

Shooters and Friends,

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The Rocky Mountain Regional 22 BPCRA Championship was held this past weekend (Aug 14th and 15th) at Smithmoor Range near Carpenter, Wyoming. 40 excellent marksmen and women all vied for the Buckaroo Buffalo Trophy that was crafted from 23 gallons of spent 22 shells collected from the range. Cecil Sauer did a marvelous job on it! The weather could not have been any better with calm, clear, warm days. The range was in top condition and the backers had a fresh coat of white paint that made those black targets really stand out. It was tough finding excuses for misses!

As expected, Momma Lorraine and Dad did an exceptional job on the lunches. Both the cream can dinner on Saturday and a taco bar on Sunday were big hits. Boy, just thinking about it a week later makes my mouth water.... Ed and Beth Himelhoch and Bev Reed also brought goodies that were much appreciated. Thank you all for the great food!

We shot a regular 40 shot 22 BPCR match this year, with a handful of special awards. In remembering Harold and the late Paulette Forcum, we gave a gift certificate donated by Montana Vintage Arms to the high turkey shooter. Mark Pachares was the only one to kill 20 turkeys! Good shooting Mark! Bryan Youngberg donated some nice items and we used them to recognize our 3 junior shooters, Javyn Cruz, Chase Sauer, and Cole Sauer. We also had a package of practice targets that we gave as a gag prize to our low chicken shooter in Grand Master class. I won't further embarrass him, but we all got a kick out of it. Thanks for being a good sport!

We had a couple of range improvement fund raisers this year. Besides our headliner James Rodebaugh reverse raffle knife drawing, we had some very nice donations that we put on a silent auction. Thank you to Brad Rice for donating two of his excellent scope stands, Roger Buechler for the beautiful picture and all of the other support you give us throughout the year, and to Don Hubbard for the really cool hand made walking stick. I should have bid just one more time.... These fund raisers all developed money that will be put to good use for range improvements. Thank you to everyone for bidding and buying tickets!

After the match on Saturday, we had root beer floats and drew the last tickets from the box for the knife. As always, Jim did exquisite work and the knife turned out absolutely fabulous. It was a Wyoming Skinner made in Damascus steel in the Wyoming Wind pattern. The handle was made from a piece of burl from a cottonwood tree in Cheyenne. After it was stabilized, the fungus that caused the burl left a pretty red coloring to the amazing grain. Thank you so much, Jim, you are truly a blessing to our range and anyone that knows you! The drawing is always exciting! When it came down to it, Jack Odor, Bill Acklin, and Ed Himelhoch's numbers were left in the box. Jack ended up with 100 bucks, Billy 200 bucks and Ed took home the knife. I am not sure anyone has ever been more pleased about anything than Ed was with winning the knife!

We had a couple of ladies do well in A and AA class. Kristen Womer has been practicing and took aggregate A class, while Emily Anderson was pleased to win 1st in aggregate AA Class. Steve Urban came all the way from Texas to shoot a 63 and win AAA class. Jeff Woodring shot a super 65 to take master class and there was a 3 way tie in Grand Master class for 1st. We shot it off and I was pleased to come out ahead of Mark Pachares and Cole Sauer for the win. The big news was the Match Winner, taking home the Buffalo Trophy was Caleb Wolf! Caleb is just out of junior class being 18 years old, and boy can he shoot! Kenny Wasserburger said it best, "Just come on out to Wyoming, our ladies and kids will kick your butt!" While we are all proud of you, no one was more beaming than Caleb's spotter and Dad, Craig Wolf. Great Shooting Caleb and Great Job Craig! Each of the class winners and the overall winner took home a Seiko Smithmoor Watch. 2nd and down took home a variety of very nice prizes donated by sponsors.

A giant thank you to everyone that shoots, supports, and follows our range and matches. It is truly because of all of you that we have been able to put together such a special place.

Take care my friends,
Cody