

Friends and Shooters,

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The December edition of the Smithmoor Winter Series 22 matches went off without a hitch and everyone seemed to have a good time. 26 shooters made it to the match, with 5 having been signed up but couldn't make it do to winter weather and closed roads to the north of us. Luckily we had pretty decent weather in Carpenter on Saturday. The morning was pretty chilly, but it warmed up as the day went on and the winds stayed low and consistent. More than a few were frustrated they didn't shoot better with such shootable conditions. Quite a few shot really well too, with a record number of clean prones in one match! 6! Wow! Great Shooting Jim Rodebaugh, Sir Billy Acklin, Greg Bybee, Michael Jackson, Craig Wolf, and myself!

Coralee was gone a good part of the week helping her Mom after she had surgery on her foot, so Mom and Dad offered to do lunch. No surprise, it was really good. Dad made a big batch of chili, and Momma Lorraine and Grace had a couple of deserts whipped up. Dick Hennebry and Dan Womer brought some 1st class donuts for a morning snack too. Thanks a bunch for the great food!

We amended the rules to the Know Your Limits Gongs this month, and they seemed to go over ok. We also moved them back 10 or 20 yards so the distance and therefore sight settings were unknown. Moving back just that far seemed to make them quite a bit trickier. One of the new rules is each shooter has to start from scratch on their sight settings. Last month we had several squads sharing a rifle and by the time they got to the 3rd or 4th person, they really had it dialed in. The problem was it was a great advantage over shooters that were using a rifle that had not been sighted in for that target yet. To keep it fair, everybody should use their own rifle, or if you have to share, the sights need to start back at some initial setting and sharing information on where they should be is not allowed. That was the bad news; the good news was we offered Mulligans! For 10 bucks that goes to the range improvement fund, you can buy a poker chip. On the gong target only (trust me, everyone asked to use it on the silhouettes) you can turn in your poker chip for your mulligan right after the shot you wish to use it on. I

thought it was fun and so did the shooters. I know I am looking forward to trying it again next month. We broke the shooters into AAA/AA class and Grandmaster/Master Class. We awarded 1st place in each class with a certificate and an 1880's Silver Dollar. Ed Himelhoch was plum pleased to win 1st place in AAA/AA class with a 48. We had a tie in Grandmaster/Master class and had to resort to an exciting flip-off! Both Michael Rix and Dick Hennebry shot excellent scores of 68. I flipped the silver dollar, and Michael came out the winner. I managed a 73 to be the high overall in the gongs. I am pretty sure it was truly luck as that 2" gong looked like a pebble inside a hula hoop in my aperture iron sights. I was really surprised I was high score as we had several well into the 80's last month. The \$100 prize from SPG Sales and Wy Sight Drifter for a perfect score was still safe! No guarantees next month.....

For the main silhouette match, we had some great competition as well. In AA/A class Kristen Womer shot an excellent 24 to be 1st. Rumor is she has been practicing. If it's true, it seems to be paying off. Good Job Kristen! In AAA class, Joshua Tangeman shot an excellent 29 to be 1st. He had rifle problems with a broken firing pin and some springs out of adjustment, so his score was really good when this is considered. Way to keep your head in the game, Joshua. Master class saw Sir Billy Acklin clean the prone and smack 4 chickens to be 1st. Hoorah! That is awesome! Jim Rodebaugh also shot an excellent 34 with a clean prone and 4 chickens and that gave him 1st Grand Master. Jim has been on a bit of a hiatus due to work and hunting season and this was his first match in quite a while. He sure didn't look too rusty! Great shooting Jim! With excellent coaching from spotter Michael Jackson, I was quite pleased to shoot a clean prone and 8 chickens to be the Match Winner.

We are not planning a big bore match next Saturday the 18th due to Coralee and I having to help a close friend move (and probably cold weather brrrr), but we will be back here Jan 8th for our next Winter Series 22 match. We are also planning our Winter Offhand Championship in February, so keep an eye out for a match flyer.

Take care my friends, and thank you for all of the support,
Cody

Shooter Gongs Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Grand Master

Steve Anderson 60 3 9 8 6 26

Jim Rodebaugh 40 4 10 10 10 34 1st Clean Prone

Michael Rix 68 3 10 9 10 32 1st GM/M Gongs

Cody Smith Iron 73 8 10 10 10 38 MW High Gongs

Grizz 27 2 10 7 8 27

Master

Sir Billy Acklin 11 4 10 10 10 34 1st Clean Prone

Greg Bybee 61 2 10 10 10 32 Clean Prone

JD Farmer 34 1 10 9 10 30

Michael Jackson 58 3 10 10 10 33 Clean Prone

Coralee Smith 53 2 10 10 9 31

Gary Smith 2 1 4 9 9 23

Craig Wolf 55 3 10 10 10 33 Clean Prone

Jeff Woodring 23 2 10 9 10 31

Dan Womer 53 1 10 10 9 30

AAA

Emily Anderson 45 0 9 5 9 23

Javyn Cruz 21 1 10 9 7 27

Dick Farmer 28 1 10 8 9 27

Ed Himelhoch 48 2 9 10 7 28 1st AAA/AA Gongs

Joshua Tangeman 30 10 10 9 29 1st

James Sedman 28 0 8 8 10 28

Mike Venard 41 1 10 5 4 20

AA/A

Roger Decker 3 0 10 6 4 20

Katy Stephenson 15 0 5 4 4 13

Kristen Womer 23 1 9 8 6 24 1st

PJ Korte 20 2 7 7 5 21

Dick Hennebry Iron – 1 8 3 8 20