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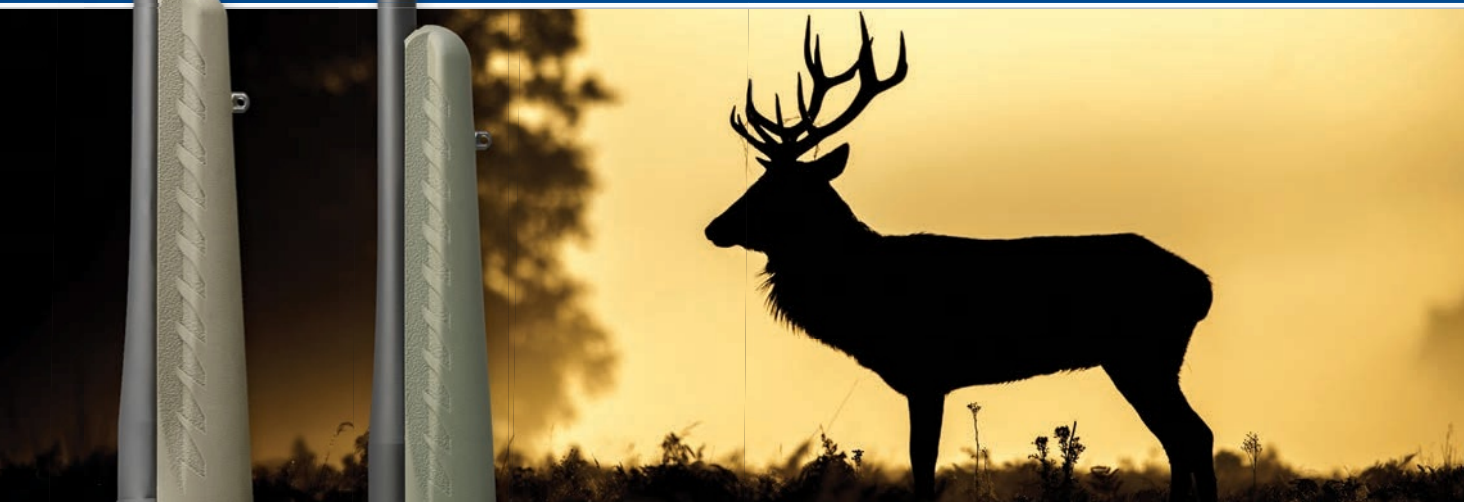
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By Art Merrill

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ON THE COVER

Justin Petrick of Springfield Armory fires an M1 Garand at the CMP's new marksmanship park in Talladega, Alabama.

Photo by John Parker

▼ Competitors were in for a soggy mess after firing commenced at this year's Crawfish Cup Action Pistol Regional. Read on page 30 to see the outcome.



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Today, more than at any time in the past, the rhetoric and attempts to pass legislation limiting or banning firearms is unprecedented. With these on-going attacks on “America’s First Freedom”, the National Rifle Association is needed more than ever. Americans around the country have united to support and assist the National Rifle Association in their fight to strip away the very freedoms guaranteed to all citizens of our great country by our Founding Fathers.

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▼ The right side features the “NRA Stand and Fight” banner, a reminder for all Americans to take a stand and support our rights, in order to protect the freedoms guaranteed to every American by our Founding Fathers. Also prominently displayed is a banner which bears the phrase, “... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” An American bald eagle, symbol of American strength and resilience, is also featured above a banner which reads, “NRA – Constitutional Freedom”.

▼ The left side features a militia member standing at the ready with his musket. Also featured is the NRA seal with a banner which proclaims, “Defenders of Freedom” above the familiar NRA seal. An American bald eagle alertly watches over the stars and stripes of the USA.

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F-CLASS

The **U.S. F-Class** squad won the prestigious Creedmoor Cup competition held June 28-29 at the Midlands National Shooting Centre in Tullamore, Ireland. This competition has a rich history, going back to the original Challenge Match in 1874 between American and Irish Teams in Creedmoor, New York. Way to go Team USA!

BLACK POWDER

NRA and the North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA) have teamed up to present invitational competitive shooting events for N-SSA members. The events will take place at Fort Shenandoah in Winchester, Virginia, during the skirmishes taking place this May and October. For more information, please contact Barry Ranney at branneyn@nrahq.org.

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The Cowboy and Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Championships for 2015 have been completed. Now is your chance to win some awards—and possibly set a National Record at the Smallbore Rifle and High Power Rifle Championships in Ridgway, Pennsylvania. Keep the week of August 2-8 open if you want to compete in the **Silhouette Championships** in 2015—Smallbore is August 2-4 and High Power is August 6-8. Game on!

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Bids to conduct a Sectional for the National Smallbore Indoor Championship will be open September 1, 2015. If you are interested in conducting a Sectional please contact Dian Bullock at dbullock@nrahq.org. Additionally, be on the lookout for an expanded State Team Postal match—more information will be forthcoming this fall. Finally, the location of the **2016 NRA National Smallbore Rifle Championships** is expected to be released in October or November 2015.

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The America's Rifle Match (NRA-AR Match), presented by **Daniel Defense** is a new and exciting rifle program designed by NRA to develop marksmanship skills of adults and youngsters of all skill levels. NRA-AR Matches can be conducted on just about any rifle range in the country, and is very adaptable for novice competitors—as well as setting up challenging scenarios for seasoned shooters. For questions on hosting a match at your



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NEW F-CLASS COACH

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WHAT'S IN YOUR RANGE BAG, WILL BROWN?

