

**The Desert Sharpshooters Rifle Club presents
THE WESTERN WILDCATS RIFLE CLUB' S
54th ANNUAL SMALLBORE PRONE 6400 CHAMPIONSHIP
NRA REGISTERED
March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2012
Wednesday through Sunday**

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RANGE LOCATION: Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, on the west side of I-17, Exit #223 (Carefree Highway).

ELIGIBILITY: NRA membership is no longer a requirement.

WILDCAT MEMBERSHIP: All competitors must be Wildcat members in good standing. The annual dues are \$5.00, which will be waived for all competitors. For new members there is an initiation fee of \$2.50. Membership requirements do not apply to non-US citizen entrants residing outside the USA. First time juniors, add the \$2.50 registration fee!

RULES: NRA Rules will govern. Rifle, Rule 3.2; Challenges, Rule 16.1 (fee is \$3.00 to challenge your own score, \$3.00 to challenge another competitor's score). The NRA Classification System will be used; additionally, the tournament sponsor provides for an "Open" (or High Master) class—see note below. Unclassified competitors will fire in the Master Class.

* * MASTER SHOOTERS * * Mark your entry card as HIGH MASTER if you are a Distinguished Smallbore Prone Rifleman, a supported athlete (e.g. USOTC or USAMU) or if you have fired five or more 1600s (or 1200 Scores). These shooters will compete for Open awards only. All other Masters and those not indicating a classification will compete in the Master Class.

ADVANCE ENTRIES: Are requested. Entries should be accompanied by entry fees. Checks will be deposited weekly as they are received.

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CANCELLATION: If, after paying an advance entry, a shooter cannot attend, both his entry and registration fees will be returned, minus \$5.00 for dues.

NO REFUNDS FOR DROPOUTS!

ENTRY LIMITS: 160 competitors. Entries to the Sat/Sun matches may be accepted up to the capacity of the range, provided they do not require an additional relay.

POST ENTRIES: Entries received after March 14 may be accepted, provided such entries do not require an additional relay.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: This year's results will be posted on the Arizona Rifle Shooting website located at: WWW.desertsharpshooters.com. This is being done to reduce postage costs. Competitors and range staff, who ask for complete paper result bulletins, will get them.

REGISTRATION & FEES: A package fee of \$150.00 will cover all fired matches, aggregates, Wildcat Sweatshirt Match, and all Registration fees. A package fee of \$85.00 will cover any two days' matches, aggregates, and Sweatshirt Match and Registration fees.

JUNIOR PACKAGE: Juniors may enter for a package fee of \$40.00 (\$42.50 for first-time juniors) for all 4 days or \$10.00 per day + \$2.50 for first-time entry in their assigned classification. Juniors will receive a Western Wildcats t-shirt. They will only be eligible for special non-monetary awards. Tyro juniors (Marksman, Sharpshooter or Unclassified), that is, a person entering their first match and shooting Iron Sights only may also enter for \$42.50. They will compete only within the Tyro group. Juniors wishing to be eligible for regular match awards may do so by paying the full entry fee. The highest scoring junior (in any class, category or group) in Match # 25 will be eligible to win a sweatshirt. For 2012, all juniors will receive 250 rounds of good quality match ammunition on each day they shoot. Ammo will be drawn each day at the center of the firing line. If they use their own ammo, we keep ours.

SENIOR PACKAGE: Competitors age 60 or over may shoot Any Sights for all 4 days, or any portion thereof. They will be in a separate class for the Irons Sights, Thur/Fri, Sat/Sun and Grand Aggregate matches, but will be combined with their regular classification for Any Sights matches.

MARK YOUR ENTRY CARD "SENIOR PACKAGE"

F-Class Competition

There is a F-class within the Western Wildcats 6400 Championships. F-class shooters may shoot from a rest on the ground. If there is a front rest and rear rest, they cannot be connected. There will be no classes and F-class shooters may use special F-class targets. Entry fees are the same as the regular competition. F-class will have its own award pool. All the competition will be any sights. Like the rest of the competition, only .22 caliber rimfire rifles are to be used. There may be a F-class meeting prior to the match for shooter input for any additional rules. F-class is not officially recognized by the NRA in smallbore, but is quite popular in high power prone shooting.

