

2020 BPCR Smithmoor Cup

Shooters and Friends,

We held our annual championship Smithmoor Cup BPCR match this past Thursday and Friday the 16th and 17th of July. All the stops were pulled out and we put on the best match we could. I am relieved to say it was a big success. We had great food, great facilities, great target setters, and great shooters that all made for a super time. Dad and Momma Lorraine had a some grand meals of roast beef with all the fixins on Day 1 and smoked tri-tip with all the goodies for Day 2. We ate like Kings!

Day 1 gave us some incredibly tricky conditions that no one except Mark Pachares and spotter Jim Rodebaugh could figure out. Mark almost cleaned the lay downs with only dropping one ram and was the match winner with an impressive for conditions 29. Bryan Youngberg and I tied for 1st master with 25's and it was settled with reverse animal count. Jim Rodebaugh was 1st AAA with a 24, while Thom Moore was 1st AA with a 22 and Dick Hennebry was 1st A with a 19. Dick and David Heintz tied and it was broken in a shootoff on turkeys.

Day 2 gave us some better conditions, although they were still quite challenging. Excellent spotting from Kenny Wasserburger put me into the match winner position with a 30, while Brad Rice was 1st master. Mark Pachares smoked out another great score of 29 to be 1st AAA. John Madden shot a solid 20 to be first AA and David Heintz prevailed in A class with a 17.

We reserved the best prizes for our 5th station side match on the 36" gong. It seems like it spreads the prizes out further as rarely do the same people do well in both the general match and the 5th station. Smallest 5 shot group at 500 meters is the game, after you have unlimited sighters on another gong. I'll tell you, it can make you pull your hair out! I don't know how many times I have had a great group on the sighter target, and then totally miss the scoring gong. AAHH!! Anyway, we break the shooters into Master/AAA class and AA/A class. Samantah Rice and Vaugh Rasmussen were our two Day 1 winners, while Dick Hennebry and Robert Kiernan were our Day two winners. Dick Hennebry was

quite pleased to get 9 out of 10 shots on the gong to win the Aggregate small group AA/A class prize of an MVA scope! 2nd in the class was David Heintz taking home a Buffalo Arms mold certificate. In the Master/AAA class, Dan Womer was third place and took home a beautiful Harold Forcum box. Believe it or not, Vaughn Rasmussen and I tied exactly with a combined group size of 33 3/4" with all 10 shots being on the gong! What are the odds of that? Vaughn only had two shells left, so we did a two round shootoff on the gong. Both of us managed to put them both on the gong, which I thought was pretty impressive for a first round, cold barrel shot. With the careful and crafty wind calling of Kenny Wasserburger, I was able to edge Vaughn out to take home the case of Swiss Powder. Vaughn also received a certificate for a super Buffalo Arms mold.

You can review the scoreboard for all the juicy details, but I will quickly mention the aggregate winners. David Heintz took home A class Champion with a 36, while his shooting partner Thom Moore was champion AA class with a 39. Champion AAA was Jim Rodebaugh with a 46, while I was Champion Master class with a 55. Our 2020 Smithmoor Range BPCR Cup Overall Champion was Mark Pachares with a super 58. Congratulations Mark, that was some super shooting! Mark received a custom buckle, possession of the famed Smithmoor Cup for one year, and a beautiful walnut stock blank donated by Cecil Freddi Gunstocks. Mark's spotter, Jim Rodebaugh took home some cash and a sight drifter donated by Wyoming Sight Drifter. All our Champions each took home a custom buckle, and each of the places received various great prizes donated by our sponsors.

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