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Fellow Shooters,

What a match! We had 28 entries yesterday and I can't think of any better way to celebrate Veteran's Day. I felt quite honored to have the opportunity to present a small Veteran's Day program for our shooters. One of my favorite bible verses is John 15:13 which says "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." I can't help but think about the many veterans that served their country to protect our freedom when I read it. They not only laid down their life for their friends in battle, but they laid down their life for all of us here at home. Many times when I thank a veteran for their service, they comment that they were only a truck driver or they never left the states. That does not matter! The fact remains that you answered the call for service and would have done whatever was asked of you to protect our country. You have our respect and admiration regardless of how you served. Thank you does not seem like nearly enough, but it is the best we have so Thank You! We were blessed to be able to share our day with six veterans yesterday. They were:

Gary Smith

Mark Pachares

Dave McNulty

Keith Kelly

Dick Hennebry

Tom Wengh

The ladies of Smithmoor (Coralee, Bev, and Grace) outdid themselves yet again. Beef, barley, and vegetable soup, home made sour dough rolls (80 of them!), warm home made apple sauce, salami and cheese slices, apple wedges, and Grace's Oops Daisy orange cake for desert. Young Grace found that recipe awhile back and had been looking forward to making it for the shooters. She was quite pleased it turned out well and everyone seemed to like it. There was a bunch of food, and only crumbs were left. Rumor has it Coralee caught a couple of guys licking the pots and pans after the match, but ran off before she could figure out who they were.... Roger Stearns also dropped by with a big plate of chocolate chip cookies which were gone in no time. Thank you to all of our generous cooks! The donut bandit also struck again. Some generous soul must know how much I like donuts and often brings a box of them to share. I can't seem to figure out who it is, but I and everyone else much appreciate the morning snack with our coffee.

We actually had 30 entries, but two shooters were unable to come at the last moment. 30 is the most we will be able to handle without expanding the facility. If we keep getting near that mark, we may have to! We ran 6 relays on 5 targets. Ethan Purdum volunteered to help set targets, and along with the shooters

helping out, I think it was the only way we got done before dark. The last two relays it was getting pretty shadowy, but we got done. We set up a donation can for Ethan and everyone was very generous, Thank you! The fifth target is a paper bullseye. We were able to put it at 200 yards by using some splatter type targets and a round, steel gong to sight in on. We had been shooting it at 100 yards because that was the farthest we could reliably see the bullet holes. I think our system worked well at 200 and we will do it again. The weather in the morning was very nice with no wind, 50+ degrees, and sunny skies. The wind picked up and cloud cover came over around noon, which made it much chillier and more challenging to hit the targets. We kept the stove burning hot in the shed, and it was a popular place to hang out.

We had some great shooting go on this month and I was very pleased about several things. Coralee shot a career best of 32 yesterday, winning AAA class. I think everyone there was so happy and proud of her. I don't know how she does it as she is constantly running around keeping me in order, making and fussing over the food, keeping an eye on 3 kiddos, and snapping a pile of pictures throughout the day. On top of all that, she shoots a master score, besting most of the folks there. An amazing woman she is! Some other great news is we had three junior shooters! Gus Robertson came down from Gillette with Kenny and Kenny helped him shoot a super score of 22 for his first match ever, putting him in AA class. Gus took home a first place pin and gold coin for being high junior. We were also pleased to have Weston Rix come shoot with us again, and young Chase Sauer also shot his first match. I am sure Chase will soon be a tough competitor as he took the match very seriously and did very well. It is great to see junior shooters and we will be tracking their scores throughout the season to award a series junior champion in the spring. Dick Farmer was pleased to win AA with a 26, beating out my Dad, Gary, on chicken count. Dad didn't mind so much as he was the winner of the turkey lotto this month and shot his third AAA score which will move him up next match. Steve Anderson also shot his third master score and will be moving up next month. Carol McDowell shot very well yesterday and was able to be 1st place in A class with a 22. Good Shooting Carol! Dick Hennebry shot a very respectable 93 on the paper target in the wind. I was impressed as there were some tough conditions when he shot it. I hate to mention myself much, but I did want to say how pleased I was to shoot 7 chickens yesterday and with Michael Rix's help in spotting was able to shoot a 33 to be match winner. The range record of 6 has held for some time and I have been trying to break it for a while. Now to

get 8.... We also had four new shooters this month, Darrel, Keith, Gus, and Chase. I hope you guys had fun and will come back and shoot with us again.

A couple of notes on the schedule. Most importantly, the December 22 match will be on the THIRD Saturday in December (the 16th). Michael Rix and I are planning to go to Butte Montana to shoot the Jim Gier Memorial Schuetzen Match on the second weekend and we need to move the 22 match. In the old days, there was an intense competitive rivalry between the Cheyenne, Denver, and Butte riflemen, and it is fun to think we may be rekindling that fire. Thank you to the shooters for understanding our change in schedule. There will be no big bore match in December. We will hopefully be having the November big bore match next Saturday (the 18th), providing we have decent weather. At this point, the forecast looks promising. We are also thinking to have a schuetzen match the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We will do some more planning on that early in Thanksgiving week.

There are a lot of thank-yous this month, but I want to sincerely express my appreciation for all of the support we get from the shooters. Shooters were very generous with the donation can this month, and it is much appreciated. I promise it will all be put to good use maintaining the range, buying food, doing range improvements, and funding our largest single expense which is range insurance. The money, the attendance, all of the positive comments and suggestions, and the friendships all make it an honor to serve our shooters. Thank you all for the support and for coming out to shoot! Check out the Smithmoor Range facebook page for photos.

