

Editor's Letter:

Sorry for the delay in the issuing of this newsletter! This will be the last of the newsletters that I will be editor for. With part 1 of graduate school winding down, I simply don't have the free time to keep up with my other tasks and this newsletter. However, Kimberly Hullings will be taking over as editor of this newsletter and I am confident that she will continue to find interesting articles to keep the readers well informed.



I would like to thank all the contributors the the newsletters, past and present. It was through them that this newsletter was possible. They dedicated their time and energy to pass on their knowledge to the upcoming juniors and for that they are to be commended.

This issue has an article by Faisal Yamin about triggers and an article by Kimberly Hullings outlining the New Jersey Junior Pistol Team's progress at Camp Perry! Also, the format has been changed. In

the past, articles have appeared in column format to make it looks more newsletter like, however, I felt that this format was less user friendly. Therefore, this issue appears in non-column format. If you have an opinion on the changed format please email me at john.gunn.3@gmail.com. Also, there will be no September issue, as I feel that Kimberly should be given time to get her first issue ready. So look forward to the October issue of the newsletter! I hope you enjoy your time reading through these articles.

Thanks for reading!

By: John F. Gunn III

Triggers

We are going to talk about how a trigger feels and not generally the mechanism or internal design. For a Bullseye shooter it is more important how a trigger feels then how it is constructed, we leave that for the gunsmiths.

When you hear someone refer to a trigger as Crisp or Roll, they are referring to the way the trigger feels when squeezed. An extremely Crisp trigger is that which breaks sharply, there is no movement in the trigger until it breaks. The entire weight of the trigger is applied and felt at the time of the break. Some like this crisp feeling, I personally think that they like this feel as they are trying to time the break. The disadvantage is that the entire weight of the trigger has to be applied at the breaking point and it is a sharp break. But it works for some.

On the other hand a Roll trigger is complete opposite of a Crisp trigger. The trigger has movement and keeps moving until the breaking point. The break is much smoother and feels lighter. The amount of movement defines how much roll you have, a long roll would be a trigger which has greater movement then a short roll trigger. There are mechanical limits based on the trigger mechanism on how much roll a trigger can have. The advantage of roll trigger is that the weight on the trigger is distributed over the movement (travel), hence the weight felt during the movement is less then the overall weight(force) required to break the trigger. A good roll trigger should feel light and smooth. Thinking of it like squeezing a light spring, that is how the feel should be.

A good trigger squeeze is constant and without break, it is easier to achieve this with a roll trigger. But this should be applied to any trigger Roll or Crisp. Roll trigger has more feedback (at least to me) and Crisp trigger feel heavier to me. Remember "Smooth, Straight, Squeeze". A trigger squeeze should never be stop and go. If you have to stop squeeze you should put the gun down, resent the trigger by pulling the hammer back and start again (this will mostly apply to a 1911), obviously this will be slow fire. If you are shooting Timed or Rapid (Sustained Fire) "always keep the trigger moving".

Generally all triggers fall between Crisp and Roll, you have to try both to know which will work for you. In Bullseye you should give everything time, this applies to both equipment and technique. Constant and quick changes will cause more harm then good. If you are going to try something give it a few months before changing to something else, this way you will learn more and will make the right choices. Otherwise you will be going back and forth and never settle.

I prefer roll trigger, they work for me better especially in sustained fire. Try both before you make up your mind. Next time when someone mentions a Roll vs Crisp trigger you will know what they are talking about.

See you on the line. By: Faisal Yamin, High Master in training



Faisal is a "2600 Club" shooter, Distinguished Pistol Shot #1354 (2005), Distinguished Revolver #44 (2008), Master in both Indoor and Outdoor Conventional Pistol, and current Civilian National Record holder for .45 caliber 20 shots Rapid Fire Indoors at 25 yds. (200-16X) which has held since March 2004!

