

NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SCHEDULE 2025

February 7, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
March 7-8, 2026	Roadrunner Regional Metric Prone Championship (Ben Avery, Phoenix, Az)
March 14-15, 2026	National Metric Prone Championships (Ben Avery, Phoenix, Az)
March 18-22, 2026	Western Wildcats 6400 Prone Championship, (Ben Avery, Phoenix, Az)
April 4, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
April 12, 2026	Capitan smallbore league (Capitan, NM)
May 2, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
May 10, 2026	Capitan smallbore league (Capitan, NM)
May 22-25, 2026	Black Hawk, Georgia
June 6, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
June 13-14, 2026	New Mexico State Conv. Prone Championship, Capitan, NM (3200)
July 2-5, 2026	Firecracker 4800 Whittington, Raton, NM (4800)
July 19, 2026	Capitan smallbore league (Capitan, NM)
July 19- 28, 2026	National Conventional Rifle Championships, Indiana
Aug. 1, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
Aug. 9, 2026	Capitan smallbore league (Capitan, NM)
Aug. 29-30, 2026	Regional Mini Palma (Capitan, NM)
September 5, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
September 12, 2026	Smallbore Clinic (Capitan, NM)
September 13, 2026	New Mexico State Mini Palma Championship (smallbore rifle)
October 7, 2026	Sandia .22 prone rifle league, Albuquerque shooting park (1200)
October 10-11, 2026	Smokey Bear Prone Regional Championship (3200) Capitan, NM
Nov. 7, 2026	Sandia, Albuquerque Shooting Park (1200)
December 5, 2026	Sandia, Albuquerque Shooting Park (1200)

This schedule is subject to change. More information: contact Virginia McLemore, 1219 Hilton Pl, Socorro, NM 87801, 575-517-0525, 575-835-5521, virginia.mclemore@nmt.edu.

Web sites

<http://www.capitanhipower.com/>

<http://desertsharpshooters.com/content/webpage/id/13>

<http://www.socorrogunclub.com/>

Sandia Gun Club
2026 Metric Smallbore Prone Rifle League
Conducted at
Albuquerque Shooting Range Park (ASRP)

Safety - Everyone must comply with all Park rules and with instructions of the ASRP Manager and staff. Firearms may not be brought to the firing line until the match director has called the line hot. All firearms, cased or not, must be carried straight up between the line and your vehicle.

Dates - February 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct. 7, Nov 7, Dec. 5, 2026

Location - Albuquerque Shooting Range Park, (505-836-8785) Take exit 149 from I-40, go north about 4 miles to turnoff to ASRP, follow pavement west until you reach the range.

Time - Registration begins at 0900. Firing starts at ~0930.

Registration Procedure - First, pick up a target frame. Come to the 100 yard range immediately east of the range house for the match. Please sign in on the match/league signup sheets. The match director will collect fee. Firing will begin when all competitors are signed in and ready to fire. If you have your own portable frames please bring them!

Fee - Match fee (includes Alb Shooting Park fee) is \$8 for Sandia members, \$10 for non-Sandia members, and free to juniors and collegiates. There is no league fee.

Insurance – SGC members are covered by the Club's insurance. Non-members pay an additional two dollar (\$2.00) per match fee to register as a SGC "match member."

Rules - Current NRA Conventional Smallbore Prone rifle rules will apply (league is not NRA approved). Additionally, an F-Class or Unlimited Rifle category has been created, though scores fired by shooters in this unsanctioned category will not be turned in to the NRA, and they will not compete directly with shooters using complying equipment. Any safe .22 caliber rimfire rifle may enter the F-Class category. Telescopic sights may be used for all stages, and rests and sandbags will be allowed. Please contact the match director if you have questions.

Course of fire - Match will be conducted at 50 and 100 yards. Match is one-hundred twenty (120) shots for record. Time is 20 minutes per target card (20 shots), including unlimited sighters during that period.
Stage 1 - 40 record shots, 50yds, iron sights (50 meters reduced, target A51)
Stage 2 - 40 record shots, 100yds, iron sights (100 meters, target A-33)
Stage 3 - 20 record shots, 100yds, any sights + 20 record shots, 50yds, any sights (Dewar) (50 meters reduced, target A51, 100 meters, target A-33)

Awards – No awards will be given.

Targets and Frames - The league will provide a target frame and targets (A-51 and A-33). Participants may provide any special frames they require.

