

Friends and Shooters,

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Yahooo!!! I am elated by the interest and turnout we had for our 22 Offhand target match this past Saturday! We had 13 noble and determined rifleman make it out to test their skills. We shot 100 yard German ring targets at 100 yards, offhand. The center 25 point bullseye is 3/4" diameter and each successive outer ring is 3/8" larger. Everyone used a falling block single shot 22 rifle with period sights. The match was very much in spirit with the highly competitive and very popular offhand matches of 120 years ago. I enjoyed it thoroughly and think the shooters did too.

We jokingly called ourselves the "Butte Wannabees" as we ran the match similar to how they do at the Butte Schuetzen house in Butte, Montana. In particular it is unique among offhand target matches in that they allow and encourage the use of a spotter or partner. It is definitely comforting having someone give you a hand in finding those holes in the target, keeping an eye on the wind, and in general just keeping you on track. Also big fun at Butte is they give a cash prize to the first 25 scored in each relay. To help keep track of this, the spotter screams out "TWENTY FIVE" at the top of his lungs each time his shooter shoots a bullseye. They continue to do it even after the first one of the rely has been recorded. It adds to the fun for sure. We didn't exactly have a plethora of bullseyes, but the shooters did enjoy getting into the spirit and playing along.

We had some pulled pork left over from a previous match that Coralee had frozen. It made excellent sandwiches and we had a big bowl of Pepe sale courteous of Momma Lorraine to go along with it. Apple crisp and pumpkin pie rounded it off. Dick brought a nice selection of donuts for a morning snack. Thank you Dick! I appreciate it very much.

The day turned out to be one of the most beautiful fall days I can remember. I started to wonder if the flag was broken as it never moved much the whole day. The sun shined brightly and the temperature rose to the low 60's. Gorgeous!

I think I will work on figuring out some classes for the next match, but for now we were just one big group. 3rd Overall was veteran shooting champion Jack Odor with a 946 out of 1250 possible. We have not seen Jack much lately and I knew a schuetzen style match would draw him out. Good shooting and so glad to see

you Jack! 2nd overall with a super 957 using iron sights was Lee Wolff. Good shooting Lee! I was pleased to shoot a 988 to be the Match Winner. All of our winners took home cash prizes, including our High Junior, Cole Sauer. Cole shot a respectable 844 in the match and also shot the highest single target of the day which was a 213! Super Shooting Cole! Cole took home an 1880's Silver Dollar and a fist full of cash for his efforts. Jack, Jim, Cecil, and Keith all took home a 10 dollar bill for smacking the first 25 in each of their relays.

Thank you to everyone that came to shoot and support this match. I know there were several others that wanted to come, but life didn't let it work out. We are planning to try to have this type of match on the 4th Saturday of each month, so mark your calendars!

take care my friends,
Cody

Shooter	Sights	Target	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
Cody Smith	Irons	195	189	198	210	196	988	MW	
Jack Odor	Scope	154	191	199	208	194	946	3rd	
Jim Rodebaugh	Scope	137	186	203	184	188	898		
Lee Wolff	Irons	202	184	186	190	195	957	2nd	
Cecil Sauer	Scope	154	140	160	145	180	779		
Cole Sauer	Scope Jr	154	196	170	213	151	884	1st Jr High Target	
Chase Sauer	Scope Jr	93	95	58	64	135	345		
Dick Hennebry	Irons	150	140	96	119	30	535		
Keith Kelly	Scope	112	83	86	135	103	519		
Gary Smith	Scope	120	97	126	163	141	647		
Ed Himelhoch	Scope	122	94	132	126	163	637		
Javyn Cruz	Scope Jr	38	62	46	61	70	277		
Bill Acklin	Scope	163	170	137	142	146	758		