

**2015 NRA NATIONAL
BLACK POWDER TARGET RIFLE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**



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**2015 NRA National Black Powder Target
Rifle Championships
Official Program**

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2014 National Black Powder Target Rifle Champions

2014 Mid-Range Position Champion

Dave Gullo 547-11x

Previous Position Champions

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| 2013 – Rick Moritz | 549-9x |
| 2012 - Chip Mate | 552-10x |
| 2011 - Rick Moritz | 539-8x |
| 2010 - Eron Ahmer | 555-7x |
| 2009 - Chip Mate | 545-6x |

2014 Mid-Range Prone Champion

Terry York 575-21x

Previous Prone Champions

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 2013 – Keith Lay Jr. | 582-28x |
| 2012 - Jack Odor | 583-14x |
| 2011 - Keith Lay Jr. | 578-20x |
| 2010 - Butch Ulsher | 577-23x |
| 2009 - Keith Lay Jr. | 578-21x |

2014 Creedmoor Champion

John Venhous 502-6x

Previous Creedmoor Champions

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 2013 - Dave Gullo | 553-13x |
| 2012 - Dave Gullo | 533-10x |
| 2011 - Keith Lay Jr. | 514-6x |
| 2010 - Dave Gullo | 510-4x |
| 2009 - Michael Rix | 534-10x |

**2015 NRA NATIONAL BLACK POWDER TARGET
RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

**September 21-26
Raton, New Mexico**

**Host Range: NRA Whittington Center George Tubb
1,000 Yard Range**

Match Director.....Barry Ranney
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NRA Black Powder Committee

Responsibility: Policies and rules for the conduct of firearms designed to use black powder, except Silhouette, sanctioned or sponsored by the NRA, with the objective of stimulating interest and participation among NRA members and the general public.

Johnny Nugent, ***Chairman***, Todd J. Rathner, ***Vice Chairman***, Frank Kapper, Marty Murphy, Lee Shaver, Marion “Buddy” Townsend, Rebecca Waterman, Donald E. Young, and Barry Ranney, ***Secretary***.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: This National Match is sponsored by the National Rifle Association of America's Competitive Shooting Division and the NRA Whittington Center.

TOURNAMENT NAME: The 2015 NRA Black Powder Target Rifle (BPTR) Mid-Range and Creedmoor Championship Matches

DATES AND LOCATION: The NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Position Matches will be held September 21-22, The NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Prone Matches will be held September 23-24, and The NRA National BPTR Creedmoor Matches will be held September 25-26. All matches will be held at the NRA Whittington Center (NRAWC) in Raton, NM and fired on the George E. Tubb Range.

NOTE TO COMPETITORS: Three separate events will comprise the Championships. The NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Position Matches followed by the NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Prone Matches and The NRA National BPTR Creedmoor Matches.

FIRING LINE: The firing line is **NOT** covered.

RULES: Current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle (BPTR) rules will govern the conduct of these Championships except as modified within this program. Check the Match Director's Bulletin for any modifications of firing conditions. It is the competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the rules, this program, and any Match Director's Bulletins issued.

ELIGIBILITY: **Note to competitors:** The NRA has removed ALL NRA membership requirements for ALL NRA-sanctioned matches including these Championships. Participation in these Championships is open to all citizens and non-citizens whom are members of their respective national shooting federations or associations.

ENTRY INFORMATION: *Online entry will be available this year.* Competitors who shot the previous year will automatically receive this year's entry cards and online entry information in the mail after April 1, 2014.

ADVANCE MAIL ENTRY OR ONLINE ENTRY IS REQUIRED. IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SQUADDING PREFERENCES.

ENTRIES OPEN: April 1, 2014.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Entries **MUST** be received at NRA Headquarters by **August 1, 2015**. Awards will be based on those entries processed before **August 1, 2015**. Entries arriving after the closing date will be considered post entries.

POST ENTRIES: Post entries will be accepted until firing time on a space available-basis only. Do not send entries to NRAHQ after August 1, 2015, unless it will be delivered by August 1. Bring all entry information to the range upon arrival at NRAWC. Additional relays will not be added to accommodate post entries.