BY BARBARA BAIRD, WWW.WOMENSOUTDOORNEWS.COM

When asked to describe himself, Will Brown said, "I'm just a guy from Idaho who has been blessed with a loving family, great friends, and an awesome opportunity to represent my country at something I enjoy so much. When I'm not training, I'm working for my dad or grandpa, doing anything from running a tractor to swinging a hammer. I try to spend my time off in the outdoors with the ones that I love." In fact, the whole Brown family—Will, along with his mom, dad and brother—can be found on firing lines at USA Shooting matches across the country.

Will has been shooting competitively since 2006, in International Slow Fire pistol events, 50 Meter Free Pistol and 10 Meter Air Pistol. He shoots a Morini CM 84 E with Eley Tenex ammunition for Free Pistol. For Air Pistol, he chooses a Steyr LP10 E, matched with RWS R10 pellets.

"My range bag is more of a box," said Will. "I use a big Storm case. It keeps all my guns and gear protected on those long international expeditions. So far, everything has always showed up to my destination in one piece and fully functional."

Here's what he packs in his range box:

1. Aforementioned firearms and ammo
2. LP10 as a backup
3. Champion shooting glasses



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4. Visor, for ranges with bright overhead light, because a ball cap doesn't sit down over the glasses very well.
5. Howard Leight earplugs – the red, white and blue ones, of course. "Because—'Merica!"
6. Gun permits if needed for international travel. "Don't show up without them!"
7. Cleaning supplies, tools, and a few small parts.
8. Batteries! "My guns have electronic trigger groups. Dead batteries=no bang!"

When asked to describe himself in three words, he said, "Disciplined, hardworking, and humble." One of Will's favorite quotes is a passage from the Bible, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)."

When he's not shooting, Will more than likely can be found outdoors somewhere. "I love to hunt, hike, fish, and spend time on my horse. And those things are always made better when I can share them with someone else."

The young shooter believes in the adage that practice doesn't make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect. He says it's important to "be smart, disciplined and methodical in your training. Keep it simple at the match; you've already done all the hard work!"

Learn more about Will Brown at USA Shooting.

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Other than a catastrophic gun failure due to a broken part, these equipment malfunctions can usually be corrected quickly by a trip to the safe-handling area with the appropriate tools. The key words being *appropriate tools*, and including the right ones in an already bulging range bag can be a chore. The Real Avid AR15 Tool is a solution.

The AR15 Tool is a folding multi-tool with all steel construction, black oxide coating, and G10 grip plates. It comes with a MOLLE compatible ballistic nylon sheath. When folded within the sheath, the tool is only slightly larger than a pack of king size cigarettes taking up little room in a range bag. Open it up and the array of tools is impressive.

As the name implies, the tool packs a number of AR-specific features that can be invaluable for High Power Rifle and 3-gun competitors.

Carbon build up on the bolt carrier group (BCG) can be particularly annoying with direct impingement gas operating actions. Impressively, the Real Avid tool provides all that's needed to disassemble and clean it. A curved pick removes the firing pin retaining cotter pin, and the tool is properly sized to clean carbon from the firing pin hole on the bolt. A punch pin is sized to remove and install the extractor pin. Both are interchangeable using 8-32 threads. The curved pick uses a male thread and the punch uses a female thread. This allows

those swing out arms to accept any other accessories using that 8-32 thread pattern and lets the user customize their tools for additional tasks.

With the BCG disassembled, a ten-function carbon scraper can remove carbon build up from multiple angles on the bolt, including the locking lugs. It will also ream out the gas key carrier. A separate carbon scraper is precisely sized to scrape the inner forward section of the BCG body that receives the bolt. This scraper also has a small section of flat file on one side.

A compartment on the MOLLE sheath holds a double-ended sight adjustment tool that will handle A1 and A2 front sights. Another flip out tool is a bolt override that can quickly free a jammed bolt.

These features make it an excellent choice for AR shooters. However, additional tools take it beyond the AR making it valuable for any competitor.

Six double-ended interchangeable bits fit into a fold out bit driver, and five are stored in the sheath. The 12 bits include flat, Phillips, Allen, and Torx heads that will handle just about anything from delicate handgun sight adjustments to torquing down an optical sight mount, and everything

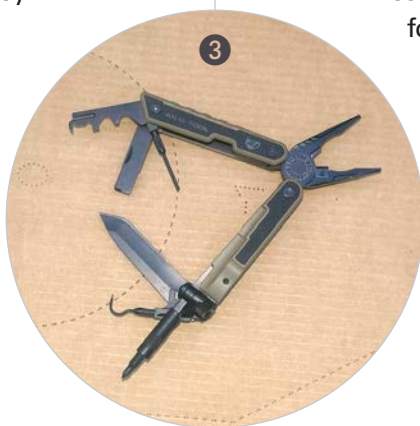
in between. One won't have to worry about

having the *wrong* screwdriver.

The Real Avid AR15 Tool also has a tap hammer built in, and on more than one occasion I have used one of the larger Allen heads as a drift punch to move a shooter's fixed rear sight into the proper position.

The tool includes a sturdy set of combination needle nose pliers and a 3.25-inch serrated Tanto knife blade. These are a bit extreme for gun repairs, but this IDPA Safety Officer has used them a number of times to repair and adjust range props to keep the match moving smoothly.

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Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club

Amarillo, Texas

May 30

39 competitors

Submitted by Daryl Taramasso



This year's State Outdoor Pistol Championship was held at the Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club the weekend of May 30-31. The weather was perfect for competitive shooting with some clouds, but mostly sunny with very little wind. The match winner was Steven Reiter from Tucson, Arizona with 2597-94X points. A close runner-up was Chuck Holt from Fort Collins, Colorado with a score of 2589-87X.

