

2025 MINI-PALMA TEAM TRYOUT & BENEFIT MATCHES

June 22nd & July 13th 2025 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 48 years ago by the famous American rifleman and gunsmith Creighton Audette and Canadian Al Mutch. The location alternates between New England and the Maritimes. The Mini-Palma Team Match and the Atlantic Maritime Championships will be held at the Batouche Range in Gagetown, New Brunswick.

The Mini-Palma Match will be held on Monday September 22nd. The Atlantic will be held on September 20th & 21st. This is a great weekend of shooting. There will be a banquet following the Atlantic Match and an awards ceremony following the Mini-Palma match.

Team positions will be determined by score only (no politics). The top 5 Match rifle and top 5 F/TR shooters make up the Mini-Palma Team. The next highest placements 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. There are 2 tryout matches. You can shoot one or both matches. Since the conditions for the matches may vary greatly, it will be your placement in the match that will form the team. (ie: high score gets 1st place second score gets 2nd place etc. the matches will be combined by placement to determine the team) If you shoot both matches, your highest placement will be used.

The Team consists of five prone iron sight sling shooters (Match Rifle) and five F/TR shooters. The course of fire for the tryouts will be 80 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.

(You don't have to be trying out for the team to shoot the matches 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