ENTRY FEES:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| BPTR Position Championship: | \$90.00 |
| BPTR Prone Championship: | \$90.00 |
| BPTR Creedmoor Championship: | \$90.00 |
| BPTR All Championships: | \$220.00 |
| IRONMAN AGGREGATE | N/C |
| | |
| Juniors: | \$45.00 |
| Juniors All Championships: | \$110.00 |
| JR. IRONMAN AGGREGATE | N/C |

Fees will be returned in full if cancellation request is received prior to the Championship closing date. Those canceling after that date must request a refund and will be charged a \$10.00 handling fee. **Make checks payable to:** National Rifle Association, and mail to:

**National Rifle Association
Silhouette Department
11250 Waples Mill Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22030**

ENTRY CARDS: When filling out the entry card, please print your name, address, and NRA membership number as it is on record with the NRA. Fill out all areas of the card with the appropriate information, including squadding info on the back.

SQUADDING: Competitors wishing to be squadded together must indicate their selection on their entry cards. Target assignments will be assigned randomly unless otherwise noted on the entry card. Competitors will not change relays or target assignments without approval from the Match Director. Competitors will be squadded on every other firing point for all matches. Competitors will be squadded two (2) shooters per firing point and two (2) scorers per target.

SHOOTING TIME: Refer to Section 8 of the current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rulebook. For a pair (2) of shooters, relays will be a total of 53 minutes (20 record shots) for Mid-Range (four (4) “sighters” and ten(10) record shots per shooter) and 63 minutes per pair (20 record shots) for Creedmoor (unlimited “sighters” and ten(10) record shots per shooter). If needed, Muzzleloaders will be given an additional five(5) minutes after the “CEASE FIRE” to finish shooting in the Mid-Range matches only. “String firing” (a single shooter shooting through until finished) or “Pair Firing” (both shooters alternating shots until finished) will be acceptable. If string firing, the second shooter will setup and commence firing without command after the first shooter has completed their string (first shooter should be finished in 25 – 30 minutes, depending on the match). Shooters Pair firing must split their time evenly. **As always, when a shooters declares “record shots” their cartridge box must be closed with only the appropriate number of rounds at the ready. Score keepers will now be responsible for keeping time. In Mid-Range string fire, each shooter will have 25 minutes to complete their sighters and record shots.**

PREPARATION PERIOD: In all cases, competitors will be allowed three (3) minutes to take their places at their firing points and prepare to shoot after the relay is called to the firing line. **ONLY dry-firing will be allowed during this time, MUZZLELOADERS may ‘SNAP CAPS’.**

CLASSIFICATION: The NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Classification System will be used for all three events.

a) Individual Position - Mid Range

Master 90.00 and Above
Expert 80.00 to 89.99
Sharpshooter 70.00 to 79.99
Marksman Below 70.00

b) Individual Prone - Mid Range

Master 95.00 and Above
Expert 85.00 to 94.99
Sharpshooter 75.00 to 84.99
Marksman Below 75.00

c) Long Range (beyond 600 yards)

Master 80.00 and Above
Expert 70.00 to 79.99
Sharpshooter 60.00 to 69.99
Marksman Below 60.00

Competitors without any classification will fire in the Master's Class.

AWARDS: Awards will be provided on the basis of five or more competitors in a category/class in the following manner: Minimum of 5 competitors in a category/class, one award; 15 competitors, 2 awards; 25 competitors, 3 awards; and following this procedure until the total number of competitors within a category/class is established on the basis of one award for 10 competitors. Unless otherwise noted in the match program, place awards are offered in all Championships. Place awards (winner, 2nd, 3rd) will take precedence over all other awards. All competitors are eligible for place awards, but the place award winners may not receive class awards. High Marksman, High Sharpshooter, High Expert, and High Master awards will be given. Competitors are eligible for all special category awards that they qualify for (Junior, Senior, Woman, and Muzzleloader) and must indicate, on their entry card, any special award category in which they're eligible. The winner of the Creedmoor Nationals will receive the Castle Trophy and NRA Medallion. The winner will receive a picture plaque of the Castle Trophy, and the actual trophy will remain at NRAWC. The Mid-Range Champion will receive the Shaffer Memorial Trophy and NRA Medallion.