TEAM MATCH FEES: \$10.00 per competitor per match.

TARGET CLIPS: Competitors must provide their own target clips.

TARGETS: Targets used will be: A-23, 50 yards; A-25, 100 yards & A-26, 50 meters. At this point, we do not have numbers for F-class targets.

PRACTICE: The range will be open for practice on Tuesday after range setup is complete and Wednesday, March 14, on available firing points after team matches are squadded. **There will be a range fee of \$6.00 for practice. Juniors practice free.** If AZ Fish & Game raises this fee before match date, then the new fee will be used. The entire range fee is turned over to the Ben Avery management, Arizona Fish and Game. NOTE—BEN AVERY SHOOTING FACILITY IS CLOSED ON MONDAY & TUESDAY. WILDCAT PARTICIPANTS MAY ENTER THE RANGE BY WAY OF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE.

SQUADDING: Shooters will fire from one firing point through each day. You will move a designated number of firing points each day, thus covering the entire range during the course of the tournament.

COURSE OF FIRE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14–TWO PERSON TEAM MATCHES

Pickup teams are permitted. Team time will be used.

10:00 AM Match # 26: Dewar Course each competitor–Iron Sights

1:00 PM Match # 27: Reverse Dewar Course each competitor–Any Sights

9:00 AM THURSDAY, MARCH 15–IRON SIGHT

Match # 1: Dewar Course

2: 40 shots, 100 yards

3: 40 shots, 50 meters

4: 40 shots, 50 yards

5: Thursday Iron Sights Aggregate

9:00 AM FRIDAY, MARCH 16–ANY SIGHTS

Match # 6: Dewar Course

7: 40 shots, 100 yards

8: 40 shots, 50 meters

9: 40 shots, 50 yards

10: Friday Any Sights Aggregate

11: Thursday/Friday 3200 Aggregate

9:00 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 17–IRON SIGHTS

Match # 12: Dewar Course

13: 40 shots, 100 yards

14: 40 shots, 50 meters

15: 40 shots, 50 yards

16: Saturday Iron Sights Aggregate

17: Wildcat iron Sights 3200 Championship

8:00 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 18–ANY SIGHTS **Note early start!**

Match # 18: Dewar Course

19: 40 shots, 100 yards

20: 40 shots, 50 meters

21: 40 shots, 50 yards

22: Sunday Any Sights Aggregate

23: Saturday/Sunday 3200 Aggregate

24: Wildcat Any Sights 3200 Championship

25: WILDCAT 6400 CHAMPIONSHIP

SWEATSHIRT MATCH: Wildcat sweatshirts will be awarded as follows: (a) Winner and 1st in Class 1600, 3200 & 6400 aggregates; and (b) Anyone firing a 1600. Limit: one sweatshirt only per competitor.

AWARDS: The Western Wildcat Champion will have his/her name inscribed on the Harry W. Benson Trophy. Class winners will receive trophies with their name and score inscribed on each trophy. Winners may choose cash or NRA Award Points. Juniors compete for non-monetary awards unless they pay adult entry fees. Mark your award preference on your entry card. If no preference is indicated, cash will be awarded. A shooter may win only one award per match. If he/she qualifies for more than one award, the larger award will be given and the lesser award will be passed down to the next eligible shooter. In the event of an unbreakable tie, the higher award will be given to **BOTH** shooters. Additionally, there will be a prize table.