WINNER	Steven Reiter Tucson, Arizona	2597-94X
2ND	Chuck Holt Fort Collins, Colorado	2589-87X
3RD	Terrence Sears Belen, New Mexico	2571-92X
HIGH MASTER	Daniel Miller Mineola, Texas	2549-80X
HIGH SERVICE EXPERT	Terrence Sears Belen, New Mexico	2571-92X
HIGH CIVILIAN EXPERT	Michael Morgan Killeen, Texas	2544-61X
HIGH SHARPSHOOTER	Herman Baldwin Blanchard, Oklahoma	2389-41X
HIGH MARKSMAN	Larry Timmons Midland, Texas	2137-25X
HIGH WOMAN	Yvonne Roberts Stillwater, Oklahoma	2297-29X
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Submitted by Michael Blackwell

THREE GUN

WINNER	Joe Atwood Arlington, Texas	104/120
2ND	Mark Sternglanz Fort Worth, Texas	103/120
3RD	Jim Luke Overland Park, Kansas	101/120

SMALLBORE RIFLE

WINNER	Joe Atwood Arlington, Texas	37/40
2ND	Jerry Boydston Fort Worth, Texas	36/40
3RD	Jim Luke Overland Park, Kansas	35/40

PISTOL CARTRIDGE

WINNER	Robert Massey Benbrook, Texas	37/40
2ND	Mark Sternglanz Fort Worth, Texas	36/40
3RD	Larry Reynolds Benton, Arkansas	35/40

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3RD	Jim Luke Overland Park, Kansas	34/40



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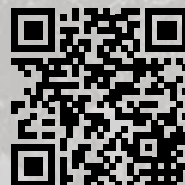


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got a Garand?



By Art Merrill



Your M1 Garand used to throw empties forward and to the right as it should, but today it's been ejecting to the right *rear*. What does it mean? Or you've reassembled your Garand and now the action is locked up—what happened? And do you really need a gas cylinder lock screw wrench and gas cylinder wrench to disassemble the Garand?

INFORMATION, PLEASE

The proper workings and care of the rifle, however, are not exactly intuitive for the average

▲ Military and civilian armors have succeeded in crafting the semi-automatic M1 battle rifle into an equally effective match arm for competitive shooters. This example was originally produced in 1945 before being reworked into a National Match rifle. Approximately 3600 National Match M1 rifles were produced between 1953 and 1963.

◀ The M1 Garand was favored as a battle rifle and later became a favored gun for competition. Here the M1 appears in National Match configuration, with special components such as glass bedding for the receiver for extreme accuracy.

shooter unfamiliar with the M1. Happily, reliable information is easy to come by—and plenty of it is free—and so are tools, accessories and the necessary en bloc clips. Number one on your priority list should be an illustrated parts breakdown—an IPB or “exploded view” drawing—of the disassembled rifle showing the relationship and ID of the parts, accompanied by disassembly/reassembly instructions. Second are instructions on operating the rifle. Third, you’ll certainly want to know the M1’s critical lubrication points and some tips on troubleshooting

► Among the best information resources you'll find on all things M1 Garand is at http://www.nicolausassociates.com/M1_Garand.htm.

▼ The most concise "need-to-know" information for the M1 Garand is within the U.S. Army Field Manual FM 23-5 "U.S. Rifle, Caliber .30, M1" of May 1965.

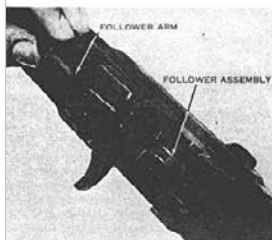
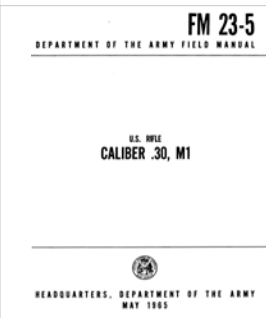
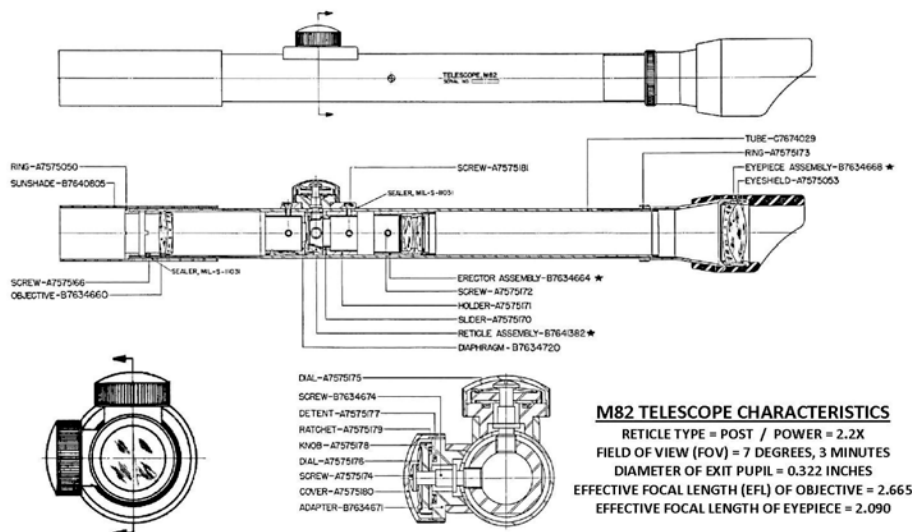


Figure 15. Replacing the follower arm.

