

May BPCR Championship

Friends and Fellow Shooters,

After a couple of days to reflect and refuel after such an eventful weekend, we are still smiling at the successful match that we had. After a couple of last minute cancelations and calls to the waiting list, we ended up with 29 entries in our 2018 Smithmoor Memorial Weekend NRA BPCR Regional Championship. We had several shooters travel some distance to be here and we were very pleased by the strong competition we had. On Saturday we had a four way tie for both master class and AAA!

As usual, the food was super and the Ladies of Smithmoor out did themselves. We had pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw and homemade bread pudding on Saturday lunch, and Italian sloppy joes on garlic toast, broccoli cauliflower salad, and potato salad with strawberry rhubarb crisp for desert on Sunday. The big hit was the Saturday evening appreciation dinner put on by Travis and Dawna Purdum of Cal-Graf Design and Steve Anderson of Wyoming Sight Drifter. Smoked brisket, potato salad, fresh rolls, Vicki's cole slaw and cupcakes for desert made up the menu with some music played by our friend Roger Stearns on his guitar. I know I ate too much and really enjoyed the evening. Thank you guys for the super meal!

The weather was interesting this year. Saturday turned out quite warm with temps getting into the 90's and really very little wind. There was some strong mirage, but I am not really sure why scores were not higher. There was a lot of frustration going around, that I do know. Sunday turned out cooler with temps in 60's and a steady breeze of around 20 mph. Strangely, as you can see from the score board, folks shot better in the wind than they did on Saturday. I felt rather fortunate that the weather was as good as it was as we spent most of the day sitting between two storm cells. Tornadoes and hail were experienced both north and south of us, but we never had more than a stiff breeze and a few drops of rain.

Last year we started a tradition that I hope continues with our Shooter's Church early on Sunday Morning. Our friend, Joshua Tangeman, gave a short and meaningful sermon about the significance of Memorial Day. Shortly after the service, we were treated to

the beautiful voice of Melinda Gibson singing the National Anthem again for us this year. I don't know about everyone else, but I find it particularly moving listening to Melinda's voice while looking at the Stars and Stripes and standing next to friends while enjoying the freedom that so many have paid the ultimate price for us to have. Thank you to Josh and Melinda for sharing your talents with us.

I enjoyed the fifth station very much and it was interesting to see the groups. In the Master/AAA class, Michael Rix shot a very good score on day one, but threw his first shot for record off the target on day two, which put him out. I shot a couple of good groups, but screwed up and put a 6th shot on the target the second day and was disqualified. Rick Mortiz shot two good groups early and we all thought he had it wrapped up, especially since the wind really picked up in the late afternoon. Lee Wolff with the help of veteran rifleman "Doc" Richard Bement spotting for him, showed us all up with an amazing group in the strong wind to take home the powder! Competition was stiff in the AA/A class as well, but John Brooker came out the winner and took home the MVA Scope. Great shooting Lee and John!

Readers will want to review the attached score sheet for all of the juicy details, but I did want to mention the aggregate winners. High A class, shooting a 45 and winning a Smithmoor Buckle was John Brooker. High AA class, shooting a 52 and winning a buckle and a certificate for a Brooks Mould was Dick Farmer. AAA class went to our Canadian Friend Paul Lawrence who shot a 50. Master class was tied at 58 by Jack Odor and Michael Rix! The match ran late and they decided they did not want to shoot off, so reverse animal count gave 1st Master and the buckle to Jack Odor. With the help of super spotter Jack Odor, I was honored to shoot well enough to earn the Smithmoor Match Winner Buckle and a place on the beautiful Smithmoor Cup Trophy. Thank you Jack for all of your help!

A great big thank you needs to go out to all of the folks that make this match happen. It takes a lot of folks to make this match happen, but none of it would be possible without the shooters. I feel so blessed to have such a great group of folks that come to our matches, are so encouraging and supportive, tolerate my crazy ideas, and always have a

smile on their face and a great attitude. You make it all worth it and a pleasure to run these matches. Thank you!!

Please remember our many sponsors as you shop for shooting equipment and accessories this year. These companies have some great products and they very generously support our matches and help make them great.

