MDRGC Center Fire Benchrest Match. December 5, 2014 by Jim Latham (revised)

I imagine most of you across Canada have been forced to shut down for the winter but Sunday we had an 8 degree day with no precipitation so we were able to have another solid match. We had 12 shooters including a new comer to this discipline, Ray Parkin, who shoots BR50 with several of us. We did not score him since he had several equipment issues but I think we will have him back.

Most of us were shooting the equipment we have had for a while and which were described in our last month's event with one very cool exception. Frank Oblak completed a rifle for his wife Sonya. It is a 6BR 12 twist on a Savage action and has a very light Kelbly stock. The barrel was made by Frank completely (he rifles his own) and Frank did all the gunsmithing on it. For the first time out this rifle shot very well, as did Sonya as you can see from the results. This was very much Frank's day, winning the aggregate by a significant margin with his 30BR. Mark Dumont and Art Harder, (despite Art being under the weather) tied at 100 yards with 209's but Mark gets first place having shot the better first target. But at 200 Frank's exceptional wind reading skills (he is a champion F class long range shooter) left us all way back. It was nice to see both Len and Bill shoot a couple of very fine targets as well. Most of the rest of us shot okay/so so/awful/bloody awful (choose one) but not exceptionally to say the least, especially at 200 yards.

Lots of thanks are deserved for the great cooperation with the target setting and retrieving. Art soldiered on leading that with Len Grinnell, Frank Oblak, and Sam Parrotta providing assistance and Sue Parrotta looked after the scoring. Joe ran the matches quickly as always. All that allowed us to finish shortly after 11:00 and head to Mission Springs Brewing Company for our 2014 windup luncheon. It was a very solid year with numbers of shooters regularly filling all of almost all of our 12 benches such that the Executive has approved a full range closure for the mornings of our monthly matches next year and our two major events noted below.

The prospects for 2015 look bright and I am reminding folks to check the website if you are interested in joining us http://www.missionrodandgun.com/rifle/benchrest. In particular we will host two major events next year: **The First Annual Fraser Valley Group Shoot on May 3rd which will be a HV Match at 100 and 200 yards and our Third Annual VFS Fraser Valley Championship on July 5th. Both events are limited to 24 shooters and we expect to achieve that. Registration information will be available 6 weeks prior to each event.**

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and that Santa brings you something very nice, preferably of the guns and ammo variety.

2014		Monthly Match											
		5-Dec-14	100	100	100	100	100	200	200	200		Place	Place
			T1	T2	T3	T4	Agg (100)	T5	T6	Agg (200)	Grand Ag	BR	SP/Fac
	BR or	Possible Score	55	55	55	55	220	110	110	220	440		
Bench	Fac/SP	Name											
1	Fac Sp	Ray Parkin											2
2	Fac Sp	Mike Boyce	45	46	45	47	183	76	91	167	350		1
3	BR	Jim Latham	50	50	53	52	205	99	95	194	399	4	
4	BR	Bill Crosby	49	49	52	50	200	99	98	197	397	6	
5	BR	Wally McDonald	48	47	50	49	194	94	97	191	385	10	
6	BR	Art Harder	52	53	50	54	209	100	99	199	408	2	
7	BR	Len Grinnell	53	51	51	48	203	95	93	188	391	8	
8	BR	Sam Parrotta	50	49	50	51	200	100	95	195	395	7	
9	BR	Frank Oblak	52	52	52	52	208	104	101	205	413	1	
10	BR	Sonya Oblak	47	51	54	50	202	92	92	184	386	9	
11	BR	Joe Mendham	53	49	52	50	204	101	92	193	397	5	
12	BR	Mark Dumont	53	51	54	51	209	97	96	193	402	3	