

## **BALD EAGLES NEWSLETTER**

**August 31, 2005**

### **BALD EAGLES ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Bald Eagles Rifle Club will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Bald Eagles building on Whittington Center Property. We will start one hour after the completion of firing the Sinclair International Individual Match.**

**On the agenda:**

- **The re-election of two board members, Jim Rice and Larry Bartholome. Nominations from the floor will be entertained.**
- **Should the Bylaws be amended to lower the age of Associate members from 55 to 50 or lower?**
- **Should the Club pay team entry fees for Bald Eagles teams at national competitions?**
- **We have two bronze statues donated to the club by Jack McCann to be used as trophies. These will be on display and the membership is invited to suggest matches or worthy causes for these awards.**
- **A status up-date for the NRA rulebook on "fullbore" shooting will be discussed.**
- **Should the Bald Eagles Rifle Club take over the Rocky Mountain Palma Matches?**
- **Other items of interest from the floor.**

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN PALMA MATCHES**

By now the word has gotten around about the Rocky Mountain Palma matches. I have had the opportunity to talk to several Club members and to the Board of Directors and all felt it would be a good thing to do. The Rocky Mountain Palma Matches have an outstanding reputation and many people from all over the USA come first to the Colorado matches at Byers, and then travel to Raton for the RMPM. It would be a shame to let these matches disappear.

If the Bald Eagles take on these matches we will need to recruit a new crew of workers. We will need workers to come early and stay late. We already have some volunteers, but we will need more. So be prepared to pitch in.

Mid has some ideas about a course of fire and some basic changes to the team match. Of course we will institute the "chaining" ceremony, which has been missing.

## RESULTS FROM CAMP PERRY

I shot Camp Perry this year for the first time in eight years. Danny Biggs talked Peter Church, John Ruckman and me into sharing a quaint little cottage he found. It was located in a shallow swamp about forty yards from the nearest latrine. It had many fine touches like fired pistol targets to cover holes in the wall and several cracks in the floor that started to seep water when the rains came.

It was built in 1917 I think, but was redone in the POW style in 1942. It has recently been embellished with a few modern touches like screens on the windows and a new door. Danny assured me it was part of the charm and mystique of Camp Perry, the NRA's premier shooting event!

There is no food service to speak of at Camp Perry. We ate cereal and milk for breakfast, and snacked on fruit and crackers all day long. At Bisley we had our choice of clubs and plenty of time for meals. In Australia we always had time for a cup of "flat white" coffee and a "bickie". In New Zealand we had scones and tea delivered to the firing line. In Canada the mess hall is just across the fence and there is plenty of time to dine, but in the USA it's every man for himself, catch as catch can.

So, tell me again. Why do we have the National Matches at Camp Perry? Ahh yes, the adventure!

We had quite a few Bald Eagles at Perry '05 and several did well. Here are a few highlights:

- Norm Crawford was the overall winner of the Long Range events and received the Tompkins Trophy. Second place went to John Whidden and Bald Eagle, Robert Gustin placed third.
- Mid Tompkins was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first 600 yard match.
- Bill Lair was 6<sup>th</sup> in the second 600 yard match.
- Bruce O'Brien won the Andrus Trophy at 1000 yards with a shoot-off score of 100-3x.
- Danny Biggs was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Doc Aiken match.
- The Bald Eagles Silver team won the Palma Rifle Division in the Roumanian Team Match. The Team consisted of Steve Merritt, Captain; Eddie Newman, Coach; and Shooters Heigo Orav, Earl Liebetrau, Peter Church, and Bruce O'Brien.
- The Bald Eagles Gold team won second in the same match. It consisted of Captain/Coach Robert Mead and shooters Jon Rhynard, Robert Gustin, Danny Biggs, and Bill Lair.
- The Bald Eagles Gold team was the Open Team winner in the Palma Rifle Division of the Herrick Trophy Team match. Bob Mead was the coach, Earl Liebetrau the Team Captain. Firing members were Bruce O'Brien, Heigo Orav, Bob Gustin and Peter Church. The third place team in that match was the Bald

Eagles Silver with Eddie Newman coaching, Lonnie Kuhns, Team Captain, and firing members Bill Lair, John Gaines, Danny Biggs and Jon Rhynard.

- Bob Gustin won third in the Canadian Cup match.
- There were 486 long-range competitors this year and of that number the Club had quite a few that placed high in the rankings. The following members should be recognized: Jon Rhynard, Dwight Barth, Earl Liebetrau, Danny Biggs, Heigo Orav, David Brantner, Jim Adell, Bob Mead, and Peter Church.
- Your President was not to be found on any individual list, except the complete list of competitors because I mistakenly paid twice. When I get my refund check I'm going to pretend it is an award.