

## MDRGC Center Fire Benchrest New Years Match: January 5, 2014

Well it was not as cold as our 2013 Wrap Up in December, but it was minus 3 when we started so several folks were shooting with gloves on, including yours truly. We had another stove adventure; this time it was locked up when we got there, but Lowell Boyd and I made short work of the chain, hack sawing it in about 8 seconds. Would it be prejudicial to suggest that the chain was not made in Canada but somewhere west of BC? Anyway we got that stoked up and several impromptu gatherings occurred around it during the morning and I saw more than one doing some sort of hand jive to warm their fingers. We wondered why it was locked up. After two days of searching for the answer it was determined today that the chap who kindly cuts the wood and stacks it was concerned how quickly it was disappearing. It was a good reminder to all that there is a lot of volunteering that goes on in a club this large and we often forget to appreciate that. So thank you George!! And thank you Sue Parrotta who swept the complete firing line by the end of our day, and it needed it! And indeed it is always great to see how everyone chips in to do all the work that is needed for our matches- Art Harder and Frank Oblak for setting targets, Sam Parrotta for bringing the targets back, Sue for getting them ready for scoring, Joe for running the matches, and everyone keeping an eye on me and offering assistance. Wally McDonald helped me load everything so we were all able to go for coffee together. Camaraderie is a big part of shooting and certainly a big reason why we enjoy ourselves so much.

Eight shooters made up our contingent. Newcomer to our group was Marshall Ambrose, who many in Canada and the US know as an F class shooter but more that he is a custom bullet maker. As you will see below, Marshall acquitted himself very well with his F class 6BR using a bipod. The remaining seven are the hard core of our Mission shooters, the folks who manage to make almost every match. It was great to see Wally McDonald back after his very nasty car accident a couple of months ago. It took him a bit of time to get back into it but his 4 th 100 yard target was right on the money. The switch to 200 caught him with scope issues. Lowell had the same issues- he went back to one of those tiny long external adjustment scopes that are pretty ancient these days and struggled with it all day. Frank was struggling with bullet seating issues and also was not able to score as usual. Sam was consistent again- every 100 yard score was 51! Joe Mendham always shoots well and was third in the 100 and first in the 200. Yours truly managed to win the 100 and was second to Joe in the 200. My "Big Bullets" compensated for my skill level at 100, but at 200 that advantage is far less and Joe's skills were demonstrated again. Art had no competition in the Factory Class but regardless which factory rifles show up, it is very tough to beat him and his beautiful SAKO 6ppc, despite having a barrel with at least 6000 rounds through it. It was great to see that we have a caterer again so we were able to enjoy coffee and stories in the Clubhouse.

## The February Match is Sunday February 2 with set up at 8:00 AM, Matches at 9

### MDRGC Center Fire Benchrest Score Sheet

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Bench	Name		100 YD					200 Yd						
#			1	2	3	4	100 Agg.	1	2	200 Ag			Grand Agg	position
	MAX Possible		55	55	55	55	220	110	110	220			440	
		Class												
5	Jim Latham	BR	55	54	54	55	218	101	99	200			418	1 BR
6	Sam Parrotta	BR	51	51	51	51	204	99	97	196			400	4 BR
7	Lowell Boyd	BR			49		49							
8	Joe Mendham	BR	52	53	51	50	206	100	103	203			409	2 BR
9	Frank Oblak	BR	48	50	48	49	195	97	98	195			390	5 BR
10	Art Harder	FAC	52	48	50	50	200	99	93	192			392	1 Fac
11	Marshall Ambrose	F CI	54	52	50	54	210	99	99	198			408	3 BR
12	Wally McDonald	BR	40	43	39	49	171							