

Center Fire Benchrest Match – July 14, 2013 at Mission Rod and Gun Club:

It was another very fine summer morning for our July Monthly Match. There were the usual Mission summer conditions; warm with relatively light winds but constantly changing and with some mirage.

The highlight of this match was the fact we had three shooters join us for the first time but all of whom are experienced competitors. Two locals, Len Grinnell and Bill Cosby were joined by Aubrey White who now hails all the way from Osoyoos. We really appreciated their involvement and they made up for the fact that several of our regulars could not make this match. Their equipment was very interesting- full custom F Class rifles in 30 BR. In addition Robert Finnigan also made the match coming from the Sunshine Coast. He brought his 6BR with an incredibly beautiful cedar stock he built himself. We are looking forward to reciprocating at the Sunshine Coast range which we have seen pictures of- a beautiful 12 bench 300 meter arrangement. Our guests shot well indeed but unfortunately Bill had equipment problems.

In the match we had a first; someone had a higher score than Joe. Aubrey really showed what a 30BR can do by his winning score of 264. The wider .30 cal bullet makes a difference in best edge scoring and is the reason why in Varmint for Score matches worldwide the 30BR is now used almost exclusively. A few use 30ppc and still fewer continue with 6ppc, which still does win some matches.

For the final (6th) target we had a 100 yard 5 shoot group and this was won by Rob Finnigan who shot a small heart shaped group we estimated was a bit less than .2. Wally had a nice smile shaped group so we gave him the prize for the “happiest group”. The rest of us could not manage to keep the shots in one hole. We all got caught out by a gust or two.

Our regulars had mixed results this match. Sam is showing real consistency having only one target in the 40's. Lowell had some of the best targets he has shot in a while capping is with a 53. Art managed one 52 but the barrel on his factory SAKO has a round count perhaps as high as 5000. Joe was consistent as usual with every target being 50 or more. And as usual I had some wind reading issues, particularly with target 2.

We are becoming more efficient and had completed the match by 11:00 so there was more time for coffee and stories which is always an important part of the day. Special thanks go to our target replacement team led by Art Harder and scoring and target management by Sue Parrotta that really sped things up.

Please feel free to pass this summary on to anyone you think may be interested.

Next Club Match will be on Sunday August 11, 2014. Try to make this one as we miss a month during weekend Hunting Rifle Sight In. Registration 8:30 AM. Match at 9:00-11:30, \$5 fee for members; \$20 for Guests.

Name	Rifle Class	Cal.	Tar 1-100	Tar 2-100	Tar 3-100	Tar 4-100	Tar 5-100	Agg.		Position In Class
A Relay										
Jim Latham	benchrest	6ppc	51	45	51	48	51	247		5-br
Wally McDonald	benchrest	6ppc	45	44	47	50	45	231		8-br
Aubrey White	benchrest	30 BR	53	53	52	54	52	264		1-br
Len Grinnell	benchrest	30 BR	48	50	48	50	45	241		6-br
Bill Cosby	benchrest	30 BR	DNF						equipment	
Robert Finnigan	benchrest	6BR	51	49	50	50	52	252		3-br
Sam Parrotta	benchrest	6ppc	53	51	50	47	50	251		4-br
Joe Mendham	benchrest	6ppc	52	50	53	52	53	260		2-br
Lowell Boyd	benchrest	6ppc	44	53	47	48	49	241		7-br
Art Harder	factory	6ppc	46	49	45	48	52	240		1-fac

For those of you wondering about the scores over 50 per target, we score the pencil dot center as an 11 rather than counting as X rings so a 55 would be a perfect target and 275 would be a perfect 5 target Match.