

Fellow Shooters,

Ten riflemen were able to make it out to shoot on one of the nicest days of the year. I was pleased with the turnout as October 15 is pretty well right in the middle of hunting season in Wyoming and Colorado. Several of our regulars were out hunting and we wish them good luck! The weather was absolutely phenomenal for October yesterday. The entire morning there was absolutely no mirage. Several people commented on how amazingly clear they could see the bullet strikes. One squad witnessed a half bullet hit on rams and reportedly could clearly see it. I thought for sure the wind was going to come up and make shooting really tough, but it stayed gentle. It was switchy and tricky but not hard, thank goodness.

We took a short break to enjoy the wonderful lunch that Momma Lorraine brought out. Fresh, homemade cabbage burgers, fruit salad, tea, and cream cheese pumpkin cupcakes were on the menu. As usual it was pretty darn good. Several shooters have remarked that shooting was a side item, they come for the food! Thanks for the great cooking Mom. Not long after the match started, I got a call from some neighbors that the fence was down and some cows were out. Super woman, Coralee, and her trusty sidekick dog Zippy went to the rescue putting in the cows and fixing the fence while toting around three kids. Because of this we didn't get to see her at the match and no pictures were taken. Thanks Coralee for taking care of business so we can play.

Hayden Farmer came up 3rd in the Second half class yesterday. Good shooting Hayden! They have had a busy summer and we hadn't seen the Farmers for a while. I am glad it worked out they could come, we had missed them this summer! Dick Hennebry and Dad have been neck and neck the last couple of months for the winner of the Second Half Class. This month Dad prevailed by reverse animal count. He shot four chickens! This is the first time Dad has been able to win at any of our matches. Good Job Dad! He was elated and everyone was glad to see him do well. One of the most pleased to see him win was his spotter and competitor Dick. This sport always amazes watching so many of these shooters shoot a good score, then turn right around the next relay and do everything thing they can to help their fellow shooter beat them. Talk about a great bunch of folks and what a blessing it is to call so many of them friends.

JD Farmer shot a 23 to be 2nd in the 1st Half Class, while Michael Rix shot a good score of 29 to edge me out for match winner by one. I had a good score going and then fell apart on my last animal, the rams. Arg....at least I know what I need to work on. Michael and his spotter Lee Wolff did a super job on the turkeys. There were some really tricky and switchy winds going on when

he shot them. I think every shot required a windage sight change. It was truly a feat and that 10 in a row pin was hard earned. Speaking of good shooting, it was actually one year ago during the October match in 2015 that Michael Rix set our range record score of 32. It has been tough to beat!

We have had several very generous donations lately and we can't tell you how much we appreciate them. Although Dad and I have put a lot of effort into our range, we couldn't do it without all of the great folks shooting and donating to our facility. Besides the obvious value of the financial help, the moral support and encouragement statement it makes telling us we are doing the right thing is unspeakable. Thank you all very much! Our dream of making Smithmoor Range one of the finest silhouette ranges in the country is truly a group effort.

News for this month includes the construction of the firing line covering should start soon. It should be done in time for our November match. It is going to be great and we are really excited about it. Barring any bad weather, we will be shooting at Watkins on November 5th and back here at Smithmoor on November 19th. Also, the first match of our 22 BPCR Winter Series will start on November 12th. These will run on the second Saturdays of the month, November through April. We are also planning a Historic Target Rifle match on November 19th. We will be shooting the American Standard Target so we can compare our scores to those that were shot around the turn of the century. If anyone has any interest, please contact me for the full run down.

Take care and I hope to see you out on the range,
Cody Smith

Shooter Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Michael Rix 1 10 10 8 29 MW

Cody Smith 7 10 7 4 28 1st

JD Farmer 1 9 6 7 23 2nd

Lee Wolff 1 9 5 5 20

Joe Kapler 1 9 3 3 16

Gary Smith 4 8 4 5 21 1st Second Half

Hayden Farmer 1 6 4 8 19 3rd

Dick Hennebry 1 9 4 7 21 2nd

Kevin Finney 1 6 6 4 17

Jim Rodebaugh 2 8 3 3 16