

MDRGC Center Fire Benchrest VFS Match March 30, 2014)

Well after being forced to cancel the march 2nd Match due to snow and very slippery roads there was a bit of a pent up need for a match, particularly with the next one being the **May 4th Second Annual Fraser Valley VFS Championship**. So we had 11 shooters show up for the match. Since this was to be the last match before the Championship we decided to shoot at all three ranges. We have shot a great deal at 100 yards so we shot only two score targets, 10 score shots in total. For 200 we shot a single target but put three shots into each bull for 15 score shots, and did the same at 300 yards. We learned a few things today about the challenges of putting all the targets up in one go when there is about to be a torrential rainstorm and that saving money on targets by shooting 3 shots at a bull makes scoring a real challenge. You would not think that at 300 especially, shots would not be on top of one another. Well several were. Adding that they were soaked did not help. So the scoring today should be taken with a grain of salt as they say..... except for first overall aggregate.....

It was a delight to see Sunshine coaster Robert Finlay join us again after a long absence with his beautiful rifle he stocked himself and a newcomer from Victoria, Adam Erickson took the ferry over last night and joined us. These are dedicated folks to come so far and we hope they had a good time. Everyone seemed to have a story or something new to share. This was the first time we had seen Paul's 6ppc, and the first time he has competed with it, a rifle that had seen many years of service before Paul managed to get his hands on it. Adam's rifle was probably the best tactical rifle we have seen so far and he acquitted himself very well using a bipod. When I was scoring Frank's target I noticed the holes were way bigger than normal and he too is now 30 BR'ing it. Joe tried his 30 BR for the first time as well and is still forming brass. By next match, look out. Sam had trigger problems when some pesky power bits fell in but Marshall Ambrose is always prepared and had a compressed air can and Joe was able to make a quick dismantle of Sam's gun which used to be Joe's, and cleaned it all out. Back to the line and Sam smoked us all at 100 yards. I managed to have a very good 200 yard target and Marshall Ambrose beat us all at 300 where his beautiful F Class rifle just starts to get into its own. Art just keeps shooting that factory SAKO to remarkable scores, especially at 100 yards where only Sam beat him outright. Lowell had completely changed his rifle, scope and mounts and found everything too far off to do anything with. Fortunately Lowell is a master machinist and can make the stuff he needs. Wally got a great start to his day but the rain really affected visibility and it hurt his scoring as the day wore on.

A reminder to all to plan for our big match of the year, The Second Annual Fraser Valley VFS Championship which will be held on Sunday May 4th. Last year we had 23 shooters from the Valley, Campbell River and our American neighbours. We will have lots of prizes again and a full day of shooting. Full details are on Benchrest. Ca and we hope you may be able to join us. Please Register ASAP

MDRGC Center Fire Benchrest Score Sheet

Date **March
30,2014**

			100		200	300			
			1	2	100 Agg.	3	4	Grand Agg.	Position
Bench	Name	BR or							
#	Possible	FACT	55	55	110	165	165	440	in Class
2	Jim Latham	BR	51	50	101	159	144	404	1 BR
3	Adam Erickson	Fact	51	47	98	140	131	369	2 Factory
4	Joe Mendham	BR	52	51	103	151	139	393	4 BR
5	Art Harder	Fact	50	54	104	142	141	387	1 Factory
6	Lowell Boyd	BR							
7	Wally McDonald	BR	51	46	97	144	118	359	7 BR
8	Paul Koivukoski	BR	48	48	96	147	113	356	8 BR
9	Frank Oblak	BR	53	50	103	151	148	402	2 BR
10	Marshall Ambrose	BR	49	52	101	150	149	400	3 BR
11	Sam Parrotta	BR	52	54	106	148	133	387	6 BR
12	Robert Finley	BR	49	50	99	144	146	389	5 BR

