

what the airgun manufacturer might have that would interest a service rifle shooter.

Mark DeBoard and Scott Pilkington were there with a new, AR-type air rifle. Their design differs considerably from the Anschütz-based model that we have seen recently in the Creedmoor Sports catalogue and is a completely different take on the idea of what an AR-type air rifle should be.

In the Crosman version, everything is contained within the upper receiver so that the user simply swaps it onto their lower. The advantage gained, of course is that the user is practicing with the same trigger that he will use in competition. Production models are slated for sale late in 2011, and will feature Walther barrels, a compressed-air system, and an air stripper for increased accuracy. At a projected price point of \$750.00, I think Crosman may have a winner here, especially now that CMP has started hosting National Match Air Rifle events.

### THE CARBINE MATCH

Call me crazy, but out of all of the CMP Games events, I like this one the most. Maybe it's because the shape and feel are so much like the AR, or maybe it's because there is a special challenge to shooting such a lightweight rifle with a relatively heavy trigger and an almost unusable sling. In reality, it might just be because it's the only match at Camp Perry where you can sleep in, stop by a restaurant for breakfast, shoot the match, and still eat lunch before 1:00 o'clock, a big plus after three straight days of early mornings in a different time zone.

Just for something different, I had brought a carbine produced by the jukebox-maker Rock-Ola, a ri-

fle that I knew shot as well as the IBM I used last year. I was pleased as well as surprised when my last five sighters formed a tight knot in the bottom of the X and 10-rings. The sighting period lasts for a very long ten minutes, so if your sighters are going where they should, you'll probably be finished well before the sighting period expires. Then, there is the usual three-minute prep period before it's time to fire your ten record shots, which is supposed to be done in five minutes.

I didn't get set up quite the same when it was time for record-fire, so my first couple of shots strayed out of the 10-ring...quite a ways out, actually. That made my record target score slightly less than the practice target had. Did I mention that there was a challenge to this particular game?

The rapid-fire stages went well as did the standing, even though I was hampered by the loss of the upper half of my scope stand. It's a bit awkward to check your standing shots when your scope is only 24 inches off the ground.

John Butcher won the Carbine Match, firing a 371-6X, the only

person to break the 370-barrier that day.

### INFANTRY TROPHY

The results of this match over the past couple of years have been interesting, to say the least. A win by a junior team in 2009 and an almost total shutout of the military teams for the top five places in both 2009 and 2010 were big surprises, so there was a lot at stake this year.

Conditions for the first relays seemed almost perfect with good lighting and light winds, yet scores for those early relays were surprisingly low. As the wind picked up scores actually rose, so perhaps experience was the deciding factor for those later relays.

The US Army Marksmanship Unit's Team Praslick took top honors with a 1352, and in second place was the All Guard's Team Shoaf with an 1161. Civilian teams, including 2009's overall winner, the California Grizzlies Junior Team, took the next five places, proving that there is a lot of talent residing

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*The movable tower at center-line is such a permanent feature that you kind of wonder how they did it back in 1907.*