

ADULT, JUNIOR MARKSMEN FIND NEW TECHNIQUES AT 2023 NATIONAL MATCHES CLINICS

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As for the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic, a group of 45 junior athletes took part in the three-day course, applying focus to more advanced training outside of fundamentals, including weather conditions, how to read wind, equipment use, shooting positions and rulebook standards – all taught by members of the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team. Juniors in the clinic spent one day in the classroom, followed by two days of live fire on the range at 200, 300 and 600 yards.

The clinic is open to junior marksmen with previous service rifle competition experience and who hold a Sharpshooter classification or higher and must have first attended a Rifle Small Arms Firing School. This year's USMC Highpower Clinic was filled with those who had taken the course in the past and returned to learn even more as well as those who attended for the first time.



Devin Wagner learned several tips about breathing and positioning during the USMC Clinic.

One such junior was Devin Wagner, 15, who not only attended her first clinic but also made her first trip to Camp Perry and the National Matches.

Back home in Jefferson Hills, PA, she's the only junior highpower athlete at her local range – the Clairton Sportsmen's Club. Although she doesn't come from a family of marksmen, she got involved three years ago on a whim during the Youth Days hosted by Clairton each year. The event welcomes aspiring marksmen ages 8 to 16 to learn about shooting sports, firearm safety,

conservation and more, for no charge. Wagner gave it a try, fell for the sport and even showed talent – marking the beginning of her new passion.

“I did really well, and they asked me to come back and shoot with them,” she said.

Once she heard about the annual Camp Perry National Matches, its history and its many offerings, attending the historic event became a goal of hers. This year, she was able to make it a reality – signing up for the clinic – a suggestion from those at her home range, as well as the prestigious President’s Rifle Match.

According to Devin, her time training with the Marines was certainly worthwhile, and she plans to take what she’s learned onto the firing line as she continues her marksmanship journey.

“I’ve learned more about breathing and how to keep my feet square,” she said. “You learn a lot about how to look through the scope or iron sights – a lot about positioning and how to have the sling tight enough. A lot of mechanical things.”

“The instructors explain things very well,” she added. “I’ll be back again.”



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Each year, hundreds of visitors from all corners of the country attend the Civilian Marksmanship Program’s (CMP) National Matches, participating in the variety of traditional and contemporary rifle competitions for both adults and juniors. Though many arrive for the competition alone, others come to hone their skills on the range through training by some of today’s best marksmen and women through high-level courses like the Advanced Highpower Clinic and the U.S. Marine Corps Junior Highpower Clinic.

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