Camp Perry Junior Report 2011

Another exceptional year at the NRA National Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, OH has come to an end with great successes and first year stories. This year, on July 11, the New Jersey Junior Pistol Team went out to Port Clinton, Ohio with a total of six team members, which was plenty for the four-man team and enough to give New Jersey three junior two-man teams during

the final matches, the CMP matches, on Sunday July 17. With a total of 22 juniors competing for the top junior award, the junior compete against a total of 628 competitors from across the country for top spots in their class.

This team went with three returning members, Joseph Storch (18) of Piscataway in his 4th trip to nationals, Eric Verhasselt (20) of Rochelle Park in his 3rd, and Kimberly Hullings (19) of Matawan in her 5th, and three new members, Trevor Houlis (13) of Ocean Port, Mike Soklaski (14) of Ringoes, and Steve Voros (15) of Medford. With the help of their coach John Gunn, the New Jersey Junior Team claimed the title of 1st place Marksman Team/2nd place Junior team with an overall score of 2951-38x. In the .22 caliber team match, competing was Kim Hullings, Mike Soklaski, Eric



Verhasselt, and Joe Storch. Together, they scored 1021-13x, which gave them 1st place in the

Marksman class. In the Center Fire team match, Joe Storch, Mike Soklaski, Eric Verhasselt, and Kim Hullings competed, bringing in an overall score of 983-15x, which gave them 2nd place in the Marksman class. Finally on the .45 caliber day, the team members competing were Joe Storch, Eric Verhasselt, Kim Hullings, and Trevor Houlis. At the end of the team matches, the New Jersey Juniors brought in a score of 947-10x, which gave them 1st place in the Marksman class, and wrapping up a great year as a team.

Before every team match, competitors must fire in the individual matches which go all day from 7:30 AM right up to the start of the team matches around 3:00PM. Five of the Juniors competed individually in the Marksman Class, and one competed in the Sharpshooter Class. Competing in the Marksman Class was Joe, Eric, Mike, Trevor, and Steve, which made the total of Marksman-Civilian competitors to 92. Kim competed in the Sharpshooter-Civilian Class along with 107 other competitors, totaling 108.



Trevor Houlis had a great first year. For Preliminary Day shot a 687-2x, .22 Day he shot a 696-8x, Center Fire Day he shot a 442-1x, and on the .45 Day he shot a 663-7x, giving him a total of 1801-16x. He finished as the $73^{\mbox{rd}}$ Marksman/ $18^{\mbox{th}}$ Junior. Some of his other accomplishments this year were in .45 Caliber Timed Fire where he shot a total of 176-2x and received 10th place Marksman and Junior ranking.

Mike B. Soklaski

had a very rewarding first year. During the Preliminary match, he shot a 724-7x. Then in the regular matches, he shot a 785-10x with the .22, a 727-8x in Center fire, and a 662-6x with the .45, giving him a Grand Aggregate of 2174-24x. Not only did he finish as the 24^{th} Marksman Civilian/ 14^{th} junior. Some of those are that he finished 15^{th} in the Preliminary Match, 16^{th} in the .22 Aggregate, 14^{th} in the Marksman/ 6^{th} in the Juniors in the .22 Timed Fire match with a 190-6x, 4^{th} in the Marksman/ 5^{th} in the Juniors in .22 Rapid Fire with a 189-2.

Steve Voros had a great week of competing. In Preliminaries, he shot a 507-0x. He shot a 728-0x in the .22 Caliber match, a 391-0x in the Center Fire match, and a 351-0x in the .45 Caliber match. Overall he shot a 1470-0x which gave him the spot as the 88th Marksman/21st Junior.

