



2001 State Championship

3 Position Air Rifle

Tom Lowe Shooting Grounds *Olympic Complex*
Atlanta, Georgia



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Dear State Championship Participants:

Only a small percentage of athletes and coaches earn the opportunity to compete for a state championship in any sport. We hope this will always be special to you. You should have lasting pride of your accomplishments this season.

What a big season this has been as scores continue to increase dramatically. Harder work and dedication has paid off for many. Some schools have upgraded to better equipment. The equipment itself certainly helps but the big thing it does is to raise performance expectations - the athletes and coaches then work to meet these expectations. The desire for excellence continues to rise.

The Georgia High School Association State Rifle Championships are a big job to stage as a quality shooting championship. Thank you to all the staff volunteers who helped, especially to Al Williams, Duane Tallman and Bill Wayda for their advance work in preparing for today. Thank you always to Ms. Joyce Kay, GHSA Associate Executive Director, for her work with our sport all year.

We have "the finest junior shooting competition in the Country" wrote Gary Anderson last year. Gary is known throughout the shooting world for his lifetime of achievements and contributions to our sport - as a two time Olympic Gold Medalist, international athlete, instructor, official and program organizer. We should be proud. Much of our success could not have been possible without the unwavering support of Mr. Tommy Guillebeau, the Executive Director of the Georgia High School Association. He has stood firm for us and supported us - from our 1991 organization of 22 schools through growth and many improvements to what we have this year.

Thank you Mr. Guillebeau. We wish you the greatest of enjoyment in your retirement.

Larry Pendergrass
Director