The below listed vendors have been contacted for merchandise which will be awarded as door prizes daily and to the winners in all aggregates. There will be a prize

table for the 6400 aggregate on Sunday afternoon after the match. Winners must be present to win. Shooters will be allowed to pick their prize from the table in the following order: Grand Aggregate Winner, Second, and Third followed by 1st Hi Master, 1st Master, 1st Open Scope, 1st Expert, 1st F-class, 1st SS, and 1st Marksman. (must have at least three entries in a class for an award, five entries in a class for a second award, and seven entries in a class for a third award or they will be combined with the next higher class), followed by 2nd Hi Master, 2nd Master, 2nd Open Scope, 2nd Expert, 2nd SS, and 2nd Marksman, 3rd Hi Master, 3rd Master, 3rd Open Scope, 3rd Expert, 3rd SS, and 3rd Marksman etc. Any left over awards after the class lists have been exhausted will be given away in a draw to those shooters who have not won an award from the table. Please support our vendors and thank them for supporting our match.

COMBINING CLASSES: If there are fewer than 3 competitors in a class, that class will be combined with the next higher class.

SPECIAL AWARDS:	High Woman, Match 25	\$15.00
	High Junior, Match 25	Wildcat Sweatshirt
	6400 Champion	Henry Benson Memorial Trophy Plaque

TARGET CHANGING: Competitors will hang their unfired targets. They will NOT handle their fired targets at any time under penalty of disqualification. They will pull the fired targets to their right. Handicapped shooters will be assisted by range personnel.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO: The Ben Avery Shooting Facility has lots of room for campers—from tents to motor homes. It is maintained by Arizona Game & Fish. Many of the spaces have water as well as electric hook-ups. There is a charge for these facilities. Call (623)582-8313 for reservations. IF YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE AFTER RANGE HOURS, BE SURE TO CALL AHEAD FOR THE COMBINATION NUMBER TO OPEN THE ELECTRONIC GATE LOCK.

MOTELS: This is the tourist and baseball season in Arizona so reservations should be made SEVERAL WEEKS in advance. Check out Hotel deal below.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual business meeting will be held at the range on Friday after the day's matches have been scored and posted.

SATURDAY COOKOUT: For 2012, the event will be catered and a small fee will be charged, there will be more information during the match. Sweatshirts through Saturday's matches will be presented. Door prizes for cookout attendees will be awarded. Bring your door prizes to donate to the pool of prizes—shooting related or not.

JOIN THIS ANNUAL FUN GET TOGETHER

LUNCHES: Are usually NOT available at the range. Soft drinks are available. There is a hot dog stand in operation behind the public shooting range on some days.

NOTICE! Glass containers are PROHIBITED within the grounds of Ben Avery Shooting Facility. This is mandated by the range management. Please bring your beverages in cans or plastic.

PENDING HOTEL DEAL-not yet arranged

Made in America Match

Following competition on Thursday, there will be a special Any Sight Dewar Match held at the center of the Firing Line where competitors will use firearms only which have been manufactured in America. All ammo and other equipment need not be made in America. This is a free match and, like last year, will be sponsored by one of the Western Wildcats Rifle Club members. The winner will receive fame and a modest prize.

Some information about the person whose name appears on our traveling trophy

Henry W. Benson was a very good smallbore rifle shooter from Salmon, Idaho. He first shot the Wildcat match in 1962. He won the NRA Distinguished award in 1966. He was just the nicest man. Everyone liked him and he came to many Wildcat matches and shot all over the west and at Camp Perry.

George Stidworthy told me that Henry Benson practiced at home in Idaho on the 50 meter target. When it came time to shoot the 50 yard match, it was just like home for him to hang the 50 meter target. Naturally, he got disqualified. He did that fairly regularly. One year when he did that he was in contention for the Wildcat Championship. He was just disgusted with himself and was remembered as saying that he drove 1000 miles to come here and hang the wrong target. When NRA put the identifying circle on the 50 meter targets, they were referred to as the "Henry Benson target."

He shot on the Dewar Team at Camp Perry in the 1960's.

In Salmon, Idaho, he was instrumental in getting the local historical society museum built in the late 1950's.

He was just a pleasant man who supported the Wildcat match in its early days. And he was a really good shooter, too. Except for that thing about the 50 meter targets in the 50 yard match.

