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The firing line was filled for the Regional Pistol Match on June 10, 2017. The match was jointly sponsored by Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club and Cascade Shooting Facility, and held at Cascade.

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The Officers of the WSR&PA encourage all members to have a copy of the current By-Laws.  
Please refer to the list of Officers for contact information.**

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(An excerpt from the By-Laws) The purpose and objective of the Association are: to foster and promote the shooting sports in the State of Washington; to coordinate the programs and activities of the various affiliated rifle, pistol, and shotgun clubs of the State of Washington in cooperation with like associations of other states; to lend support and assist in promoting the purposes and objectives of the National Rifle Association...

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*Governor's 20 competitors pause for a picture on a beautiful, sunny day in May at Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club.*

# SEAN WEBB WINS THE 2017 WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTIONAL SMALLBORE PRONE CHAMPIONSHIP

by Alan Carey

The Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club hosted the 2017 Washington State Conventional Smallbore Prone Championship on September 23 and 24. Thirty-five shooters competed on either one or both days of the competition, including a very large contingent of junior shooters. As has been the case for the last several years, the match was fired over two relays for both days.

This match is referred to as a '3200', with 160 shots fired each day. The metallic sight aggregate was held on Saturday and the any-sight (rifle-scopes allowed) aggregate on Sunday. Each 160 shot daily aggregate is further divided into four 40 shot matches: 50 yard, Dewar (20 shots at 50 yards, 20 shots at 100 yards), 100 yard, and 50 meter.

## **Metallic Sight Aggregate**

Conditions on Saturday for the metallic sight aggregate were overcast in the morning and clear in the afternoon with a light wind. As is typical for the TR&R smallbore range, switching winds during the 100-yard stage of the Dewar and 100 yard stages caused the dropping of a point or two. However, junior Sean Webb shot a nearly perfect score of 1599-122x (dropping a single point in the 100-yard stage) to win the daily aggregate match. Veteran Chuck Whipple shot a respectable metallic sight score of 1596-107x to win the Master class. Jeff Phillips, the reigning smallbore prone state champion, was close behind to take the Expert class with a score of 1596-101x. Jack Stoecker shot a 1558-58x to lead the Sharpshooters, and Phoebe Chandler claimed the Marksman class with a 1573-73x.

## **Any-Sight Aggregate**

Conditions on Sunday were sunny with light winds. Dan Erpenbach shot a nearly perfect 1599-129x to win the daily aggregate. Roger McRoberts came out of the pack to win the Master class with a 1597-130x (including a 400-39x in the 50-yard stage). Jeff Phillips repeated as top in the Expert class with a score of 1595-114x. Liam Atkinson swept all of the individual 40 shot stages to claim the Sharpshooter class with a fine 1586-107x. Likewise, Phoebe Chandler won all of the 40 shot stages win the Marksman class with a 1583-94x.

## **Grand Aggregate**

Sean Webb's fine score for Saturday's aggregate made it difficult to for the other shooters to overtake him. Sean's solid score on Sunday was good enough to hold off Dan Erpenbach and claim the grand aggregate and Washington State prone championship.

## **Score Summary**

Aggregate and individual match winners are summarized below:

<b>State Champion – Grand Aggregate</b>	<b>Sean Webb</b>	<b>3195-238x</b>
Metallic Sight Aggregate	Sean Webb	1599-122x
Any Sight Aggregate	Dan Erpenbach	1599-129x
Metallic Sight 50 Yard Match	Chuck Whipple	400-33x
Metallic Sight Dewar Match	Alec Patajo	400-29x
Metallic Sight 100 Yard Match	Sean Webb	399-34x
Metallic Sight 50 Meter Match	Sean Webb	400-33x
Any Sight 50 Yard Match	Roger McRoberts	400-39x
Any Sight Dewar Match	Roger McRoberts	400-35x
Any Sight 100 Yard Match	Dan Erpenbach	400-30x
Any Sight 50 Meter Match	Dan Erpenbach	400-34x

Category winners are summarized below:

1 <sup>st</sup> Master	Dan Erpenbach	3191-241x
1 <sup>st</sup> Expert	Jeff Phillips	3191-215x
1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter	Liam Atkinson	3141-169x
1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman	Phoebe Chandler	3156-167x

# THE MAJOR PISTOL MATCHES OF 2017

By Duane Hatch

Washington State holds three major outdoor pistol tournaments each year, which are the Governor's 20 Championship, the Washington Regional Match, and the Washington State Outdoor Pistol Championship. These tournaments are sanctioned by the Washington State Rifle and Pistol Association, and registered through the NRA. National records can be set at these events.

This year, the outdoor season began with the Governor's 20 Championship, held at Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club, on the weekend of May 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Attendance was rather low, with only 21 competitors. We had competitors arrive from Arizona and Oregon to participate, and the championship was won by Brenda Silva from Arizona. The Regional match followed in June. Attendance was again only 21 competitors, with 4 shooters from Oregon competing. The firing line was filled at Cascade, where the match was held. Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club hosted the regional match at Cascade, because KRRC is not currently open for shooting. Although cooler weather greeted the shooters, it was a great day for competition. Jon Sellar easily won the match. The State Championship, held at Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club had only 14 competitors, the lowest state championship turnout that anyone could remember. Jon Sellar won for the second time this year, with an outstanding score of 2601-102x.

