

Benchrest Bounces Back at Mission Rod and Gun Club

Joe Mendham and Jim Latham were pleased with their 8 member shooter turnout for their first Center Fire Benchrest Match, Sunday March 11, despite the weather being cold, nasty and raining with a little hail throw in for good measure on this first morning of Daylight Savings. The 8:30 meeting was really 7:30 but spirits were high regardless. Mel McIntosh had keys to get the drum barrel wood fire going so we soon warmed up.

In addition to eight shooters three members came to observe what was happening and two of them are intending to compete with us. A further two sent regrets for this match. So the next match looks promising.

The course of fire for this match was five 100 yard Hunter score targets. Following the match and scoring most of us were able to go the clubhouse for coffee lunch and lies. The coffee was good, the lunch excellent and the lies hilarious.

Despite the weather, changing wind conditions, several folks shooting BR for the first time, and some factory rifles thrown in with pure Varmint Benchrest rifles, excellent scores were achieved. Although no awards were given, the Best Complaint Award would have gone to Bob Goehring who took 4 targets to get his custom varminter sighted in. When he did, he shot a 50. So next time we will have to watch out for Bob!

Our sincere thanks to Chris Johb and the Executive for the support and publicity, and to those who braved the weather for this first match. We welcome newcomers and if more information is wanted please contact Jim Latham at lathamconsult@telus.net.

Next match is planned for Sunday April 8, meeting at the Rifle Range at 8:30. Match commencing at 9:00, completing at 11:30 with Coffee and Lies to follow at the Clubhouse.

| Name | Rifle Class | Target 1 | Target 2 | Target 3 | Target 4 | Target 5 | Aggregate | Position |
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| Mel McIntosh | factory | 46 | 49 | 49 | 48 | 49 | 242 | 1 |
| Paul Koivukoski | factory | 45 | 45 | 48 | 44 | 40 | 222 | 2 |
| Travis Kienas | factory | 38 | 33 | 23 | 30 | 28 | 152 | 3 |
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| Bob Goehring | custom | 42 | 37 | 38 | 43 | 50 | 210 | 1 |
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| Joe Mendham | benchrest | 52 | 50 | 53 | 53 | 49 | 257 | 1 |
| Chris Klumpp | benchrest | 51 | 48 | 52 | 50 | 52 | 253 | 2 |
| Jim Latham | benchrest | 50 | 51 | 50 | 46 | 49 | 246 | 3 |
| Lowell Boyd | benchrest | 47 | 46 | 52 | 50 | 48 | 243 | 4 |