

**MDRGC BR50 Match Report August 23, 2014 (by Jim Latham)**

Our August match enjoyed another solid turnout of 13. Range Master Dave Harris and Mentor/Guru Bob Goehring set everything up as usual, but Bob did not shoot. Bob is hoping to shoot the September Match which changes everything of course since he usually trounces us all.

So we did have quite a battle to see who was first and for some reason the order of placement was really quite different from last month with the same shooters basically. That could partly be conditions which were about as benign as we get at Mission, particularly for the first relay. The wind came from about 8:00 but was extremely light; wind tails never got beyond about 15 degrees from vertical and there were no wind shifts. Temperature was in the low 20's as we enter the dog days of a great summer. Last time the winds were diabolical and the really seasoned shooters did better than.

Leading the way with the factory sporters once again was Ray Parkin. Following the match there was some discussion and clarification on what constitutes the Benchrest Class (which under ARA rules is unlimited in terms of rifle, scope, weight and rests). We further clarified that Sporter Class (which we see as entry level is for sporter rifles which are allowed to use a bipod and any scope) changing to using a two piece bag rest or one piece rest moves the rifle into the Benchrest Class (unlimited) which is very competitive and more expensive since in order to do well there a lot specialized equipment is pretty much mandatory to post competitive scores. It seems it is an all of nothing decision that has to be made if you have a sporting rifle. The best bet is to watch CGN and Benchrest. Ca. there are always a few suitable rifles for slae.

In the Unlimited Benchrest Class Art Harder was the winner and his targets progressed as the match continued. He did not have enough time to really season his barrel after a very thorough cleaning and felt a lesson had been learned. It did not detract that much from his scores. I did the same thing but my cleaning was much more mild- despite shooting about 20 foulers and sighters I need a few more to get going well. In the best Target category and despite his recent cleaning, Art managed a 1925 which was best for T1, Gord Park shot an excellent 2125 for T2, and I managed a 1900 for T3 and followed that with a 2200 for T4, my best score target so far. I credit that will a few things, advice from Bob to really concentrate on follow through, a very accurate tuner setting (using OCW techniques for the final setting on a good lot of Eley Match, a Farley rest I am getting used to married to a Mini Gator rear bag, and a bit of luck, maybe a lot of luck!

I was very impressed with the some of our relative newcomers and encouraged them to continue the battle. When I started 3 years ago I was usually last or near the bottom of the order too; this business takes a lot of practice to get decent scores!

Dave and Bob have the organization down so pat now, combined with member assistance with set up and cleanup, we are now scored and having coffee or breakfast in the clubhouse and telling tales by 11:30 AM... Now that is performance. Thanks to all for the great co-operation.

For those of you who live in the Fraser Valley who may wish to join our group please check out the Website. We are a competitive sharing group. Our goal is to help everyone shoot better so the competition improves. Contacts are listed. Next Match is September 27.. Call ahead since we preset relays.

<http://www.missionrodandgun.com/rifle/22benchrest>

Rel 1			BR or						TARGET	BR	Sptr
#	Name	Rifle	sporter	T1	T2	T3	T4	AGG	Average	OA	OA
	Max Possible			2500	2500	2500	2500	10000	2500		
7	Mel McIntosh	BSA Martini Int.	BR	1900	2025	1775	1900	7600	1900	4	
3	Nev Beddome	Anschutz 2013	BR	1250	1675	1435	1750	6110	1527.5	11	
2	Dave Harris	Walther RB	BR	1785	1875	1650	1925	7235	1808.75	8	
8	Gord Park	Swindlehurst	BR	1875	<b>2125</b>	1775	1900	7675	1918.75	3	
4	Man Kay Koon	Anschutz 1710	BR	1610	1495	1510	1600	6215	1553.75	10	
6	Art Harder	Anschutz 54 BR	BR	<b>1925</b>	1975	1850	2025	7775	1943.75	1	
5	Jim Latham	Anschutz 54 Cu	BR	1825	1800	<b>1900</b>	<b>2200</b>	7725	1931.25	2	
1	Paul Koivukoski	MU 12	BR	1725	1835	1725	2075	7360	1840	5	
Rel 2											
#	Name	Rifle									
13	Tim Peters	Anschutz 1710	SP	1225	1180	1480	1595	5480	1370		2
10	Gord Dale	Walther K200	BR	1775	1600	2000	1950	7325	1831.25	6	
11	Ray Parkin	Anschutz 1710	SP	1660	1510	1875	1550	6595	1648.75		1
9	Mark Dumont	Anschutz 54 C	BR	1850	1975	1675	1775	7275	1818.75	7	
14	Ray Drope	Anschutz 1710	SP	660	1165	845	900	3570	892.5		4
12	Jules Dufault	Anschutz 54	BR	1635	1735	1810	1900	7080	1770	9	
15	Russ Fawcush	Anschutz 64	SP	1110	840	1220	870	4040	1010		3
	BEST TARGET		one	1925	Art Harder						
			two		2125	Gord Park					
			three			1900	Jim Latham				
			four				2200	J. Latham			