Joseph Storch had another amazing year at Camp Perry. After one year missing he picked up right back where he left off. In the Preliminary match he shot a 732-14x. He then shot a 788-10x in the .22 match, a 771-12x in the Center Fire match, and a 709-11x in the .45 match. Added together he shot a 2268-33x, giving him the 11th Marksman Civilian spot/11th Junior Spot. He had some great accomplishments which were, 9th place in the Preliminary match, $10^{\mbox{th}}$ place Marksman/ $5^{\mbox{th}}$ place Junior in the .22 timed fire match with a score of 191-4x, 15th in the .22 Aggregate, 2nd place Marksman/6th Junior in Center Fire timed fire match with a score of 189-3x, 2nd place Marksman/6th Junior in Center Fire rapid fire with a score of 183-5x, 4th Marksman in the Center Fire Aggregate, 8th Marksman in the .45 National Match Course with a score of 251-7x, 8th Marksman in .45 rapid fire with a 177-1x. and 16th Marksman in the .45 Aggregate.



Eric Verhasselt also had an amazingly accomplishing year. It was a great way to finish off his years as a Junior Competitor. In the Preliminary Match, he shot a 726-6x, and continued with a 788-13x in .22, a 765-7x in Center Fire, and a 677-1x in .45. Overall, he finished in 17th Marksman/12th Junior with shooting a 2230-21x. Some accomplishments include 14th Marksman in Prelims, 14th Marksman in .22 Aggregate, 7th in the Center Fire National Match Course with a 258-2x, 9th Marksman in Center Fire Timed Fire with a 181-3x, 7th Marksman in Center Fire Aggregate.



Kimberly Hullings had a great final year as a Junior as well. During the Preliminary match, she shot a 792-13x. For the rest of the matches, she shot an 840-17x in .22, a 761-9x in Center Fire, and a 750-5x in .45. She ended with a total score of 2351-31x, placing her has the 39th Civilian Sharpshooter/5th junior. With that score she also won an award and the top Junior Woman Shooter of the National Matches. Some of her accomplishments this year were 13th Sharpshooter/4th Junior in the Preliminary Match, 2nd Sharpshooter/1St Junior and Collegiate in .22 slow fire with a 184-1x, 6th

place Sharpshooter in .22 National Match Course with a 279-5x, 9^{th} Sharpshooter/ 3^{rd} Junior in .22 rapid fire with a 191-5, 4^{th} Sharpshooter/ 3^{rd} junior/top woman sharpshooter in the .22 Aggregate, 22^{nd} Sharpshooter in .45 rapid fire with a 180-0x.

The final day of competing was Sunday July 17 for the CMP National Matches. This match, shot in only iron sights lead the juniors to more victories. Trevor Houlis shot a 231-0x in the President's 100 (16^{th}) and a 224-0x in the National Trophy Match (14^{th}), with an overall score of 677-2x (12^{th}). Mike Soklaski shot a 311-8x in the President's 100 (9^{th}) and a 244-2x in the National Trophy Match (9^{th}), with an overall score of 806-13x (7^{th}). Steve Voros shot a 278-1x in the President's 100 (14^{th}) and a 213-1x in the National Trophy Match (17^{th}), with an overall score of 693-2x (11^{th}). Joseph Storch shot a 314-5x in the President's 100 (8^{th}) and a

234-2x in the National Trophy Match (11th), with an overall score of 794-8x (8th). Eric Verhasselt shot a 339-3x in the President's 100 (3rd) and a 261-4x in the National Trophy Match (5th), with an overall score of 841-8x (4th). Kimberly Hullings shot a 359-5x in the President's 100 (1st) and a 274-4x in the National Trophy Match (2nd), with an overall score of 905-12x (1st).



After the individual matches, the team matches started. There were three New Jersey Junior Teams. New Jersey Awesome Juniors included Eric Verhasselt and Kimberly Hullings. Together they shot a 513-4x, placing them 2nd amongst the Junior Teams. New Jersey Terrific Juniors included Joseph Storch and Mike Soklaski, who shot a total of a 497-4x, giving them the 6th place spot. New Jersey Sensational Juniors included Trevor Houlis and Steve Voros, who shot a total score of 424-2x, placing them in the 8th spot of the Junior Teams.