As with the Castle Trophy, the winner will receive a picture plaque while the actual trophy remains at NRAWC.

AWARD BREAKDOWN: Daily aggregate and class award winners will be given a certificate, provided 5 competitors shoot in the given match. Special category awards will be given a certificate, provided 5 competitors shoot in the given match. Overall Champions will receive a Picture Plaque and a medallion. Daily Match winners will receive a certificate. Other items may be added to the prize list, dependent on sponsors and vendor contributions to the match.

MONETARY AWARDS: The National Rifle Association continually strives to achieve full compliance with all tax laws and regulations. In this regard, the Financial Services Division conducts an ongoing review of all NRA-sponsored competitions, including but not limited to the National Matches at Camp Perry, the NRA Action Pistol Championship (Bianchi Cup), the Smallbore Metric Championship, and Silhouette Championships, where a tax event might occur. A tax event occurs when a competitor wins a total amount of at least \$600 in cash and/or merchandise prizes (excluding plaques and trophies) in all the above events combined. Because the NRA is unable to determine who might win a total of \$600 or more, **every competitor** is required to complete a W-9 form. At the end of the year, W-9's are reviewed and an IRS Form 1099-Misc is issued to all competitors whose total winnings are at least \$600. The W-9 forms for competitors whose total winnings do not exceed \$599 are securely destroyed. Please feel free to contact Portia Padilla at 703-267-1652 if you have any questions in regards to this matter. Thank you for your cooperation.

RANGE ETIQUETTE: Out of respect for other competitors who may still be shooting, NRA asks that shooters who are done firing **QUIETLY** remove their gear from the firing line, and keep conversation behind the vehicles until everyone is done shooting and the **“CEASE FIRE”** has been given by the Chief Range Officer. Failure to comply with these above etiquette guidelines will be extremely disrespectful to other competitors and may result in immediate disqualification from the NRA BPTR Championships.

PROPER ATTIRE: In keeping with the tradition established by NRA in shooting events, and recognizing the publicity attracted by the National Championships, it is important to promote an acceptable image for competitive shooting. Attire worn during all phases of the Championships should be in good taste and appropriate to such a prestigious sporting event.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWED: All rifles and equipment used in the Black Powder Target Rifle Championship shall conform to the current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rules. The same rifle must be used throughout any Championship except in cases of malfunctions not readily correctable. Since the Creedmoor Match is not part of the Mid-Range Aggregate, a different rifle may be used. Special regulations for the Creedmoor Match require rear sights have at least 1" elevation beyond a 600 yard/ram zero. Ammunition will be required to submit to chronograph testing for minimum velocity standards.

AMMUNITION: Cartridges will conform to *Rule 3.17: Ammunition used in all the matches must be straight black or Pyrodex, no smokeless in any quantity.* Random ammunition checks may be conducted during the Championship. Competitors during the Mid-Range Championship will be permitted only **14** rounds in their loading blocks. Creedmoor competitors will only be permitted to have **10** rounds in their loading blocks once they "go for record".

REGISTRATION: Registration will take place at the Ajax building beginning at 0900 on September 19 for the Championships. **The mandatory NRAWC chronograph for Creedmoor Championship competitors will take place at the Cooper Range immediately after registration.** The NRA Black Powder Committee and NRAWC, in order to provide a safer opportunity and greater chance of success, has changed the minimum requirements of bullet weight and velocity. There may be a **2%** variance or bullet weight or velocity. Numbers in **BOLD** indicate the **2%** variance. Only ammunition which produces these results or better and only rifles that have long-range sights will be permitted for use in the Creedmoor Championships. **See the BPTR Nationals Ballistic Velocity Chart below.**

| Caliber | Min. Bullet Weight | Min. Velocity |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| .38 | 408(375)- 400 | 1300(1375)- 1274 fps |
| .40 | 408- 400 | 1280- 1255 fps |
| .44 | 450- 441 | 1240- 1215 fps |
| .45 | 510- 500 | 1200- 1176 fps |
| .50 | 600- 588 | 1200- 1176 fps |

CERTIFICATION OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT:

Rifle will be weighed and certified before the Championship. All rifles being fired, as a Black Powder Military Rifle, will have the triggers weighed. All rifles and equipment may be inspected at random by the Official Protest Committee at any time. It is the competitor's responsibility to insure that his or her equipment is in compliance with the current NRA BPTR Rulebook.

