

Fellow Shooters!

What a great match we had yesterday! It is hard to imagine how the weather could have been any better. It was in the mid sixties with only a couple of mph winds all day. Several folks shot turkeys and never made a wind correction! That is pretty unusual around here, especially in November. We had 20 shooters make it out to enjoy a competitive match on such a nice day. We ran four relays on five targets, had two new shooters and one spectator, and two junior shooters. Everyone seemed to have a good time. If there was ever such thing as a successful match, I think this was it!

Our match winner this month was Michael Rix shooting a 34 with 5 chickens! WooHoo! Good shooting Michael! Also of note was Bryan Youngberg shooting one of his first matches with a scope on his beautiful Shiloh 22 and cleaning all the lay down targets and one chicken. Very impressive shooting! Mark Pachares' inaugural match with a liner in his Sharps rifle was a success. He shot a 31 with 4 chickens to win AAA class. Our local elementary school principal, Wes Woodward, came to shoot and see if this was something he was interested in doing. He used Coralee's rifle and scope to win AA class with a 26. He asked for help finding his own rifle after the match was over, so hopefully we have another addict. I can't tell you how much it pleases me the leader of our local education system is a gun owner and 2nd Amendment supporter, as well as being a super principal, leader, and mentor to the kids. Perhaps the most exciting news of the match was Michael Rix's son Weston getting to come and shoot. And shoot he did! He fired a 24 to win the A class. Talk about a fine young man and talented shooter! It will be fun watching Weston's shooting career progress. I am deeply honored that Michael chose our range for Weston's first match.

We had a couple of folks shoot modern class this month. Travis has a Ballard that Jimmie Sommerfield is working over for him in Texas. Until it is done, Travis and Ethan are shooting Travis's Winchester Model 52. It is actually a little tougher than it might sound as there are no marks on the sights to repeat sight settings and each click is tiny. Every animal change is like completely re-sighting in. Travis shot a very respectable 30 to win modern class. Ethan, Travis's son and our other junior shooter, also did well for only having shot a couple of matches. Roger Stearns shot a bolt action 22 with a modern scope just to see if this is something he might like to do. He seemed to enjoy himself, so hopefully he will be back. A lot of folks seem to enjoy shooting a paper target as part of the match. We have a steel gong that folks sight in on and then go for score on a 200 yard Wyoming Schuetzen Union German Ring target. We set the target at 100 yards and fire it after one shoots the pigs. It is interesting and challenging to shoot a good 10 shot 100 yard group in the

middle of the target. Bryan Youngberg shot a very impressive 248 out of 250 to be high paper target this month, and Don McDowell shot a respectable 243 to be the 2nd Half Paper target winner. Good shooting both of you!

Coralee made homemade cinnamon roles, cornbread, and chili for the meal yesterday. She had problems with the oven not working correctly, but lunch still turned out pretty well. It looks like we need to go oven shopping..... We thought we had plenty for 20 or 25 people, but nearly everything was gone when the match was over. Hopefully everyone got enough, we will make sure there is more next time. We had several folks show up early to help get the range set up yesterday morning. That is very much appreciated, especially on our first match of the year. There is a lot to remember and get done on the morning of the match and I couldn't have done it without all the help. Also, Mark Pachares brought donuts for a morning snack with our coffee. Thanks a bunch Mark!

I appreciate all the folks that pitch in to help the new and younger shooters with advice, patience, equipment, and encouragement, and I know they appreciate it too. There is no wonder our sport and our range has had so much success.

Smithmoor's monthly big bore match will be next Saturday. Hopefully we have good weather. Show up around 8 and we will start shooting as soon as we have good light. The monthly match at Golden Gun Club in Watkins will be on the third of December, weather providing. We are planning a Peter Bergersen Historic Target Rifle Match on the Saturday after Thanksgiving here at Cody's shooting shed. It will be a fun, relaxed, and competitive match that I think a lot of folks would enjoy. Call or email me for any questions about that.

Until next time, be safe and hold center!
Cody Smith

Shooter Paper Chicken Pig Turkey Ram total place

Master Class

Michael Rix 243 5 10 10 9 34 MW

Cody Smith 244 6 10 8 8 32

Dick Hennebry 246 2 10 9 31

AAA

Coralee Smith 240 3 10 5 9 27

Mark Pachares 238 4 10 9 8 31 1st

JD Farmer 241 2 9 8 8 27

Bryan Youngberg 248 1 10 10 10 31 High Paper Target

AA

Ceph Jones 242 0 5 5 8 18

Don McDowell 243 1 9 8 6 24 High 2nd Half Paper

Steve Anderson 232 1 5 6 5 17

Wes Woodward 227 1 10 8 7 26 1st

Gary Smith 227 2 10 7 4 23

Greg Bybee 233 1 7 5 4 17

A

Jim Rodebaugh 222 1 7 4 3 15

Weston Rix 122 0 8 7 9 24 1st

Bryan Mallin 228 3 7 6 7 23

Mike Venard 244 1 5 6 6 18

Modern Class

Travis Purdum 241 2 10 10 8 30 1st

Ethan Purdum 232 0 6 7 1 14

Roger Stearns 160 1 7 7 3 18