

June 14, 2015 Mission Monthly Center Fire VFS Benchrest Match: (by Jim Latham)

After the fabulous turnout of 23 shooters for our First Annual BRSC Group shoot last month we did not expect a large turnout for this match and that was the case. Lots of folks are on holidays or are shooting gophers or their new barrels are not yet installed. Maybe they were resting up in preparation for our next big match, the Third Annual VFS Fraser Valley Championship which will be held July 5th. But the seven of us had a very good time, mostly. We agreed that the day was a very big challenge and that if you like challenges, this was super fun....

So our course of fire was about preparation for the conditions we think are most likely to occur for that match where we will be shooting at 100, 200 and 300. Since we have shot a lot at 100, we focused on 200 and 300 yard distances since they are the ones that are real challenges when conditions become difficult at Mission. Today lived up to those expectations. Even at 200 yards it was incredibly difficult to see bullet holes due to the mirage. And that was exacerbated by the constantly swirling winds that are so common at Mission. We had several sets of flags out and often they were indicating completely different directions and velocities. Clean targets were totally rare. Mark shot two 100's at 200. That was it; no one else shot a clean target all day.

We welcomed a newcomer to the group, Dave Holbrook, who has a 6BR with a Krieger 30 inch barrel that shoots very well indeed. Now that he has the idea of timing we expect his scores will give us fits next time. Even today he placed 3rd at 300 yards. Gordon Dale has his factory Savage shooting exceptionally well and was right in the mix with the bench guns. And Joe entertained us with his offset scope in order to use his better left eye. I told him he should just sell me his dynamite rifle and go lefty but I could not convince him of that... As you can see from the results everyone had some decent targets but also some less wonderful. In the end Mark Dumont won 200, Art Harder won 200 over Joe. Mendham with the same score but Arts' first target was best, and Mark and Art tied for the Agg but Mark gets the nod for having the better first target.

The Third Annual VFS Fraser Valley Championship will be held July 5' 2015. We have room for a couple of spaces available before we reach our capacity of 24. Connect with me if you are interested.

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Bench #	Name	BR or FACT	200		200 rank	300				300 rank	Grand Agg	O/A Position in Class	
	Target		T1	T2		T3	T4	T5	T6				
	(im)Possible		110	110	220		55	55	55	55	220	440	
5	Art Harder	BR	97	100	197	2	48	49	49	47	193	390	2
6	Dave Holbrook	BR	89	86	175	6	50	47	47	48	192	367	6
7	Jim Latham	BR	95	96	191	4	47	49	46	47	189	380	4
8	Gord Dale	Fact	99	98	197	1	49	45	42	46	182	379	1
9	Sam Parrotta	BR	92	90	182	5	47	44	45	43	179	361	7
10	Joe Mendham	BR	96	97	193	3	46	47	51	49	193	386	3
11	Mark Dumont	BR	100	100	200	1	47	50	45	48	190	390	1