TARGETS: Targets for the Mid-Range Target Rifle Championship will be the **SR**, **SR-3**, and **MR-1**. The **LR** target will be used for the Creedmoor Match.

PRACTICE: Practice will be held on September 20 for the Mid-Range and Creedmoor matches (200-1,000 yards). The NRA Whittington Center is open seven days a week for practice. If you are not a Whittington Center Gun Club member, there is a range fee of \$20.00 per day. The match entry fee includes one free practice day prior to the start of the match. Whittington Center Gun Club members can use the ranges for free. Whittington Center Gun Club membership is \$30.00 per year. Fees for shooting before a Championship shall be paid to the Center gatekeeper. During the Championship, the range will be open for practice from daybreak until one hour before the match and after the match until dark. Range fees for the Championship days are included in the match entry fees. Shooters are required to pull their own targets during practice for any BPTR event.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION: NRA Whittington Center requires eye and ear protection for all persons on the firing line. If you are unable to shoot with eye and/or ear protection, you will not be allowed to compete in the National Championships conducted at NRAWC. At all other locations, if the club requires eye and ear protection, they must be used. Should a person using shooting glasses,

with a hole cut in the lens or lacks a lens completely while on the firing line, they will be considered as not wearing eye protection.

SAFETY: All rules for safety will be strictly enforced. Failure to conform will be basis for disqualification.

1. Adjusting a wind-gauge front sight may be done from the **muzzle-end only** when the breech is open or the muzzleloader is not loaded. The sight may be adjusted from the rear **ONLY** when the gun is not cocked or capped.
2. There will be absolutely no handling of firearms on the firing line prior to the beginning of the Preparation Period. During Pit changes, all rifles will be racked or boxed with the actions open. When not on the firing line, firearms will be placed on racks, in cases, or other safe places. Any cleaning of rifles after the record firing period has expired must be done in the "Ready Area" behind the firing line.
3. Rifle actions will be open at all times except on the firing line after the Preparation Period has begun. At the command "Cease Fire", all firearms will be opened **IMMEDIATELY** and unloaded (except after a stage when **OPENED** firearms are removed from the firing line).
4. "Dry Firing" or aiming firearms behind the firing line is prohibited. Dry Firing is allowed during the Preparation Period only by competitor's squadded for that relay.
5. The discharge of any firearm (except on the firing line after the command "Commence Loading and Firing" has been given under authorized conditions) will result in disqualification and expulsion from the NRA Whittington Center with no refund of entry fees.
6. The Match Director or the Official Protest Committee has the authority to ban any competitor, firearm, or ammunition at any time for reasons of safety. Any competitor in the Creedmoor Match not able to get on

paper at 800 yard line will not be permitted to continue.

7. Possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic, or controlled substance which can impair the normal mental or physical functions of the body, either on the range or in the spectator or public areas immediately adjacent to the range, while the range is in use is prohibited. Disorderly conduct or intoxication is not permitted on the range or on any contiguous range property. Violators of this regulation will be subject to immediate disqualification from the Championship with no return of entry fees.
8. Smoking on the firing line is prohibited while the range is in use.
9. The NRA Whittington Center requires **ALL** competitors to wear eye and ear protection while they are using the ranges. Everyone in the immediate vicinity of the range complex is also urged to wear eye and ear protection. ***Eye protection is required for all target pullers.*** The use of a hat is strongly recommended.

SCORING: Competitors will score each other. As the scoring disks, which are hung on the target face, are not readily visible to the naked eye under all conditions, competitors must have in their possession a spotting scope or binoculars in order to perform scoring duties (please note the signaling instructions in your competitor packet).

PIT DUTY: All competitors must comply with Rule 18.15(e) and are subject to disqualification for failure to perform their duties under the rules. Scoring will be done according to Section 14.

