

Smithmoor Friends and Shooters,

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This past Friday, August 16th, Smithmoor Range hosted the 2019 Wyoming State 22 BPCRA Silhouette Championship. Among the 35 entries were the current National Scope Champion (Ty Rice), the current National Iron Sight Champion (myself) the current National Women's Champion (Coralee Smith), multiple time past national champions (Jack Odor and Brad Rice) and a whole host of other really excellent rifleman. I am telling you this not to brag (although I have to admit it does make me pretty proud) but to help illustrate the magnitude of what follows. We are very proud to announce that the 2019 Wyoming State 22 BPCRA Championship was won by a very fine young man named Cole Sauer. Cole just so happens to be 12 years old. He stepped to the line and stood tall among the grown men and women. Don't think for a minute this was a fluke, we let Cole win, or that he is somehow super gifted. Although a talented young man, Cole rose the level of winning a state championship through hard work and determination. He started in A class, and through a lot of practice, goal setting, happiness and frustration, he now enjoyed the thrill of winning a state championship. Great shooting Cole! We are all so proud of you. Cole's win also reminds me of one of the reasons why I love our shooting sport. Everyone is equal when they step to the line. It doesn't matter age, financial standing, education, or past wins, at the beginning of the match we all start at the same spot. If you want to win, you have to earn it.

The news of Cole's win was pretty exciting, but there were a lot of other good things that happened as well. We had shooters come from a long ways to our humble range out on the prairie, as well as most of our usual guys. Alabama, Georgia, California, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania were all represented. It was warm and breezy and made for some challenging shooting. Momma Lorraine and Dad made some super boneless pork ribs for lunch, along with home made cole slaw, chocolate zucchini cake, and my favorite, Dad's Cowboy beans. Yahooo was it ever good! We also had a variety of donuts, banana bread, lemon blueberry bread, and apple muffins for a morning snack. Thank you for all of the wonderful food!

Dick Hennebry was our A class state champ for the last time with a 25. Dick will be moving to AA class with his iron sight rifle next match. He's a master shooter in scope, but re-learning to shoot irons has him starting all over. John Madden shot an excellent 29 to be the AA State Champion, just edging out Cole's brother Chase by one point. I suspect both these guys will be moving to AAA soon. Things really got exciting in AAA and Master. AAA saw a tie with 32's between Greg Bybee and Tom Reed. They shot off on turkeys and Tom killed all five with Greg dropping his last one. It was fun to watch! Great shooting Tom! He was awfully proud of his Allwayz Manufacturing Tattered Flag AA Wyoming State Champ plaque.

Master Class saw Cole and Coralee tying with 34's and a four way tie for second with 32's! Wow! Talk about some competitive shooting! Cole and Coralee shot off on chickens for the Overall Champion position. Coralee has been working hard and really shooting well lately. She smacked 6 chickens, which as we all know, doing that under the stress of a match is pretty

impressive. They went for best of 5 on the first go around and tied, then went sudden death. They tied the first round, then the second, then Cole smacked a chicken and Coralee was unable to answer, leaving Cole with the High Overall and Coralee with Champion Master Class! For second place Brian Haffey, Mark Pachares, Bryan Youngberg, and Robert Kiernan all came to the chicken line and went best of five. It was settled in one round with Robert Kiernan coming out on top for 2nd place, Mark Pachares for 3rd, Brian Haffey for 4th, and Bryan Youngberg for 5th. I LOVE shootoffs! Great shooting everyone!

Our new grand master class had 5 entries and I am sure will be growing based on the shooting we saw in master class. We had a three way tie here too with 33's. We went best of 5 and I came out on top, Ty Rice earned second, and Jim Rodebaugh third. I think it makes the matches extra fun when they are this competitive and we have to settle it with shootoffs.

I hope all of our shooters understand that none of our efforts here at Smithmoor would be possible without all of the very generous donations and supporters we have. I thought we had a super bunch of awards and prizes for our winners that were donated by a great bunch of sponsors. Allwayz Manufacturing in Pine Bluffs (allwayzmfg.com) made the super tattered flags that the winners took home. I think they are a really cool, different kind of award that will hopefully hold a special place on these guy's award shelf. Montana Vintage Arms (montanavintagearms.com) is a premier maker of sights, scopes, actions, and a variety of other high quality products and is a fervent supporter of ours. Most of us know Buffalo Arms (buffaloarms.com) all too well as it is the go to place for almost anything we need for our shooting. They are a most generous sponsor and an excellent business to purchase from. Wyoming Sight Drifter (wyomingsightdrifter.com) is our ol' work horse that I can always depend on for anything we need for our matches. Hamburger for the meals, labor on the range, drifters for prizes, you name it and Steve helps out. For anyone that might not know about the sight drifters, check out his website. No range box or work bench should be without one. These guys were the big ones, but there were lots of others that all helped out too, and they are all appreciated just as much. Please remember them when you go to make purchases.

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Keep your gun clean and your knife sharp, my friends,
Cody Smith

Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Grand Master 34-40

Jack Odor 4 10 8 9 31

Brad Rice 6 9 9 8 32

Tyrell Rice 5 10 8 10 33 2nd

Jim Rodebaugh 4 10 10 9 33

Cody Smith 4 10 10 9 33 1st

Master 31-33

Brian Haffey 3 10 9 10 32 4th

Bill Acklin 4 8 9 8 29

Steve Anderson 5 9 9 6 29

Mark Pachares 3 10 9 10 32 3rd

Coralee Smith 6 10 8 10 34 1st

Cecil Sauer 2 10 9 10 31

Robert Garibay 0 9 9 10 28

Richard Bement 2 10 9 7 28

Kenny Wasserberger 1 10 8 9 28

Bryan Youngberg 4 10 9 9 32 5th

Gary Smith 3 10 8 8 31

Travis Purdum 3 8 6 7 24

Cole Sauer 5 10 10 9 34 MW

Robert Kiernan 5 10 9 8 32 2nd

AA 21-25

John Madden 2 10 8 9 29 1st

Chase Sauer 1 10 8 9 28 2nd

David Heintz 3 7 6 6 22

Ethan Purdum 2 8 8 5 23

A 16-20

Brian Mallin 0 10 7 2 19 2nd

Keith Kelly 1 6 5 1 13

Dick Hennebry 2 6 8 9 25 1st

Jeff Dierkson 2 9 2 5 18

AAA 26-30

Mike Venard 1 10 7 6 24

David Swenson 3 9 6 9 27 3rd

Tom Reed 5 10 7 10 32 1st

Joe Kapler 4 10 5 7 26 4th

Jeff Woodring 1 10 5 9 7 25

John Brooker 0 9 5 7 21

Greg Bybee 4 10 9 9 32 2nd

Sam Chopping 2 5 7 10 24