



CMP State Directors

Bryon Hahn

Hometown: Humboldt, SD

Bryon Hahn is the South Dakota CMP State Jr Director and has held that position since 2003. Bryon grew up in South Dakota and has been an avid hunter and target shooter since he was a child. He was a member of the SD Army National Guard from 1980 – 1986 where he really found an interest in target shooting. He became involved in the JC BB gun program in 1994 and became the coach for that program in 1995. Around that time he established the Humboldt Sharpshooters Junior program and expanded the BB gun program from just a JC program to 4H shooting sports, American Legion shooting program, and Junior Olympics program. Bryon is a NRA/USA Shooting Level 3 Advanced Certified Rifle Coach and a Level 1 Certified Pistol Coach.

The Humboldt Sharpshooters BB gun team won 1st Place in the JC state match in 2001 and went to their first National Junior Olympic BB gun match in Colorado Springs, CO, that summer. What a learning experience that was for Bryon, the team, and the other coaches. The Humboldt Sharpshooters expanded into sporter air rifle, air pistol, and some smallbore shooting at that time. Bryon continued coaching the Humboldt Sharpshooters and in 2003 took a BB gun team and a sporter air rifle team to Wilmington, North Carolina. At that match, his son, Andrew Hahn, won the sporter air rifle match and became the 2003 National USA Shooting Junior Olympic Champion. The sporter air rifle team took the silver medal at that match as well.

Over the next several years, Bryon led the sporter air rifle team and the precision 3-position team to many state and national championships at Bowling Green, KY, Anniston, AL, Port Clinton, OH, and Colorado Springs, CO. Bryon also coached Andrew as he took a silver medal at the Montgomery Bell Academy 3-position match in 2004 in Nashville, TN. Bryon coached several other outstanding air rifle shooters that qualified for the National USA Shooting Rifle matches in international air rifle and 3-position smallbore rifle shooting.

The highlight of his coaching career has been to coach 4 South Dakota shooters who received college scholarships in rifle. This included Andrew Hahn to the University of Memphis, Dempster Christenson and Shelby Freeman to the University of Nevada at Reno, and Jordan Jensen to the University of Tennessee at Martin. Other shooters have been offered partial college scholarships for rifle programs but chose not to attend those universities. Dempster Christenson is currently a resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

Bryon has actively promoted Junior shooting sports in South Dakota to various clubs and organizations. He has partnered with 4H leaders, SD Shooting Sports leaders, American Legion Posts, Jr ROTC units, and other organizations and was instrumental in arranging CMP air rifle camps in South Dakota as well. Bryon also continues to shoot competitively in the tri-state shooting league and various state rifle matches as well as trap and skeet shooting.

Bryon has been married for 30 years to his wife, Dawn, and manages two businesses; Hahn Welding & Service and Red Rooster Retrievers. Their son, Andrew, and his beautiful wife, Jenna live in Memphis, and their daughter, Kristina, lives at home.