This information came from our past Executive Director Denneen Peterson

2012 PRIZE SPONSORS

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WESTERN WILDCAT RIFLE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	WINNER	SCORE
1959	Forrest Kline	3191x226
1960	Jim Hill	3191x228
1961	Bill Grater	3196x249
1962	Herb Hollister	6390x504
1963	George Stidworthy	6381x472
1964	Herb Hollister	6383x487
1965	Herb Hollister	6389x515
1966	Lones Wigger	6377x497
1967	Dual Champions	
	Civilian - Tom Guerin	6391x496
	Military - Lones Wigger	6389x537
1968	Herb Hollister	6389x528
1969	Lones Wigger	6394x536
1970	Margaret Murdock	6395x532
1971	Tom Guerin	6378x496
1972	Tom Guerin	6398x542
1973	Tom Whitaker	6399x595
1974	Bob Mitchell	6398x531
1975	Tom Whitaker	6400x574
1976	Mary Stidworthy	6394x513
1977	Allan Knowles	6382x513
1978	Tom Whitaker	6398x531
1979	Lones Wigger	6398x553
1980	Ernie Vande Zande	6396x552
1981	Mary Stidworthy	6387x504

1982	Ernie Vande Zande	6399x546
1983	Allan Knowles	6390x534
1984	Allan Knowles	6395x547
1985	Mary Sparling	6396x557
1986	Allan Knowles	6394x515
1987	Mary Sparling	6398x567
1988	Mary Sparling	6391x538
1989	Robbie Franker	6395x493
1990	Ben Smith	6391x530
1991	Lones Wigger	6387x492
1992	Lones Wigger	6397x526
1993	Steve C. Goff	6397x515
1994	Billy Meek	6395x546
1995	Billy Meek	6386x498
1996	Allan Knowles	6394x530
1997	Allan Knowles	6394x522
1998	Lones Wigger	6395x515
1999	Billy Meek	6395x546
2000	Tony Leone	6397x511
2001	Lones Wigger	6398x530
2002	Billy Meek	6386x497
2003	Billy Meek	6385x493
2004	Matt Emmons	6397x519
2005	Reya Kempley	6391x519
2006	Steve Goff	6389x507
2007	Tarl Kempley	6371x459
2008	Matt Emmons	5188x448
2009	Reya Kempley	6397-553
2010	Tarl Kempley	6391-516
2011	Reya Kempley	6393-524

**ENTRY TO THE 2012 WESTERN WILDCAT CHAMPIONSHIPS
PLEASE PRINT**

Name _____ NRA# _____
NRA Membership NOT required

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address-**PLEASE PRINT!** _____

Class-Circle one: **High Master** Master **Expert** Sharpshooter **Marksman** F-class
High Masters are distinguished or have fired five or more 1600 scores
This includes 1200 scores fired at Camp Perry
There will be no classes or categories in F-class

Category-Circle all that apply- Woman Junior Senior (Age 60 & above 1/1/2012)

Do you wish to fire the Senior Aggregate-any sight 6400 for those 60 and over? _____

FEES

Total Package.....\$150
Two Day Package..... 85 Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.
Circle two days competing

Junior Total Package..... 40
Junior Two Day Package.....20 Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.
Circle two days competing

Tyro Package..... 42.50
See program for conditions
Two Day Tyro Package.....22.50 Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.
Includes initiation fee

All first-time WWC competitors pay this fee and are recognized at the cookout. If it is not paid, we will not always know who are the first time shooters.
\$2.50 initiation fee..... 2.50

Those NOT competing wishing to
Extend their Western Wildcats Rifle Club
Membership & receive
this year's bulletin..... 5

Team fees will be collected at range

Practice fee \$6 per day will be collected at range
100% of practice fee is turned over to AZ Fish & Game. The match program is prepared in 2011, if AZ Fish & Game raises the daily fee, so will we.

Make check payable to Western Wildcats Rifle Club Mail to:

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