

California State As-Issued Service Rifle Championship

On **April 22d**, Carmel Gun Club will conduct the California State As-Issued Service Rifle Championship. I know that is 4 weeks away, but I just wanted to send out a "save the date" announcement and give you an overview of the match.

The terms "**As-Issued**", "**GSM**", or "**GSMM**" are used interchangeably by the CMP to describe this series of matches using, and this is the key term, **as-issued** service rifles. These are rifles that would have been issued to US and foreign armies beginning from just before the start of the 20th century through today. They fall into four categories.

Garand - "US Caliber .30 M1" to be more precise. Sorry, no NM mods, or .308 variants. WWII and Korean War-era M1s chambered in .30-06 only.

Springfield - As issued M1903 or M1903A3.

Vintage Military - A catch all for other US and foreign military rifles. .30-40 Krag, M1917 "Enfield", 98K Mauser, Moison-Nagant, Swiss K31 (without diopter) are examples of the rifles competing in this category. No semi-autos. We have one K31 without diopter for free loan.

Modern Military - Again, as-issued M14/M1A, M16/AR15. No match triggers, but they can be fitted with limited optical sites.

If you say, "I'm shooting a Krag. How can I possibly compete against an AR?" The answer is you don't! This is really four matches in one. Shooters in each of the above categories are only competing against other shooters in the same category. I have attached the pertinent pages from the CMP 2023 rule book governing as-issued service rifle matches.

We will be firing the **As-Issued Rifle Course A**. This is a 30-round match, plus 5 sighters. The strings of fire are detailed in the attached file.

7.5 Swiss and .30-06 ammunition will be available for sale to participants for use in the match.

VERY nice CMP medals will be awarded to the 1st and 2d place finishers in each category.

See you on April 22!!

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