With all these accomplishments this year, it makes you wonder where we will be next year. There is only up to go from here, but as this year comes to an end we must say goodbye to two of our junior competitors who will be aging out come January. We say goodbye to Eric Verhasselt and Kimberly Hullings. Congratulations to all the juniors this year and keep up the good work!

By Kimberly Hullings

Upcoming Matches:

Aug. & Sept. 2011

Conventional Pistol (Bullseye):

Cherry Ridge in Highland Lakes, NJ – OUTDOOR 2700 – Aug. 27, 2011 – 9 AM – DL2700@aol.com or phone 201-251-0933 or sign up online at http://www.NJPistol.com

NYS Championship in Wappingers Falls, NY – OUTDOOR 2700 w/ "Leg" + DR – Sept. 3-4, 2011 – relays each day at 9 AM – <u>mailto:2700@dcpistol.org</u> or phone **914-525-6759** or sign up online at http://www.NJPistol.com

"Lobster Match" in Scarborough, ME – OUTDOOR 2700 w/"Leg" + DR – Sept. 10-11, 2011 mailto:mainebullseye@gmail.com or phone 207-657-4559

NEW JERSEY OUTDOOR STATE PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP w/"Leg" + DR Sept. 17-18 at Cherry Ridge – Highland Lakes, NJ - <u>DL2700@aol.com</u> or 201-251-0933 Sept. 23-24 and Oct. 1 at CJRPC - Jackson, NJ -<u>mailto:noalibis@njpistol.com</u> or phone 908-788-5503 or sign up online at http://www.NJPistol.com

Junior Competitors Report:



Joseph Storch fired his first Sharpshooter 2700 score (2334-45X) at the CJ "Perry Redemption Match" on July 23!

Michael B. Soklaski fired his first Sharpshooter 2700 score at the Eastern PA State Championship in Boyertown on July 30, and fired a second one, with "PRs" in all 3 guns (2361-40X) at CRRC the following weekend, Aug. 6!





Eric Verhasselt fired his first Sharpshooter 2700 score (2339-24X) amid the pouring rain (and eating tacos with bacon) at CJ on Aug. 14, on his way back to college for the fall semester!

Kimberly Hullings fired her almost EXPERT "personal best" 2700 score (2421-57X) at CRRC on Aug. 6, with 799-19 in the CF aggregate with .45! She fired 2405-45 for 2nd place in SS class at CJ on Aug. 13 (and actually broke 800 with .45 at the CJ Thursday evening 900 league on Aug. 11 for yet another huge milestone!)



Trevor Houlis fired his 2nd full 2700 at CJ on Aug. 13, breaking 2000 – he's on his way, too!

Junior Leagues Report:

Old Bridge (2nd 3rd and 4th Sundays at 5 PM):

Chairman: Ed Glidden at mailto:eglidden@yahoo.com

CJRPC in Jackson, NJ (Thursdays AFTER OUTDOOR 900 ~ 7 PM):

Note: Experienced juniors may join in the 900 league which starts at 5:30 PM!

Chairman: Mike Westock at mailto:topgun22x45@aol.com

COMING SEPTEMBER 2011

INTRODUCTORY CLINIC FOR JUNIORS INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL (OLYMPIC) PISTOL SHOOTING



Consisting of a Safety Briefing, Lecture on the Fundamentals, and Actual Target Shooting



Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011 (rain or shine)



Time: Starting at 9:00am

Where: Citizens' Rifle & Revolver Club

213 Princeton-Hightstown Rd Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

General Program Information

- Introductory clinic is....FREE.
- · Open to boys and girls ages 10 to 18
- Juniors must be accompanied by parent or guardian
- · All shooting levels welcomed
- Target Shooting experience not required
- Air-pistols and equipment provided
- · Bring eye and ear protection
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Instructions provided by USA Shooting/NRA Approved and Certified Coaches

At the conclusion of the clinic, applications to join the weekly Junior International Pistol training program will be available. A \$25/year CRRC Junior membership is required.