

**THE WESTERN WILDCATS RIFLE CLUB'S
59th ANNUAL SMALLBORE PRONE 6400
CHAMPIONSHIP NRA REGIONAL MATCH
March 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2017
Wednesday through Sunday
Hosted by the Desert Sharpshooters**

RANGE LOCATION: Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, on the west side of I-17, Exit #223 (Carefree Highway). http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/ben_avery.shtml

ELIGIBILITY: NRA membership is no longer required. Please note that a shooter must be a member of the NRA in order to establish a National Record.

WESTERN WILDCAT MEMBERSHIP: All competitors must be Western Wildcat members in good standing. The annual dues are \$5.00, which will be waived for all competitors. For new members there is an additional, one time initiation fee of \$3.00. Membership requirements do not apply to non-US citizen entrants residing outside the USA.

RULES: NRA Rules will govern. The NRA Classification System will be used. The Wildcat Match has an Open/High Master Class – see note below. Unclassified shooters will compete in the Master Class.

CHALLENGES: Rule 16.1 (our fee is \$1.00 to challenge your score, or another competitor's score). The challenge period for the last match of the day will end at 9 am on Friday and Saturday, and 8 am on Sunday. The final challenge period on Sunday will end 30 minutes after the final scores are posted.

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 that have not indicated a classification will compete in the Master Class.

ADVANCE ENTRIES: All submitted entries should be accompanied by the appropriate entry fees and a printed entry form. Checks will be deposited during the week of the Wildcat. **Please make checks out to the Western Wildcat Club.** Mailed entries must be received no later than March 8th.

POST ENTRIES: Entries received after March 8th may be accepted at the range, provided such entries do not require an additional relay.

SEND ENTRIES TO: Nancy Tompkins, P.O. Box 11684, Prescott, AZ 86304

CANCELLATION: If a shooter cannot attend the competition after paying an advance entry, both his entry and registration fees will be returned, minus \$5.00 for dues. If you need to cancel, please email Nancy Tompkins at caledoniamist@juno.com prior to the start of the competition.

NO REFUNDS FOR DROPOUTS! Once you have fired your first shot, you are a competitor.

ENTRY LIMITS: We are limited to 170 competitors. Walk-on entries may be accepted up to the capacity of the range, provided they 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 request a complete paper result bulletin, will have them mailed to them.

REGISTRATION & FEES FOR ADULTS: A package fee of \$175.00 will cover all fired Matches, aggregates, Wildcat Sweatshirt Match, and Registration fees. A package fee of \$90.00 will cover any two day matches, aggregates, Wildcat Sweatshirt Match and Registration fees. Each competitor will receive a 2017 Wildcat T-Shirt and the BBQ dinner on Saturday night.

There is an incentive for bringing juniors to the WWC. For each junior that a full-paying adult competitor brings that shoots all 4 days, that adult will receive \$25 off their registration fee for each junior, up to 5 juniors.

REGISTRATION & FEES FOR JUNIORS AND COLLEGIATE SHOOTERS: Junior and Collegiate shooters may enter the individual or team competition, provided they meet the following eligibility:

Junior – Comply with Rule 2.3

Intermediate Junior – Comply with Rule 2.31

Sub-Junior – Comply with Rule 2.32

Individuals who have National Guard, Reserve, or Active Duty status and receive support (as defined in Rule 2.2) may not compete as juniors.

Juniors and collegiate shooters may enter for a package fee of \$40.00 (\$43.00 for first-time juniors and collegiate shooters) for all 4 days. If not firing all four days, they will pay \$10.00 per day + \$3.00 for first-time entry in their assigned classification. **They will receive a Western Wildcats T-shirt and 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 the 4-day aggregate for \$43.00. They will compete only within the Tyro group. **Juniors and collegiate shooters wishing to be eligible for regular match awards may do so by paying the full entry fee.** The highest scoring junior and collegiate shooter (in any class, category or group) in Match # 25 will be eligible to win a sweatshirt, if there are a minimum of 3 in the category. All juniors and collegiate shooters 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.