A special .45 caliber plug-type scoring gauge will be used to decide the value of shots not discernible by the naked eye. The use of plug-type scoring gauges will be restricted to the Pit Officers.

SCORECARDS: Competitors are required to examine scorecards after each stage and to initial cards before leaving the firing line. Any scoring differences must be resolved before the next record shot is fired. If a scorecard

is not validated, the recorded score will stand and no changes will be made except for addition. *Match staff will check and correct scorecards as necessary.*

SHOOTER RESPONSIBILITY: It is essential for shooters to take up their positions in the **CENTER** of their firing points in order to ensure that their shots will fall into the impact zone behind the target.

TARGET PULLER RESPONSIBILITY: Black Powder Target Rifle Rules 14.14, 14.17, 14.18, and 18.15(e). Also read 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, and 10.14. In summary, it is the target puller's responsibility to score each shot, and communicate that score to the scorekeeper on the firing line by use of the appropriate signal attached to the target when re-exposed. The efficient and correct operation of the targets can make a shooting event more fun, while inefficient or poor target operation causes frustration or anger on part of the shooters. It is the target puller's responsibility to provide the best possible "Pit service" to other shooters. The target pullers will be asked to record the value of hits on their target, and hopefully, this will help the scorekeeper verify any "forgotten" shots.

Helpful Hints:

1. When the line informs you of a "commence fire" condition or when all of the targets are exposed at the beginning of the firing time; focus your attention on the impact area in the berm or watch the target face for hits if no impact berm is available.
2. When a shot impacts into your impact zone or target face:
 - A. Pull the target down without waiting for a request from the firing line.
 - B. Insert the shot location spotter (black on white/white on black).
 - C. Insert the value marker in the correct location on the target face.
 - D. Paste previous shot hole (black on black/white on white).
 - E. Put the target back up.

Normally, target scoring in the Pits should take 15-18 seconds. It is essential that this be done quickly and for every shot regardless of whether or not communications are established with the line or regardless of shot value. It is **IMPERITIVE** that the target goes up and down after each shot.

THE USE OF TWO-WAY RADIOS: The use of two-way radios should be kept to a minimum during these Championships. Shooters should always start out radio communication with their target number, such as: “Line 34 to Pit 34, over”. Competitors should only use the radios to assist the shooters in locating shots off the paper or for correcting an incorrect value spotter, such as: “Line 34, shot was high and left, over” or “Pit 34, please check/correct value spotter, over”.

SCOREKEEPER RESPONSIBILITY: Always enter the shot value corresponding with the shot number in the appropriate box on the scorecard. In matches where coaching is permitted, the scorekeeper may inform the shooter of changing conditions and/or shot impact location in the berm behind the target, or in the ground in front of the Pits. The scorekeeper will keep track of all shots fired, and the scorekeeper will also inform the Range Safety Officer, and/or the Pits, when a crossfire is received/executed. The scorekeeper will inform the Range Safety Officer of any premature pull of the target (crossfire received) when a shot was fired. “Redress” will be permission to shoot an extra shot. (BPTR Rule 10.16)

Some other helpful hints:

3. Whenever your shooter is about to fire, the scorekeeper must focus his or her attention on the target until the shot is in the backstop.
4. The scorekeeper must remain focused on the target (or target location) until the target is “pulled and marked” to the satisfaction of the shooter.
5. If the target does not go down, call the RSO and ask them to communicate to the Pits which target you would like them to “pull and mark” ASAP.

TARGET CHANGING AND HANDLING: Competitors are required to operate targets in these Championships or to provide an adequate substitute. **Failure to perform Pit duties properly could result in disqualification.** Competitors will be required to place appropriate targets in the target carriers when they go to the Pits to act as target pullers. The last relay of the day will be required to secure the targets in the storage area. No one other than personnel operating targets and Pit Officers are allowed in the Pits unless permission is first obtained from the Match Director. **Competitors are responsible for knowing and following Rules 10.11 - 10.16.**

FIRING ORDER: The 2014 NRA National BPTR Championships will be broken into 2 relays for each match. Relays will rotate from the firing line to the pits as per usual. Each Championship will start with Relay 1 (shooters) on the firing line and Relay 2 (non-shooters) in the Pits or scoring from the firing line. The firing order will reverse on Day 2 of each Championship with Relay 2 taking the firing line first. Remember that the non-shooting relay is responsible for pit service and scoring.

