

October 2019 Light Rifle Match Report
Club Championship Match
Simon Bailey

This time last year we thought it was a summer that won't seem to end – wow - who knew that this year would break all the records! The weatherman got our hopes up that fall would finally arrive on match day – and we did get lower temperatures - but we also got cloudy skies, high humidity and wind – lots of wind.

The final match of the NRA Light Rifle season, and Club Championship was held on October 5th on the Rimfire Range at RBGC. With lots of other activities and the strong wind blowing, turnout was on the light side with 11 shooters on hand and scores were restrained. The winds were as strong as in memory, so getting a steady sight picture was definitely a challenge and required patience to shoot in the lulls.

Defending club champion George Wilson jumped out to an early lead (184-3X) to hold first place by four points after the second stage over Simon Bailey (180-1X) and Mauro Bisiacchi (175-1X). Mark Dorlay held first Sharpshooter, 1X back at 175-0X and Don Coleman 1st Marksman at 173-1X.

Despite the wind, or maybe as a result of it, the scores were very consistent so that by the end of the 4th stage Wilson was still in first, with Bailey still four points back. Dorlay moved into 3rd place three points back with Coleman holding onto 1st Marksman.

At the end of the regulation 60 shots, Wilson had padded his lead by a couple of extra points to finish first with a 544-3X, and three-peat as Club Champion! Bailey held on to second place by virtue of center shots 538-4X to 538-2X over Dorlay, who finished in 3rd.

In a late and substantial push, Bob Morris moved up two places and five points to finish in 1st Marksman with a 529-3X over Don Coleman who finished 2nd Marksman at 527-3X. Please see the match bulletin on the website for the full results and congratulations to all winners.

George Wilson	544-3X Match Winner – Club Champion
Simon Bailey	538-4X 2 nd Place
Mark Dorlay	538-2X 3 rd Place
Rick Purcell	526-1X 1 st Sharpshooter
Bob Morris	529-3X 1 st Marksman
Don Coleman	527-3X 2 nd Marksman
Mauro Bisiacchi	518-2X 3 rd Sharpshooter

At the completion of the formal match, two fun “One Shot” matches were held with the prize being a brick of ammo for each match (Thanks to Mark Dorlay for donating one brick of RWS).

The first fun match, affectionately known as the Barney Fife match, is a true one shot affair, with the shooter who fires his bullet closest to scoring a perfect center shot winning the match. George Wilson fired a 10 but was bested by Craig Wood who shot a “better” 10 and claiming the brick of ammo.

The second fun match is a single elimination match, with only the best half of the field advancing to the next round. Eleven shooters were quickly reduced to seven – Rick Purcell, Mauro Bisiacchi, Mark Dorlay, Ethan Wood, Simon Bailey, George Wilson and Don Coleman. Seven became four – Coleman, Purcell, Bisiacchi and George Wilson. Four became two, with Rick Purcell besting Don Coleman for the second brick of ammo.

And so ends another fun and successful NRA Light Rifle season. I encourage all readers to join us next year. The venue is fun, family friendly, has low equipment requirements, is competitive and builds off-hand shooting skills.