

July 10/11 Cadillac Sportsmans Club High Power and Mid range Match Report

We had very good weather for our July 10/11 Ice Cream Social and High Power Rifle matches at the Cadillac Sportsman's Club. Cadillac Michigan.

Saturday was our usual eighty shot across the course match and this month we had 27 competitors. Eight of the shooters were Juniors. It was great to see some junior shooters show up for the match. After the match six of the juniors that are on the Michigan Rifle and Pistol Assoc. Junior team practiced shooting a "Rattle Battle Match".

The weather on Saturday gave us calm winds and sunny skies. Perhaps we could have used just a bit more of a breeze to help keep us cool as it was a bit warm. We went through over 12 and a half gallons of water besides what the shooters brought themselves.

In the 200 yard off hand stage Junior Shooter Victoria Gaddie out shot everyone with her 193-4X. In the rapid sitting stage High Master shooter Rich Verrell shot an outstanding 199-13X to win that stage. Moving back to three hundred yards and shooting the rapid prone event Master Class shooter Mike Quillinan held hard and shot a 197-7X. Then heading back to the six hundred yard firing line for the slow fire prone event Master Class shooter Bill Hammers shot up the center of the target to post a score of 196-6X and win the slow fire prone event.

At the end of the day the top shooters were:

Rich Verrell overall match winner 773-22X

Mike Craycraft was second overall and first Master with a score of 769-14X

Jim Stewart was second in the Master class with a 766-15X

Junior Shooter Victoria Gaddie was third overall and first in Expert class with a score of 768-15X. Vicky was also the high Junior shooter and High Woman shooter.

Junior Shooter Sephanie Setser was second in Expert class with a 747-14X

Junior shooter and classified as Marksman Hanna Gaddie won the combined Marksman and Sharpshooter class by shooting a 736-7X

So it looks like the Junior Ladies did some nice shooting.

At the end of the match we had our traditional ice cream social and went through 5 gallons of ice cream, a jug of chocolate syrup, a slew of cherries and a tub of whipped cream. I think that is a new record for ice cream consumption, perhaps the Juniors had something to do with that.

Sunday for our 3x600 yard sixty shot Mid Range match the weather was again warm. But a crew of shooters put up our shade canopies over the firing line and the shade was welcome by the end of the day.

We had 32 competitors for the Mid Range match including three of the Juniors that were able to stay for both days. Ten of our shooters were F class, five F open and five F tr.

At the end of match one we had a lot of scores posted in the high 190's and three 200's. Bryan Litz shot a 200-16X, Bob Steketee shot a 200-12X and Pete Church shot a 200-11X. Match two again saw quite a few high 190 scores and Pete Church and Bob Steketee both shot 200-10X, Bryan Litz dropped one point to post a 199-16-X. And Dick Pardini posted a 199-17X. As we finished the final match there were not quite so many high 190's scores but Renzo Tormen shot his clean, a 200-9X he had been teetering on the edge with a pair of 198's in the first two matches. Pete Church dropped 3 points an 8 and a 9 for a 197-7x for match three. Bob Steketee dropped two points when he shot an 8 to post a score of 198-9X for his third match. Bryan Litz held hard and shot a 200-16X in match three and secured the sling match win with a 599-48X one point ahead of Bob Steketee and two points ahead of Pete Church.

So this is how things shook out, Sling Tournament winner was Bryan Litz 599-48X, Second overall was Bob Steketee with a 598-31X and Third overall was Pete Church with a 597-28X.

Mike Quillinan won the Master Class with a score of 589-21X.

Junior Shooter Taylor Grissom won the Expert Class shooting a score of 591-25X and he won the high scoring Junior medal for Sunday.

Junior Shooter Travis Timmons won the Marksman Class with a score of 588-25X.

Taylor and Travis had been tied in score up until match three when Taylor did some hard holding and picked up three points on Travis. It was some nice shooting by both of these young men. Really, I am betting the boys were glad the Junior Girls did not show up on Sunday. If they had I think the match would have been even tighter than it was.

In F open class the contest was between Ted Webster up from the Washtenaw Club against Mike Ross from the Cadillac Club. Ted won the F open tournament by two X's. Ted Webster 589-24X, Mike Ross 589-22X.

In F tr class Al Walewski from the Midland Club smoked the rest of the competitors with his score of 577-19X. His closest competitor was 21 points away.

And of course we ended the day with ice cream. We were short of Juniors compared to Saturday so we only went through 4 gallons of ice cream, some whipped cream, some cherries and part of a jug of Chocolate syrup. The leftovers were sent home with Bob Steketee who had his grand children over to his house. Nothing like getting the kids all sugared up.

I would like to thank all the guys that helped to set up and take down the canopies and other range supplies that needed to be put away. That really does help me at the beginning and end of the day.

Upcoming:

Next Cadillac matches August 21-22.

Washtenaw, course match this Saturday, 17 July

Midland, a 3x600 prone mid range match this Saturday 17 July

Capitol City rifle Club a 200 yd course match

Border States in the U.P. 80 shot course match 17,18 July

August 6,7,8 MRPA Long Range 3 day regional at Camp Grayling.

August 28-29 Cadillac Garand and Springfield matches

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