REGISTRATION & FEES FOR ANY SIGHT COMPETITORS: There is a separate class for Scope Only for the entire championship. Separate awards will be given if there are 5 or more competitors. **Mark your entry card appropriately!**

F-CLASS SHOOTERS: There is an F-Class division within the Western Wildcats 6400 Championships. Current NRA F-Class rules will apply in regards to equipment. **Awards will be given if there are 5 or more competitors in a class, if not the classes will be combined.** F-Class shooters will use NRA metric targets (listed below). F-Class will have its own award pool and a trophy will be awarded to the F-Class Western Wildcat Champion. F-Class shooters are not part of the Regional Championships.

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

TARGET CLIPS: Competitors must provide their own target clips.

TARGETS: **The targets for conventional prone are:** A-23 (50 yards), A-25 (100 yards), and A-26 (50 Meters). **The F-Class targets are:** A-50 (50 Meters) and A-33 (100 meters reduced to 100 yards).

PRACTICE: The range will be open for practice Sunday, March 12th and on Wednesday, March 15th on available firing points after the team matches are squadded. There will be a range fee of \$10.00 per day for practice. Juniors practice for free.

NOTE: BEN AVERY SHOOTING FACILITY is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY'S and TUESDAY'S, but the Desert Sharpshooters will be hosting the Metric Smallbore Prone Championships on Monday March 13th and Tuesday March 14th prior to the Wildcat. There will be no practice during these days.

RANGE SET-UP: Saturday, March 11th. Please show up at 9 am to help get the range ready for the matches if you are available. Practice will be available to those who help, after range set-up is complete.

SQUADDING: Shooters will be given one firing point from which they will fire the entire championship. **We will not be moving firing points once the championship has started.**

COURSE OF FIRE:

10:00 AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 – TWO PERSON TEAM MATCHES

Pickup teams are permitted. Team time will be used.

- Match #26: Dewar Course, Iron Sights. 10:00 AM
#27: Reverse Dewar Course, Any Sights. 1:00 PM

9:00 AM THURSDAY, MARCH 16 – IRON SIGHTS

- Match # 1: Dewar Course
2: 40 shots, 100 yards
3: 40 shots, 50 meters
4: 40 shots, 50 yards
5: Thursday Iron Sight Aggregate

#28: Made in America (Individual match. Not part of the championship agg.)

9:00 AM FRIDAY, MARCH 17 – ANY SIGHTS

- Match # 6: Dewar Course
7: 40 shots, 100 yards
8: 40 shots, 50 meters
9: 40 shots, 50 yards
#10: Friday Any Sight Aggregate
#21: Thursday/Friday 3200 Aggregate

9:00 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 18 – IRON SIGHTS

- Match #11: Dewar Course
#12: 40 shots, 100 yards
#13: 40 shots, 50 meters
#14: 40 shots, 50 yards
#15: Saturday Iron Sight Aggregate
#23: Wildcat Iron Sight 3200 Championship

***8:00 AM* SUNDAY, MARCH 19-ANY SIGHTS (Note early start!)**

- Match #16: Dewar Course
#17: 40 shots, 100 yards
#18: 40 shots, 50 meters
#19: 40 shots, 50 yards
#20: Sunday Any Sight Aggregate
#22: Saturday/Sunday 3200 Aggregate
#24: Wildcat Any Sight 3200 Championship
#25: WILDCAT 6400 CHAMPIONSHIP

SWEATSHIRT MATCH: Wildcat sweatshirts will be awarded as follows: Winner and 1st in Class in the 1600, 3200 & 6400 aggregates, and anyone firing a 1600 or 3200. **There is a limit of one sweatshirt per competitor.**

AWARD CATEGORIES - Match 25: There must be at least five competitors in a category for an award:

- Woman
- Senior (Age 60 to 69)
- Grand Senior (Age 70+)
- F-Class
- Collegiate Rule 2.8
- Junior Rule 2.3

Intermediate Junior Rule 2.3.1

Sub-Junior Rule 2.3.2

Tyro junior (juniors entering their first match and shooting iron sights only).