Contact – The Match Director, Virginia McLemore, can be reached via email at virginia.mclemore@nmt.edu or via phone at 575-835-5521 or 575-517-0525.

Match Program and Results -- This program and match results can be found on the Sandia web site.

New Mexico Conventional Smallbore Rifle Prone State Championship (3200)

Date: June 13-14, 2026

Sponsored by the Socorro Gun Club, New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club, Capitan Highpower Gun Club

Directions to the range: range entrance on US Hwy 380 is 3 miles east of Capitan, NM.
<http://www.capitanhipower.com/>

Competition is open to all competitors. NRA registered match.

Entry fee: \$50.00 adults; \$25.00 juniors and collegiate. \$1 of the match fee goes to the NMSSA.

Advanced entries are preferred. Firing begins at 9:00. Entries accepted on match day up to range capacity.

Current NRA prone rules apply.

The course of fire will consist of:

IRON SIGHTS (sat): Match 1: Dewar course (20 shots, 50 yds, target A23; 20 shots 100 yds, target A-25); Match 2: 100 yds, 40 shots, target A-25); Match 3: 50 meters, 40 shots, target A-26); Match 4: 50 yds, 40 shots, target A-23/5; 1600 aggregate Match 5.

ANY SIGHTS (sun): Match 6: Dewar course (20 shots, 50 yds, target A23; 20 shots 100 yds, target A-25); Match 7: 100 yds, 40 shots, target A-25); Match 8: 50 meters, 40 shots, target A-26), Match 9: 50 yds, 40 shots, target A-23/5; 1600 aggregate Match 10

Iron sights, any rifle Saturday; any sights, any rifle Sunday. State champion will be from the aggregate of both days matches MATCH 11

Anyone may elect to shoot scope both days. On Saturday, they will compete in a Scope any sight class and on Sunday they will be placed in their respective class. Competitors who choose scope only will not be eligible for State Champion.

F-CLASS SHOOTERS: There is an F-Class division. Current NRA F-Class rules will apply in regards to equipment. There will be no classes, categories or division of rifle. F-Class shooters will use NRA metric targets (A-51 (reduced for 50 yards), A-50 (50 Meters) and A-33 (100 yards). F-Class will have its own award pool. F-Class Smallbore is now recognized by the NRA. Competitors who choose F-Class only will not be eligible for State Championship.

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Competitors will be grouped by age: novice (10 or younger), subjunior (11-14), inter. junior (14-17), junior (18-20), and adult (over 21). Less than 3 competitors will be combined.

Awards: Cash awards in each match for each class, if there are 5 entries; juniors will receive medals or cash. A medal or trophy will be given to the aggregate winner=state champion.

General information: There is no food available at the range. Restrooms are available. Camping is allowed. For more information contact Virginia McLemore (1219 Hilton Pl, Socorro, NM 87801; phone 835-5521; e-mail virginia.mclemore@nmt.edu).

Smokey Bear Conventional Smallbore Rifle Prone Regional Championship

Date: October 10-11, 2026

Sponsored by the Capitan Shooting Sports Club, Socorro Gun Club, New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club

Directions to the range: range entrance on US Hwy 380 is 3 miles east of Capitan, NM.

<http://www.capitanhipower.com/>

Competition is open to all competitors. NRA registered match.

Entry fee: \$50.00 adults; \$25.00 juniors and collegiate (includes \$10/day range fee and \$9 regional) for entire 2 days. One day package will be \$35. Includes a BBQ on Saturday at the range.

Advanced entries are preferred. Firing begins at 8:30. Entries accepted on match day up to range capacity without adding another relay (18 firing points).

Current NRA prone regional rules apply.

The course of fire will consist of:

Sat IRON SIGHTS: Match 1: Dewar course (20 shots, 50 yds, target A23; 20 shots 100 yds, target A-25); Match 2: 100 yds (40 shots, target A-25); Match 3: 50 meters (40 shots, target A-26); Match 4: 50 yds (40 shots, target A-23/5); 1600 aggregate Match 5.

Sun ANY SIGHTS: Match 6: Dewar course (20 shots, 50 yds, target A23); 20 shots 100 yds (target A-25); Match 7: 100 yds (40 shots, target A-25); Match 8: 50 meters (40 shots, target A-26), Match 9: 50 yds (40 shots, target A-23/5); 1600 aggregate Match 10, Match 11 3200 aggregate

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Competitors will be grouped by age: novice (10 or younger), subjunior (11-14), inter. junior (14-17), junior (18-20), and adult (over 21). Less than 3 competitors will be combined.

