

## January 22 BPCRA

Fellow Shooters,

We had another big match this past Saturday! 28 riflemen and women made it out to test their skills at the January Smithmoor 22 BPCRA match. It was cold and blustery enough the shooters elected to shoot from inside the building. This was the largest match we have held from inside. We ran a fifth station and shot the chickens through the window by the stove. It worked out rather well. For the fifth station we tried something new. We shot a paper target offhand at 50 yards. There was plenty of complaining about the additional offhand target, but I think most folks ended up enjoying it more than they were willing to tell me.

As usual, the food was great this month. Coralee made a giant pan of "taco soup" which was awesome. Lorraine brought over a couple of big pans of super cornbread, Beverly sent down homemade apple crisp, and the donut bandit brought a box of donuts. Thank you to all that put so much effort into our meal, the food was delicious and enjoyed very much!

We had some super shooting again this month. Travis Purdum, Dick Hennebry, and Michael Rix cleaned all the lay downs! Michael also shot an amazing 7 chickens that lead to a phenomenal score of 37! The best part of that super score is that it was also the first time that Michael's son, Weston, had spotted an entire match for his Dad. What a great team, and I am sure the beginning of something really special. We also had some impressive chicken shooting this month with Steve Anderson knocking out 5, and Kevin Finney, Jim Rodebaugh, Coralee Smith, and Mark Pachares all killing 4.

We had a couple more new shooters this month. New shooters are exciting and it pleases us very much to have the interest. Fine young men Wylie Brooks and Ashton Thorne shot their first match, and Keith Kelly shot his first match with a legal rifle.

Zach Farmer was our A class winner this month with a 22. This was his third AA score and he will move up to AA class next month. Good job Zach! In AA, we had Mike Venard shoot a respectable 22 to take 1st. AAA went to a very pleased Coralee Smith with a 31. AAA class was a close race and it came down to the wire to see who would win. 7 or 8 shooters were all within about one point! I was high master with a 35 and Michael Rix's super 37 earned him the title of Match Winner.

We had a lot of interest in the Turkey Lotto this month, and it is always interesting seeing how many hits were on each turkey. Cecil Sauer 's #5 turkey blew everybody away with 25 hits. Pretty amazing only 3 shooters missed it all day. Cecil won 50 bucks and 50 bucks will go into the range improvement fund.

Thank you to everyone for all of the support and encouragement. It is fun having all the enthusiasm found at these larger matches. I hope to see everyone again next month on February 10th for our next Winter Season Match.

Keep your gun clean and your knife sharp,  
Cody Smith

Shooter Paper Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Master

Michael Rix 227 7 10 10 10 37 MW Ties range record!!

Dick Hennebry 208 1 10 10 10 31

Cody Smith 239 7 10 9 9 35 1st and High Paper

Steve Anderson 211 5 9 8 8 30

Kevin Finney 207 4 10 8 8 30

Jim Rodebaugh 229 4 10 9 8 31

AAA

Joe Kapler 161 0 10 9 9 28

Travis Purdum 185 1 10 10 10 31

JD Farmer 213 1 10 9 9 29

Coralee Smith 216 4 9 9 9 31 1st

Tom Reed 206 2 10 9 8 29

Weston Rix 204 0 10 8 8 26

Mark Pachares 201 4 10 8 8 30

Cecil Sauer 193 3 10 9 8 30

Tom Wengh 186 3 7 10 10 30

Gary Smith 215 2 9 5 7 23

Jeff Woodring 228 2 9 9 1 21

AA

Dick Farmer 174 0 9 4 6 19

Mike Venard 227 3 10 5 4 22 1st

Greg Bybee 224 0 7 4 6 17

Ethan Purdum 137 2 7 6 6 21

A

Walt Farmer 146 0 8 5 6 19

Cole Sauer 145 0 4 0 8 12

Zach Farmer 219 0 9 7 6 22 1st and moves to AA next match

Pete Romanik 216 0 10 5 7 22

Keith Kelly 88 0 0 5 2 7

Ashton Thorne 129 0 6 3 8 17

Wylie Brooks 127 1 4 0 3 8

## January BPCR

Fellow Shooters,

Despite being fairly blustery, we had a very enjoyable match yesterday. I was hesitant to hold it, but I had several enthusiastic shooters encourage us to have it and we are glad we did! Temperatures varied from the high 20's to the high 30's with a stiff 15-20 mph wind. We had to clamp all the lay down targets as the wind was strong enough they would all blow over before the target setters could get back. Dad had the clubhouse stove burning extra hot and it was sure nice to warm up with. It really made the shooting enjoyable as you could go warm up whenever you got a little chilled.

We had ten brave riflemen come out to shoot. Dick Hennebry, Roger Stearns, Coralee, and Dad all enjoyed the camaraderie and the warm stove, but elected not to shoot. We were blessed with three new shooters this month. Link Smith, Dan Womer, and Scott Kirby all did really well for being so new. I hope they had fun and will come back when it is warmer! In AA/A class we had Jim Rodebaugh shoot a respectable 23 in the challenging conditions to win 1st. Kevin Finney gave me a run for my money by tying with a 27 and winning 1st in Master/AAA class. It was late and cold enough that we elected not to shoot the tie off and used reverse animal count to determine the match winner.

Lunch, as usual, was super. Momma Lorraine made roast beef on fresh rolls, cole slaw, with banana bars for desert. Coralee brought homemade cinnamon apple rolls for an early snack and Jim Rodebaugh brought some cheese and salami platters. A big thank you for all the wonderful food!

We are thinking to do a Historic Target Rifle match next Saturday at Smithmoor East. Let me know if anyone is interested. Hopefully we will have good enough weather to shoot at Watkins on Feb 3, and we will have our February 22 match on Feb 10th. In the past, our February match has been our largest, so please let us know if you are thinking of coming as we are likely to fill up. Coralee has put together our 2018 Smithmoor Calendar so please have a look at it. Some exciting news is we will be hosting the Smithmoor Spring Match over Memorial Weekend again and a Wyoming State Championship BPCR and 22 BPCR match the third weekend in August! Watch for match flyers to be coming out.

Check out the Smithmoor Facebook page for lots of pictures.

Thank you to all that shoot our matches and support our ranges!

Cody Smith

Shooter Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Master/AAA

Cody Smith 3 10 7 7 27 MW

Joe Kapler 3 8 6 8 25

Mark Pachares 1 4 6 5 16

Kevin Finney 2 10 6 9 27 1st

AA/A

Dan Womer 1 1 2 4 8

Greg Bybee 0 6 4 2 12

Steve Anderson 1 8 7 5 21

Link Smith 0 5 2 5 12

Scott Kirby 0 7 7 7 21

Jim Rodebaugh 2 7 7 7 23 1st

## January HTR

**No match due to weather**