

22 Bench Rest 20th May 2023

All week long the weather forecast has been up and down. Sometimes it was calling for rain and other times just a cloudy sky. Wind was predicted from 2MPH to 18MPH gusts. How can even a seasoned shooter plan for a match under those conditions?

Well you can't. You just gotta show up and do the best you can under the conditions you can see and feel when you are at the bench.

Today we had eight (8) regular seasoned shooters that competed in four (4) different classes. I think the weather forecast gave some shooters the excuse they needed to just sleep in.

The weather at the range was as good as it could get for a shooter with an overcast sky, calm wind, but slight humidity. I expected HIGH scoring under those conditions, but it never happened!

Gary Madden, a 2nd year shooter, took home BLUE RIBBONS for the Sporter Class with a score of 250/13X AND the Open Sight Class with a 300/18X score using Remington Mod 37s that were made when Daniel Boone was a lad... OK, maybe not that old but OLD. Keith Raulston came in 2nd in the Sporter Class and Gary Tolbert in the Open Sight Class.

In the Light Sporter Gary Tolbert beat his brother Marc out for 1st place Blue with a score of 250/15X to Marc's 250/11X. You gotta love competition between brothers even at this age!

The Factory Heavy-Light Class was won by that traveling man Dennis Bennett (from Sparta) with a score of 250/16X, and Randy Davis coming in 2nd with a score of 250/6X.

The prestigious Harbor Freight Aware went to Charlie Christian for having the BEST shot on target #10 of the first (of 2) Targets. Even Charlie wasn't braggin about that shot but a WIN is a WIN.

I would almost guarantee that there was not a shooter on the line today that didn't think he would have better scores given the conditions. I know I did and I have a long list of excuses as to WHY my performance was off.

Congratulations to all the WINNERS and many "Thanks" to everyone else for just showing up.

Our next PHA .22 Bench Rest Match is Thursday May 25th starting at 0800 sharp. Get there EARLY for a bench for the Old Fartz Shoot.

Dave Roberts, Match Director