

Shooters and Friends,

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Smithmoor Range hosted the 2021 BPCR Smithmoor Cup on August 12th and 13th. 26 rifleman vied for the possession of the large, silver cup trophy, as well as an assortment of other nice prizes. Conditions are often a challenge here at Smithmoor and they did not disappoint this year. Stiff winds on day one and really thick mirage on day two left some scratching their heads.

As usual, we ate extremely well with wonderful meals prepared by Momma Lorraine and Dad. Boneless barbecue pork ribs with all the fixins' on day one and roast beef sandwiches with a variety of goodies on day two were sure good! A giant thank you for the super food! I also wanted to thank those that pitched in and helped get the range ready by mowing, pulling weeds, sweeping, and setting up the club house. You guys were a life saver, thanks so much for pitching in.

As most know, I enjoy adding a 5th station to some of our matches. This year I changed it up by using a modified "Know Your Limits" (KYL) target. Ours consisted of three round gongs at 200 meters. One was 12", one 8", and one 4". The rules were you got 10 shots total at the gongs. The big one was worth 3 points, the medium one 5 pts, and the small one 10 pts. If you missed you got a zero. There was a bit of strategy involved because you could play it safe and get a bunch of hits on the big targets, but not get a high score. Or you could gamble and try to hit the little one which might pay off big or get you a big fat zero. Let me tell you, hitting that little one was really a trick! Shooters seemed to enjoy the station and I know I heard a lot of laughing, oohs, and ahhs coming from that end of the range. We divided the shooters into two classes, Master/AAA and AA/A. The winner of each half took home a half a case of Swiss powder for high aggregate score. Dick Hennebry hunkered down and landed a good score to win the AA/A class while Steve Farringer shot amazingly well to win Master/AAA. On day two, he smacked the little target 7 times! Wow!! Steve and that Shiloh rifle can REALLY shoot!

We had some great shooting in the regular match as well. Each of our class winners and the overall winner took home a very nice Seiko wrist watch with Smithmoor Range on the dial. 2nd and down each took home some nice prizes from our sponsors. Ed Himelhoch shot a good 40 to win A class, while Dick Hennebry shot a solid 44 to win AA class. Logan Eliason shot an excellent 55 to win AAA class, and Brad Rice won master class with a 54 after beating me in a shoot off. The big news was Carl Eliason being the Overall Champion and taking home the Cup! Carl shot a middle of the road 22 on day one, but knocked one out of the park on day two with a 34, tying our range record! Carl's win was extra special to him because he had been working especially hard this past year at improving, but mostly because he won with his son Logan as his spotter. Pretty special fellas, I am proud of you both!

Most shooters know of Harold and his late wife Paulette Forcum. Together, they were some of the most adamant supporters of our sport from the very beginning, as well to Coralee and I. Harold's health didn't allow him to make many matches this year and he was really missed. In their memory, we gave high turkey awards. High and second high turkey scores each took home some very generous gift certificates donated by Montana Vintage Arms (MVA). Carl Eliason was high overall turkey with 18 and Brad Rice was second with 17. Great shooting guys, and thank you to MVA and to the Forcums!

We can't thank our sponsors enough. They provide so many things that really help make our matches great. Please remember them throughout the year as you make purchases. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all that donate to, support, and shoot our matches!

Take care, Cody