

Sept. 19 & 20, 2009

We ended the 2009 High power and Mid Range matches with some very nice weather. We had mild temperatures and light wind for both Saturday and Sunday. Although the mirage at mid day did prove a bit tricky for both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, Sept. 19th, we had 16 across the course shooters attend the 80 shot Regional Match.

The overall winner was High Master Dan Davis who shot a score of 771-24X. Dan also shot the highest sitting rapid score a 199-12X. That score impressed the pit pullers on his point that they wrote "Dan's the Man" on the bottom of the scoring chalk board. Dan also shot the highest score at 600 yards, 195-7X.

John Wier was the High Service Rifle shooter and the high Off hand shooter with a score of 189-1X. John had an agg. total of 769-12X. John shot the second highest score for the day, but since our rules only allow a High Master to win his class, (if there are enough high masters to make a class) and/or win overall match winner. Since we only had two High Masters John gets this little note of praise and not any of the huge amounts of money we pay the winners. John also shot the highest 300 yard rapid prone score of 194-3X.

Following our rules the second place winner was Roger Franklin with a score of 758-10X. Roger was also the high scoring shooter in Master Class.

We had two new shooter firing in their first across the course match; Shaw Walker and Steve McDowell. Shaw fired a fine score of 192-2x in the 200 yard rapid sitting event.

Two new shooters to the Cadillac matches were; Bradley Wallace and Matt Gorby, Brad came all the way up from Westland, Michigan and Matt from Trufant Michigan which I think is north of Grand Rapids.

On the line I remember seeing one M1A, one M-1 Garand, two AR match rifles, one in .223 and one in a 6mm caliber the rest of rifles were AR's .

After the match we had our usual Ice Cream Social. Fudge swirl and Chocolate were the ice creams along with Chocolate syrup.

Sunday, Sept.20, 2009

For our Midrange 3x600 match we had 24 competitors, 12 conventional sling shooters and 12 F class shooters, 7 F open and 5 Ftr.

The weather in the morning was cool and calm with light winds and a fair bit of challenging mirage coming up in the afternoon.

Relay one with the clear air and almost no wind produced some 'cleans'. High Masters Renzo Tormen and Dick Pardini both shot a 200 -12X but Master shooter Alex 'Gary' Badrak shot a 200-13X to out X the two High Masters.

During Relay one the F open shooters also shot some cleans Roger Franklin shot a 200-8X but Mike Ross shot a 200-11X to win the F open match 1. I think both Roger and Mike were using 6br caliber rifles.

In F tr none of us could shoot a clean, Bob Lorenz came the closest with a 197-7X followed by Jeff Madison with a 197-3X.

In Match Two the mirage and light wind started to come up. In the sling shooters HM's. Dick Pardini and Renzo kept up their close race with Dick shooting a 199-8X and Renzo shooting a 199-7x. Gary Badrak stayed close on their heels with a 196-8X. Also putting on the pressure were Ken Orris and Haven Williams, Ken having shot a 198-10X in match one and a 197-11X in match two. Haven shooting a 196 -11X in match 1 and a 194-9X in match 2.

During Match two for the F open shooters Brian Patterson shot a high score of 197-5X to Mike Ross' 195-2x and Roger Franklin's 196-10X.

In Match two of the F tr class Jeff Madison shot a 193-3x and Al Walewski shot a 190-5x.

In match three of the sling shooters Renzo Tomen shoot a 198-9X and Dick Pardini had a shot that did not hit the target , a blow up??, costing him 10 points, Haven Williams shoots steady and turns out a 196-7X. Gary Badrak also keeps his steady pace and shoots a 195-5X. Ken Orris Cross fires, yea who hasn't done that, and loses 10 points knocking him out of the race for match winner or second place.

The overall winner for the sling shooters was Renzo Tormen with a score of 597-28X. Steady shooting gets Master Gary Badrak Second place overall and first place Master with a score of 591-26X.

Haven Williams took first place High Master by our rules.

We had no Sharpshooter or Expert class shooters but we did have 5 Marksman sling shooters and Paul Childs was the Marksman class winner with a 550-8X. I think you will be moving up to SS class soon, Paul. Our only 3 service rifle shooters were in Mks. class too. Jim Deveraux was the high service rifle shooter besting the "reliables", Tom Palethorpe and Art Wise. I do not think Art or Tom have missed a 3x600 match at Cadillac in the last five years.

Back to F class; In F open during match three with the mirage dancing across the targets Mike Ross figured out the right times to shoot and shot a fine 197-12X to edge out Roger Franklin who shot a 195-8X

Mike Ross was the F open class winner with a agg. score of 592-25X edging out Roger Franklin by one point. Roger's agg. score was 591-26X to take second F open class

In F tr Jeff Madison shot smart and waited for his wind and mirage condition and shot a 192-8X in match three and was the Ftr Agg. winner with a score of 582-14X Bob Lorenz was second with a final agg score of 572- 15X. Both Jeff and Bob were shooting custom made Dietlein Swaging .308 caliber bullets Jeff used 175's and Bob 155's.

We had some new F class shooters at this match one Junior, 12 yr old Jacob Malone shooting his uncle's 6br Tikka. His Uncle Brian Nielsen shot F tr using his .223 space gun and Lea Ann Hammers shot F tr using a .308 bolt gun. Both Brian and Lea Ann are usually conventional sling shooters. Ted Webster came up again this season from the Ann Arbor area. Bill Hammers and his daughter both came up from the South East Michigan area. I appreciate your traveling so far to attend our match.

After the match we had a two alarm Venison Chili dinner and some ice cream to put out the fire. The chili was made and donated by Sharon Franklin. We also discussed the renewed efforts of the MRPA to bring back the Junior High Power program.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2009 Cadillac HighPower, Midrange and F class matches. I hope to see you all for the 2010 season, If you could not attend this past season I hope you will try to attend a match next season. Bring a junior shooter to the match.

Bob