 15.7 (a) through (k)

**Squadding:** Advanced Squadding is requested as space is limited.

**Awards:** Awards will be given for all matches with 8 or more competitors. Match winner in each match will be recognized. In Matches 3&4 the winners of each Class will be recognized. A Modified Lewis System will be used for all other awards.

**Match 1:** Sub-Junior 30 shots Prone only. SJs may enter and shoot match 2

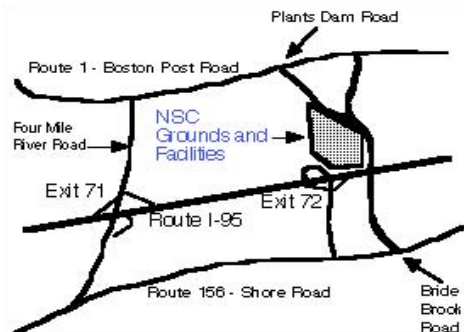
**Match 2:** 3-Position open to **all** competitors. 10 shots in each of the 3 pos., Prone, Standing, Kneeling in any order in 45 minutes block time.

**Match 3:** Unfired team match using scores from match 1.

**Match 4:** Unfired team match using scores from match 2.

Sub-Juniors are always encouraged to enter the 3-position Match. We have had SJ's win both matches in the same year.

Libby Tallberg is still the current record holder for both matches 1 & 2. These scores have stood since 2009: **293-14 (prone) & 286-7 (3-p)**





*David Thompson...*  
*and the Niantic Sportsmen's Club*

*Reminiscences of a senior championship marksman  
and longtime NSC member and dedicated volunteer:*

The original clubhouse was destroyed by fire December 1, 1970; a second fire destroyed the new clubhouse December 15, 1972, when it was nearly finished. Don Stuart, Chairman of the Building Committee and a Waterford architect, drew plans for the present clubhouse and oversaw completion of the ten-point, 25-yard indoor range, which was not affected by the fire. I was on the Building Committee and did the metalwork, welding, etc., for the range.

In 1971, I was shooting the slowfire, highpower matches of the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association held at the Blue Trail Range. That year my oldest son, Mark, wanted to shot the .22 rifle; he joined the Magnum Rifle Club and I helped coach some of the Junior shooters there. The Sub-Juniors of the Magnums won the 1971-72 State Match that year.

By this time I was shooting pistol with the Underwater Sound Lab team in the New London County Pistol League, as well as

smallbore rifle in the Mohegan Rifle League. Niantic's Junior program started up in 1973 and I became Instructor and Coach for about ten years. In the meantime I also got a taste of black powder with the Pattaguassett Muzzle Loaders: I was hooked.

In 1970 I became a Life Member of the NRA, and also about the same time a Life Member of CSRRA. In 1986 I was fortunate to be awarded membership in the Connecticut Shooters Hall of Fame in the Black Powder Division.

In 1984 I joined the U.S. International Muzzle Loading Association, placing Third with the revolver in the international match held in Spain. In 1987 I set a record score with the U.S. International Team with the the single-shot percussion muzzleloading pistol with a score of 99 and an aggregate score of 198 at 25 meters. I shot about 12 years with the U.S. Team.

Also in 1984 I joined the North-South Skirmish Association, using Civil War weapons. In 1987 I set the record of 100-4x at 25 yards with an original 1858 Remington of .44 caliber. The record still stands as far as I know. The Senior Skirmishers have an aggregate match at 50 yards plus 100 yards and I have been fortunate to win nine First Place plaques since 1996—note that all shooting is done in the offhand position.

The Junior shooters at the Niantic Sportsmen's Club are very fortunate to have a world-class Instructor and other dedicated Instructors and personnel running their Junior program. Shooting has always been a great sport—and a personal challenge to do your best, win or lose!

—*Dave Thompson*  
*September 2009*