

MRRGC Center Fire Benchrest Monthly Match: March 1, 2015 (by Jim Latham)

Another spring day in the Fraser Valley (sorry Torontonians, etc.) with mostly sun, and gentle but tricky winds as usual. For the second match in a row, we had a full house of one complete relay of 12 shooters. Wondering how we would manage if we required a second relay, which could happen anytime it seems, we tried using the van to speed up target changing, but our stalwart and numerous volunteers wanted to use this opportunity for exercise so we went shanks bare but I carried targets out and back in the van. Once back to the covered line many chipped in to remove targets, organize for scoring, etc. Overall result was that we were completely finished shooting, packed up, and on our way to the Clubhouse by 11:00 AM, the quickest we have managed to date. What a Team!!

As usual, results were mixed but everyone had some fine targets, especially in the 100 meter portion. The high scoring was capped by Bob Hampton shooting one perfect 100 meter target. By the 200 sessions the wind had picked up a bit and clean targets were challenging to get. Although Bob did not win 200, his lead at 100 gave him the match win. Congratulations Bob; it was nice to have you back. Ray Parkin was a bit lonesome in the factory class but that gave him a clean sweep of the match, but we all know it is much more fun when the competition is close. There were several ties that had to be broken and overall many folks had very close results. Clearly the competition is tightening in up which always makes shooting/bragging/excusing more animated! That is why we do this, right?

A week ago we did an impromptu clinic focusing on wind reading and set up that five were able to attend, and I think in the main those who could come did a little better on those aspects, or at least we would like to think so. Most of us realize the biggest issue is insufficient practice. But now with the weather improving and Daylight Saving beginning next week perhaps we can all get out a bit more often.

Our next match will be Sunday, April 5th, which is in the middle of Easter Weekend so we hope folks will be able to attend. You can tell spouses that we promise to get you home early enough to help with the celebration dinner preparation. **That match will focus on shooting Group at 100 and 200** since it is on **Sunday May 3rd** that we will be hosting the **First Annual Fraser Valley Group Shooting Championship, a Heavy Varmint one day event at 100 and 200 yards that we hope will continue for years to come. It has been a long time since a “reasonably formal” group match has been held in the Fraser Valley. A formal application form will be posted soon.**

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Score Sheet

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Bench	Name	Class	100					200					Agg.	Position
			FVS					FVS						
		Factory	T1	T2	T3	T4	100 M Total	100 M Rank	T5	T6	200 M Total	200 M Rank	Total	Over all
		Possible	55	55	55	55	220		110	110	220		440	
1	Ray Parkin	Factory	51	50	49	46	196	1 Fac	90	89	179	1 Fac	375	1 Fact
2	Jim Latham	BR	54	53	50	51	208	3	99	103	202	1	410	2
3	Frank Oblak	BR	52	51	53	51	207	5	96	97	193	7	400	7
4	Bill Crosby	BR	45	51	54	53	203	11	92	95	187	10	390	10
5	Len Grinnell	BR	47	34	46	46	173	10	88	69	157	11	330	11
6	Art Harder	BR	54	51	54	49	208	4	95	104	199	4	407	4
7	Wally McDonald	BR	50	49	52	51	202	9	95	96	191	9	393	9
8	Sonya Oblak	BR	53	50	50	49	202	8	93	99	192	8	394	8
9	Joe Mendham	BR	52	51	52	51	206	7	101	100	201	2	407	5
10	Sam Parrotta	BR	52	52	51	51	206	6	96	98	194	6	400	6
11	Bob Hampton	BR	51	55	54	54	214	1	99	98	197	5	411	1
12	Mark Dumont	BR	53	53	53	52	211	2	99	100	199	3	410	3