

Mission & District Rod & Gun Club Centre Fire Benchrest Match- December 6, 2015 (by Jim Latham)

Well it took until the end of the year, and with a special invitation last month “So you want to try Benchrest” that led us to the first time for monthly club matches to require two relays. With 12 benches and 15 shooters signed, we broke them into two relays, one with 8 the other 7, and were completed by exactly 12:00 Noon, when our exclusive use of the range ends. As usual, everyone cooperated with the tasks at hand, especially the target team of Sonya and Frank Oblak, and Joe Mendham’s relentless pursuit of keeping everything on time. The Parrottas led the target stripping and frame rebuilding and Art Harder and Joe scored when they were not shooting. We had wondered if we could accomplish two relays by noon. It seems we could and we did. Thanks all.

What I particularly like about this situation for the future is that since we do have 12 benches and a club range closure until noon, we can expand by several more shooters and still finish by noon. So if you know someone who just might be interested let them know, and get them to connect with me.

Weather was anticipated to be quite a bit worse than it was; about 7 degrees, there was very little rain, and very little wind. The Oblaks lit up our huge drum wood furnace and we were almost toasty. Thankfully the very high winds predicted for the afternoon did not materialize early. Newcomer Tony Debauda joined me to try out a new rifle just built for the Campbell River long range match, a 6BR on an early Hart action. We did not compete, but got enough information to know this will be a good combination, and Tony got a good taste of benchrest. I don’t think we scared him away, but another Italian to join the Parrottas..... we may have to start setting limits.....Joe was also trying out a new rifle, a potential “starter” for a new member that looks really positive as well. Everyone else shot their usual, but results were not quite as usual.....

We finished by 12:00 with Sue cleaning up the range by then, so we were able to leave quickly and headed to the Mission Springs Brewery for our annual Christmas and year end windup. Not all the shooters made it, but a couple of the party animals who did not shoot turned up (John debest and Michael Boyce); saying a party is not to be missed and we were glad to see them both. **We are not holding a January Match so our next one will be February 7th.**

2015	CF BR	Monthly Match														
		6-Dec-15	100	100	100	100	100	100	200	200	200	200		POS	POS	
			T1	T2	T3	T4	Agg (100)	Pos	T5	T6	Agg (200)	Pos	Grand Ag	BR	SP/Fac	
	BR or	Possible Score	55	55	55	55	220		110	110	220		440			
rel	Fac/SP	Name					0									
9b	Fac Sp	Ray Parkin	46	47	49	50	192	1	92	77	169	3	361			2
10a	Fac Sp	Gary Fowler	42	35	46	45	168	3	89	84	173	2	341			3
12b	Fac Sp	Vlad Kahle	49	44	41	49	183	2	85	94	179	1	362			1
11a	BR	Paul Koivukoski	47	47	49	48	191	9	95	100	195	7 tie	386	8		
5a	BR	Jim Latham					0	dnf			0	dnf	0	dnf		
12a	BR	Pete Talas	49	50	49	46	194	8 tie	94	94	188	9	382		9	
8a	BR	Wally McDonald	52	51	52	54	209	2 tie	99	100	199	3	408		3	
9a	BR	Art Harder	52	53	51	53	209	2 tie	100	98	198	5 tie	407	4tie		
8b	BR	Sam Parrotta	52	53	52	51	208	4 tie	98	97	195	7 tie	403	6tie		
7b	BR	Frank Oblak	51	50	51	51	203	7	101	99	200	2	403	6tie		
7a	BR	Sonya Oblak	52	51	52	53	208	4 tie	99	100	199	3	407	4tie		
6a	BR	Joe Mendham	46	49	51	48	194	8 tie			0	dnf	194	dnf		
11b	BR	Mark Dumont	52	54	54	53	213	1	101	97	198	5 tie	411		1	
6b	BR	Dave Holbrook	51	52	51	52	206	6	101	102	203	1	409		2	
5b	BR	Tony Debauda					0	dnf			0	dnf	0	dnf		

Merry Christmas all and we hope 2016 is a fine year for everyone.