



NJ Summer Biathlete

2004 marks the 17th year of Summer Biathlon as an organized sport

New Jersey Summer Biathlon

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Welcome to the 2004 Summer Series!

The ANJRPC's Cherry Ridge Range will once again be hosting the NJ Summer Biathlon Series. We hope you can join us for some or all of our races this season! Please see the race application for further details.

Sunday, May 23 – 5K

Saturday, June 19 – 5K

Sunday, July 18 – 5K; Garden State Games

Sunday, September 12 – 8K

Competitors who complete two of the three 5K's plus the 8K this year will be scored for 2004 Series awards. Since these are the only USBA-sanctioned competitions in NJ, the unofficial title of Summer Biathlon NJ State Champion will be awarded to the top finishing NJ resident. Series awards will be presented at our last race of the season, an 8K on Sunday, September 12.



Changes for 2004



Our goal is simple – to host a fun, safe and fair competition for all our participants. Every year we field suggestions from our entrants and attempt to incorporate them into our events. Listed below are the resulting changes that will be implemented this year.

- In order for us to obtain insurance for our event, *every participant must be a USBA member*. We realize that this might be a bit of a financial snag for you, so we have attempted to offset the membership fee with a substantial discount for USBA members. The USBA offers several different types of membership; please see their application on the next page for details. The USBA offers a “member-for-a-day” option that costs \$10.00. We will be offering a \$7.00 per race discount to help offset this fee. If you choose to become a USBA member for the year, the fee is \$25.00; with our \$7.00 / race discount, you end up ahead of the game if you participate in all four of our events this season!
- You **MUST** present a USBA membership card upon packet pick-up on race day in order to participate!! If you wish to pre-register for a race, but are nervous that you might not receive your USBA card in time, simply apply for USBA membership on race day. We will gladly collect all new membership applications and mail them to the USBA for you.
- You must present one form of valid identification to verify NJ residency in order to be eligible for Garden State Games awards and NJSB State Championship awards. We will still be presenting awards to those competitors who are not NJ residents!
- You were sick of seeing the same tee-shirt at all four races!! This year, you will receive a NJSB tee-shirt at your first 2004 event, and then a different item of comparable worth at each of your remaining races. As of this mailing, these items will be a NJSB hat, and a pair of NJSB socks. Our July event will be a Garden State Games event, so you will be receiving a Garden State Games tee-shirt at that event.
- We will not be mailing out unclaimed prizes. If you are unable to stay for the awards ceremony, you may pick up your prize at a later race this season. After September's event, only the personalized, series awards will be mailed out.

Our hope is that these changes will make our events even more enjoyable and safe for you! We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. Please call or e-mail Chris Rogers with any and all questions. We hope you all enjoyed a happy and healthy fall and winter, and we look forward to seeing you at our events this year!

Summer Biathlon Shooting Clinic

Many of our competitors have expressed interest in a clinic that would focus on the marksmanship aspect of Summer Biathlon. Bill Altrath, our NJSB Safety and Familiarization Clinic instructor is also a NRA-certified instructor. The following article was submitted by Bill; please contact him directly for more details.

The time is approaching for our 2004 Summer season, and I've been busy getting the material for the clinic together. I had hoped for an indoor range, but that is not going to be available to us. The final touches for the clinic will be coordinating with the other folks who set the range up at Cherry Ridge the evening before the races, so I'm aiming for May 22, in the afternoon. I know some of you come from pretty far, so I'm sending this note out to you for a couple of reasons. First, I'd like to know if you're still interested. Since you folks expressed a desire to attend, I'm giving you first crack at the class. Second, if there is not enough response, I probably won't have it at this time.

If you know you can make it (depending on the weather), let me know. My e-mail is WRandall@Peoplepc.com. The cost is going to be (I hope) no more than \$8.00. That will include instruction, use of the rifles, safety equipment, and a handout that you can take home with you. Class size is going to be limited to 12 people. I'm holding it down, so that we can provide closer instruction to those who are able to make the date.

The format of the class will be about 30 minutes of instruction, followed by shooting. The fundamentals of shooting, which we don't usually cover in the normal course of race days, will be emphasized. I am confident that after taking this clinic, you are going to be able to knock down all the prone targets, and even a few standing, as long as you employ what the clinic covers.

Looking forward to your responses,

Bill



Scout Signs are UP!

If you know what that means then this message is especially for you!

NJ Summer Biathlon and the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs are happy to offer a first time ever special merit badge event on Saturday afternoon - *June 19, 2004: A Summer Scout Biathlon Run!*

This event is open to all Girl and Boy Scouts of America. It will take place at the ANJRPC's Cherry Ridge Silhouette range on *June 19, 2004 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM*. To be fair to all involved, it is recommended that participants be able to run a 3-mile or 5K distance. An age minimum has been set at 14 and there will be a \$5.00 registration fee. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and will be limited to 50 scouts.

For registration or more information contact Stephen Serna at 4sernas@prodigy.net.

We are in desperate need of more volunteers! We strive to keep our races safe and efficient, but we need more help in order to accomplish this. Perhaps you have a teen who needs community service hours? If you can bring along a friend or family member to volunteer, we would really appreciate it!

2004 Summer Biathlon Schedule

*These dates are valid as of 4-1-2004. Please visit the USBA's Website at www.usbiathlon.org for race updates and additions.

Date	Location	Contact Person	Phone	E-Mail
24-Apr	Nescopeck, PA	Frank Gaval	570-788-4219	barbara@ccomm.com
15-May	Nescopeck, PA	Frank Gaval	570-788-4219	barbara@ccomm.com
23-May	Vernon, NJ	Chris Rogers	908-722-9327	chrispr3@aol.com
19-Jun	Vernon, NJ	Chris Rogers	908-722-9327	chrispr3@aol.com
26-Jun	Bozeman, MT	Steve Martinka	406-3243250	steven.martinka@mt.ngb.army.mil
17-Jul	Altoona, PA	Doug Hoover	814-832-2857	biathlete@aol.com
18-Jul	Vernon, NJ	Chris Rogers	908-722-9327	chrispr3@aol.com
24-Jul	Nescopeck, PA	Frank Gaval	570-788-4219	barbara@ccomm.com
28-Aug	Snow Mtn Ranch, CO	Julia Collins	303-946-5298	info@coloradobiathlon.org
12-Sep	Vernon, NJ	Chris Rogers	908-722-9327	chrispr3@aol.com

Nationals (not confirmed)

3-5 Sep Lake Placid, NY Rick Costanza rtcostanza@adelpia.net

World Team Trials (not confirmed)

23-25 Jul Jericho, VT



Local Accommodations

Please note that these accommodations are merely suggestions, obtained by a simple Internet search. We attempted to find locations that were reasonably close to our events and covered a wide range of price and luxury. Please note that none of these establishments are sponsors of NJ Summer Biathlon, and any feedback from guests of these establishments would be greatly appreciated.

Minerals Resort & Spa at Crystal Springs

2 Chamonix Drive and Route 94
Vernon, NJ 07462
www.crystalgolfresort.com

Alpine Haus Bed & Breakfast Inn

217 Route 94
Vernon, NJ 07462
www.alpinehausbb.com

Mountain Creek Ski and Waterpark Resort

200 State Route 94
Vernon, NJ 07462
www.mountaincreek.com

Days Inn Vernon

15 Route 94
McAfee, NJ 07428
www.daysinn.com

Appalachian Motel

367 Route 94
Vernon, NJ 07462

The Legends, a Divi Resort

Route 517
McAfee, NJ 07428