

# RIDGWAY RIFLE CLUB

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## BPCR SILHOUETTE JUNE 2008

### ROSS ARNFIELD MATCH WINNER WITH BRIAN CHILSON 2008 PA. STATE CHAMPION

Ross Arnfield from Lisbon, Ohio was the top aggregate shooter with a score of 98 out of a possible 120. As Ross was not a resident of Pennsylvania he could not be the State Champion. That honor went to Brian Scott Chilson of Nelson, Pa. with a score of 97/120. This is Brian's 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State BPCR Silhouette Championship. Ross did not go home empty handed though as he received a nice trophy and one hundred dollars. Even though this was the Pennsylvania State Championship we had 11 States represented at the match covering the continent from coast to coast.



Kneeling - Brian Chilson & Ross Arnfield

Standing - Steve Maurer, James Dietlein, Steve Decker

The match was held at the Ridgway Rifle Club in Ridgway, Pennsylvania over the June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> weekend. We had a total of 36 competitors for this two day event which was a lower turnout than past years. The drop in attendance can only be attributed to the cost of fuel and maybe one or two souls were not sure of the weather outcome for the weekend.

Contrary to forecasts, the weather wasn't too bad with a couple rain showers over the two days, but nothing to dampen the spirits of the match attendees. The weather prediction was for thunderstorms and severe weather at times but most of this went around our little gathering. The first days match saw pretty consistent wind speed and direction and the higher scores showed as much. The second day started out very similar but by midday the winds started to swirl and made the spotter's job a bit more aggravating in helping out the shooter.

As stated above Ross Arnfield was match winner (98/120) and he also was the match winner for June 28<sup>th</sup> with a score of 50/60. Brian Chilson is the State Champion for 2008 with (97/120) and Brian took match winner for the June 29<sup>th</sup> with a score of 48/60, settled by a shoot-off against Ross Arnfield. James Dietlein was Second Open (94/120) also scoring (49/60) for Second Open for the first day and (45/60) for First Master on the second day. Third Open went to Stephen Maurer (91/120) who also took Second AAA (45/60) on the first day and (46/60) on the second day for First AAA. Chickens still seem to be the deciding factor in match wins. We had a couple attendees who had double digit scores on chickens on the first day. Both Bob Bloyer and Brian Chilson shot 10 chickens. Chicken scores on the second day weren't as high, more than likely attributable to the swirling 10-20 mph winds later in the day.



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It is here that I have to pause a minute and make an apology to all the match attendees. When I got home and started looking through the scores and documentation it is then I noticed I had made an error in scoring the aggregate Master Class. Mike Patterson with a score of (91/120) was First Master and this was not presented correctly at the match. I am in the process of rectifying this and I do surely apologize. Mike also took First Master on day one with a score of 47/60. Second Master was John Whitcomb (90/120) winning a shoot-off against Dave Heeter, and John also took Second Master

on day one (46/60). Dave Heeter won Third Master overall (90/120) with Third Master (45/60) day one and Second Master (45/60) day two.

First AAA went to John Haagen (90/120) and he also scored (47/60) for Third Open on the second day match. John Heeter (88/120) took Second AAA for the aggregate along with Third AAA (44/60) first day and Second AAA (44/60) day two. Marshall Chase (87/120) was Third AAA and also First AAA (46/120) on the first match. Larry Kiehl (64/12) was First AA for the overall Championship and he took First AA on the first and second day with scores of 30/60 and 34/60 respectively. Mark Chronister (62/120) was Second AA and he also scored 28/60 for Second AA on the first day and 34/60 for Third AA on the second day. Third AA for the championship went to Walter Smith (61/120) and Walter also took Second AA on day two.

Gregory Baublitz (55/120) won First A and he also took First A for day one (27/60) and two (28/60). Alfred Aubin Jr. (49/120) took Second A for the championship and Second A for day one (23/60) and two (26/60). Alfred also was our Junior Champion. Albert Ogden (37/120) won Third A and also won third A for day one and two, (19/60) and (18/60) respectively.

First Scope for the championship was decided in a shoot off between Steve Decker (88/120) and Robert Bloyer (88/120) with the championship going to Steve Decker. Steve also took First Scope on the second day of competition with a 48/60. Robert Bloyer took Second Scope for the championship and Bob also won First Scope on day one of the match with a score



Alfred Aubin Jr. & Sr. on the line



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of 48/60. Roger Tremba (86/120) was our Third Scope winner for the championship and he also score Second Scope for the first and second days of the competition with score of 44/60 and 42/60 respectively.

High Team Iron Sights was taken by the Ridgway Rifle Club. Brian Chilson, Dave Heeter and Ross Arnfield had a combined score of 285 hits for a new National Record beating their old score by 20 points that was set back in 2003. They also took the National Record for the 60 Shot course with a score of 144 again beating their old 2005 score by 7 points. High Team Scope was taken by Ridgway Rifle Club. Robert Bloyer, Edward Heeter and Roger Tremba shot a combined score of 258. High Senior for the championship was John Haagen (90/120), High Women was Jodi Decker (65/120) and as stated above Alfred Aubin Jr. took High Junior (49/120).



We had some wonderful prizes donated by many companies and individuals. The Ridgway Rifle Club would like to thank Starline Brass, Montana Vintage Arms, MidwayUSA, SPG, Inc., Kermit Hoke, Dixie Gun Works, Gander Mountain, Wolfe Publishing, Richard McKinnis, John & Becky O'Donnell and Shiloh Sharps for their support of our sport. Their dedication and support to our shooting sport help make it that much more enjoyable for everyone. I would also like to thank all those that helped make this Championship run smoothly over the weekend. Debbie & Brian Chilson along with Al Ogden took care of painting and setting the targets up prior to the match. Brian & Deb also transported the Target Setters to and from the bunkers. Ross Arnfield, Jerry Matalavage and Chuck Malone for calling the relays, Lester Henry, Roger Tremba and others who helped clean and pickup after the matches. Thanks to all of you.

I would like to congratulate all of the winners in the 2008 Pennsylvania State BPCR Silhouette Championship and I hope you all had a wonderful time in Ridgway. Please remember we still have matches on July 27<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, and October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our two day Eastern Regional Match is September 27<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all there and please bring along a friend.

Remember to shoot straight, often and don't forget to involve the younger generation in our shooting sport.

Match Director - John O'Donnell



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2008 Pennsylvania State Championship Winners  
Ridgway Rifle Club BPCR Silhouette

### **NRA Board of Directors Remove Membership Requirements for all NRA Competitive Shooting Activities.**

Action was taken by the NRA Board of Directors to remove the membership requirement to compete in NRA tournaments. This action was taken to open all NRA tournaments to members of all shooting organizations worldwide and the shooting public. NRA rules will change for Competitive Shooting and Law Enforcement Activities Divisions sanctioned tournaments including State Championships, Regional Tournaments, and National Championships. Effective date of this change is July 1, 2008. This decision will enable more people to participate in NRA tournaments and will increase the opportunity for added membership as people become involved in NRA competitive shooting activities.

Starting July 1, 2008 match sponsors will no longer be required to ask for proof of NRA membership for NRA Registered tournaments. On July 1, 2008 NRA rule changes will be made to all NRA online rule books (<http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp>) to reflect the many areas in the rule books related to membership requirements.

Changes will also be posted on the Rule Changes page at <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rulechanges.asp>

Competitors will still need to be an NRA member to set a NRA National Record.

Mike Krei, Director  
NRA Competitive Shooting Division