Competitors may elect to shoot scope all 2 days. On Saturday, they will compete in the any sight class and on Sunday they will be placed in their respective class. Competitors who choose scope only will not be eligible for Regional Championship, nor for credits to the National Championships.

F-CLASS SHOOTERS: There is an F-Class division. Current NRA F-Class rules will apply in regards to equipment. There will be no classes, categories or division of rifle. F-Class shooters will use NRA metric targets (A-51 (reduced for 50 yards), A-50 (50 Meters) and A-33 (100 yards). F-Class will have its own award pool. F-Class Smallbore is now recognized by the NRA. Competitors who choose F-Class will be eligible for F Class Regional Championship.

Awards: Regional champion will receive medal. Cash awards in each match for each class, if there are 5 entries; juniors will receive medals or cash.

Each competitor who shoots the regional will receive a NRA regional pin.

General information: There is no food available at the range. Restrooms are available. For more information contact Virginia McLemore (1219 Hilton Pl, Socorro, NM 87801; phone 575-835-5521, ginger@nmbg.nmt.edu). Camping is available.

The range will be open on Friday for practice, but call Ginger for scheduling.

We will have a barbeque Saturday afternoon, 3:00 PM or after shooting. Bring utensils, drinks, and something to share for desert or main course. Capitan Gun Club will provide charcoal and plates and main dish. **We must have a minimum of 10 competitors to continue having this regional championship**

BASICS OF .22 RIFLE SHOOTING WORKSHOP

SPONSORED BY THE CAPITAN HIGHPOWER RIFLE CLUB AND THE NEW MEXICO TECH SHOOTING
SPORTS CLUB

COACH/INSTRUCTORS JAMES AND VIRGINIA McLEMORE

SATURDAY September 12-13, 2026, 8 AM on Sat, prone competition firing starts at 8:30 AM on Sun (see below)

CAPITAN GUN RANGE. The range is located 3 miles east of Capitan on the north side of U.S. Highway 380 (<http://www.capitanhipower.com/Design/RANGEINFO.htm>). Camping is OK on the Capitan Range. No water is available at this time. The following motel is available in Capitan: Smokey Bear Motel, 575 354-2253. Other lodging is available throughout Lincoln Country. On the web: www.ruidoso.net

FEE \$15 (includes cook out on Sat and match fees on Sunday and handouts). Additional funding is provided by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Civilian Marksmanship Program, and Socorro Gun Club.

All students will receive expert instruction and coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of prone and 3- position .22 rifle shooting (i.e., prone, standing, kneeling), which will carry over to air rifle and highpower rifle shooting. Prone only shooters are encouraged to attend. Students will be provided a safe learning environment that will enhance their shooting skills and prepare them for competition. Both James and Virginia McLemore are certified NRA instructors. Virginia is a certified coach, training counselor, national champion, and holds national records in highpower and smallbore rifle. Students must be at least 10 years old. ADULTS ARE WELCOMED. .22 rifles and other equipment will be provided if requested before Thursday September 10 and subjected to availability. If you have your own please bring it. On Sunday there will be a smallbore rifle competition open to all, even if you do not attend Saturday's classes (see below).

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

Welcome and distribution of handout materials
Safety and handling the .22 rifle
Training and goal setting, schedule
Preparing for competition, team competition
Rules, types of competitions
Shooters Journal
Safety and handling the .22 rifle
Firing the shot
Prone position
Standing position
Kneeling position
Adjusting sights
Wind
Competition on Sunday

COOK OUT AT COMPLETION OF THE WORKSHOP (approximately 3 PM on Sat)

COMPETITION SUNDAY, September 15, 2024 (Open to all even if they did not attend the clinic). Time 8:30.

New Mexico State Mini Palma Championship—see program below

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Competitors will be grouped by age: novice (10 or younger), subjunior (11-14), inter. junior (14-17), junior (18-20), and adult (over 21). Less than 3 competitors will be combined.

FEE for competition if not entered in the .22 workshop on Sat \$10.

For more information, contact Virginia McLemore (1219 Hilton Pl, Socorro, NM 87801; phone 575-835-5521, virginia.mclemore@nmt.edu).

