

March 22 BPCRA

Fellow Shooters,

As usual, we had a great match yesterday. The wind blew a lot harder than we would have liked, and it would have been nice if it would have been a bit warmer, but that did not deter 25 riflemen and women from making their way to the Smithmoor Range for our monthly Match match in our 22 BPCR Winter Series. We had the fire burning hot in the shed and it was definitely the most popular place to hang out. We also had some good scores shot yesterday. It always amazes me how often we have some great scores in some of the worst weather. We often have better scores on the poor weather days than we do on the match days that have really good weather. Coralee thinks the poor conditions make everybody focus harder and I tend to agree with her.

Probably the biggest news of the day was our favorite local AM radio station, KGAB, came out to check out our range. They brought some video equipment and made a really great video of the match and range. Check it out at <http://kgab.com/learn-to-shoot-with-wyomings-best-video/> Glenn Woods is the host of the morning radio program and is a conservative and true patriot. His support and voice for our constitution and the 2nd Amendment is greatly appreciated and is a beacon of hope for all of us worried about the future of our country. Thank you Glenn and Tim for the great video and for coming out and being a part of our day!

Michael Rix had an idea for our fifth station this month and it turned out to be a great one. In the spirit of the Olympics, we shot at targets that approximated the size and distance of those used in the Biathlon event. For those that don't know, the biathlon event is a combination of a cross country ski race and a rifle match. You ski a ways and then shoot at 10 targets, then ski some more and shoot some more. Missed targets result in the penalty of having to ski a penalty lap, thus putting you behind in the race. I didn't know much about the Biathlon until Michael got me interested, but they shoot both prone and offhand. The target dimensions are metric, but the prone one is about 1 3/4" and the offhand one is 4 or 5". It is actually shaped like a donut with the outside being the offhand target and the inside being the prone target. We gave the shooters a gong to sight in on and I think everyone enjoyed it. It definitely gave everyone more respect for the biathlon competitors because the targets were plenty hard to hit and we didn't have to ski however many kilometers immediately before we shot. The Olympic competitors also do not have sighter targets.

We had some of the very best shooting to ever happen occur at Smithmoor yesterday. It was done on the fifth station Biathlon target. Young Cole Sauer, who is eleven and a very enthusiastic competitor and a fine young riflemen shot an absolutely amazing score. At 50 yards in some severe wind, no one except Cole was able to keep all 10 shots in the 1 3/4" circle. Cole not only scored a perfect 10, he put all the shots in one hole! His ten shot prone group was something the size of a quarter! Cole was all smiles and proudly took home the high paper target award. I sincerely hope Cole sticks with shooting because this young man has some serious potential to one day rank among the very best of riflemen. Congratulations and good shooting Cole, we are all very proud of you!

The food was great! Coralee had a big roaster full of what she calls taco soup. It's kind of like chili, but better. Steve Anderson donated the hamburger for the soup, thanks a bunch Steve! Homemade cornbread muffins accompanied it. Amber Sauer brought a big container of homemade muffins and boy where they ever good, especially the blueberry ones! Thank you Amber! Bev Reed made a huge pan of carrot cake and Lorraine sent over a big plate of cookies. There were only crumbs left. Someone brought a box of fresh donuts and I would comment on how great they were, except I didn't get one! By the time I made it over to check out the goodies, somebody had cleaned them all up and the box was empty....Pachares, I'm keeping an eye on you! lol

A class this month went to young Chase Sauer with a 17. Good job Chase! Mike Venard shot a super 29 to win AA class and Travis Purdum took home AAA. Trav cleaned all the lay downs and killed two chickens! That is some pretty dang good shooting! He will be moving into master class next month. Congratulations Travis! Jack Odor shot very well this month and downed 7 chickens to earn a 34 and 1st master. Good job Jack! It is always fun to watch folks down a bunch of chickens. I was pleased to shoot well this month and earn a 35 and the match winner pin.

It's hard to believe our 4th Winter Series is drawing to an end, but it is. Our Grand Finale is next month on April 14th and we have some great prizes and food planned. The match is full and we have a waiting list started. We are also taking entries and planning the Smithmoor Spring NRA BPCR Regional Championship over Memorial Weekend. Plan on entering, it is going to be a great weekend.

