

**MDRGC Center Fire Benchrest VFS Match August 3, 2014: Report by Jim Latham**

Following our successful 22 competitor Second Annual Fraser Valley VFS Championship last month and knowing that several of our regular competitors were in events elsewhere and we were in the middle of a holiday weekend with fabulous summer weather, we really did not expect a large turnout, so we were pleasantly surprised to find ourselves with nine shooters. As an incentive I mentioned that I was giving out the Championship prizes and that I would keep for myself the ones for folks who did not show. Well that worked. Len Grinnell and Lowell Boyd came for the match, did not shoot, stayed the whole time but made sure they got their prizes! Neither of these guys needs a thing in the way of benchrest stuff, but that is how you get all this stuff; you never miss a chance to stack the pile higher! And it is always great to have them with us of course; both are among our best storytellers.

New to the center fire group but a regular at BR50, Mark Dumont joined us. He acquired his CF benchrest equipment from Bob Lehman just two week ago, and immediately showed us he was going to be a very serious competitor. His Aggregate placed him in first place! There is a saying if you want to win in this game you do have to have the best of equipment, but knowing how to shoot it helps a lot too! And right behind him only one point behind was a tie between Art Harder and Joe Mendham. Indeed they too have the best of equipment and both are very serious shooters.

I heard a few complaints about the tough time the 6ppc have against the 30 BR's (especially at our FV Championship which was pretty much dominated by 30 BR's) but this time four 6ppc's (Wally was the 4<sup>th</sup>) beat yours truly with the only 30BR. While I did okay at 100, the particular forte of the 30 BR, I shot the worst targets of my life at 200 and simply could not get anything to work. I shot up a pile of sighters. When I got home and set my gun on the cleaning stand and looked at it, wondering what I could get for it on the market before I took my axe to it, I found my scope had almost completely slid off the Davidson blocks, hanging on by about 1/4" and I could slide it back and forth. I am guessing two more shots and that \$1300 45X would have been on the floor in bits. I wonder if Leopold's fabulous guarantee covers absolute carelessness. So I retorqued the screws and apologized to my beautiful BAT. I hope I am forgiven.

This time we had 3 factory competitors and it was close match among them. John's .308 just squeaked at 100. Paul was second with his 6BR and Mel was third with is 22-250 Perfect progression based on bullet diameter... but at 200 it was all 6BR.

**We do not have September Match while MDRGC opens the range for Hunters to sight in for their season so our next Match is October 5<sup>th</sup> and we have a change planned. We will shoot four 100 yard group targets and Four 200 Yard VFS Targets so we still need shooters to bring 40 rounds plus sighters (unless you load at the range of course!**

**2014 MDRGC CF Benchrest Monthly VFS Match 3-Aug-14**

		100	100	100	100	100	200	200	200		Place BR	Place SP/F
Bench	Shooter	T1	T2	T3	T4	Agg (100)	T5	T6	Agg (200)	Grand Ag		
	Possible Score	55	55	55	55	220	110	110	220	440		
4	Bill Crosby	50	49	42	49	190	90	92	182	372	6 (F class)	
3	de Best, John (F)	49	45	46	49	189	83	86	169	358		3
5	Harder, Art	53	51	51	51	206	97	100	197	403	2 tie	
6	Koivukoski, Paul (F)	43	48	47	49	187	93	96	189	376		1
7	McDonald, Wally	51	49	50	51	201	97	100	197	398	4	
9	Mel McIntosh	46	46	48	43	183	90	90	180	363		2
10	Joe Mendham	50	52	51	50	203	99	101	200	403	2 tie	
8	Mark Dumont	53	51	52	51	207	97	100	197	404	1	
11	Jim Latham	51	52	49	52	204	89	91	180	384	5	