

Happy New Year Everyone!

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I have always thought the best way to spend the first day of a new year is doing something you love with your friends. I can't think of any better way to spend a winter day than at the range shooting. We had 9 dedicated riflemen make it out to shoot a combination offhand and bench match today at Smithmoor Range. It was about 3 below early this morning and warmed up into the 20's by the end of the match. It cooled back off this evening, however, and is currently 10 below. Brrrr! We shot from the comforts of the shooting shed with the wood stove burning hot and two propane patio heaters going wide open. We all stayed fairly comfortable. The wind was the big story as it barely blew. Slight whisps of a breeze would come and go, but it was very minor. There was also a couple of inches of fresh snow everywhere and it kind of made for a pretty day.

We shot 2 targets (20 shots for score along with sighters) from the bench first off. Although most know my love for offhand shooting, I have to admit shooting from the bench is a kick in the pants as well. I am sure you are assuming everybody shot a perfect score? Yeah right, it is much harder than one would think to put 10 shots inside the $\frac{3}{4}$ " 25 ring at 100 yards. Division 1 saw Sir Billy and I tie for first in the bench with 481's while division 2 it was neck in neck between Grizz, Roger Decker and Dick Hennebry with a 473, 472 and a 470 respectively. I think everyone enjoyed the bench match more than they thought they would. I know I sure did.

After everyone had shot their 2 bench targets, we posted three targets and shot them offhand. We used the 12" round gongs for sighters and then put 30 shots on (at lol) the paper targets. As always, we used Wyoming Schuetzen Union rules here at Smithmoor. In Division 2, Dick Hennebry shot well and put up a score of 398 for first place, while Dad Gary was second with a 376. In Division 1 Steve Anderson shot a 516 to be second, while I was pleased to shoot well with a 657 for 1st.

Just for fun, I added the bench and the offhand scores together to find aggregate winners. In Division 2 Dad Gary was 2nd in the while Dick Hennebry

ended up 1st. In Division 1 Ed Himelhoch ended up 2nd with Steve Anderson in 1st. I was pleased to be the overall Match Winner.

As usual, we ate extremely well. Dick brought a box of fresh donuts for a morning snack and they really hit the spot. Momma Lorraine made a super pecan crusted pork loin along with macaroni and cheese and bread pudding for desert. She was chuckling as she made enough for 20+ normal people, but 9 shooters cleaned it all up! Gosh it was good.

We have the match flyers and entry forms out for our February Winter 22 Target championship. They are on our website. The big news is we added a third day that will be a bench match on Friday. The match is already about half full, so get your entries in if you are interested. It was sure fun last year and promises to be a great match again this year.

Take care my friends,
Cody

Shooter B1 B2 B total OH1 OH2 OH3 OH total Aggregate

Division 1

Sir Billy Acklin 242 239 481 143 148 162 453 934

Steve Anderson 242 236 478 166 191 159 516 994 1st

Cody Smith 237 244 481 222 225 210 657 1138 MW

Ed Himelhoch 233 238 471 134 175 162 471 942 2nd

Division 2

Gary Smith 192 239 431 117 137 122 376 807 2nd

Roger Decker 234 238 472 103 98 81 282 754

Grizz 234 239 473 98 65 51 214 687

Dick Hennebry 239 231 470 156 147 95 398 868 1st

Javyn Cruz 213 219 432 85 100 39 224 696