Take care my friends, Cody

Shooter Paper Offhand or Prone Chicken Pig Turkey Ram Total Place

Master

Steve Anderson p-9 3 9 8 9 29

Kevin Finney p-7 2 10 8 4 24

Dick Hennebry p-9 1 9 8 7 25

Michael Rix o 9-3c 4 10 7 7 28

Cody Smith o-10-3c 6 10 10 9 35 MW

Kenny Wasserburger p-7 0 10 6 9 25

Brad Rice p-9 3 9 9 5 26

Jack Odor o-6 7 10 8 9 34 1st

AAA

Joe Kapler p-9 1 10 10 7 28

Mark Pachares p-7 0 9 8 8 25

Travis Purdum p-8 2 10 10 10 32 1st and moves to Master

Tom Reed o-0 1 10 7 6 24

Weston Rix o-3-1c 2 6 10 6 24

Cecil Sauer p-5 4 10 10 7 31

Coralee Smith p-6 1 9 8 7 25

Gary Smith p-6 0 10 8 8 26

Jeff Woodring p-8 1 7 5 5 18

JD Farmer p-7 1 9 5 8 23

AA

Dick Farmer o-1 2 6 9 5 22

Ethan Purdum p-4 0 8 7 3 18

Mike Venard p-7 3 10 8 8 29 1st

Cole Sauer p-10 1 10 8 6 25

Caleb Sauer p-2 0 9 4 1 14

A

Keith Kelly p-1 1 4 4 0 9

Chase Sauer p-5 0 7 2 8 17 1st

March BPCR

Fellow Shooters,

We were pleased with the great turnout yesterday for our St. Patrick's Day BPCR Silhouette match. 18 riflemen took a chance on the weather and came out to test their skills. The weather did not get as nice as I was hoping, but it still ended up an enjoyable day. Temperatures were in the 40's and a stiff south wind of 10-20 mph started about 9:30 and kept up all day. At times it made for some very challenging conditions as it was mostly a tail wind that caused vertical dispersion and it would shift back and forth from left or right. The mirage would also constantly switch. The conditions were readable and predictable, however, and it provided an excellent opportunity to learn. It was also an excellent opportunity for frustration as voiced by a couple of shooters....lol. I am not sure there is anything more enjoyable as being in tune with a good spotter, making large wind corrections, and ending up with a good score. It seldom goes that way, but when it does it is sure fun!

Momma Lorraine out did herself this month with a traditional St. Patrick's day feast. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots were the main course and Irish soda bread and Shamrock cake made super accompaniments. A giant tray of various salami, crackers and cheeses gave us some morning snacking, and my complaining of a lack of donuts resulted in a plethora of donuts. There was even a large box of 13 specially marked for "Cody Only." I am not sure where they came from, but I suspect Mark Pachares was so guilt ridden from eating all the donuts last match he may have been trying to redeem himself....

The match was surely entertaining this month with several bloopers and events of note. I will let those who committed the bloopers share their stories as they have endured enough laughter and ridicule already. Positive events included we saw the return of our old friend Dave Clark. Dave is really more like my uncle than an old friend and is actually the one who sparked my interest in this sport. Dave ordered a Shiloh Sharps back in the 90's and it was the very first one I ever saw. I knew right then that I wanted one of my own and I wanted to shoot it competitively one day. Thanks Dave for all of your help and support you have given me over my whole life.

Another great thing that happened this month was this was the first BPCR match for Cecil and Cole Sauer. First BPCR matches are always a learning experience. Just trying to get to the match with what you need, get your procedure down, and get all of your record shots off is a challenge, let alone to actually hit anything. Cecil, and especially young Cole did very well on their first match and they went home knowing what they need to work on. I am sure we will quickly see both of them improve and be in the winner's circle.

I also wanted to mention that we are seeing Dan Womer getting things figured out. He was elated to shoot 9 pigs this month and tied the high A score only losing by chicken count. It

is really fun seeing him improve and enjoy himself. Also, Jim Rodebaugh shot his personal best this match with a 29. This is his second AAA score and I bet we see him move up soon. Hard work and practice pay off and we are seeing it pay off for both Jim and Dan. Good shooting fellas, we are proud of you!

High A class this month went to Tom Wengh with a 18 and 4 chickens. Wow! Good shooting Tom! AA class went to a very pleased Jim Rodebaugh with a 29, and AAA class went to Mark Pachares with a 25. Mark is still getting used to shooting a scope and I suspect we are all in trouble when he gets it figured out. I was tickled to shoot a 30 this month to be the match winner. Jack Odor was my spotter and was in fine form this month. On several of the animals we made wind corrections for every shot. I could not have done it without Jack's spotting and it was sure fun. Thanks Jack!

