

built for this purpose. Special targets are designed to prevent stray shots, even though they are rare in this group. The facility will also have electronic targets that are used in the Olympics and are quite expensive.

Computerized training systems will be available that are typically used by the

world's top athletes. These training systems will further prevent stray pellets from exiting the premises, as they use electronic beams instead of pellets. It will be a safe environment and overall is considered one of the safest sports around.

Sponsorship options to help with the necessary

costs will be available for individuals and businesses. In addition to the systems and equipment, the Facility will need landscaping, interior cleaning, carpet removal, and protective walls established. The kitchen in the location was previously removed, so there will be a need for appliance

donations as well.

The 4-H kids will be leaders in the project, and they know there is no such thing as a "free lunch," so they know they must work toward this goal. If you would like to help with this project, please contact me by email at olympicrifle@icloud.com

2023 TSRA Service Rifle Championship

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In April, TSRA held the annual Service Rifle Championship at the Panola County Gun Club (PCGC) in Carthage, Texas. This match, beginning with the team competition on Friday and ending with an EIC match on Sunday, was no less than successful.

Friday morning's two-man match winners were Justin Utley and Justin Burns with a match total of 590-23X's. Closely behind them was Charisma Owen and Clay Hefner with a match total of 580-18X's. For the first time, PCGC hosted the Infantry Trophy (IT) Challenge following the morning match.

This competition consists of 55 rounds fired at 600 and 500 yards in 50 seconds at each yard line. This match was modeled after the National Trophy Infantry Team match at Camp Perry, Ohio. A competition in which the Texas State Service Rifle Team has won the Leatherneck Trophy six times in recent history. Out of 20 competitors, Justin Utley was awarded first place with a total of 52 hits and a score of 183.

On Saturday, for the first time in a while, the match was sold out in advance, in the end, there were 59 competitors in attendance. Competitors came from all over Texas, as well as Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado. Charisma Owen took first place with a score of 789-27X. Owen also placed first in the women's category. Alongside her first-place wins, she was awarded the Rick Crawford Trophy. Since 2010, this trophy has been a symbol of excellence in competition for service rifle competitors.

Charisma Owen is the first woman to earn the Rick Crawford Trophy. Justin Utley came in second, behind Owen, with a score of 787-34X and Danny Arnold came in third with a score of 786-26X. Other awards given that



(From left) Larry Stonecipher, Danny Arnold, Justin Utley, Charisma Owen, Carter Forrest and Daryl Melkert



(From left) Danny Arnold, Justin Burns and William Dooley

weekend were **High Grand Senior**, awarded to **L. Kent Stonecipher**, **High Senior**, awarded to **Daryl Melkert**, and **High Junior**, awarded to **Carter Forrest**. Alongside these special awards, the top 20 competitors from Texas were awarded the Governor's Twenty.

Taking first place at Sunday's EIC Match was Danny Arnold with a 494-16X. Following Arnold, second place was awarded to Justin Burns with a score of 493-19X, and third place was awarded to William Dooley with a score of 491-18X. Dooley also took the 10-point hard LEG. The other LEG point winners, earning 8 and two 6 points, were Conrad Young with a 484-11X, Javier Garcia with a 483-16X, and Carter Forrest with a 482-20X. Daryl Melkert took First Leather with a 481-14X.

What came to be one of the best turnouts for the TSRA State Service Rifle Match in a while, was a great success and kickoff to the 2023 season for Texas shooters. TSRA would like to request this turnout on September 22-24 for the TSRA State High Power Championship, hosted by PCGC, to end the 2023 season.