TIES: All ties for awards will be broken in accordance with Section 15 of the current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rules.

PROTESTS: A competitor may make a formal protest in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 16 of the NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rules. There will be a \$25.00 protest fee, which will be returned to the competitor if the protest is upheld. Competitors may lodge a protest up to thirty (30) minutes after the final scores for that day have been posted. No protests will be accepted after that time has expired. Ammunition protests must be filed while firing is going on.

OFFICIAL NRA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROTEST COMMITTEE: In lieu of an Official NRA Referee, a five-person Official Protest Committee made up of competitors from around the United States will be appointed as needed by the Match Director and will function in accordance with Sections 11 and 20 of the current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rules. However, decisions rendered by the National Championship Protest Committee during an NRA National Championship shall not contravene prior interpretation of the NRA Rules and/or

precedents established by the NRA National Protest Committee. Decisions of the National Championship Protest Committee are final.

AWARDS CEREMONY: The NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Position Awards Ceremony will be held on September 22, 2015 at the Eagle's Nest Building on the Tubb Range. The NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Prone Awards Ceremony will be held on September 24, 2014 at the Eagle's Nest Building on the Tubb Range. The NRA National BPTR Creedmoor Awards Ceremony will be held on September 26, 2014 at the Eagle's Nest Building on the Tubb Range. The exact times for the ceremonies will be announced after the matches conclude.

AWARDS SCHEDULE: In the Championship Aggregates, National Championship Medallions will be awarded to the National Champion, Second Place, and Third Place finishers. All other awards will be NRA medals and the number of places will be based on the number of entries in the Championship. Donated merchandise awards, if available, and any changes to the awards schedule will be announced. Match Winner, 2nd and 3rd in each event will pass down their class awards to the next eligible competitors. Special awards (High Senior, High Junior, High Woman, etc.) will be awarded regardless of any other awards won.

COMPETITOR'S MEETING: A competitor's meeting will take place on September 21, 2015 one hour after the "CEASE FIRE" in the Bald Eagle building on the Tubb Range. A competitor's social will be held immediately following the Competitor's Meeting.

NOTE TO NON-U.S. CITIZENS: Non- U.S. citizens are not eligible to receive any trophy firearms that might be offered as an award at the NRA National Black Powder Target Rifle Championship. The U.S. National Championship may be won by citizens of any country except those countries that restrict their National Championship to citizens of their own country. In all cases a special High Visitor award will be awarded to the highest scoring "Visitor".

MEALS: Dinner will be available for purchase at the NRAWC Shotgun Center. Competitors are recommended to bring their own beverages to the range.

NCAA COMPETITORS, PLEASE NOTE: In action taken by the NCAA on April 25, 2002, the Division I Board of Directors approved a change to the NCAA Bylaws that permits an individual, prior to collegiate enrollment, to accept prize money (to include NRA Award Points) based on place finish in an event without jeopardizing intercollegiate eligibility, as long as the prize money does not exceed actual and necessary expenses for that event. Any questions should be directed to the NCAA Membership Services staff at (317)917-6222.

VENDORS: Vendors will be allowed to display and sell their merchandise at the NRA BPTR Championships. There will be a \$30.00 charge per day for such activity at the NRA Whittington Center. For more information on the NRA Whittington Center charges and availability, call (575) 445-3615.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

0900 Saturday September 19: Registration, packet pick-up at Ajax Building. Equipment check/chronograph at Cooper Range/Cabin.

0700 Sunday September 20: Formal Mid-Range and Creedmoor Practice. Registration, packet pick-up at Tubb Range.

2015 NRA NATIONAL BPTR MID-RANGE POSITION CHAMPIONSHIP

0700 Monday September 21 (Competitors report @ 0630)

Match #1: 200 yards “Standing Position” on the “SR” Target. Up to four “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **53 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #2: 300 yards “Sitting or Kneeling Position”, with crossed sticks, on the “SR-3” Target. Up to four “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **53 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #3: 600 yards “Any Position” on the “MR-1” Target. Up to four “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **53 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #4: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 1, 2 and 3.

