

**Mission and District Center Fire Benchrest Match: February 1, 2015. By Jim Latham**

After cancelling the January match due to anticipated nasty road conditions (which turned out to be a gross exaggeration) there was a pent up desire to shoot among our group and we had a full house, plus one, so we are going to have to plan for the possibility of two relays in the future. Our thanks to John de Best who helped out instead of shooting. The week had been glorious with some days reaching well into the teens and sunny, but of course Sunday turned out cold, wet and windy. That deterred no one and everyone who committed to attend was there. We decided that since we are planning to host a "major" group match in May, we need to start practicing that discipline as well, so we shot four group targets and followed with four VFS targets, all at 100 yards. Joe Mendham only shot group, scoring that while we shot VFS so we would not be there all afternoon waiting to see how we did. Scoring Group takes much longer than scoring VFS. So thanks for doing that Joe. Of course he won the Group as we expected!

And speaking of special thanks, after two full years of running the target set up and takedown, Art Harder has done yeoman service and deserves a break, and starting next match we will be assigning that job on a rotation basis. Many folks helped in one way or another like Sue, Len, John, Frank, Sam, etc. It takes preparation, planning, coordination and volunteer help to have 13 shooters complete 40 score rounds between 9:00 and 11:15 AM and be in the warm clubhouse by 11:30. We are efficient, maybe more so when it is miserable!

The conditions were challenging. There was a lot of rain and the winds were strong enough at times, especially later, to have the ribbons at about 50 degrees and as usual with Mission, due to the combination of switching and berms, they were not easy to read. The usual direction was from about 4 o'clock but that switched once in a while to about 8 o'clock. That would have been okay but many times the flags were showing both directions at the same time, but not consistently across the range. This was a time where watching your own flags and those around was very important. Some of us got it right much of the time and everyone got it some of the time, but nobody got it right all of the time.

Ray Parkin, who just joined us in the factory class, and actually shot handloads for the first time, did very well, winning both VFS and Group. And Mark Dumont, one of a few of our folks with considerable lathe skills shot his new toy very well, fire forming yet, his 30 ARX, 30 Major, it has a couple of names. It's made from the 6.5 Grendel necked up to 30 caliber and is much like the 100 yard group record caliber set by Mike Stinnett in 2013. If you are interested in that story, here is one link: <http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2013/09/best-group-ever-michael-stinnetts-0077-five-shot-group/>

Next Match will be Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not put the dates for 2015 into your calendar yet we are the first Sunday of every month and we have two Special Match planned for 2105, our First Annual HV Group Match at 100 and 200 yards on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and our Third Annual VFS Match on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Both will be full one day Matches and will be limited to 24 shooters (two relays). For information on all the Mission Activities check out our website; we are a very big club supporting many disciplines. <http://www.missionrodandgun.com/>

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**Benchrest Scores**

**Date 1 Feb. 2015**

		BR	100 yd						100 yd					
		or	FVS						Group					
#	Name	Fact	1	2	3	4	Total	Position	1	2	3	4	Agg.	Position
Bench														
max			55	55	55	55	220							
0	Mike Boyce	fact	46	50	49	48	193	3 Fact	0.671	0.635	1.106	0.817	0.8072	3 Fact
1	Ray Parkin	fact	51	50	48	52	201	1 Fact	0.675	0.582	0.501	0.850	0.6520	1 Fact
2	Paul Koivukoski	fact	49	49	50	50	198	2 Fact	0.549	0.618	0.820	0.785	0.6930	2 Fact
3	Jim Latham	BR	53	54	54	53	214	1 BR	0.342	0.314	0.205	0.390	0.3127	2 BR
4	Wally McDonald	BR	49	46	51	47	193	8 BR	0.380	0.284	0.712	1.250	0.6565	9 BR
5	Bill Crosby	BR	50	52	48	51	201	5 BR	0.400	0.575	0.450	0.618	0.5107	8 BR
6	Len Grinnell	BR	DNF				0		DNF					
7	Art Harder	BR	52	50	49	53	204	4 BR	0.272	0.454	0.424	0.490	0.4100	5 BR
8	Frank Oblak	BR	52	51	53	54	210	2 BR	0.394	0.447	0.346	0.368	0.3887	4 BR
9	Sonya Oblak	BR	51	49	49	48	197	7 BR	0.576	0.629	0.494	0.216	0.4662	7 BR
10	Sam Parrotta	BR	50	51	51	46	198	6 BR	0.427	0.466	0.384	0.408	0.4216	6 BR
11	Joe Mendham	BR	DNF				0		0.494	0.320	0.228	0.178	0.3050	1 BR
12	Mark Dumont	BR	50	51	51	53	205	3 BR	0.412	0.347	0.348	0.400	0.3767	3 BR