

## **Kevin Trickett**

### **Junior National Champion 2007**



**Kevin Trickett with the Golden Eagle Trophy**

### **Reading Rifle members have a great showing at the National Matches**

The National Matches, considered America's "World Series of the Shooting Sports", have been a tradition at Camp Perry, Ohio since 1907. Each summer, the nation's finest civilian and military marksmen and women square off for five weeks of rifle and handgun competition in a variety of formats and events. Camp Perry is judged today as the nation's most prestigious shooting event in the world.

Kevin Trickett of Woburn MA, a junior member of Mass Rifle of Woburn and Reading Rifle of Reading MA took top honors at the National Matches during both the CMP week and the NRA week of competitions. Kevin finishes off his civilian junior career as the Junior National Champion twice over. He will be entering the Army in September as part of the Army Marksmanship Unit.



**Kevin as High Junior Over-all being presented a Lake City Rifle by Lee Ermey**

The competitions are split into 6 individual competitions and wards. The five weeks open with Black Powder shooting, followed by pistol and small-bore shooting. The final two weeks are split into 3 sections. The first week is run by the Civilian Marksmanship Unit which is based at Camp Perry. During this week prestigious matches such as The Presidents 100, The National Trophy Individual Rifle match and the Whistler Boy Highpower Team and individual match occurs.

The Presidents 100 Match had 1265 participants shoot a 30 shot match. Only the top 100 shooters receive medals and pins. This year Kevin Trickett of Woburn MA placed 40<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior ranking. This is Kevin's third year earning a slot as one of the top 100 in The Presidents hundred match. Also placing in the top 100 was James Clark also of Woburn. Jim placed 59<sup>th</sup> overall and 5<sup>th</sup> place junior. This was Jim's first year shooting the National Matches. Both Kevin and Jim are junior members of Reading Rifle and Revolver in Reading MA and both graduated from Woburn High school this past spring. Reading, this year had 4 members place in the top 100, it was a great showing for the club. This year the match was won by a former Reading junior who is now a member of the All Guard Shooting Team, SSgt Stuart Mackey. A shoot off for the top 20 was added to complete the match during which Stuart moved down into 13<sup>th</sup> place for a final result.

The National Trophy Individual Match was shot the next day. In this event the top percent based on number of participants earn points that go toward their distinguished ranking. Kevin Trickett placed 21<sup>st</sup> overall out of 1202 shooters and 1<sup>st</sup> junior. Kevin became distinguished in 2006 so he received a gold medal for his placing. Jim Clark placed 92 overall and received his first legg points (10), he placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the junior ranking. Based on the results of this match several prestigious trophies were awarded. Trophies such as the Daniel Boone Trophy, National Guard Trophy and the Golden Eagle trophy etc. The Golden Eagle Trophy is awarded to the top scoring junior in the NTI Match. Kevin Trickett was presented with this trophy as top junior shooter with a score of 491-16x out of 500.



**7th place Whistler Boy Team (L-R) Captain Charlie Trickett, Coach Robert Ward, Kevin Trickett, Jim Clark and the team on the line after the match was completed (Kevin, Charlie, Robert and Jim)**

The third day was team day "Whistler Boy" match. Two juniors with a coach and a team captain shoot 50 shots across the course match, 200, 300 and 600 yards. The match is very competitive with 92 teams from across the country competing for first place. Kevin and Jim teamed together with their team coach Bob Ward and team captain Charlie Trickett to try for the gold. They all fought to the end with scores being very tight at each stage of the match. When all was done The Junior Reading Team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. A great effort was put out by all including all the support staff that was helping on the line. The top 20 teams received medalians for their accomplishments.



**Presentation of the Golden Eagle Trophy for top shooter in the Whistler Boy Match to Kevin Trickett**

The Whistler Boy Match also ranks the competitors on an individual score. Kevin Trickett placed first with a 491-17x.