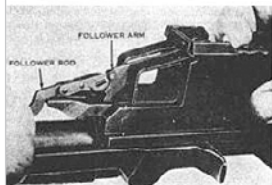


Figure 16. Replacing the follower rod and operating rod spring.

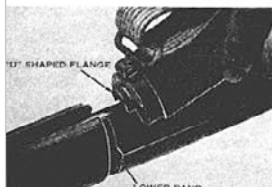


Figure 17. Replacing the stock on the barrel and receiver group.

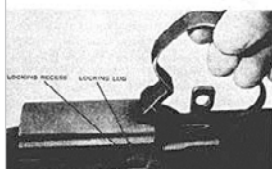


Figure 18. Replacing the trigger housing group.

common problems. And then, of course, come the necessary accessories like slings and clips, as well as the stuff of historical interest such as manuals, bayonets, grenade launchers and the like, if you are so inclined. Let's see where to get it.

HI-PRI INFO

Beginning with our highest priority, there are maintenance information sources available both modern and contemporary to the Garand. Perhaps the most authoritative and yet concise "need-to-know" information is within the Department of the Army Field Manual FM 23-5 "U.S. Rifle, Caliber .30, M1" of May 1965 and reprinted by the government as late as 1987. This 28 page excerpt from the earlier 540-page full manual covers M1 operation & functioning, clearing and troubleshooting stoppages, and routine maintenance. A free, downloadable PDF scan is available at <https://archive.org/details/Fm23-5>. The FM lacks a full IPB and parts list, and the photos, reproduced on 1980's photocopies and scanned as-is, are not very clear but it is useable.

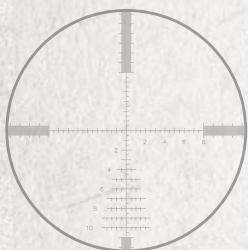
Gun-Guides publishes a 16-page booklet on Garand disassembly and reassembly. Bright white paper and high contrast makes the photo and print quality far superior to original government publications, and spiral binding allows the booklet to lie flat for easy reference while breaking the Garand down or reassembling it. It has an IPB and parts list, but does not include info on lubrication points. Price is \$7; visit www.Gun-Guides.com for more information.

If you prefer to see it done, try the On-Target M1 Garand video. The disassembly/reassembly procedure is brightly lit and in-focus, hands are out of the way for good viewing and the speaker communicates clearly. A clean and lube tutorial takes up a good portion of the video's 72 minutes. Priced around \$20 and available at www.OnTargetVideos.com.

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"Know Your M1 Garand Rifles" by E. J. Hoffschmidt and published by Blacksmith Corp appears to be out of print, but it is included here because used copies are available online and it is a valuable, though abbreviated resource. Includes field stripping, troubleshooting, operation, serial number table and an armorer's how-to on modifying pre-war Garands to wartime configuration. The first 45 pages touch on the developmental models of the Garand, including the "E" series and into the "T" series that became the M-14 rifle, the BM-59 and more. A book to arm you with info and factoids for your next Garand conversation.

For more in-depth information, there are specific "go-to" authors who have written excellent books on the M1 Garand; an online search of their names will show titles of interest to you. They are Bruce N. Canfield, Scott Duff and Joe Poyer.

NOW THAT WE'RE ONLINE...

The **Civilian Marksman-ship Program** is the leading national authority on the M1 Garand, having inherited the responsibilities—as well as the remaining government surplus Garands—of the former U.S. Army Director of Civilian Marksmanship. In addition to sales of surplus M1s, their parts and ammo, CMP offers live webinars on proper M1 maintenance, marksmanship clinics, Garand clinics, sanctioned competitions and a whole lot more.

Nicolaus Associates is a veritable treasure trove of esoteric technical information on the M1 Garand, from the "gas trap" to the M1D and National Match versions. In addition to reprints of dozens of different U.S. Government M1 Garand Technical Manuals, Maintenance Manuals, Field Manuals and Bulletins, Eric Nicolaus offers his own work he's written on M1 Garand rear sights, the

◀ There is no lack of information, parts and accessories available for the M1 Garand competitor.

M81, M82 and M84 telescopes and the M1D sniper rifle, all with blueprints and detailed component parts ID and illustrations. His books and reprinted manuals are spiral bound to lie flat on your workbench, though Bulletin reprints I've ordered from Nicolaus, with lesser page counts, come stapled instead. Just about everything is printed on quality 24-pound or heavier "bright white" paper so that the illustrations and text stand sharp and clear, and the spiral bound books are protected by 19 mil polypropylene covers. Nicolaus also offers fun Garand goodies such as color reprints of WWII posters and technical diagrams for your wall, and Garand coffee mugs for your kitchen. Nearly all products are under \$25, many are under \$10, and there's a surprising amount of free, downloadable information. As an aside, Nicolaus gives similar treatment to the Springfield and M-14 rifles.

Definitely a website to bookmark is **Garand Gear**. There you'll find USGI spec parts, tools, gauges, clips and a few Garand accessories. They also have some interesting freebies, most notably a direct analysis of M1 gas port pressures produced by different brands of commercial .30-06 ammunition, showing which ones exceed M2 Ball pressure, as well as the

pressures produced by ammo manufactured specifically for the M1 Garand, such as Hornady's M1 Garand Match and Federal's American Eagle M1 Garand. Here you'll also find free, downloadable and printable PDF copies of War Department M1 Garand maintenance manuals TM9-1275 and TM9-1005. To the latter they've added some history of the Garand as well as some photos not found in the original.