We are going to try to do a Historic Target Rifle match next Saturday at Smithmoor East. Contact me if you are interested in coming. The April 22 Spring Finale on April 14th is full and Coralee and I are finishing up plans for it. We are taking entries for the Memorial Weekend Regional Championship. Please think about entering as it promises to be a great match. We even have a new, really awesome trophy we will be awarding. The Smithmoor Cup will be awarded annually and each overall champion's name from the Smithmoor Regional Championship will be etched onto a nameplate and placed on the base. I sincerely hope this will become a prestigious honor and be awarded for many years. Thank you to Jack Odor and Michael Rix for their help with this.

Until next time, Cody Smith

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Cody Smith 3 10 7 10 30 MW

AAA

Joe Kapler 1 10 4 7 22

Mark Pachares 1 10 6 8 25 1st

Travis Purdum 0 8 4 4 16

AA

Kevin Finney (Iron) 0 4 4 7 15

Pete Romanik 1 7 5 6 19

Jim Rodebaugh 4 9 7 9 29 1st

Steve Anderson 1 9 6 0 16

Greg Bybee 0 4 4 2 10

Gary Smith 0 8 3 5 16

A

Dan Womer 1 9 3 5 18

Dick Hennebry 0 7 4 5 16

Cecil Sauer 1 0 4 6 11

Cole Sauer 0 6 2 2 10

Dave Clark 2 5 4 2 13

Tom Wengh 4 8 3 3 18 1st

March HTR

Fellow Shooters,

We sure had fun shooting our old target rifles yesterday! Michael Rix, Jack Odor, Travis Purdum, and myself enjoyed a fun and relaxed day at Cody's Shooting Shed. We shot two 10 shot targets for score from the bench and then two 25 shot targets for score offhand. All shooting was done at 200 yards on German Ring Targets. Coralee brought out a big pan of Beef and Beer pie along with a fresh garden salad for lunch. A peach cobbler desert fresh out of the oven rounded the meal out. We all enjoyed it very much, thank you Coralee! As always, the guns are very interesting at Schuetzen style matches. The ol' master, Jack Odor, brought two very nice Ballards. One, a bench rifle, and the other an offhand rifle in 30 Schwartz. Both engraved and beautiful! Travis was shooting his Winchester highwall schuetzen rifle in 32-40 and making good ground in getting it figured out. Michael brought his favorite CPA in 38-55 and was working with a couple of different black powder loads. The rest of us were shooting smokeless, and all us were using scopes. I enjoyed my day with my trusty Winchester Schuetzen in 32-40.

The temperatures were comfortably warm yesterday, but we still had a fire going just to take the chill off. The breeze was stiffer than we would have liked in the morning and grew to a full wind by mid day. It definitely makes shooting a good score a challenge as those little bullets really move around in the breeze.

As most of us know, Jack is a super shot and top competitor in any of the matches he enters, but he really shines in Schuetzen events. Holding a schuetzen rifle and shooting at a German ring target is just where he feels most comfortable. As you can imagine, this makes him nearly impossible to beat... I managed to get him in the bench rest by a few points, mostly because he didn't bring his really good bench gun, but he shined in the offhand and ended up the overall winner. Good shooting Jack, it is always fun to compete against you.

Think about coming to one of our Historic Target Rifle matches sometime. They are a lot of fun with a whole different atmosphere than I have seen at other kinds of matches. You shoot by yourself with no spotter, so any success or failure belongs entirely to you. There is not really a time limit so you don't feel the constraint of shooting under a clock and it is doesn't cost a lot of money to compete. I would argue that it may be among the most inexpensive of shooting sports to shoot. The guns are fun, and the people, camaraderie, and conversation are more fun. I am sure you would fit right in!

take care and hold center, Cody

Shooter	B1	B2	BT	Place	OH1	OH2	OHT	Place	Agg	Place
Jack Odor	232	239	471	2nd	541	524	1065	1st	1536	1st
Michael Rix	235	198	433		451	481	932	3rd	1365	3rd
Travis Purdum	234	229	463	3rd			----			
Cody Smith	236	240	476	1st	533	521	1054	2nd	1530	2nd