

22 Bench Rest Match 26 Oct. 2023

At 0700 on this Thursday the sun was slow in rising above the treetops on the last day of the PHA Ron Gearan .22 BR Match for 2023. Several of the shooters had arrived early to claim their "bench" and the coolness of the early morning was starting to creep into bones and fingertips by 0800. Still, it was gonna be a beautiful day for shooting with your buds and the last chance this year to win that Blue Ribbon or more importantly.... the Prestigious Harbor Freight Award.

Today we had eight (8) shooter that came out and competed in five (5) different classes.

The WINNERS were:

- Factory Light - Dennis Bennett shooting a CZ452 with a score of 250/5x
- Factory Heavy- Bill Houck shooting a Ruger PR with a score of 250/14x
- Light Sporter- Gary Tolbert shooting a Tikka with a score of 250/19x
- Open Sight- Gary Madden shooting a REM 37 with an aggregate score of 299/23x
- Sporter- TIE for 1st... Paul Brinkman shooting an Annie MS 54 with a score of 250/12x and Dave Roberts Shooting an Annie Supermatch 54 scoring 250/12x.
- Unlimited- NO SHOOTERS IN THIS CLASS

The Number 2 target was called by Gary Tolbert as the Harbor Freight Award Target. For the second time in a row Dave Roberts outshoot the other competitors with a near perfect bulls eye shot and claimed a torpedo level as his prize. There is no truth to the rumor that Dave punched out the target with a .22 plug before hanging the target even though there was grumbling heard in the background.

It was a perfect day for shooting and the match was over by 1030 hrs. There didn't seem to be any wind at all and after the sun came up it warmed up nicely. Everyone there expressed their appreciation for the match and look forward to next year and just maybe some new challenges added.

THANK YOU goes out to all shooter that came out this year and joined us on the two monthly .22 BR Matches. We appreciate each and every one of YOU!

Big Thanks to Match Director David Motsinger for another successful year of .22 BR shooting. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in March of 2024. Till then stay safe and warm!

Dave Roberts, Match Director

