

Friends and Shooters,

2/26/2022

You all have probably heard this from me before, but I am going to tell you again. One of the biggest things I absolutely love about shooting BPCR competitively is everyone is equal when the match starts. It doesn't matter how young or old you are, how well you have shot in the past, how expensive your gun was, or even if this is your first match or you have won a hundred other matches, we are all equal when the match starts. We do the best we can to try and make the match as fair for all the competitors as possible, so that only leaves how well you shoot and how well you can make your equipment work to be the determining factor in who wins the match. It always makes me smile when those who are supposed to win don't, and those that aren't given much of a chance, do.

Yesterday was one of those days that was apparently much harder to shoot well in that it looked. We had a bright sunny day with relatively mild breezes. The targets were decently visible against the light colored berms. The temperature stayed cool with highs in the 20's and the breeze made it plum brisk to set targets, but we all stayed mostly comfortable in the comforts of the shooting shed. I don't exactly understand what was going on, but none of the Grand Master or Master class shooters performed particularly well, but the AAA guys did and it was fun to watch! Dick Farmer has been working his way up the ladder of the last couple of years, steadily improving. Yesterday he was the only shooter to clean the prones, and he smacked 4 chickens on top which gave him the Match Winner Pin and a Grand Master Score! Wow that is awesome Dick! Everyone was so pleased to see Dick shoot so well! This will also be the last match Dick competes in AAA as this Grand Master score will move him to master class. Also, taking 1st place in AAA was my dear friend James Sedman. James has a busy life and can't make many of the shoots, but he usually shoots quite well when he does. James shot an excellent for the day 28 lay downs and 4 chickens for a total of 32! Yahooo!

As usual, the food was great yesterday. One of the challenges of doing 2 matches a month is Coralee is running out of ideas on what to serve for lunch! Lol! Be

prepared, she is wanting to try some new recipes..... White chili with chicken and hominy was on the menu yesterday and it was quite good. There was very little left, so others must have thought so as well. Bev Reed made some homemade cinnamon rolls (with raisins) to go with it and Ed Himelhoch brought some super chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Dan Womer and Mark Pachares treated us with boxes of fresh donuts for a morning snack. Thank you to everyone for the great food! It is very much appreciated!

The other exciting thing that happened at the match was there was a three way tie for 1st place in Master Class. Dad, Michael Jackson, and Tom Reed all shot 31's! I absolutely love shootoffs and I was tickled that those three wanted to shoot off to find out who the winner was. They all went to the line at the same time and went for best of three. Michael got skunked with a zero, Tom Reed shot one, and Dad put on his game face and smacked two for the win! Great Shooting Dad!

In Grand Master Class, rock solid rifleman Mark Pachares shot a respectable 32 with 6 chickens to be 1st, as mentioned above Dad took 1st master in the shootoff with a 32, AAA went to James Sedman also with a 32, and Greg Tryon made the long trip down from Gillette, brought a couple of new shooters with him, and managed a 23 to be 1st in our AA/A class.

The know your limit gongs were left in the same place as last match. Steve Anderson (www.wyomingsightdrifter.com) was not able to make the match and is a co-sponsor of the gongs, along with Larry Baker Jr of SPG Sales (www.blackpowderspg.com). A crisp \$100 bill goes to the first shooter to shoot a perfect score of 100 on the gongs. We had fun joking about moving the gongs up to about 25 yards and shooting them prone since Steve wasn't there to protect his money! I even sent him a text saying we did, but we didn't. They stayed at about 125 yards, and boy were they tricky! Doc Bement doesn't get to make many of our 22 matches, but he did this time and he shot a super 80! He was really brave as he went straight to the little 2" gong and hit it on his first shot! Wow! He then got it 7 more times, only missing it twice out of ten. Great

shooting Doc! I was impressed! In our GM/M class we had a tie with Mark Pachares and Dan Womer both shooting 50's and we also had a tie in AAA/AA/A class with James Sedman and Roger Decker both shooting 70's! 70 was a smoking score for that target yesterday! Yahooo! Great Shooting Fellas!

Hopefully we have decent weather down at Watkins next Saturday and Michael Rix can hold Golden Gun Club's monthly BPCR match. We will have to see how it looks later in the week. Otherwise, I hope to see everyone again on either the 12th or the 26th here at Smithmoor for our Winter 22 Series.

Take care my friends,
Cody

Shooter Gong Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Grand Master

Mark Pachares 50 1st 6 10 6 10 32 1st

Michael Rix 30 2 10 10 9 31

Cody Smith (Iron) 36 3 10 9 9 31

Grizz 38 2 10 8 9 29

Master

Greg Bybee 43 3 10 8 9 30

JD Farmer (Iron) 0 1 7 6 6 20

Joe Kapler 38 3 10 10 7 30

Michael Jackson 35 3 10 8 10 31

Tom Reed 45 2 10 9 10 31

Coralee Smith 21 1 10 7 8 26

Gary Smith 43 2 10 9 10 31 1st

Craig Wolf 30 3 10 10 6 29

Dan Womer 50 3 9 7 9 28

Doc Bement 80 MW 1 10 10 9 30

AAA

Jaryn Cruz 43 4 9 9 9 31

Dick Farmer 43 4 10 10 10 34 MW!!!

Ed Himelhoch 36 1 10 10 8 29

Keith Kelly 21 0 9 8 5 22

Lee Lane 30 0 9 3 7 19

Yimmy Sedman 70 1st 4 10 9 9 32 1st

AA/A

Roger Decker 70 0 6 5 5 15

Kristen Womer 43 2 7 7 5 21

Katy Stephenson 26 1 8 7 2 18

Greg Tryon 22 3 8 7 5 23 1st

John Sturgeon 23 2 3 7 4 16

Chris Smith (Iron) 8 0 6 0 4 10

Richard Stephenson 13 1 7 2 3 13