

Attention all Shooters!

Announcing registration for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Postal Matches is now open, and will remain open until July 31, 2010. The registration form appears below. A photocopy is also acceptable however all signatures must be original.

The top three winners from each of the 9 NMLRA regions and Internationally, for both rifle and pistol will be announced in Muzzle Blasts. The top three winners overall for both rifle and pistol, will each receive a National Medal.

The National Postal Matches are open to all current members in good standing. The competitions will consist of a four target, 200 point offhand rifle aggregate and/or a three target, 260 point pistol aggregate. Rifle competitors may use any safe muzzleloading rifle of either traditional or modern design. Pistol competition is open to any safe muzzleloading pistol or revolver, traditional or modern in style. Projectiles may be round ball, bullet, or sabot. Sights for both will be "Any Metallic Sights" which would include peep sights but not telescopic sights. All rifle matches are to be shot offhand, and pistol matches shot with one hand, arm extended. Distances will be 25 yards, 50 yards, and 100 yards for rifle, and 25 yards and 50 yards for pistol. All competitors will score their own targets and complete their score sheets. The scores will be checked by the Postal Match committee.

The results of the 2009 Postal Matches are in. A total of 68 Members purchased a combined total of 100 aggregates (compared to 140 in 2008). That's a significant decrease, but matches almost exactly the 2007 participation. I am looking forward to 2010 being a better year than 2009. In review of the data, most shooters shoot both rifle and pistol, and many of the rifle only shooters need to dig out their pistols and join the fun. I know that bottle target is a great aggravation. It's also a great opportunity to compete on a National level, and can become a way of competing with old friends and new, too distant to compete with locally. As with all shooting, the real competition is yourself. In an effort to keep things as affordable as possible, we offer the matches with or without the overlay. The 2010 Aggregate fee will be \$9.00 with the overlay, \$7.50 without it.

Here is the finishing order from each of the nine (9) NMLRA regions for Rifle and Pistol. The top 3 winners from each region will be listed in Muzzle Blast. Each of the top three overall winners, for both rifle and pistol will receive a National Medal.

**The National Pistol Winners:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Garberich	207 5x
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ed Jones	199 3x
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Errol W. McLean	199

**The National Rifle Winners:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Raymond Stevens	176 4x
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Wheeler	161 3x
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Larry Ayers	149 3x

**The Regional Winners:**

**Pistol: Region 1;** Errol W. McLean 199, Eric W. Spivey 198, Brian Holthouse 144.

**Region 2;** Robert Reviello 181 2x, Raymond Stevens 148 2x, F. Matthew Blaine 144.

**Region 3;** Ed Jones 199 3x, Danny Ball 181 1x.

**Region 4;** Jim Turner 196 3x, James McIntosh 142, John Kaminski 125 2x.

**Region 5;** Mike Garberich 207 5x, Jim Jaskoviak 184 2x, Bill Jacks 182 2x.

**Region 6;** Dixon Herman 176, Greta Schlabs 174 1x.

**Region 7;** Jim Bridges 130.

**Region 8;** Jack Bergstrom Sr. 169.

**Region 9;** Sam Madison 190.

**Rifle: Region 1;** Larry Ayers 149 3x, Brian R. Holthouse 143 2x, Buck Osgood 130 2x.

**Region 2;** Raymond Stevens 176 4x, Randol George 140 1x, John Scanlon 124 4x.

**Region 3;** Barry Wheeler 161 3x, Debbie Nicholas 120 1x, Kenneth Lygren 119 3x.

**Region 4;** Robert Howard 119, John Kaminski 111 1x, Marvin Hill 109.

**Region 5;** Jerry Schulze 144 3x, Bill Jacks 118 1x, Richard Vandevord 117.

**Region 6;** Dixon Herman 106, Greta Schlabs 97.

**Region 7;** Jim Bridges 140 1x, Tom Witt 102 1x.

**Region 8;** Earl Wilson 125 1x, Jack Bergstrom Sr. 95 2x.

**Region 9;** Sam Madison 131 1x, Fred Zelt 100.