

January 22 BPCRA

Fellow shooters,

We were again blessed with great weather this month! The temperatures ranged from the mid thirties to the mid forties, but there was almost no wind all day. We had the fire burning hot in the shed so whenever shooters became a little chilled, a visit to the stove warmed them. We had a great turnout with 22 shooters making it out to contest their shooting skills. The day was nice enough that a quick survey of a few shooters resulted in the decision to add the fifth target to the mix and shoot from outside the shed on the concrete. It ended up being a good decision. The fifth target is a 100 yard Wyoming Schuetzen Union German Ring paper target. It is shot prone or sitting from the sticks and is fired after the pigs and before the turkeys in the rotation. After getting a good sight setting on an 8 inch black gong hanging next to the target, shooters go for score and attempt to put 10 rounds into a 3/4" 25 ring. It is tough to do, let me tell you! There were several good scores shot this month, but Joe Kapler prevailed with a 241. What makes this even more impressive is that due to a back injury, Joe shoots from the sitting position. Good Shooting Joe!

Here at Cody's Shooting shed, we do not normally break the scope shooters and the iron sight shooters into different classes. The matches are relatively small and breaking the groups apart would result in classes with only one or two shooters. I have also not seen a large difference in scores between the irons and scopes and didn't really think it mattered too much with the 22's. As the morning started however, I was doubting my theory. The berms had a little patchwork of snow on them and there were snow banks below the rails. This made target visibility tough, especially on the rams and especially with iron sights. A couple of shooters were unfortunately really at a disadvantage. As the day went on, the scores didn't seem affected as much as I was worried they were going to be and the visibility improved. Travis Purdum and Mark Pachares suffered some severely poor target visibility with their open sights, but both pulled through with respectable scores. Travis shot a great 32 this month, but he is using his 52 Winchester so he was excluded from the awards. Jimmie Sommerfield of Post Oak Guns is re-barreling a beautiful Ballard for Travis and he hopes to have it soon. Until then, we are glad he comes to shoot with us using his trusty old 52.

Our very own multi-talented International Man of Mystery, Michael Rix volunteered to bring the main course for lunch yesterday. He brought a super ham and bean soup. I thought it was great and judging by the lack of leftovers, everyone else did too. I am not sure it rated quite as high as his apple pies he brought in November, but it was still pretty darn good. Thank you Michael! Coralee whipped up a couple of rhubarb deserts and some cornbread, Jim Rodebaugh brought some super green chile cornbread and a big plate of cookies, and Tom Reed brought a big box of mint chocolate cookies, and someone brought a plate of banana bread. It was quite the spread! I also wanted to be sure and thank Dick, JD, and Walt Farmer for always being available and willing to help with setting up. Mark Pachares came early to help this month as well. He and his daughter ended up shoveling all of the targets out of the snow banks and getting them set up. Steve Anderson also was the first to jump up to help me retrieve and set up the target stand for the paper target. There is a lot that goes into putting

on our matches and I couldn't do it without all of the super help. I always smile that everyone of our shooters find their own way to help out and support the matches. Thank you!!

This month I managed six chickens to secure the Match Winner award. I didn't shoot particularly well on the lay downs, but I made it up on chickens. It kind of reminds me of the the old phrase about living by the sword and dying by the sword. Dick Hennebry shot well again this month with a 31 to earn 1st Master. Dick has really stepped up his game this past year and we seem to see him continually in the winners circle. He had to sneak out a little early so we missed him in the award ceremony and the pictures. Something about tickets to the symphony and his wife not ever letting him shoot again if he missed it.... We understood for sure. Joe Kapler was our high AAA shooter again this month with a 28. My Dad, Gary Smith was very pleased to be high AA class with a 23, and Jerry Zang shot a 25 to be high A class, just edging out Weston Rix by one. Another couple of good matches and we will see Jerry and Weston Moving up to AA class. Good shooting this month! As most of you know, nothing pleases me more than to see folks having fun and shooting well on our ranges. I am not sure if folks were enjoying the nice day, or if there was just something in the air, but the match enjoyed an especially lively mood this month. No one seemed to be safe from the constant ribbing and jousting from fellow shooters and there was seldom a moment when laughter was not heard.

Some big news this month is competitor and Smithmoor Supporter Steve Anderson has gotten his new business enterprise off the ground. His first batch of Wyoming Sight Drifters were manufactured in December. They are ready for shipment! Buffalo Arms and Montana Vintage Arms is carrying them, and you can buy them direct from Steve. We also have a few here at Smithmoor for sale if one of our shooters would like one. I firmly believe every shooter's box should have one in it. Steve has been an adamant supporter of Smithmoor Range and is sponsoring our matches. Bryan Youngberg also graciously donated some very nice and very needed rifle racks to be used at the big bore range. They are super and will be put to good use during the Rocky Mountain Regional 22 BPCR Match in June. Thank you Bryan! What a blessing it is to have Bryan's talents and generosity within our group and to be able to count him as a friend. I can't say enough how much we appreciate all the support we have received from Bryan, Steve, and a many other folks.

