

2024 MINI-PALMA TEAM TRYOUT and BENEFIT MATCH

June 2, 2024 9:00 am KEENE, NH

SHOOTERS WANTED

I am looking for High Power Rifle shooters to compete for positions on the Mini-Palma International Shooting Team.

The "Mini-Palma® Match" is a friendly, international, long range/mid-range prone competition between shooters from the New England States and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. The match was started about 47 years ago by the famous American rifleman and gunsmith Creighton Audette and Canadian Al Mutch. The location alternates between New England and the Maritimes. CCSSEF will host the Team Match at Ferry Brook Range in Keene this year.

The Mini-Palma Match will be held on Saturday September 21st with an awards banquet to follow at a local restaurant (TBD). The NH State Mid-Range Championships will follow the Mini-Palma Match on Sunday September 22nd at Ferry Brook Range - a great weekend of shooting.

The Team consists of six prone iron sight sling shooters (Match Rifle) and four F/TR shooters. The tryouts are simple. The course of fire will be 60 rounds for record, and the same as the NRA approved mid-range matches we shoot at 600 yards.

I will be choosing two teams. There will be the Mini-Palma Team and a 10 shooter Good Will Team. The Good Will Team will mirror the Mini-Palma Team and will shoot alongside it. The course of fire will be the same and coaches will be provided. The Good Will Team is invited to join us at the banquet as well. My idea for the Good Will team is to introduce newer shooters to international team shooting and develop a desire to continue international competition.

For those trying out, the only calibers allowed are 5.56/.223 or 7.62/.308. There are no restrictions on bullet weight for F/TR competitors shooting .308. F/TR and Match Rifle competitors shooting .223 must use a bullet no smaller than 69 grains. Target rifle shooters shooting 7.62/.308 are limited to no more than a 156 grain bullet.

Team positions will be determined by score only (no politics). The top 6 Match rifle and top 4 F/TR shooters make up the Mini-Palma Team. The next highest scores will make up the Good Will Team. If there are not enough shooters to make 2 full teams, I may fill those spots by invitation.

(You don't have to be trying out for the team to shoot the match and are not limited to .223 or .308)

The fee for the tryout match is \$30.00 with a portion going to the Mini-Palma Team. Feel free to contact me directly by e-mail (americandesignhomes@gmail.com) or by phone: cell: 603 721-1985

Peter De Santis - Captain New England Mini-Palma® Team