TWO KINDS OF PARTS

Finding Garand parts is as simple as typing, "M1 Garand parts" in your browser bar. Most who sell parts also sell accessories and the en bloc clips; new-made clips are now available, bringing the per-clip price down into the \$1.40-\$1.75 range when you buy 12-20. Do be aware that Garand parts are segregated into "collector" and "non-collector" (a.k.a. new manufacture) categories, though both may be promoted as "USGI." And remember that adding any "NM" parts to your Garand disqualifies it for CMP "as-issued" competition. Here's a brief sampling of parts resources:

- http://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/
- <http://www.fulton-armory.com/>
- <http://www.e-sarcoinc.com/garand.aspx>
- <http://www.ellicottdepot.com>
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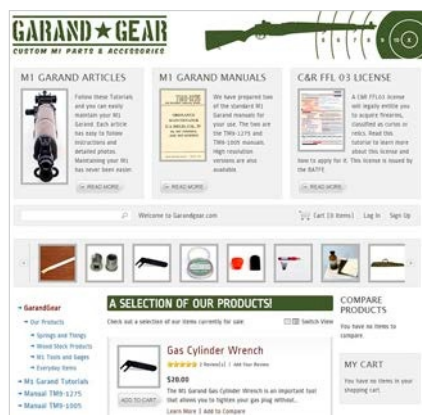
TOOLS?

There are a number of armorer's tools and gauges specific to the M1 Garand, but none are necessary for a shooter to perform routine maintenance on the rifle. If you've got the spare coin as well

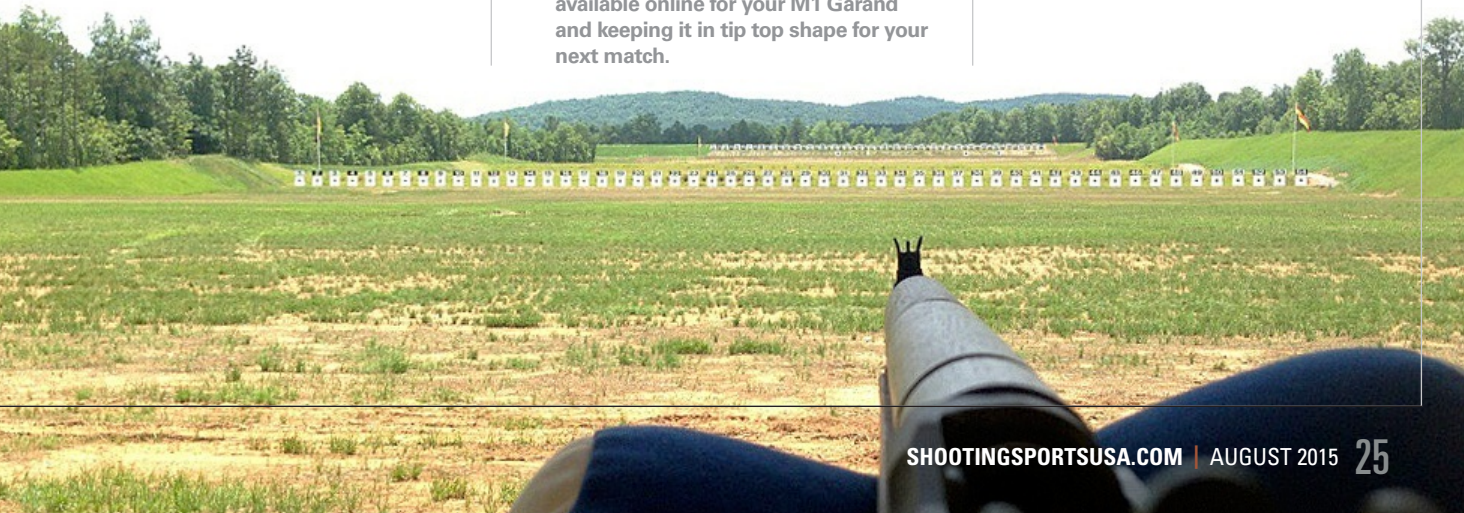
as the historical interest, then certainly "the proper tool for the proper job" is always preferable. For routine maintenance disassembly and reassembly, a gas cylinder screw wrench, gas cylinder lock wrench and combination tool are really all you need.

But in answer to the opening questions, you can use a large flat bladed screwdriver to remove the gas cylinder screw and padding, an adjustable crescent wrench jaws with leather (or using extra care) will work to remove and tighten the gas cylinder lock without marring it. If the action is frozen in position on reassembly, then check that you correctly oriented the accelerator before you reinstalled the op rod catch assembly pin—an example of why an IPB is handy.

And those rearward ejections? The M1's ejected empties flying rearward rather than forward is an indication of excessive friction and forewarns of eventual failure to chamber and eject. The cure is to grease the seven op rod/bolt/receiver contact points shown in Figure 33 in the free PDF download of FM 23-5. ©



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- ▼ There is a treasure trove of information available online for your M1 Garand and keeping it in tip top shape for your next match.





Simple techniques for 3-gun
and Action Pistol competition

FIVE TIPS

TO HELP INCREASE YOUR SCORES

BY MICHELLE L. CERINO

In competitive shooting my goal is to increase my scores from the previous year. At first it was easy—as my rank started out pretty low. Now, however, I have to put more effort into it. The following tips have saved minutes and added precious points to keep me moving up in my ranking.