The Governor's 20 results were:

- **First Place** – Brenda Silva 2606 - 104x
- **Second Place** – Tony Silva 2598 - 103x
- **Third Place** – Jon Sellar 2590 - 105x

The Regional results were:

- **Gold Medal** – Jon Sellar 2593 - 102x
- **Silver Medal** – Gordon Buttke 2576 - 94x
- **Bronze Medal** – Duane Hatch 2545 - 79x

The State Outdoor results were:

- **First Place** – Jon Sellar 2601 - 102x
- **Second Place** – Gordon Buttke 2552 - 72x
- **Third Place** – John Baczuk 2531 - 72x



*(Left to Right) John Zwosta, Mike Haynes, Chuck Deilke, and Steve Treloar score targets during the Governor's 20 championship, held on May 20-21, 2017.*



*Competitors gather around Jon Sellar (center holding the Stoppel Trophy) for the awards ceremony following the State Outdoor Pistol Championship, held at Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club.*

Becoming a distinguished pistol shot, whether with the NRA's distinguished revolver program, the CMP's service pistol, or the CMP's new 22 rim fire program, is a goal for many competitors. Washington has its own distinguished pistol shot program. These matches are offered along with the major pistol tournaments each year. Also, in our area, there are two additional opportunities for competitors to earn points toward their distinguished awards. Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club ran a Summer-1800 match on August 6<sup>th</sup> and Cascade ran a Service Rifle/Service Pistol match on September 10<sup>th</sup> where CMP EIC matches were offered. The winners of all these matches are listed below. In some cases, there were not enough competitors (6 minimum) nor were minimum scores met for points to be awarded.

The CMP EIC Service Pistol Match results:

- **6pts Summer 1800** – John Zwosta 262 - 4x
- **6pts State Outdoor** – Curt Berger 268 - 7x

The CMP EIC 22 Rimfire Match results:

- **6pts Gov-20** – Gordon Buttke 284 - 11x
- **6pts Regional** – Trent Hering 277 - 9x
- **6pts Summer 1800** – John Zwosta 282 - 7x
- **6pts Cascade SR/SP** – Gordon Buttke 277 - 6x
- **6pts State Outdoor** – Jon Sellar 278 - 11x

The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match:

- **6pts Gov-20** – Trent Hering 263 - 5x
- **6pts Regional** – Trent Hering 264 - 4x
- **6pts State Outdoor** – John Baczuk 246 - 4x

The Washington State Distinguished Pistol Shot Program EIC Match results were:

- **Bronze Medal (22 stage)** – Trent Hering 288 - 7x  
**Gov-20**
- **Silver Medal (CF stage)** – Trent Hering 288 - 7x  
**Regional**
- **Bronze Medal (22 stage)** – Curt Berger 285 - 8x  
**State Outdoor**

# MATCH REPORT – 2017 FALL SCHÜTZENFEST

by Alan Carey

The Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club hosted the Fall Schützenfest on the first weekend in September. The Fall Schützenfest includes the Washington State Outdoor NRA 3-Position Championship (shot on September 9<sup>th</sup>), and an informal 100 shot offhand match (shot on September 10<sup>th</sup>).

## **Washington State Outdoor NRA 3-Position Championship**

The NRA 3-position match is made up of two 3x20 matches (20 shots prone, standing, and kneeling) one with metallic sights and the other any sight, allowing the use of rifle scopes. All firing is done at 50 yards on the A-51 (metric) target. Scores for these two matches are combined for a 120 shot grand aggregate to determine the NRA State 3-P champion. The difference between the metallic sight and any sight matches made little difference this year all competitors shot with metallic sights for the entire match.

Thirty-eight shooters competed in the 3-position match, meaning it was shot over two relays. Conditions were ideal with light wind and an overcast sky which gave even lighting. Scores were excellent, with 5 shooters recording aggregate scores of 1120 (out of 1200) or better.

Heading into the final kneeling stage, Kellen McAferty held a 7-point lead over Kylie Delaney. Kylie shot and excellent 191x200, but Kellen held onto his lead with a score of 188.

<b>Shooter</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Award</b>
Kellen McAferty	1138-29x	Match Winner, State Champion
Emme Nelson	1093-19x	High Junior
Kylie Delaney	1134-31x	High Intermediate Junior
Phoebe Chandler	1067-23x	High Sub Junior
Sean Webb	1122-31x	1 <sup>st</sup> Master
Tyler Horn	1128-32x	1 <sup>st</sup> Expert
Jeff Phillips	1091-29x	1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter
Kenneth Needham	1055-18x	1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman

## **Offhand Match**

Twenty-five shooters competed in Sunday's match. The match consists of 100 shots fired from the offhand position at the A-33 target 100-yard target. This is a very difficult target scaled down from the 300-meter international target. Tyler Horn was the winner, firing an outstanding score of 926.

## **THE PRIMER IS LOOKING FOR CONTENT!**

Do you have pictures or a story that you would like featured in *The Primer*? We are always looking for ways to share what's going on in competitive shooting around the area and the best way to do that is by collecting and showcasing points of interest directly from those in the know – our subscribers!

Please send in pictures with captions that highlight special moments and snaps that you find interesting and noteworthy while out in the field. Because if you find them worth mentioning, odds are, others will find them remarkable, too, and that starts a conversation which ultimately drives participation.

This open call is also a great opportunity to write up a quick mention in honor of an event or group to bolster support and increase awareness.

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