Capitan 50 Meters and Mini Palma .22 Rifle State Championship

Date: Sept 13, 2026

Sponsored by the Capitan Shooting Sports Club, Socorro Gun Club, New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club

Directions to the range: range entrance on US Hwy 380 is 3 miles east of Capitan, NM.
<http://www.capitanhipower.com/>

Competition is open to all competitors. NRA registered match.

Entry fee: \$25.00 adults; \$10.00 juniors and collegiate. Includes a BBQ on Saturday at the range.

Advanced entries are preferred. Firing begins at 8:30. Entries accepted on match day up to range capacity without adding another relay (18 firing points).

Current NRA prone regional rules apply.

The course of fire (.22 rim fire rifle, metallic sights for sling and scope for F Class) will consist of:

Metallic Sight English Match (Registered) and Metallic Sight Mini Palma or F-CLASS English Match and F-CLASS Mini Palma. The Mini Palma course of fire includes 15 Shots each at 100 Yards on the A37 (match 1), A38 (match 2), & A39 (match 3), or F37 (match 1), F38 (match 2), and F39 (match 3). Aggregate Mini Palma is Match 4. The English Match course of fire will include 60 shots prone (English Match) for both sling and F-CLASS (matches 5, 6, 7). Targets are A-51 fired at 50 meters. Total will be the aggregate (match 9) of the English Match (match 8) and the Mini Palma match (match 4).

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Competitors will be grouped by age: novice (10 or younger), subjunior (11-14), inter. junior (14-17), junior (18-20), and adult (over 21). Less than 3 competitors will be combined.

Awards: Cash or merchandise awards in each match for each class, if there are 3 entries.

General information: There is no food available at the range. Restrooms are available. For more information, contact Virginia McLemore (1219 Hilton Pl, Socorro, NM 87801; phone 575-835-5521, Virginia.mclemore@nmt.edu). Camping is available.

The range will be open on Friday for practice, but call Ginger for scheduling.

We will have a barbeque Saturday afternoon, 1:00 PM or after shooting. Bring utensils, drinks, and something to share for desert or main course. Capitan Gun Club will provide charcoal and plates and main dish.

LONES WIGGER FIRECRACKER 4800

Regional Conventional Smallbore Rifle Prone Championship, July 2-5, 2026

Sponsored by the SOCORRO GUN CLUB. Range located at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM 3.5 hours north of Albuquerque or 2.5 hours south of Colorado Springs.

We have a club house where targets will be displayed due to generous donations from many shooters.

NRA registered regional match open to all utilizing current NRA prone rules. Entry fee: \$175.00 adults; \$120.00 juniors and collegiate (includes \$15 per day range fee and \$9 NRA fee) for entire four days. Two Day package will be \$100 for adults and \$70 for juniors. Firing begins daily at 9:00, unless there are two relays. If we have 2 relays, firing will start at 08:00. Juniors and collegiate shooters wishing to be eligible for regular match awards may do so by paying the full entry fee. Each competitor will receive a tee shirt.

The daily course of fire will be in the following order: IRON SIGHTS (July 4, 6): Match 1, 9: Dewar course (20 shots, 50 yds, target A23; 20 shots 100 yds, target A-25); Match 2, 10: 100 yds, 40 shots, target A-25); Match 3, 11: 50 meters, 40 shots, target A-26); 1200 aggregate Match 4, 12. ANY SIGHTS (July 5, 7): Match 5, 17: Dewar course (20 shots, 50 yds, target A23; 20 shots 100 yds, target A-25); Match 6, 18: 100 yds, 40 shots, target A-25); Match 7, 19: 50 meters, 40 shots, target A-26), 1200 aggregate Match 8, 16. Iron sight aggregate (2400) Match 18. Any sight aggregate (2400) Match 20. Grand aggregate Match 21 (4800).

Anyone of any age, may elect to shoot scope all 4 days. Scope Class will have its own award pool. Competitors who choose Scope Class only will not be eligible for the Regional Championship.

F-CLASS SHOOTERS: Current NRA F-Class rules will apply in regards to equipment. There will be no classes, categories or division of rifle, unless there are 6 competitors in that class. F-Class shooters will use NRA metric targets (A-51 (reduced for 50 yards) and A-33 (100 yards). F-Class will have its own award pool. F-Class Smallbore is now recognized by the NRA. Competitors who choose F-Class only will be eligible for the F Class Regional Championship.

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Less than 3 competitors in a class will be moved to the next higher class. A High Master class will be used which consists of all supported shooters, distinguished prone rifle shooters, or any shooter who has fired five or more 1200s or 1600s. Please indicate if Hi Master when entering.