1

Understand the Course of Fire



NRA Action Pistol is a standard course of fire. Prior to a match, I watch videos online and review the course. 3-gun matches are always different, so I am sure to pay close attention when a range officer explains the stage. Knowing what targets must be engaged with which firearm and from where keeps procedural deductions minimal.

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2

Know Your Gear

For a competitor, it is imperative to have the ability to successfully manipulate gear and firearms. Knowing how and where to grab for magazines for reloads reduces fumbling, and saves time. Likewise, knowing my firearms and having automatic motor programs for loading, unloading and clearing malfunctions really helps. Spending time manipulating gear and firearms is just as important as practicing with live fire.



3

Have a Plan

When shooting 3-gun it's crucial to have a plan. Walking the stages the day before with pen and paper in hand, I decide how best to engage targets; what order, from where, and with which gun. This includes finding areas that can make my rifle shooting a little easier by using available supports like tables, railings, barricades or terrain. Timing is extremely important. NRA Action Pistol is only scored by hits, I use every second available to make each shot a well-aimed one. In 3-gun, on the other hand, time is of the essence. I try not to get sucked into a difficult target, rather I engage as many as I can.



4

Mental Imagery Rehearsal

Whether it's right before I shoot, as I'm walking a stage or the night before, I mentally rehearse exactly what I want to happen. Using a holistic approach to imagery, I involve many senses. These include **visual** (steel falling), **kines-thetic** (feeling the trigger), and **auditory** (the sound of the bullet hitting steel). Through research, I found that mental imagery works best when you imagine yourself performing perfectly, you in turn are creating neural patterns in your brain, just as if you had actually performed the action.



5

Breathing

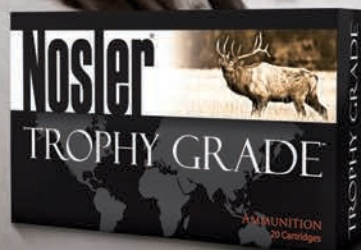
Prior to and during shooting I use the combat breathing technique. Through controlled breathing, I get more air into my lungs, which means more oxygen to my body and brain, lowering my heart rate. Combat breathing is from the diaphragm, my stomach expands to make room for the air as I breathe in, and contracts as I breathe out. In for four, hold for four and out for four seconds each. ©

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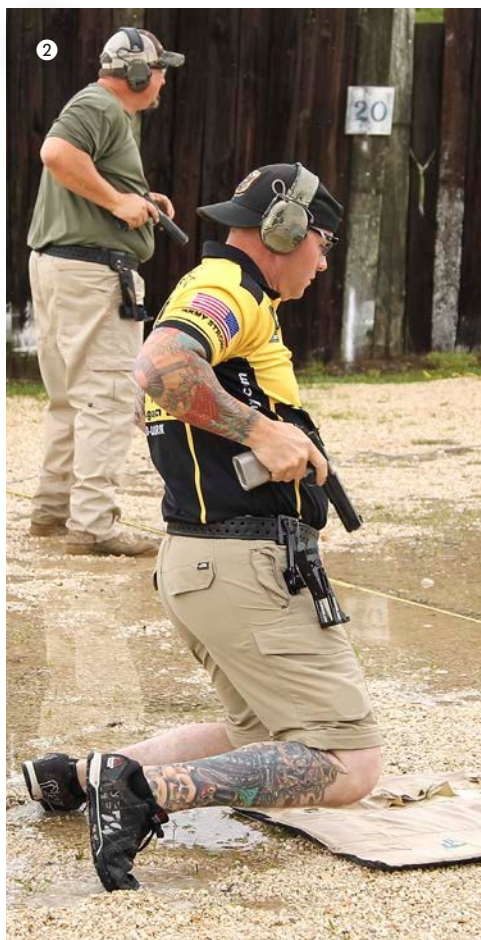
ACTION PISTOL, CAJUN STYLE

2015 CRAWFISH CUP NRA ACTION PISTOL REGIONAL

STORY BY GEORGE MOWBRAY | PHOTOS BY DENNIS CREECH

Seventy-five competitors from 16 states made their way to Southwest Louisiana for the 2015 Crawfish Cup. This was a major increase from the 51 competitors at the match in 2014. Weather played a big part in this year's match when a huge line of thunderstorms started rolling through the area shortly after firing commenced. When the rain stopped and competition finally resumed, the range was soaked and there was standing water everywhere.

In the Open Division, four shooters were clean going into the final event. James Avenell was one



of the first to shoot the Moving Target Event and dropped four points, losing his lead to finish with a 1916-168X. Steve Weathersby also shot a 476 on the mover which gave him a 1916 as well. Next up was Bruce Piatt, who fired an impressive 480 with 40 X's to set the score to beat. Doug Koenig would need at least 41 X's on the mover to win the match. Unfortunately, Doug could only muster 37 X's. Five-time Bianchi Cup Champion Bruce Piatt, was this year's Crawfish Cup Overall Champion, with a score of 1920-176X. Doug Koenig, won 2nd place by only

three X's. James Avenell finished 3rd with a score of 1916-168X.

In the Metallic Division, it was a close match-up between U.S Border Patrol Agent Robert Vadasz and the AMU's SFC Patrick Franks. After the first two events, Franks led Vadasz by two points, 938-62X to 936-59X, with AMU team member SSG Lawrence Cleveland not far behind with 927-48X. On the Olin (Oli) C. Barjenbruch Falling Plate Event, Franks turned in a stellar perfect score of 480-48X to open up a lead over Vadasz and Cleveland, who both shot 46 plates. After three events, with only the mover remaining, SFC Franks lead with 1418 points to Vadasz's 1396 and Cleveland's 1387. Rob Vadasz made a gallant effort on the mover, shooting a 473-34X, but it was not enough to overcome SFC Frank's 22 point lead. SFC Franks finished the tournament with a 468-26X for an aggregate score of 1886-136X, winning the Metallic Division. Robert Vadasz, of the U.S. Border Patrol was 2nd with an 1869, and AMU shooter SSG Lawrence Cleveland finished 3rd in Metallic with an 1855.