The top three overall winners in Match #25 will be removed from the category awards. A competitor may win only one category award. Open awards are given first and then the category awards as listed above.

Cash will be awarded in each of the individual matches in lieu of NRA award points.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS: This championship is an NRA Regional Championship. Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall will be awarded. The top 10% of competitors based upon aggregate scores may earn a leg towards NRA Distinguished Prone Rifle.

COMBINING CLASSES:

A category and class must have at least 5 entries or they will be combined with the next higher class. One Class award will be provided for every 5 entries within the High Master (Open), Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman Classes. The Statistical Officer may combine classes after determining the number of competitors actually firing in a match. 50% of the entry fees, after expenses, will be awarded as cash prizes. The remainder of the money goes to range fees, NRA fees, staff, targets, sweatshirts, T-Shirts, building rentals, Saturday night dinner, supplies, etc.

Juniors and collegiate shooters compete for non-monetary awards unless they pay adult entry fees.

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 thanks to Lones Wigger. The prize table for the 6400 aggregate (match 25) will be held 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. Then it will go to 2nd Hi Master, 2nd Master, 2nd Open Scope, 2nd Expert, 2nd F-Class, 2nd SS, and 2nd Marksman, 3rd Hi Master, etc. Any leftover 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. **Lones puts a lot of time and effort into acquiring the merchandise for the prize table. Please make sure to thank him, for without his contribution we would not have quality donated prizes.

SPECIAL AWARDS in MATCH #25 - The Overall winner will have their name inscribed on the 6400 Champion Henry Benson Memorial Trophy Plaque when we find it. *Currently we have no idea where the Benson Trophy is. If you know where it is, please contact us. NRA Regional Championship medals will be awarded as well to the top 3 competitors.

All category winners will receive a trophy.

TARGET CHANGING: Competitors will handle their own unfired targets and pull their own fired targets (as per the new rules at the 2012 National Matches). Handicapped shooters will be assisted by range personnel.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO: The Ben Avery Shooting Facility has lots of room for camping. This includes 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.**

MOTELS: This is the tourist and baseball season in Arizona so reservations should be made SEVERAL WEEKS in advance. No matter where you stay, make sure that you never leave anything of importance

in your car. Auto theft and car break-ins are high in the Phoenix area.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual Wildcat meeting will be held at the range on Friday, March 17th after the day's matches have been scored and posted.

SATURDAY COOKOUT: For 2017, the event will be catered. There will be more information during the match. After the cookout, the sweatshirts through Saturday's matches will be presented and door prizes for cookout attendees will be awarded. **Please bring door prizes to donate to the pool of prizes—shooting related or not. Guests will be charged \$15 to cover the catering cost. JOIN THIS ANNUAL FUN GET TOGETHER!**

Please give door prize donations to the Challenge Trailer during the week. If every competitor would donate just one item, it would greatly help

LUNCHES AND DRINKS: Are not available at the range. Soft drinks are available as long as the vending machine remains stocked. There is a hot dog stand in operation behind the public shooting range on weekends.

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.**

MADE IN AMERICA MATCH: Following the match on Thursday, there will be a Special Any Sight Dewar Match held at the center of the firing line. Competitors must use firearms which have been manufactured in America. All ammo and other equipment need not be made in America. There is a \$10.00 fee and awards will be given.

