

The second match of the 2017 RBGC NRA Light Rifle program was held on May 6th with a field of 10 competitors on hand including two new shooters. With recent warm weather, it was expected that by early May the weather would be warm and pleasant – Wrong! The wind and low temperatures had a huge impact on shooting performance with 25 MPH gusts playing havoc with shooter stance and fine motor control of the trigger finger.

King Stracke started the match well by firing a 90.00 and a 91.01 while everyone else was shooting in the 80's. With the winds really roaring the shooters were pushed around quite a bit making the 50 degree temps feel really cold. Numb hands were the rule making, trigger finger control difficult and driving competitors to stand in the parking lot to soak up warming sunshine between stages.

In the 4th stage Stracke had a bobble, sending one shot wide which help out Mark Dorlay and Brad Reynolds both of whom had managed to shoot consistently after the first stage to pull within one and three points respectively of Stracke. First time shooter Allen Wencil was holding on to first sharpshooter and Tom Hollingsworth holding first Marksman position.

With all shooting complete Dorlay was unable to overcome Stracke's solid final stage score of 94.00 leaving Stracke in first place over Dorlay. Reynolds had a tough 5th stage to drop back but held onto 3rd place over Simon Bailey who made a strong finish but fell 3 points short. Despite the wind, Tom Hollingsworth turned in a personal best to finish as first marksman with a 505.02. Please see the attached match bulletin for full results.

Congratulations to all winners:

King Stracke	540.01	Match Winner
Mark Dorlay	535.04	2nd Place
Brad Reynolds	525.00	3rd Place
Simon Bailey	522.03	1st Master
Butch Sievers	475.00	1st Sharpshooter
Tom Hollingsworth	505.00	1st Marksman

Thanks to Andrew Bailey for Stat office duties and to everyone for self-serve setup and teardown.

The next Light Rifle match will be on Saturday June the 3rd with first shot downrange at 9:30 AM. It will be a pair of any sight 30 shot matches fired at 50 yards. We look forward to seeing you here.