0700 Tuesday September 22 (Competitors report @ 0630)

Match #5: Same as Match #1

Match #6: Same as Match #2

Match #7: Same as Match #3

Match #8: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 5, 6, and 7

Match #9: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 4 and 8.
**NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Position
Championship**

2015 NRA NATIONAL BPTR MID-RANGE PRONE CHAMPIONSHIP

0700 Wednesday September 23 (Competitors report @ 0630)

Match #10: 200 yards “Prone” on the “SR” Target. Up to four “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **53 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #11: 300 yards “Prone”, with crossed sticks, on the “SR-3” Target. Up to four “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **53 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #12: 600 yards “Prone” on the “MR-1” Target. Up to four “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **53 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #13: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 10, 11, and 12.

0700 Thursday September 24 (Competitors report @ 0630)

Match #14: Same as Match #10

Match #15: Same as Match #11

Match #16: Same as Match #12

Match #17: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 14, 15, and 16.

Match #18: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 13 and 17. **NRA National BPTR Mid-Range Prone Championship**

2015 NRA NATIONAL BPTR CREEDMOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

After a shooter announces to their scorekeeper that they are “going for record” no additional “sighter” shots will be permitted and only 10 rounds should be exposed.

Arms and ammunition for the Creedmoor Match must be certified & chronographed prior to entry.

0700 Friday September 25 (Competitors report @ 0630)

Match #19: 800 yards “Any” position on the “LR” Target. Unlimited “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **63 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #20: 900 yards “Any” position on the “LR” Target. Unlimited “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **63 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #21: 1000 yards “Any” position on the “LR” Target. Unlimited “sighter” rounds and ten rounds for record in **63 minutes** (for both shooters).

Match #22: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 19, 20, and 21.

0700 Saturday September 26 (Competitors report @ 0630)

Match #23: Same as Match #19

Match #24: Same as Match #20

Match #25: Same as Match #21

Match #26: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 23, 24, and 25.

Match #27: Aggregate of scores fired in Matches 22 and 26. **NRA National BPTR Creedmoor Championship**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact the Match Director, Barry Ranney, from the NRA Competitive Shooting Division’s Silhouette Department at (703) 267-1465. You can e-mail branne@nrahq.org or silhouette@nrahq.org

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: The two largest metropolitan areas nearest to Raton are Denver, Colorado and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Commuter airlines also fly to Colorado Springs, Co and Pueblo, Colorado. Rental cars are available at all locations. See the Avis advertisement in the front of your program.

MOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: The following motels are located in Raton, New Mexico, approximately 10 miles from the range. Additional facilities are available in Trinidad, Colorado and Cimarron, New Mexico, approximately 27 to 30 miles from the range, respectively.

Super 8 Raton
575-445-2355
www.super8.com

Holiday Inn Express
575-445-1500
www.hiexpress.com

Quality Inn
575-445-4200
www.qualityinn.com

Budget Host Raton
575-445-3655
www.budgethost.com

Americas Best Value Inn-Sands
575-445-2737
www.americasbestvalueinn.com

Microtel Inn & Suites
575-445-9100
www.microtelinn.com

Motel 6 Raton
575-445-2777
www.motel6.com

Best Western Plus
575-445-8501
www.book.bestwestern.com

Comfort Inn
575-445-4200
www.comfortinn.com

Oasis Motel
575-445-2221

Raton Pass Inn
575-445-3641

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO (Approximately 30 miles southwest of Raton on U.S. Hwy 64)