Western Wildcat Rifle Champions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
1959	Forrest Kline	3191-226
1960	Jim Hill	3191-228
1961	Bill Grater	3196-249
1962	Herb Hollister	6390-504
1963	George Stidworthy	6381-472
1964	Herb Hollister	6383-487
1965	Herb Hollister	6389-515
1966	Lones Wigger	6377-497
1967	(Dual Champions*)	
	Tom Guerin* (Civilian)	6391-496
	Lones Wigger*(Service)	6389-537
1968	Herb Hollister	6389-528
1969	Lones Wigger	6394-536
1970	Margaret Murdock	6395-532
1971	Tom Guerin	6378-496
1972	Tom Guerin	6398-542
1973	Tom Whitaker	6399-595
1974	Bob Mitchell	6398-531
1975	Tom Whitaker	6400-574
1976	Mary Stidworthy	6394-513
1977	Allan Knowles	6382-513
1978	Tom Whitaker	6398-531
1979	Lones Wigger	6398-553
1980	Ernie Vande Zande	6396-552
1981	Mary Stidworthy	6387-504
1982	Ernie Vande Zande	6399-546

1983	Allan Knowles	6390-534
1984	Allan Knowles	6395-547
1985	Mary Sparling	6396-557
1986	Allan Knowles	6394-515
1987	Mary Sparling	6398-567
1988	Mary Sparling	6391-538
1989	Robbie Franker	6395-493
1990	Ben Smith	6391-530
1991	Lones Wigger	6387-492
1992	Lones Wigger	6397-526
1993	Steve Goff	6397-515
1994	Billy Meek	6395-546
1995	Billy Meek	6386-498
1996	Allan Knowles	6394-530
1997	Allan Knowles	6394-522
1998	Lones Wigger	6395-515
1999	Billy Meek	6395-546
2000	Tony Leone	6397-511
2001	Lones Wigger	6398-530
2002	Billy Meek	6386-497
2003	Billy Meek	6385-493
2004	Matt Emmons	6397-519
2005	Reya Kempley	6391-519
2006	Steve Goff	6389-507
2007	Tarl Kempley	6371-459
2008	Matt Emmons	5188-448
2009	Reya Kempley	6397-553
2010	Tarl Kempley	6391-516
2011	Reya Kempley	6393-524
2012	Chris Abalo	6398-543
2013	Eric Uptagrafft	6391-548
2014	Michael McPhail	6398-545
2015	Eric Uptagrafft	6397-567
2016	Matt Chezem	6396-546

ENTRY TO THE 2017 WESTERN WILDCAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Name _____ NRA# _____
(NRA Membership NOT required, except for setting a National Record)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address - PLEASE PRINT legibly! _____

Class (Circle one): *Open/High Master Master Expert Sharpshooter Marksman

****F-class **Scope Only (All 4 Days - Please circle classification).**

*High Master are Distinguished or a shooter that has fired five or more 1600 or 1200 scores.

Category (Circle all that apply): Woman Junior Intermediate Junior Sub-Junior
Senior Grand Senior Collegiate Service

FEES: (Please circle all that apply)

Adult Four Day Package & Juniors (*Monetary awards).....\$175.00

Adult Two Day Package & Juniors * - Thur., Fri., Sat., Sun. (Circle two days) \$ 90.00

Junior and Collegiate Total Package (No monetary awards) \$ 40.00

Junior & Collegiate Two Day Package - Thur., Fri., Sat., Sun. (Circle two days) \$ 20.00

Tyro Package (See program for conditions). \$ 43.00

Two Day Tyro Package Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun. (Includes initiation fee)..... \$ 23.00

Those NOT competing who wish to extend their Western Wildcats Rifle Club Membership...\$ 5.00

Total Amount.....\$ _____

*Team fees (\$20.00 per team), and Made in America Match (\$10.00) will be collected at range.

*Practice fee \$10 per day will be collected at range

T-Shirt (Men's) Size – circle one: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

Make check payable to Western Wildcats Rifle Club. Print this completed form and mail to:

Nancy Tompkins, P.O. Box 11684, Prescott, AZ 86304