

State Pistol Championships

by John Gemmill



ANJRPC Pistol Chair John Gemmill presents State Champion Award to Dave Lange of Glen Rock



The first 50 shooters to register for the state competition received a brass catcher made by Dave. Fifty eight competitors came out.

Dave Lange Retains Title as State Outdoor Pistol Champion

The 1999 State Outdoor Pistol Championship was conducted at the South River Pistol Club in South River, New Jersey, on the weekend of September 11-12, 1999. There were a total of 58 shooters in the State Championship, including some from as far away as Maryland and Delaware. Dave Lange of Glen Rock fired a 2588 out of 2700 to successfully defend his title as New Jersey Outdoor Pistol Champion. Allan Kutyla of Montvale fired a 2563 for second place and Kathy Chatterton of Belleville fired a 2561 to come in third. Dave, a Master, won the match outright and was high New Jersey Master.

Other resident winners were:

Expert Class	Bill Meehan (Bogota)
Sharpshooter Class	Mark Jenkins (Hopatcong)
Marksman Class	Kevin Ball (Englishtown)
High Woman	Kathy Chatterton (Belleville)
High Senior	John Polhemus (Riverdale)

Leg Match Gives 6 Winners Points Toward Distinguished

There was a large turnout for the Civilian Marksmanship Program Service Pistol Excellence-in-Competition Match (also known as a "Leg Match"). Of the 58 participants, 56 were non-Distinguished, meaning that Leg Points were awarded to the 6 highest non-Distinguished competitors. Award winners in the Leg Match were as follows:

1st Place	268	Joel Furman (Teaneck)
2nd Place	266	Fred Remington (North Caldwell)
3rd Place	264	John Dutton (Delaware)
4th Place	264	Bill Meehan (Bogota)
5th Place	263	William Irwin (Delaware)
6th Place	262	Tony Marino (Verona)
7th Place	260	Dave Lange (Glen Rock)

Fred Remington is already Distinguished. All the rest of the New Jersey shooters won their first Leg Points toward the Distinguished Pistol Shot badge in this match!

Congratulations to all the winners.



Kathy Chatterton was High Woman, shooting a 2651 to take third overall. She also set four national records during October.



A rapidly rising competitor, Kevin Ball, shot an Expert match

New Jersey Pistol Shooters Increase the Competition

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Last year we had a very small field for our state pistol championship, with just seven people competing. We realized we needed to provide some incentive to draw more competitors. Dave Lange came up with the idea of offering brass catchers as an incentive for people to come to the state championship.

Pistol shooters have been picking up their brass for years. But with a brass catcher on the bench beside them, the pick-up is taken care of. Dave developed and produced our brass catcher. A pipe fitter by trade, he made them all himself, doing everything but the sewing. (Dave and the brass catcher are pictured on page 10.)

We offered our brass catcher to the first 50 people who paid their entry fee. As a result, we had 58 competitors. Even with the larger field, Dave still won. As far as I know, he has fired the highest score of any champion in the last ten years. (Details of the match are on page 10.)

NJ Turns Back the Clock

Last year there were not enough people to qualify for a Leg Match. This year, we decided to turn back the clock and go to the days when there was no entry fee, and competitors were given ammunition. We paid the shooters' entry fee and provided free ammunition out of our own coffers. As a result, we got 56 non-Distinguished shooters to shoot in a Leg Match, with four New

Jersey shooters winning their first Leg Points. (See details on page 10)

New Shooting Stars

In addition to the larger field, this year has also seen the emergence of some very talented New Jersey shooters. Kathy Chatterton of Belleville has excelled in both state and national competitions. She fired a national record back in August. Not content, she also went to a national match in October and set four more records, with 2591 out of 2700. In each of the national match courses, she set a new national record.

There is one more state resident state champion—Kevin Ball. He's a rocket ship. He shot his first resident match in the spring of this year, and he won the State Association Marksman class. But to do so, he shot an Expert score. For those of you not familiar with the classification system, it is Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, Master. Kevin has been moving up rapidly. As soon as you shoot a score that is in a higher classification for two matches in a row, the NRA moves you up in classification and you stay in that classification for the rest of your life or until you move up higher. If you don't maintain your classification and you start shooting lower—too bad—you still maintain that classification. Kevin shot two levels above his class.