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I look forward to seeing everyone again soon,
take care, Cody Smith

Day 1							Day 2						
Shooter	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total	Place	Ch	Pigs	T	Rams	Total	Place	
Master													
Jack Odor	5	9	7	9	30	1st	3	10	7	8	28		
Rick Moritz	6	10	6	8	30	MW	3	9	8	4	24		
Michael Rix	2	10	9	9	30		4	10	6	8	28	1st	
Cody Smith	4	10	7	9	30		5	10	7	9	31	MW	
Klaus Schattleitner	2	10	6	5	23		1	7	4	6	18		
AAA													
Sam Chipps	2	8	2	5	17		10	9	4	1	14		
Chris Stubbs	1	8	7	7	23		0	8	4	3	15		
Paul Lawrence	2	8	8	8	26		3	10	6	5	24		
Hugh Wilson	1	8	9	8	26		2	10	1	6	19		
Joe Kapler	2	7	8	6	23		1	9	5	5	20		
JD Farmer	1	6	7	4	18		3	10	6	6	25	1st	

Kevin Finney	0	9	8	9	26		1	9	5	8	23
Travis Purdum	0	9	7	10	26		1	9	6	6	22
Jason Porter	3	7	3	3	16		0	9	1	5	15
Richard Bement	0	9	6	8	23		0	7	4	7	18
Lee Wolff	2	10	6	5	23		2	10	5	0	17
Roger Buechler	4	7	7	5	23		0	0	3	1	4
Mark Parchares	1	7	8	6	22		0	8	3	10	21
AA											
Jim Rodebaugh	3	6	6	6	21		2	10	5	4	21
Dick Farmer	2	9	9	5	25	1st	1	10	7	9	27 1st
Gary Smith	0	5	1	3	9		DNF	2	-	-	-
A/B											
Eddie Hayes	0	6	0	0	6		0	5	5	5	15
Don McDowell	0	4	5	3	12		1	3	3	3	10
John Brooker	2	9	6	5	22		0	8	8	7	23 1st
Dan Womer	3	10	7	5	25	1st	1	6	3	4	14
David Heintz	1	9	4	5	19		1	5	1	4	11
Sacha Wolff	1	6	5	1	13		DNF	-	-	-	-
Tom Wengh	1	0	2	1	4		0	0	3	7	10
John Willkie	0	5	1	3	9		10	6	3	3	12

<u>5 Shot Group</u>	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Agg</u>	<u>Place</u>
Master						
Jack Odor	10 1/2		15		25 1/2	
Rick Moritz	9 1/4		11 3/8		20 5/8	
Michael Rix	8 3/4	1st	scratch		0	
Cody Smith	10 1/4		scratch		0	
Klaus Schattleitner	19		1 hit			
AAA						
Sam Chipps	1 hit		15		0	
Chris Stubbs	14 1/8		0		0	
Paul Lawrence	16 3/4		12 3/8		28 3/4	
Hugh Wilson	22 1/4		3 hits		0	
Joe Kapler	18 1/2		scratch		0	
JD Farmer	15 5/8		0		0	
	13					
Kevin Finney	11/16		29 1/2		41 3/16	
Travis Purdum	13 1/2		0		0	
Jason Porter	22 1/4		23 1/2		45 3/4	
Richard Bement	14		4 hits		0	

Lee Wolff	9 3/8	9 1st	18 3/8	Winner of case of Swiss Powder
Roger Buechler	11 1/2	1 hit	0	
Mark Parchares	11 5/8	4 hits	0	
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AA				
Jim Rodebaugh	0	0	0	
Dick Farmer	13 5/8	0	0	
Gary Smith	3 hits	0	0	
A/B				
Eddie Hayes	3 hits	25 1/2	0	
Don McDowell	3 hits	3 hits	0	
John Brooker	4 hits-9 7/8	14	23 7/8	Winner of new MVA 10x scope
Dan Womer	15 7/8	4 hits	0	
David Heintz	3 hits	4 hits	0	
Sacha Wolff	0	0	0	
Tom Wengh	2 hits	4 hits	0	
John Willkie	16 1/8	2 hits	0	
Coralee Smith	12 7/8	4 hits 20	33 1/8	
		1st 1/4		