

The first match of the 2017 RBGC NRA Light Rifle program was held on April 1st with a field of 9 competitors on hand to start the season. Like the 2016 season, the first match scores were a little lower than usual, with some shooters having an exceptional day, while others were just a bit off.

Simon Bailey started the match strong by firing a 91.01 and a 94.01 to take an 8 point lead after the second stage, with Brad Reynolds in second place by 1 center shot over Chris Sager at 177. Typical high scoring shooters Mark Dorlay and King Stracke shot very atypical stages to complete the second stage 19 and 21 points back.

With the winds beginning to kick up, shooters were pushed around a bit, but the scores didn't seem to suffer much. Bailey continued to post solid stages, as did Sager and Reynolds. Dorlay began to wake up and post better scores, but Stracke was still a bit off. Don Coleman was having a good day firing good points totals, to stay ahead of Stracke. By the end of the 4th stage, Bailey held an 11 point lead, with Sager, 355.00 and Reynolds, 354.01, swapping places by a single point.

The final two stages saw Dorlay returned to form by posting a pair of solid 93.00's. Bailey and Reynolds also shot duplicate scores, with Bailey posting a pair of 91.00's, and Reynolds posting a pair of 90.01's

After all of the shooting was complete, Bailey managed to hold on to the match lead firing a 548.03 to finish just one point shy of tying his personal best. Reynolds consistent finish put him in 2nd place with a 534.03 and Dorlay's strong finish put him on podium with a 533.01 to take 3rd place. Please see the attached match bulletin for full results.

Congratulations to all winners:

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| Simon Bailey  | 548.03 | Match Winner     |
| Brad Reynolds | 534.03 | 2nd Place        |
| Mark Dorlay   | 533.01 | 3rd Place        |
| King Stracke  | 515.02 | 1st Sharpshooter |
| Chris Sager   | 531.00 | 1st Marksman     |
| Don Coleman   | 513.00 | 2nd Marksman     |

Thanks to Fran Bailey for Stat office duties and t everyone for helping with setup and teardown.

The next Light Rifle match will be on Saturday May the 6th with first shot downrange at 9:30 AM. It will be an any sight 60 shot match fired at 50 ft. We look forward to seeing you here.