

Shooters and Friends,

2/17/23

I am happy to report that single shot target rifle competition is alive and well here at Smithmoor. Our annual 3 day target match is over and I am still smiling at the success. The competition was fierce and the camaraderie was unbeatable. I hope everyone that shot had as much fun as I did.

On Friday, we hold a one day bench match. Although I am primarily an offhand shooter, I really enjoy the bench match. It sounds pretty easy. You have nearly unlimited restrictions on rests, optics, and any accessories you might want to use. There is plenty of time, so there is no reason to feel rushed, and the target has a $\frac{3}{4}$ " center and is at 100 yards. I mean, how hard could it be? Well, it is much more challenging than you might think. The slightest variations in the wind cause bullets to move inches at that distance. Technique is also very important as it amazing how hard it is shoot a really good score. We have shot this match several years now, and have held various other bench matches over the past 9 years and we have never had a perfect score of 250 till now. Kevin Griggs came all the way from eastern Kansas and showed us how to do it. Steve Anderson spotted for him and helped guide him in. It was nothing short of spectacular. Great Shooting Kevin!

As awesome as Kevin's super target was, it takes five good targets to be in the winner's circle. Steve Anderson shot 5 decent targets for a total of 1213 with 28 centers to be 3rd overall, while I was pleased to shoot a 1215 with 27 centers to be 2nd. The old master, Jack Odor, is almost always in the winner's circle, and he was in there again this year. He shot a very good 1225-30 to be first. I was quite pleased to award Match Winner to Logan Eliason. Logan and his Dad, Carl, have been coming out to Wyoming several years and they really add a lot of fun to our matches. Logan shot five solid targets (one was a 249-9!) for a total of 1227-31. Super Shooting Logan! It is always fun to give awards to people that really want them, and Logan was very happy.

Coralee had a great lunch of ham and beans with cornbread for us. I am always amazed why such a simple meal can taste so good, but it sure does. Ed and Beth brought a big pan of their famous "death by chocolate" brownies to celebrate Steve Anderson's birthday. We had fun embarrassing Steve by singing happy birthday to him. Through the red face, I could tell Steve appreciated it. It was fun.

I will work on getting another report out on the offhand segment of the championship soon, but I would like a bunch of you shooters to think about entering the bench match next year. It is an excellent opportunity to really see what your rifle and ammo are capable of and it is a really good time.

Take care my friends,
Cody

Shooter	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	Total
Kevin Griggs	243-3	250-10	241-5	242-3	237-3	1213-24
Ed Himelhoch	241-4	244-5	242-5	240-3	246-6	1213-23
Greg Tryon	234-3	228-1	232-2	234-1	235-2	1168-9
Jack Odor	245-6	247-4	241-7	245-6	247-7	1225-30 1 st
Craig Wolf	239-2	244-5	247-8	246-7	234-3	1210-25
Michael Rix	234-1	235-2	235-5	234-3	240-4	1178-12
Cody Smith	234-3	247-7	245-5	245-6	244-6	1215-27 2 nd
Roger Decker	236-2	228	237-1	235-1	231	1167
Gary Smith	235-2	245-7	242-2	228	233-5	1183-16
Greg Bybee	224-1	232	224-3	224-2	237-3	1161-9
Tighe Moritz	232	242-4	232-2	235-1	230-2	1171-9
Carl Eliason	243-3	237-3	241-4	234-2	247-7	1202-21
Logan Eliason	245-6	247-7	249-9	246-6	240-3	1227-31 MW
Roger Buechler	235-1	237-1	231-2	243-4	240-5	1186-13
Sir Billy	239-3	239-4	232-2	243-4	240-4	1199-18
Steve Anderson	238-3	245-7	242-5	248-8	240-5	1213-28 3 rd