

## TEAM BRILEY-NIGHTFORCE PROFILE

The mission of the Briley-Nightforce Rifle Team is to promote High Power Rifle Shooting as a fun and relaxing pastime while encouraging participation by men, women and youths to learn how to safely and responsibly compete at all levels. The team is dedicated to instilling a professional and disciplined approach to the activity while promoting a healthy rivalry between members with a priority on safety, open mindedness, good equipment, self control and high spirit. We don't tolerate negativity, bad behavior, harbor ill-will or wish anything but success for our team and fellow competitors.

Briley-Nightforce will ultimately field both F-Open and F-TR teams comprising of the best available talent at any given time drawn from our pool of full time team members and those from our development ranks. Our intention is to focus on the exceptional talent base at PMRPC so that we can train, shoot together, and hone our skills as a team on a consistent basis.

Our immediate competitive goal is to prepare for the upcoming World Championship to be held in Ontario Canada in 2017. In fact, our founding core team members have already competed twice (2015 and 2016) at the Canadian Fullbore Championships in preparation for the match. This provided critical data on the range conditions we can expect for the World Shoot. We planned those two outings to be sacrificial with respect to score, preferring to test different rifles, calibers and other equipment while gathering range and condition data in order to bring our best effort to the World Shoot in 2017. Our team placed second only to the US National team at the US Mid-Range Nationals at Camp Perry in 2014 as well the 2015 Canadian Nationals LUM Team Match, providing us with an excellent gauge on our level of competitiveness and potential.

## **Founding Team Members**



George Rusnak (team captain and assistant coach). George is a keen competitor always in the hunt for more knowledge and better solutions to shooting problems. He is highly organized and a mentor to his fellow team members. George enjoyed almost instant success as a rifle shooter, attaining his High Master ranking in very short order. He competes in both F-TR and F-Open with a unique 308/284 hybrid rifle. The old adage of "beware the man with one gun" applies here.



Frank Holtzhauer (co-captain and assistant coach) has a Phd in Preventive Medicine and finished his career as an Associate Professor in the College of Public Health at Ohio State. He has shot competitively in a myriad of shooting disciplines including numerous trips to Camp Perry CMP rifle matches. A certified NRA three gun instructor, Frank is now focused on F-Class rifle competition. He won the 2015 Ohio State long range championship and the State mid-range in 2013.

Capt. Dave Hachinsky is a retired UPS pilot and a driving force behind Team Briley-Nightforce. He has been competing for many years and is an F-Class High Master. Dave is one of a few shooters to have fired a clean 600 point match on the Port Malabar range (not easy to do). He was also a member of our runner up team at both Camp Perry in 2014 and the 2015 Canadian Nationals.





Paul Liebenberg (Head Coach) is a gun builder by trade, certified multigun instructor and life long competitive shooter. A former member of the South African Practical Pistol Team and professional shooter, he has won titles in handgun, shotgun and rifle competition. Paul won the 2014 National Championship at Camp Perry in FT-R, is a four time Florida State Champion, Carlos Hathcock Long Range Challenge winner and has posted a number of NRA national records.

John Gunter ('The Major') Yup thats him! There's one in every crowd, but failing to take him seriously as a competitor is a grave mistake. A former B-52 pilot and Vietnam Vet, John is an F-Class High Master and the only one on the team who has an individual gold medal from the most recent World Championship. He has competed as a firing member of our Malabar team from inception and has contributed to all our success to this point.





## The Briley-Nightforce Development Team

The Briley-Nightforce
Development Team on
practice day at Port
Malabar: The Team is
made up of enthusiastic
shooters dedicated to
advancing their skills with
an eye on being
promoted to active status
with the 'Gold' team

Our goal isn't to merely gather elite shooters and form a team. We are dedicated to the promotion of F-Class High Power rifle shooting and the nurturing of skilled and enthusiastic talent of all genders, demographics and ability levels. To this end, Briley-Nightforce encourages and trains experienced and newer shooters from the ground up to compete

successfully both individually and in a team environment. This includes all aspects of competition shooting; equipment selection, maintenance, preparation, load development and condition reading. We also devote a significant amount of time on the mental and physical aspects of competition as well as the technical rules and the all important guidelines of good sportsmanship. The team meets once a week for formal training and is monitored on an individual basis as they compete in scheduled matches. There is nothing more rewarding to the coaches in our team than to witness the growth of a raw talent and the progression of that individual.





It's no secret that woman are exceptional shooters. Maria Wolford and Tina Greer are two tough competitors. In fact, Maria (foreground) recently won the Florida State Woman's Championship in just her second full year of competition.

We utilize all of the teaching aides and technology available to us in order to streamline our training regimen. This includes a twenty lane electronic target and scoring system at PMRPC that instantaneously feeds us critical information on the shooters performance, ammunition consistency at terminal distance, shot patterns and group size etc. This negates the need for

pit duty and allows us to focus entirely on the mechanics of wind and mirage calls, shot delivery and performance tracking. The Development Team is where we expect to draw the majority of our 'Gold' and 'Silver' team members that will represent our club, sponsors and supporters at major matches. Requirements for inclusion in the development team is simple; be a member of PMRPC, be available for weekly training sessions, have access to a quality rifle, ammunition and support kit, and above all, be of open mind and possess a level of drive and determination which matches that of the other members and coaches. The Briley-Nightforce team is not a 'clique' or elitist group in any way. Inclusion in the development team program is only limited by our ability to accommodate and safely manage shooters on the firing line. However, all students and shooters are stringently held to high levels of safety and behavioral standards.

## **Team Selection**

A competitive team is not just four shooters and a coach. The unit is reliant on active support from the non-firing members that include a team captain who is responsible for logistics, an assistant coach to back up the wind caller, a plotter, a score keeper, and in the event that pit duty is required, two individuals to fill that function. Who does what on any given 'race day' depends on which shooters out of that group are performing the best on an individual basis at that time. Active shooters are selected at the last minute and no consideration is given to anyone purely on prior successes or reputation. If a shooter is in a slump and another is 'on' then those individuals will be assigned to the most logical functions within the team for that event. Selection of active shooters for an event is at the discretion of the team captain and coach. A proficient four person gun squad needs upward of ten committed individuals in order to be competitive, all equally well trained. A continuous program of shooter and team development, as well as a cross training program, is essential to the success of the team.