Hopefully everyone has seen the Smithmoor Calendar I put out on email and on the Facebook page. If not, please let me know and I will send you a copy. Of note on it is the schedule change for next month. The 22 match will be held the THIRD (3RD!) Saturday in February and there is not a big bore match planned for February. We will see how the weather plays out this week for the big bore match next Saturday, and there is a historic target rifle match planned for the 28th. Also, we are starting to plan for our 22 Spring Finale in April, so keep that in mind. The biggest news is we are planning a two day Spring Big Bore Championship Memorial Weekend. Plans are coming together, but we are hoping to make it a great match. Keep an eye out for a match flyer soon. Also, the Rocky Mountain Regional 22 BPCR Match is pretty well full with a short waiting list. If you are thinking of trying to get in contact Dick Hennebry. This early on, there is sure to be a cancellation or two so don't be

afraid to get on the waiting list.

take care,

Cody Smith

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Versatile Ag Systems Well Service, Cody and Gary Smith Family

Shooter Paper Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Master

Jack Odor 227 1 8 8 8 25

Dick Hennebry 239 3 9 10 9 31 1st Master

Cody Smith 236 6 9 10 8 33 MW

Michael Rix 239 3 10 9 8 30

Jim Rodebaugh 236 3 7 10 10 30

Bryan Youngberg 238 2 10 9 10 31

Mark Pachares 229 3 10 7 7 27

AAA

Coralee Smith 226 1 8 7 7 23

Tom Reed 178 1 7 10 7 25

Travis Purdum (modern gun) 235 3 10 10 9 32

Joe Kapler 241 0 9 10 9 28 1st AAA and High Paper

Tom Wengh 230 0 8 9 4 21

JD Farmer 0 10 9 7 26

AA

Dick Farmer 1 10 6 2 19

Gary Smith 213 4 7 8 4 23 1st AA

Steve Anderson 217 2 8 4 4 18

Greg Bybee 182 3 8 2 1 14

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Weston Rix 226 0 10 6 8 24

Walt Farmer 0 8 5 8 21

Jerry Zang 205 0 10 9 6 25 1st A

Mary Zang 215 1 7 5 7 20

Ceph Jones 0 8 8 8 24

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Fellow Shooters,

Saturday's match went well. The wind made things a little tough, but it didn't end up blowing as hard as I was worried it was going to. I think the wind peaked at about 30 mph. We were able to put weights on the target stands and they stayed up. Because of the wind we decided to shoot 100 yard targets at 100 yards. These German Ring targets have a 3/4" 25 ring and successively smaller 3/8" rings out to 10, instead of the 1 1/2" 25 ring and 3/4" successive rings on the normal German Ring target. We had the fire burning hot and we were able to stay relatively comfortable even with the outdoor temperature in the 20's.

Five riflemen braved the weather to shoot. We shot two 10 shot bench targets and two 10 shot offhand targets. Encouraging news is we had a couple of new shooters this month. Jim Rodebaugh fired his first schuetzen style match with his CPA in 32-20 CPA. Jim has some bugs to work out, but I am sure will be back with a vengeance. Travis Purdum also fired his first full center fire schuetzen style match. He was using his brand new to him Schuetzen High Wall in 32-40. We had a bit of a challenge getting brass and a breach seater to work, but we did figure it out and I am sure we will see Travis's scores improve as he gets used to his new gun. Travis's Dad, Dave Purdum, was also there for the entire match and tried out the schuetzen rifle a bit himself. Maybe we will get him hooked? Jim "Jimbo" Terry made it over from Saratoga for his first match at Smithmoor. He and his friend Laura were welcome additions to the match and hopefully we see them again sometime. Jim was shooting his Ballard 22 long rifle. Dad, Gary, shot his Stevens 44 1/2 in 28-30 and I was using my trusty schuetzen Highwall in 32-40.

Coralee and Momma Lorraine made my favorite chicken and sliders soup with homemade whole wheat bread and a pan of super frosted chocolate brownies. We took a break from shooting to enjoy the lunch. Steve Anderson of "Wyoming Sight Drifter" fame must have smelled lunch cooking and he stopped by to see what these Historic Target Rifle Matches were all about. We will keep working on him and maybe he will enter up sometime. Thanks for stopping by Steve and for all of your support for our matches! We are planning on holding these on the fourth Saturdays of the month as often as we can. We hope to see you on February 25th, if not sooner.

take care, Cody Smith

Shooter Bench #1 Bench #2 Bench Total Offhand #1 Offhand #2 Offhand Total Agg Total

Cody Smith 244 237 481 208 217 425 906

Travis Purdum 231 226 457 162 152 314 771

Gary Smith 210 219 429 No offhand

Jim Rodebaugh 220 220 440 191 195 386 826

Jim Terry 215 216 431 143 0 143 574

No January BPCR match report