Scores from all three matches are compiled for an aggregate match. The top 6 juniors are then presented with the Col. Bill Deneke medalion along with the top coaches from the Whistler Boy match. Kevin was the top junior on the Deneke Team. The top junior National winner from this aggregate was presented with the Deneke Trophy and a rifle. The winner of this award was Kevin Trickett with a final score of 1270-41x. Kevin was also presented with a plaque for being the National Trophy Junior Service Rifle shooter.



**Reading Rifle Whistler Boy Team Members and support staff**

Kevin is a junior member of The Reading Rifle and Revolver Club, he along with several other members of his club attended the National matches this year for its 100 anniversary. Several of whom placed in the top 10% of the matches held during the CMP Week. Reading Rifle has had members attending the National Matches since the 1930's. They were one of the first to have an all women team shoot the National matches. Juniors have been attending Camp Perry since the 1980's. The last junior medals in the Whistler Boy Match were attained back in the 1980's. Through the years Reading Rifle has been a great supporter of the shooting sports and the education of juniors in all fields of the shooting sports.

During week two the National Rifle Association took over the matches. The NRA week competitors can use either match or service rifles to compete in separate match categories.

The week started out with a first time Springfield Match that the competitors ended up shooting in torrential rain. The shooters donned their rain suits and swimmyes and continued on with the spirit of the events and history of the matches. The rain never stopped and neither did the shooters. The day finished with water being rung out and clothing and equipment hung where dry space could be found. Reading rifle had 3 shooters in the top 6% Chris Wyatt (12), Bob Ward (23), Mike schunemann (30), all received a M1A medallion for their placement. Adding to the finish of the event the top shooter was a junior Ryan Castonguay of Conn. There was a total of 504 competitors that participated in this very wet event.

The next day was beautiful and a great day to have the 4 man team matches to start off the individual match week. Reading had the High M1A Team for the RNDC Trophy Team Match with members Robert Leach, Lon Phillips, John Dunn and Mike McNamara, plus the service rifle and match rifle teams placed very well in their categories.

Over the next 7 days, 9 matches would be shot in the rain, some wind, rain, heat, rain and a little sun. One day at the end of the matches officials congratulated the shooters as they left telling them "congratulations you have just shot in the worst

conditions we have had during the national matches". Despite this, smiles were still on most and a lot of positive correspondence between shooters was still in place.



Gold Medals Awarded to Kevin Trickett for High Junior and over-all winner of the Master Class

The matches ended as quickly as they started. Awards night came again with Kevin Trickett taking the Jackson Arms Trophy for top junior shooter overall under 21. Kevin also earned two gold medalions for placing as the top junior 18 to 20 and also as the top service rifle junior shooter in the National Matches.

Other members of Reading Rifle also had a great showing during this week with members Charlie Trickett taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the Clark Trophy Match, President of the club Bob Ward took High senior in two matches, the Members Trophy Match and the Marine Corps Cup, Maureen Trickett took the High Women Expert in the National NRA Match Agg 402. Kevin Trickett also took top junior in the Members Trophy Match and Navy Cup Match. Kevin also won the Master Civilian Service Rifle class.

The last days of competition were shot at 1000 yards where the targets are just a blurr, but the spirits are high. The best of the best were on the line during this competition. Some members of the USA Palma Team were also shooting in these events. In the Team Matches Readings Master Category Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in two matches, members were Bob Leach, Mike McNamara, SGM Scott Anzivino and Paul Jenkins. The High Master Team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with shooting members of Bob Belanger, Kevin Trickett, Robert Ward, and Mo Defina. Members Charles trickett, Robert Ward and Kevin Trickett also placed in the top 20 High-Master Category in several matches. Kevin Trickett was awarded the top Junior Long Range Leech Cup Plaque to end the weeks of competition held during this 100 anniversary of the

National Matches. Now its time to take a week or two off, dry and clean all the equiptment and start getting ready for next year.