

2023 RECAP & 2024 LOOK AHEAD

TSRA High Power Service Rifle

2023 was a good year for the Service Rifle competitors here in Texas.

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While not at historic levels, it was the best it has been in several years. The high level reveals that Texans have the opportunity to shoot often. They can do so at several good ranges, and TSRA members are doing well at national events. 2024 looks poised to build on the successes of 2023.

In 2023, TSRA held three state championships. Service Rifle, High Power Rifle, and CMP Games. The third was formerly known as Garand. About 100 individual TSRA members were competing in the matches. This was the first year in a long time that the Service Rifle Championship sold out. All the major matches were well attended.



Camp Perry National Match Recap:

There was a good turnout of TSRA members at the National Matches held in Camp Perry.

TSRA members accomplished the following in 2023:

- National Trophy Individual Match - 48 TSRA members of 798 total entries
- **Justin Utley** was second overall and won the Police Rifle Trophy and Nathan Hale Trophy
- 12 Daniel Boone Medals were earned by TSRA members:
 - 5 gold
 - 3 silver
 - 4 bronze
- Six (6) TSRA members made the President's 100 out of 860 entries
- **TSRA Gold** placed second in the National Trophy Team (Civilian) and third in the National Infantry Team Trophy (Civilian) matches.
- **TSRA Silver** placed third in the National Infantry Team Trophy (Out of Competition) category
- Team **TX's Charisma & Carter** won the Out-of-Competition class and placed second overall in the Freedom's Fire 2-Man Junior Team match.
- **Charisma Owen** made the National Junior Rifle Team (top 6 juniors)
- **Mike Larkin** was the High Senior for the 2nd year in a row, for the Commercial Carbine match
- Texas Junior Service Rifle Team took 18 juniors and had a team place third in the Junior category (**TSRA Junior Pecos**) for the National Trophy Team.

Three TSRA members, Bruce Finley, Javier Garcia, and Conrad Young, earned their Distinguished Rifleman Badge. Currently, 91 out of 2,634 Distinguished Rifleman badges are held by Texans. Texas is second only to Ohio, in total DR badges awarded. In 2023, Texans had the opportunity to participate in five Excellence in Competition Matches (EIC). In 2024, Texans can compete at seven EIC matches in Texas. Non-distinguished competitors only allowed to enter five matches per year. This will make for hard decisions for some this year.

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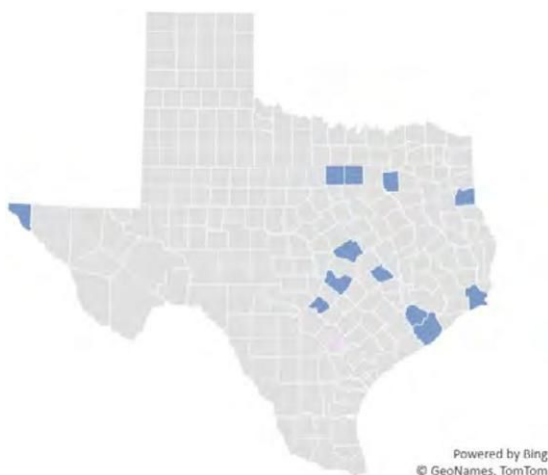
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Current Clubs

In Texas, twelve clubs hold High Power Rifle matches. There are several more clubs not listed but may be holding matches. *If you are a member of one of these clubs, please reach out to hpsr@tsra.com to have your club recognized.*

Six of the clubs offer full-distance matches (500 yards or greater). Of those, four are now using e-targets.

One of the older clubs is Pearland Shooting Club. In 2023, they ceased monthly Across the Course matches. Golden Triangle Gun Club, in Beaumont, has resumed matches on a semi-annual basis. These matches are two-day shoots. They include an Excellence in Competition (EIC) match, held on Sunday.



Club	City	Match Type	Range (yds)	Freq
Austin Rifle Club	Manor	XTC	200	Monthly
Bayou Rifles Gun Club	Juliff	XTC / CMP Games	1,000	Monthly
Brazos Valley Service Rifle	Sommerville	XTC / CMP Games	100	Monthly
Franklin Mountain Gun Club	El Paso	XTC / CMP Games		Monthly
Golden Triangle Gun Club	Beaumont	XTC	600	Quarterly
Greenwood Gun Club	Lake Jackson	XTC / CMP Games	600	Monthly
Haltom City Rifle & Pistol Club	Haltom City	CMP Games		Yearly
Panola County Gun Club	Carthage	XTC	600	Monthly
Parker County Gun Club	Poolville	CMP Games	250	Yearly
South Texas Marksmanship Training Center Inc.	New Braunfels	XTC / CMP Games	500	Quarterly
Temple Gun Club	Temple	XTC / CMP Games	500	Monthly
Terrell Rifle and Pistol Club	Terrell	XTC / CMP Games	200	Monthly

Note: XTC = CMP/NRA Service or Match Rifles
CMP Games = Garand, Springfield, Carbine, Vintage & Modern Military

2024 Look Ahead

2024 looks to be one of the busiest years since pre-Covid. All the major matches and regionals will be held during spring, in the run-up to the National Matches. The big news is the TSRA High Power Championship. It will be held at Temple Gun Club. This will be the first time they will host a major match. It will also be the first TSRA High Power Rifle Championship (Across the Course format) to use electronic targets.

Major Matches for the 2024 Service Rifle Season

Golden Triangle Gun Club (GTGC) - Feb 24 & 25 (EIC)
Greenwood Gun Club - Mar 15, 16, & 17 (EIC) (Tentative)
Golden Triangle Gun Club (GTGC) - Apr 20 & 21 (EIC)
TSRA Service Rifle Championship - Panola County Gun Club - May 3, 4 & 5 (EIC)
Panola County Gun Club Regional - May 31, Jun 1 & 2 (EIC)

TSRA High Power Championship - Temple Gun Club - Jun 29 & 30 (EIC)

Golden Triangle Gun Club (GTGC) - Oct 19 & 20 (EIC)
CMP National Matches - Camp Perry, OH - Jul 22 - Aug 4
NRA National Matches - Camp Atterbury, IN - Aug 5 - 10

Registrations can be found on their respective websites.

If you are interested in trying out Service Rifle, contact your nearest rifle club to see about attending a monthly match. All of the clubs have websites with match and contact information.

Interested in service rifle? Go out to a local match, watch, and ask questions. You won't meet a friendlier group of individuals.