

# New Jersey Junior Shooter Newsletter

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A new Junior Bullseye Club is starting in January  
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## My Shooting Experience by Trevor Houlis

My name is Trevor Houlis and I have been shooting for 4 years. I started when I was ten and kept with it ever since. Throughout my years I have met many people that have helped me get to where I am today and showed me the ropes of shooting. I started off by shooting 22 two handed and benched, I progressed up to a 45 one handed. I have played many sports and done many things but nothing compares to shooting. There's that feeling you get when you pick up your pistol and you never want to put it down. I love shooting and have always loved it ever since I started.

I was only 10 years old when I went to youth day at Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club with the boy scouts. We shot all types of guns, we shot shotgun, high powered rifle, black powder etc. . . . when I picked up that pistol for the first time I knew right there that I was going to love it. As I was shooting the pistol it felt like nothing have ever felt before it was a weird feeling but a good one. After I was done shooting the man who was supervising me said I wasn't a bad shooter and should join the juniors for the club, so I did.

Over my years of shooting I have shot many matches and have gone to Camp Perry. Out of all things in my shooting history the best memory was my first year at Camp Perry. Camp Perry was extremely fun and exciting I had shot in the small arms firing school and the matches that





**A Panda walks into a bar...  
orders a sandwich...  
eats it...**

**then pulls out a gun...  
shoots the dartboard  
and walks out --**

**why did it do that?**

- a. it was practicing for a bullseye match**
- b. to avoid leaving a tip**
- c. that's what a Panda does, it eats shoots and leaves**

### **The 3 Fundamental Gun Safety Rules**

- 1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction**
- 2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**
- 3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use**

they offered. Camp Perry was a whole new environment for me when I first got there, I did not know what to do, when to do it, and I was nervous. You don't repair targets like we do here and you don't stay at the same bench at slow and sustained fire. This whole thing was a great new learning experience for me and I can't wait to go back next year.

The first time I shot a 45 was when I was 11 that was only one year into shooting. Shooting a 45 when I have never shot one before was scary but interesting at the same time. The first time I shot I didn't hit the target and I wasn't to happy because I thought I never would, I thought It was the hardest thing in the world because the only thing I have ever shot was a 22. For a 11 year old 4 foot kid going from a 22 to a 45 was like a new born baby trying to eat a 6 pound steak, it wasn't easy. After time when I started to get better with my 45 and used it more often than my 22. When I got exceptionally good with 45 I never wanted to shoot 22 again, It changed my shooting experience.

Shooting is my main sport that I do and I will always do it. Without shooting I don't think I would be able to live. Between my school work and my mom's car not working all the time I don't get to shoot as much as I would like, but personally I think shooting was the best thing I have ever done and I still to this day thank the boy scouts for bringing me to that youth day 4 years ago.



**Trevor, with his first 100 (in rapid fire) at OBRPC 900 League**

**The SIX Fundamentals of  
Pistol Shooting**

**sTANCE**

**GrrrrriP**

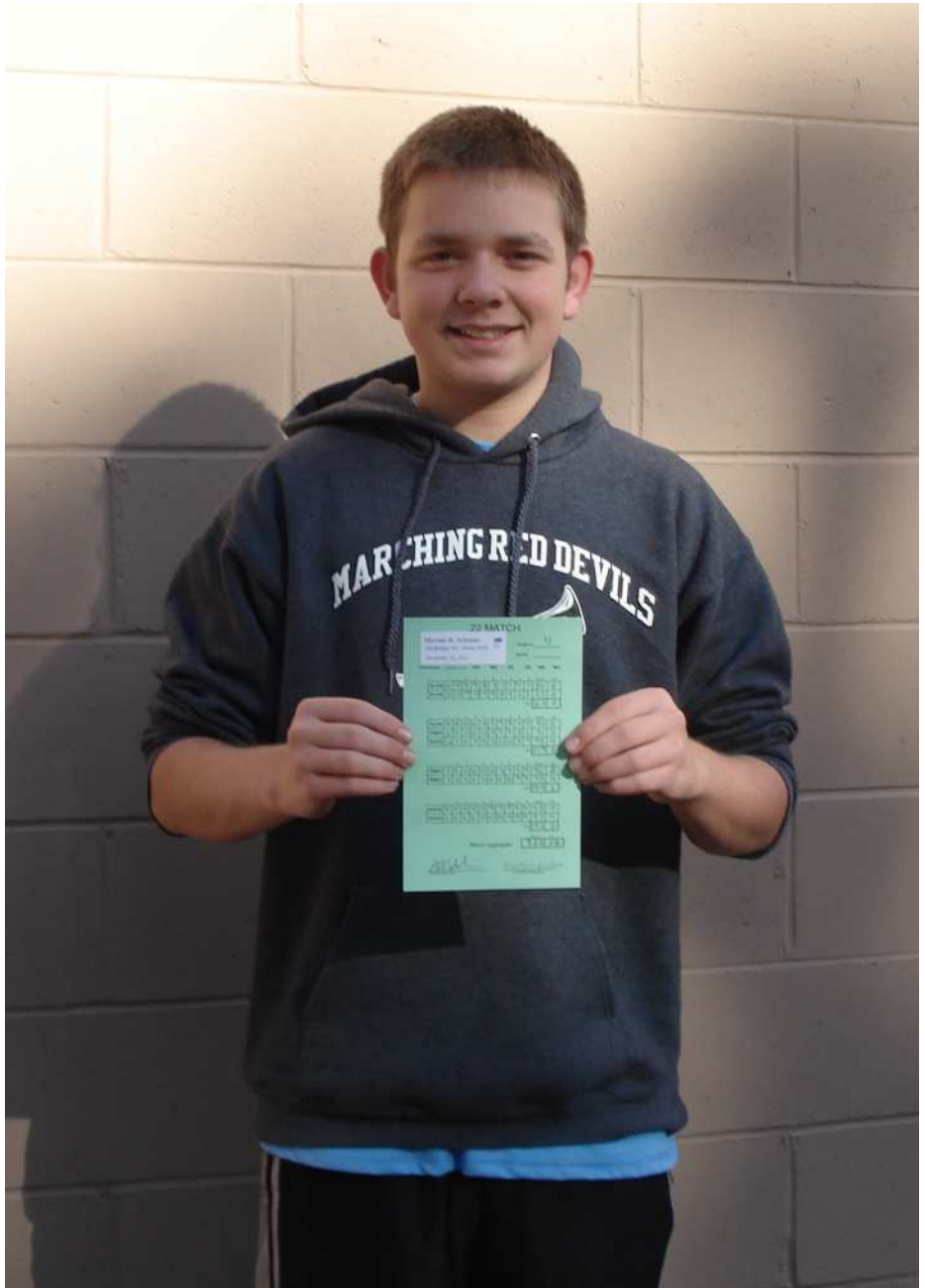
**BREATH CONTROL**



**sIGHT ALIGNMENT**

**TRIGGER (ONTROL**

**FOLLOW THROUGH**



**First match as Sharpshooter  
for Michael B.**

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**Year-end party and awards at Old Bridge. Highest score went to 8-year old AJ (281-5X out of 300). He shot 2 handed with bench support, but with a score like that he earns the biggest trophy.**



**Year-end party and awards at Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club  
Coach Mike brought a delicious cherry-filled cake**

**Upcoming Matches**

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