

TSRA Junior Highpower

2003 Camp Perry Report

This trip was a true pleasure! It began with the team touring both the Corvette assembly plant, and the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Highlight of the Corvette plant was one of our junior's being handed a set of keys, and being asked to fire up a brand new Vette right on the assembly line. Honors, of course, went

as its President Designate (Amber Sivils) aggressively vetoed all planned social activities. Maybe next year? Other special events: Jim Booker and son, Eric, both adult sponsors, provided the second annual Wisconsin sausage cook-out (Many Thanks), and David Keys footed the bill for ice cream in celebration of Justin Keys,

should entitle him to a silver Daniel Boone medal.

The Utley/Hess team combination finished 6th of 116 teams. They were 8 points off the winning team. If your team isn't shooting Master/High Master scores, you simply are not in the running. Their score of 966-27 was NO SLOUCH. Congrats on the bronze medallions! They were coached by Rick Crawford of Kilgore. This is the second medallion for Justin, having earned his first last year.

In the two remaining team events, the juniors did not medal, but they certainly did not disgrace TSRA. In the National Trophy Team Match, our TSRA Jr. Gold (Utley, Hess, Sheppard, Chmielewski, Bell and Wilson) placed 10th of 22 teams, and in the Infantry Trophy Team Match, they were 5th of 16 teams. In the National Trophy Team match, unless your 6 juniors are shooting Master/High Master scores/averages, you simply are not in the hunt! It is exceedingly difficult to arrive at Perry with 6 juniors shooting to that level. Rattle Battle, however, is a different story...our finish at 5th was a function of the extra training assistance from Bob Mullins of Pearland. Bob has promised to continue with the extra coaching.



2003 TSRA National Match Juniors Team, Camp Perry Ohio

to the prettiest one- Amber Sivils. From here, it was on to 'Dayton, Ohio and the USAF Museum. On arrival at Camp Perry, our group split into two groups: 7 juniors to the USMC Junior Clinic, and 7 to the Small Arms Firing School conducted by the US Army Team. Housing was primarily in the barracks for the men, and hutments for the ladies. Our weather all week was warm and humid with rain only during the first weekend there. . . no rain during the matches! Our shooting conditions were sun filled with the winds coming from virtually all four directions at various days of the week... winds were from 5 to 15 MPH.

It should be noted that the Lake Erie Aquatics Club was noticeably dormant,

and Amber Sivils birthday occurring during the week.

Firing Results/Awards

Further in this report, find a detailed listing of shooting results. Top Texas Junior for this year was Justin Utley of Mineola. Justin shot his way onto the National Junior Service Rifle Team. This honor is earned by the aggregate score fired by the shooter in P100/Leg/6 man Team. Only 6 juniors out of some roughly 250 to 300 juniors are named to this team. **We are all very proud of and for Justin.** This is an accomplishment, as well as an award.

Evan Hess earned his 2nd leg towards distinguished with a score of 482-6—which

Adult Sponsors

Will Abbott(Montana), Dan Acker(Georgia), Brian Baldwin, James Booker, Eric Booker (Wisconsin), Ron Chmielewski, David Keys, Wendell and Allison Utley, and the entire TSRA Senior Team on Whistler Boy Team day. MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

WB Team Coaches: SGT Kyle Ward, PFC Chris Green, COL Adrian Morely(New Mexico), Jeff Rost, Jose Neira, Alan Wilson, Rick Crawford,