In the Production Division, Jack Ragsdale

- ① Competitors' experienced torrential rainfall as the match began. When competition finally resumed there was standing water everywhere, making for a very wet 2015 Crawfish Cup.
- ② AMU team member SFC Patrick Franks won the Metallic Division Championship, with a score of 1886-136X. SFC Franks also won the 2015 Bianchi Cup Metallic Championship in May.
- ③ Seventy-five competitors from 16 states and one country competed in the 2015 Crawfish Cup NRA Action Pistol Regional, held near Lake Charles, Louisiana.



- ④ Match Director George Mowbray (l.) shares a handshake with 2015 Crawfish Cup Overall Champion Bruce Piatt (r.). Bruce won with a score of 1920-176X.

and the AMU's SFC Adam Sokolowski posted the top score in the Practical Event of 465-23X. Next up was the Barricade Event, where Sokolowski took the lead for good with a 467-28X. SFC Adam Sokolowski won the Production Division with a score of 1869-119X. Bruce Gray was 2nd with an 1829, followed by Jack Ragsdale with an 1811.

Vera Koo won the High Woman and High Senior Awards. High Grand Senior honors went to 80-year-old Louis Tomme. Tre Dixon won the High Junior Award, and Robert Vadasz won the Law Enforcement Award.

This year's Crawfish Cup was well supported by **Briley Custom**, **Graf & Sons**, **Midsouth Shooters Supply**, **Sierra Bullets**, and **Zero Ammunition** among others donating \$11,000 in merchandise for the prize table. Approximately \$2,800 was also distributed as prize money.

Next year's Crawfish Cup Regional Championship will be a two-day match in April. Come have some fun prior to your preparations for the 2016 NRA & Midway USA Bianchi Cup with crawfish and some Cajun hospitality. Contact George Mowbray at george@swlarifleandpistol.club for details. ©



HISTORY OF WOMEN'S

INTERNATIONAL SHOTGUN

STORY AND PHOTOS BY FRANCES STRODTMAN-ROYER | ARTICLE COURTESY OF [USA SHOOTING](#)

▲ Author Frances Strodtman-Royer believes if more women step up to coach and run youth programs, the U.S. will have a solid foundation that will help build the pipeline of future Olympians.

The 41st World Championships saw more women competing in the shotgun events than ever before. Due to this, the officials decided to host a women's team event. In the trap event the ladies of the U.S. won the first women's team race in trap staged at a World Championship. However, it was still considered unofficial. The ladies did not receive medals, and were given specially engraved pewter pitchers at the awards ceremony instead.

In 1975, ladies were segregated from the men in the squadding. Throughout the 20 years I competed some were shot segregated, and in other the women were squadded with the junior men. In 1982, discussion about whether women were strong enough to shoot 200 targets during a match ensued. Yet, after

much deliberation, it was decided that women could shoot the 200 targets, but the match had to be completed in two days. Conversely, the men had three days to shoot their 200 targets, and of course women were segregated in squadding and shot different settings than the men.

In 1978 at the World Championships in Seoul, Korea, Susan Nattrass scored 195x200 over the same settings as the men, making her the Women's World Champion in trap with a world record. Her score tied with the bronze medal winning score of the men, and some advocated for a shoot-off to determine the overall bronze medal winner.

In 1985 the concept of shooting 20-gauge for women was introduced. This concept did not receive much support from the U.S. shooting fraternity. In 1986 Double Trap was introduced to the international shotgun world. International shooting sport officials conceived the event to give new opportunities for participation in the Olympics. Through 1992, the Olympic shotgun events were *open* events, where men and women competed together.

In 1992 a young Chinese woman, Zhang Shan, won the Olympic gold in Skeet over all the men. This sent a shock wave throughout the shooting world. After this unprecedented event and the continuous efforts of Canadian Susan Nattrass to



▲ The author (r.) competed for the United States from 1974 through 1995 in International Trap, and in 1993 Double Trap. She is an advocate for more women coaches in competitive shooting.

promote shotgun events for women at the Olympics, it finally gained momentum. So the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) decided to allow women to compete in the event of Double Trap in the Olympics. From 1996–2004 women shot Double Trap as their Olympic event.

Over the past 40 years U.S. women shotgun athletes have won three World Championships in Trap (1983-C. Tomsovic; 1995-F. Strodtman; 1999-C. Gentry); three World Championships in Skeet (1985-T. Bankey-Carlisle; 2010-K. Rhode; 2014-B. Drozd); and one World Championship in Double Trap (1993-F. Strodtman).

U.S. Skeet women have won six individual silver medals and two individual bronze medals. The Women's Skeet Team medals include four gold, ten silver, and two bronze medals. From 1989-2003, the U.S. Women's Double Trap Team won two gold, three silver, and two bronze. In Double Trap, two individual silver medals and three individual bronze medals were won from 1989-2003. In Olympic shooting Kim Rhode has won five Olympic medals, the most successful Olympic competitor over five Olympiads.