Take care my friends, Cody Smith
Smithmoor Range, Carpenter Wyoming

Shooter Paper Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place
Master

Michael Rix 76 3 9 10 10 32 1st

Dick Hennebry 93 2 10 10 9 31 High Paper Target

Bryan Youngberg 86 1 10 10 10 31

Cody Smith 82 7 9 9 8 33 MW

Kenny Wasserburger 85-2X 1 10 10 9 30

AAA

Travis Purdum 82 1 10 8 10 29
JD Farmer 76 2 10 9 9 30
Coralee Smith 90 3 10 10 9 32 1st
Robert Garibay 89-1X 1 8 9 9 27
Tom Reed 39 3 9 8 7 27
Weston Rix 29 0 8 7 6 21
Kevin Finney 82-1X 3 10 10 9 32
Mark Pachares 80-1X 3 8 8 9 28
Cecil Sauer 84 2 10 7 8 27
Tom Wengh 87-1X 1 7 9 9 26
Steve Anderson 87 4 10 10 7 31 (moves to master)

AA

Don McDowell 82 1 7 7 2 17
Gary Smith 75 0 9 8 9 26 (moves to AAA)
Dick Farmer 83 4 9 7 6 26 1st
Mike Venard 60 0 9 7 7 23
Jerry Zang 53 0 7 6 8 21
Gus Robertson 77-1X 0 6 7 9 22

A

Carol McDowell 45 1 8 8 5 22 1st
Walt Farmer 73 0 6 8 7 21
Darrel Ritchie 70 1 4 4 4 13
Chase Sauer 5 0 3 4 1 8

Modern

Jeff Demott 40 0 6 5 2 13
Keith Kelly 42 1 7 6 4 18

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Fellow Shooters,

We had nine brave and gallant riflemen show up to compete yesterday. Four or five others were signed up, but were unable to make it at the last moment. Dick Hennebry also came out early, but he graciously stepped out when he saw that 10 entries would either make 4 relays and drag the match out, or 2 relays which left no one the chance to go warm up. 9 entries made for three

relays of 3 shooters and worked out well on the cool day. The weather conditions for the day did not ever get as nice as was predicted and I had hoped they would be, but we still had an enjoyable day. There was a stiff breeze coming across the range from left to right. Later in the day it built to the point that we had to use the spring clamps on the targets. For those that don't know, a year or so ago we figured out that some cheap, metal, squeezable spring clamps from Menards work really well to hold the animals on the rails. They go on easy, seem to hold the animals even in some pretty stiff wind, only cost a dollar or so apiece, and the animals still fall off fairly reliably when hit. Occasionally, we get a ram that won't go over but we allow the hit to count for score as long as there is a 1/2 bullet strike or more on the target. Most of the match the temperature was in the mid 30's and as you will see from the pictures, warranted wearing a parka and/or coveralls. Overall it was definitely on the cooler end of what is tolerable enough to make a fun day shooting, but target visibility was excellent and everyone seemed to have a good time. "Better than sitting at home!" was heard repeated more than once.

It was a little strange having Mom and Dad not there yesterday, and they were sure missed. It was definitely quieter and even seemed a little glum without Dad razzing everyone and telling jokes. They will be back for the next match, thank God. Coralee whipped up some home made chili, cornbread, and apple crisp for lunch. She was a bit frazzled as she had a hard time getting the beans in the chili done in time, but it turned out great. Mark Pachares brought some donuts and JD Farmer brought some super cookies he helped make. Thank you guys, I enjoyed the treats and I am sure everyone else did too.

The scores were interesting yesterday as it was amazing they all ended up so close together. Veteran shooter Joe Kapler showed us all up yesterday shooting a 24 using his small caliber rifle. So much for small calibers not performing in the wind! Kevin Finney was right on his heels with a 23 and was 1st place in AAA/Master Class. Steve Anderson has been shooting very well lately and he also fired a 24 to be our High A/AA Class, only losing to Joe because of chicken count. I suspect Steve will be AAA before long. It is always fun to see shooters working hard to improve and getting it done. Good shooting fellas! Also encouraging news is we had a new to Smithmoor shooter yesterday. Dan Womer has a few matches under his belt in other places and he came up to join us yesterday. We enjoyed having him around and I hope he felt welcome and comes back. We also had two other locals stop and watch the match for a while. They both seemed interested and hopefully will get guns and come back and shoot with us.

Thank you to everyone that comes out to shoot and helps make our range and events possible! I had a very enjoyable day yesterday even though I didn't

shoot well and am already looking forward to the next one. Please remember, the Smithmoor 22 match will be held on the THIRD Saturday in December (the 16th), not the second, and there will be no big bore match in December. Michael Rix and I are planning on shooting in Butte Montana on the second weekend and we need to move the 22 match. We went ahead and canceled the December big bore as it is unlikely the weather will be nice enough to have an enjoyable match, but we can shoot 22's in almost any conditions. We are also planning a Schuetzen match for next Saturday the 25th. It will be a good day to get some practice in and I am planning 20 shots for score from the bench and 50 offhand. Centerfire or 22's are welcome, although I will be using black powder in my 32-40 to practice for the upcoming Butte match. Checkout the Smithmoor facebook page for lots of photos.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone,
Cody Smith

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Shooter	Class	Chicken	Pig	Turkey	Ram	Total	Place
Cody Smith	Master	3	9	4	2	18	
JD Farmer	AAA	2	8	7	5	22	
Kevin Finney	AAA	1	10	7	5	23	1st Top 1/2
Joe Kapler	AAA	2	10	6	6	24	MW
Mark Pachares	AAA	0	8	5	9	22	
Steve Anderson	AA	0	10	8	5	24	1st 2nd 1/2
Greg Bybee	AA	2	6	8	2	18	
Dick Farmer	AA	0	8	7	5	20	
Dan Womer	A	0	6	6	3	15	