

## September 2020 NRA Light Rifle Match Report

Wow - what great Labor Day weather! After the long hot month of August, September arrived with a blast of autumn and a great day for the Labor Day NRA Light Rifle Match. The range temperature started out at 57 degrees and still and rose to 81 degrees with very low humidity and no wind.

Twelve competitors braved these harsh conditions to test their mettle! After a brief sight-in period the match got started in earnest. Marksman, Don Coleman surprised himself by posting a pair of 89's (89.0 & 89.1) to take first place overall after the second stage. In second and third, George Wilson and Bob Morris were separated by a single X with Wilson ahead of Morris 177-2X to 177-1X. Sharpshooter father and son Rick and David Purcell along with Marksman, Mauro Bisiacchi were all tied at 175 points again separated only by X's: David 2X, Rick 1X and Mauro 0X to fill out first and second Sharpshooter and first Marksman.

With Match Director Simon Bailey handling all scoring duties, range officer Coleman was able to move the match along at a rapid pace. After the 4<sup>th</sup> stage, David Purcell had taken over 1<sup>st</sup> place by virtue of a 93 and a match high 95, posting a 363.04. Morris continued to shoot well answering Purcell's high 95 with a 93 to move into second with a 358.1X, while Wilson shot an 84 followed by a 94 to position third with a 355-3X. Rick Purcell, still shooting consistently, took over as first sharpshooter with a 352.1X while Don Coleman took over as first marksman with a 350-1X.

The final two stages saw both the good and the not quite so good that finally sorted things out. In the Marksman category, Coleman continued on an even pace to finish as first marksman with a 518.2X over second place Bisiacchi's final 514-1X and third place Matt Whitley's 507-0X.

Wilson had an issue in the 5<sup>th</sup> stage to post an uncharacteristic 78-0X to drop out of contention despite following up with a 90 in the final stage. Likewise, David Purcell slipped a bit in the 5<sup>th</sup> stage positing an 83-0X to make for a very interesting finish. Meanwhile, Rick Purcell and Bob Morris continue to shoot consistently with all scores above 90 to set up the final standings.

David bested Rick based on X's with Rick finishing in third place with a 533-1X while David took second overall with a 533-4X. Congratulations to Bob Morris who finished in first place for the first time in his Light Rifle career posting a 541.2X! Morris has been consistently improving since he started shooting the program, so it is no surprise that he took top honors for his first time.

Congratulations to all the winners, please see the Match Bulletin posted on the website for full results.

Bob Morris	- 541-2X	- Match Winner
David Purcell	- 533-4X	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Rick Purcell	- 533-1X	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

George Wilson	- 523-3X	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Expert (No award given due to class size)
King Stracke	- 485-1X	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter
Don Coleman	- 518-2X	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Marksman
Mauro Bisiacchi	- 514-1X	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marksman
Matt Whitley	- 507-0X	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marksman

The next match will be the Club Championship Match to be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Championship match will be a 60-shot match fired at 50 ft. After the match is over, two one shot fun matches will be fired with a brick of Match ammo awarded to each match winner.

Grab your 22 rifle and come on out and join the fun and friendly competition.