Women shotgun athletes have overcome significant challenges to compete at the Olympic level and have contributed to the U.S. team medal count. Women in coaching face similar challenges, aspiring to help our young women athletes achieve their Olympic dreams. If more women step up to coach, and run youth programs—that will help build the pipeline of future Olympians. ©

Author Frances Strodtman-Royer competed in shotgun for the United States. She won the World Championship in Double Trap in 1993, setting a world record. In 1995 she won the World Championship in International Trap, setting another world record. Along with her two golds, Frances also won two individual bronze medals in Trap.



10 Guns That Shaped America

BY MARK KEEFE

Firearms have been a part of this nation since, well, long before it was a nation. The right to them was endowed by the Creator; they secured our Freedom as Americans, they helped expand the Nation, and then became the basis of the manufacturing ascendancy of the United States for more than a century. Listed here are guns emblematic of a changing nation, guns that represent America's place in the world, but guns without people are mere objects. To tell the story of Americans and their guns, I have paired them with men who used them to string together a 10 point narrative of how these guns changed America—and the world.

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Roosevelt's Saber

BY NRA STAFF

Commissioned by Theodore Roosevelt, this saber was carried by Col. Roosevelt of the 1st. U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, the "Rough Riders," when he went to Cuba during the Spanish American War. How do we know? Roosevelt actually wrote about tripping over it. Oh, and it has his name on it, too.

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Winchester Model Of 1895 .405 Win.

BY NRA STAFF

Patented in November 1895 by John M. Browning, the Model of 1895 Winchester was the first lever-action rifle with a box magazine. Until that time, most lever-actions had tubular magazines in which the nose of one bullet rested against the base of the cartridge in front of it. With the development of smokeless ammunition came radical changes in cartridge design and performance. High-power, smaller-caliber spitzer or pointed bullets became practical and highly sought after by sportsmen everywhere. In response, Browning designed a lever-action with a box magazine that stacked the ammunition to eliminate the danger of accidental discharge. The resulting 1895 lever-action has been a favorite of sportsmen ever since.

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A Look Back at the 1886 Winchester

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

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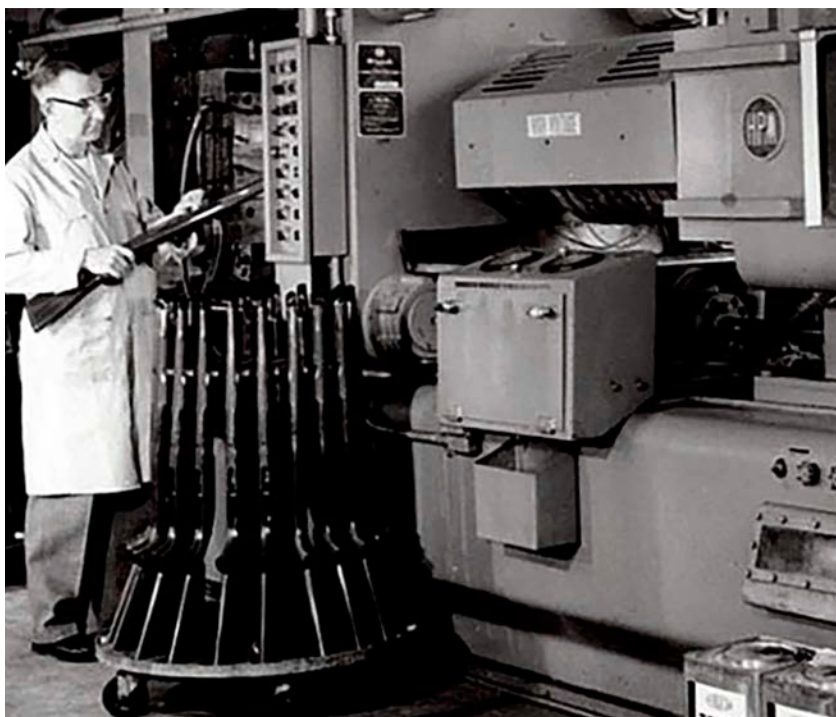
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The Remington Nylon 66

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FN: The First 125 Years

BY MARK KEEFE

It all started with an order for 150,000 rifles. By European standards, Belgium is a fairly new country. Ruled at times by the Romans, the French (Bourbons and Bonaparte), the Holy Roman Emperor and eventually the Dutch, Belgium separated from the Netherlands in 1830, and King Leopold I was installed in 1831. While the nation of Belgium might be a relatively young, gunmaking around what is now Liège in the Meuse River Valley has been ongoing there about as long as guns have been made in Europe, with the earliest reference dating to 1346. Before that it was swords, pikes and other useful items made of iron or steel. And it turned into one of the great gunmaking regions in the world. When Confederate agents set out to buy arms in 1861, they went to Liège first. [Read more here ...](#)



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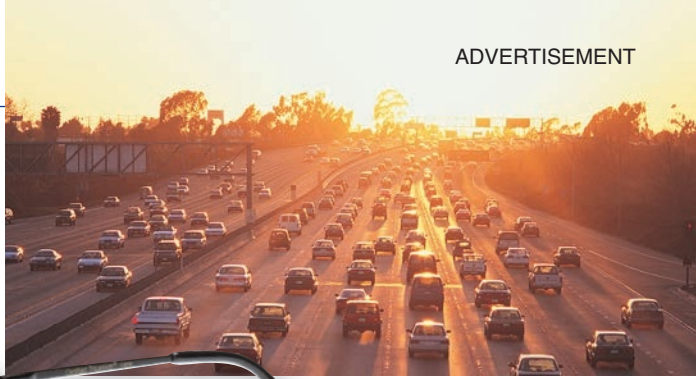
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