CHALLENGES: Rule 16.1 It cost \$2.00 to challenge your score, or another competitor's score. The challenge period for the last match of the day will end at 9am on the following day (Fri, Sat) and 8 am on Sunday. Challenges on Saturday will end 30 minutes after the final scores are posted.

Awards: Cash or merchandise prizes in individual matches. Regional medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The below listed vendors have provided merchandise, which will be awarded as door prizes daily and to the winners in all aggregates. There will be a prize table for the 4800 aggregate on Saturday afternoon after the match in the cafeteria. Winners must be present

to win. Shooters will be allowed to pick their prize from the table in the following order: Grand Aggregate Winner, Second, and Third followed by 1st Hi Master, 1st Master, 1st Expert, 1st SS, 1st Marksman, 1st Open Scope and 1st F Class. (Must have at least three entries in a class for an award, or they will be combined with the next higher class), followed by 2nd Hi Master, 2nd Master, etc. Please support our sponsors and thank them for supporting our match.

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Zia Rifle and Pistol Club
Shooters World Powder
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General information: There will be food available at the cafeteria but not at the range. There will be no food available at the range. Port-A-Pot restrooms are available. For information and entries contact Virginia McLemore, phone 575-835-5521 or email virginia.mclemore@nmt.edu

You must confirm entry at least one week out with your NRA number and classification. Advance entry fees are not required. Entries can be sent to Virginia McLemore, 1219 Hilton Pl, Socorro, NM 87801. Walk-on entries may be accepted up to the capacity of the range, provided they do not require an additional relay.

Camping and competitor housing are available--call 575-445-3615 at the Whittington Center. The range will be open for training on Wednesday for a \$20 range fee, unless you are a member of the Whittington Center club. **The award ceremony will be in the Cafeteria at approximately 2:00 pm on Sunday and lunch will be available for about \$10.**

Motel rooms in north Raton are available with very reasonable rates (\$60 range) and work with match sponsors at the Whittington Center. Contact the Raton Pass at 575 445 3641 or the Budget Host at 575 445 3655 and mention the match or my name. YOU SHOULD MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS Early because rooms will be limited. You can cancel later if need be.

We will have a barbeque TBD. Bring utensils, meat to barbeque, drinks, and something to share for desert or main course. Charcoal and plates will be provided.

THERE WILL BE NO TEAM MATCHES!!

FIRECRACKER WINNERS

2005	Joe Hein	6394-521
2006	Eric Uptagrafft	6397-521
2007	Mike McPhail	6397-545
2008	Shane Barnhart	6398-522
2009	Joe Hein	4800-401
2010	Glen Dubis	4794-398
2011	Lones Wigger	4791-354
2012	Mike Anti	
2013	Katie Bridges	4795-379
2014	Eric Uptagrafft	4792-391
2015	Justin Tracy	4796-391
2016	Nick Mower	4799-414
2017	Glenn Dubis	4797-396
2018	Steve Goff	4795-393
2019	Nick Mower	4796-386
2020	Virginia McLemore	4786-352

2021 Steve Goff 4794-380
2022 Virginia McLemore 4386-316

ENTRY TO THE 2026 FIRECRACKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Name _____

NRA# _____

(NRA Membership NOT required, except for setting a National

Record)

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone# _____ Date of

Birth _____

E-mail Address - PLEASE PRINT legibly!

**Class (Circle one): *Open/High Master Master Expert Sharpshooter
Marksman**

****F-class **Scope Only (All 4 Days - Please circle classification).**

*High Master are Distinguished or a shooter that has fired five or more 1600 or 1200 scores.

**Category (Circle all that apply): Woman Junior Intermediate Junior Sub-
Junior
Senior Grand Senior Collegiate Service**

FEES: (Please circle all that apply)

Adult Four Day Package & Juniors (*Monetary awards)

.....\$175.00

Adult Two Day Package & Juniors * - Thur., Fri., Sat, Sun (Circle two days)

..... \$100.00

Junior and Collegiate Total Package (No monetary awards)

..... \$120.00

Junior & Collegiate Two-Day Package –Thur., Fri., Sat, Sun (Circle two days)

..... \$ 70.00

Total Amount.....\$

T-Shirt (Men's) Size – circle one: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large
XXX-Large

Make check payable to Socorro Junior 4H Gun Club. Print this completed form and mail to:

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