Cimarron Inn & RV Park

12 units and 12 Full hookups,
showers
Highway 64, 55 & 58
(575) 376-2268

St. James Hotel

17th and Collinson
14 units
(575) 376-2664

TRINIDAD, COLORADO

Best Western Country Club Inn

900 West Adams
55 units
(719) 846-2215
1-800-955-2215

Summit Inn

Derrick Motel
Exit 11 of I-25
16 units
(719) 846-2251

Holiday Inn

9995 County Rd 69.1
113 units
(719) 845-8400
1-800-Holiday

CAMPING FACILITIES: The NRA Whittington Center is open for camping at a fee of \$25.00 per day, per unit in the recreational vehicle area; \$12.00 per day, per unit in the primitive camping area. The primitive campground has tap water, portable toilets, trash pick-up, and 30 campsites. There are 125 hookups available to campers in the full-service R.V. area. This area has a modern bathhouse with shower and laundry facility. There is also a dump station available. Camping fees shall be paid to the Center gatekeeper. Camping for self-contained units is available in designated areas. Additionally, the following trailer parks are available in Raton:

Raton KOA

1330 S. 2nd Street
45 full hookups, 10 with water and electric; 60 no hookups,
2 cabins, laundry, game room, playground
(575) 445-3488 or
1-800-789-3488

Cedar Rail Campground

Top of Raton Pass

30 full hookups, bathhouse, ice, and camp store

(575) 445-8500

SummerLan RV Park

1900 South Cedar Street

42 full hookups, all pull-through and ice, laundry showers,
satellite TV, LP gas

(575) 445-9536

WHITTINGTON CENTER HOUSING: DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBER OF ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE NRA WHITTINGTON CENTER, THESE FACILITIES FILL QUITE RAPIDLY. IT IS ADVISABLE TO CALL THE WHITTINGTON CENTER TO CHECK THE HOUSING AVAILABILITY. RESERVATIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY TELEPHONE. CALL (575) 445-3615.

A. COMPETITOR'S HOUSING: There are 90 beds available on a first come, first served basis. To request housing and make reservations please **call the Whittington Center at (575) 445-3615.**

B. LOG CABINS: There are 100 beds available on a first come, first serve basis. The cabins are ideal for groups. Each cabin has a bath, shower, kitchen, and five double bunk beds. There are laundry facilities. To request housing and make reservations please **call the Whittington Center at (575) 445-3615.**

WHITTINGTON CENTER MAILING ADDRESS:

NRA WHITTINGTON CENTER

P.O. BOX 700

RATON, NEW MEXICO 87740

(575) 445-3615

DIRECTIONS TO THE NRA WHITTINGTON CENTER: The NRA Whittington Center is located in northeast New Mexico, 10 miles southwest of Raton, on U.S. 64. Interstate 25 and U.S. 64 intersect 4 miles east of the entrance to the NRA Whittington Center. Travelers can exit I-25 at Exit 446 and proceed 4 miles west to the Center gate.

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Jim Kidwell, NRA Match Director

Southeastern Regional BPTR/BPCR Championships

Presented by Buffalo Rifles and River Bend Gun Club

Dawsonville, Georgia

www.rbgc.org/

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Roswell, GA 30076

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jekidwell@bellsouth.net

Steve Rhoades, NRA Match Director

Southwestern Regional BPTR/BPCR Championships
Presented by the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol
Association, Arizona Sharpshooters, and the Ben Avery
Shooting Facility
Phoenix, Arizona

www.asrpa.com

www.arizonasharshooters.com

www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/ben_avery.shtml

www.basfaz.com/

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Jim Morgan, NRA Match Director

East Coast Long Range BPTR Regional Championships
Presented by the King George Shooting Association and
the United States Marine Corps Weapons Training
Battalion
Quantico Marine Corps Base, Virginia
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Bill Bruske, NRA Match Director

Grayling Long Range BPTR Regional Championships
Presented by the Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association's
Black Powder Division and Camp Grayling
Camp Grayling, Michigan

www.michrpa.com

<http://campgrayling.com/>

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tinatb@aol.com

Eron Ahmer, NRA Match Director

Rocky Mountain Regional BPTR Championships
Presented by Colorado Rifle Club
Byers, Colorado

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2015 SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ NRAWC

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| Cowboy | June 29– July 2 |
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| Black Powder Cartridge Rifle | July 9-10 |
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| High Power Rifle | August 6-8 |
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| Air Rifle | March 20-22 |
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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