

# New Jersey Junior Shooter Newsletter



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New Jersey  
Junior Bullseye**

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### **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**

A new Junior Bullseye Club has started in NJ.  
See [www.scfgpa.org](http://www.scfgpa.org) for location  
Contact the editor for more information



“In my opinion bullseye is the best sport because it teaches self-discipline, staying relaxed, and most importantly how to have fun. It also gives a person something to strive for. I can't wait until I'm good enough to go to Camp Perry to shoot.”

*Morgan, new member of the Somerset Junior Pistol League*

League meets 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, unless there are 5 Wednesday in that month, then it meets 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of that month.

## The SIX Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting

STANCE

GrrrrriP

BREATH CONTROL



SIGHT ALIGNMENT

TRIGGER CONTROL

FOLLOW THROUGH

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This is the third Junior Bullseye League that was formed in New Jersey. The first league was formed in January of 2004 at OBRPC. The second League was started in June 2008 at CJRPC

Most of us don't know how NJ junior pistol shooting began. It was John Gemmill, the State Pistol Chairman for the ANJRPC, who formed the first Junior Pistol League in New Jersey.

### Here is the rest of the story...

In the beginning, there was no Jr. Bullseye in NJ. Actually, earlier, in the beginning, there was no real adult Bullseye in NJ either. Then came along John Gemmill. One day, as he was shooting at B6 targets, all alone at the range, he said to himself, "I'm lonely, I need someone to shoot with, and to be admired for my 10's and X's."

So one score and four years ago John created the NJ Bullseye League. He called upon his trusted friends and companions, Dave Lange and Cathy Chatterton to help him run the league.

At first, it was just John and Dave shooting together. But soon there were more. Strangers arrived to observe and they were truly amazed and impressed. What kind of shooting is that! they exclaimed, one-handed! Who ever heard of that? That must be very hard to do, they would say.

Intrigued, they tried it, and soon John and Dave were not alone. John took them under his wing, nurtured and trained them. Some stayed and some did not. Those who stayed were of exceptional character. They would spend countless hours practicing and spending their life's savings on guns and such and they enjoyed it. Life was good.

As word spread across the NJ land of John's creation, more and more took up the sport. Soon John (now named Mr. Bullseye) began running matches across the NJ land and at the big range in the sky, Camp Perry.

It was hard work, running matches, he needed more help. He needed a miracle. Along came the great organizer and cook, Mrs. Noalibis Mary. Mary too was of exceptional character. Her organizational skills and great cooking attracted BE'ers from surrounding lands. Life was good.

John saw many little people wandering aimlessly in the NJ desert, so he too took them under his wing and he named them Juniors. They too were of exceptional character that would spend countless hours practicing and whose parents would spend their life's saving on them for guns and things and they also enjoyed it. Life was good.

**...and now you know the rest of the story**

**NJ Junior  
Club Websites**

**for bullseye**

[www.CJRPC.org](http://www.CJRPC.org)

[www.OBRPC.org](http://www.OBRPC.org)

[www.SCFGPA.org](http://www.SCFGPA.org)

**for air pistol**

[www.CRRC.org](http://www.CRRC.org)



The  
Rotando  
Family  
Shooters



Gabriel's "Gabby"  
First Match

**Junior Competitors Report:**

**Jan. 21-22 – Old Bridge – Indoor 2700 – TEN junior competitors** - **Trevor Houlis** started off 2012 with new indoor “personal best” Grand Aggregate 2284-42X! He took Top Junior honors and 2nd place overall in MK class, with “PRs” in both CF (750-13X) and .45 (742-13X!) His 95-2X target in .22 slow fire topped all 38 competitors except *High Master* Ed Hoey Jr. from PA (who also fired a 95-2X!) **Joseph Storch** earned 1<sup>st</sup> place among MK in .22 Aggregate with 832-15X, also his “personal best!” **Nicolai Greco** fired his first match since Nov. 2010, and it was also his first full 2700! More “personal best” congratulations went to **Jason Lee, Josh Rotondo** and **Lisa Heredia** (whose 722-3X beat her last match score by more than 100 points!) First NRA match debut congratulations went to **Ken Ross, Gabrielle Petruso** and **Hunter Rotondo** – **Ken** was our “Top Tyro” with 705-5X!

**Feb. 11 – Riverdale – Indoor 2700 – Michael B. Soklaski** fired 2319-40X! He took 1<sup>st</sup> in SS class in .22 slow fire with 180-2X (which actually topped all the EX as well!) With CF and .45 aggregate scores of 743-17X and 748-9X, it’s clear he’s back on track with “the big gun”...we’re going to have a very competitive race for the title of 2012 NJ Indoor Junior Champion in March!

## 2012 New Jersey Junior Olympic Air Pistol Championship January 8, 2012



The New Jersey State Junior Olympic Air Pistol Championship was held on January 8, 2012 after its 10 years in hiatus at Citizens Rifle and Revolver Club (CRRC).

The Junior Olympic event was sanctioned by the USA Shooting and NRA Sports and was open to all competitors born in 1992 or later. New Jersey Residents were eligible for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place USA Shooting State Champion medallions.

Eleven juniors participated with Mike B. Soklaski, 15 of Ringoes capturing the overall win and gold medal as 1<sup>st</sup> place New Jersey State Resident Champion. Mike's match points of 530.5 qualify him for the USA Shooting Nationals in Colorado Springs this April 2012.

Following Mike was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and automatic at large winner Jeffrey Wang, 15 of Woodbury, New York with 524.4 points but ineligible to win the State medallion.

Juan Pena Velasquez, 14 of Plainsboro won silver as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place New Jersey State Resident Champion with 497.2 points followed by R. Will Marshall, 13 of Princeton in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 485.3 and a bronze medal.

For younger shooters, a Progressive Positions Air Pistols (PPP) match was also held in conjunction with the State Junior Olympic with Natasha Fidler, 11 of East Windsor winning gold and Lance Lienhard, 9 also from East Windsor winning silver for International Standing. Matthew Redpath, 8 of Metuchen won gold for Basic Supported.

Merely 4 months in training, "our Juniors have shown significant accomplishment ", said Joe Sundra, one of the participating Coach team member who also coaches an Olympian shooter and the Princeton University Rifle team.

Joe adds, "We are pleased that we have been given this opportunity to host the New Jersey State Junior Olympic Air Pistol Championship. Our Juniors trained hard and they came to practice even during their holiday break to prepare for this event.

The participating supporters and sponsors of the Junior Olympic were: CRRC, NYAC/Pistol Club, Hunting World Guns and Ammo, IMCI and USA Shooting.

For information about the Junior International Pistol Training program in New Jersey, contact: 917-981-7715 or send an email to: [internationalpistol@gmail.com](mailto:internationalpistol@gmail.com) or [nglitz@optonline.net](mailto:nglitz@optonline.net)

### **Upcoming Matches**

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