

September 2018 Light Rifle Match Report

Labor Day Weekend. The unofficial last day of Summer. For most, a hot muggy weekend. For many, a Monday off from work. For the lucky few, a day to shoot a Light Rifle Match!

Fourteen shooters were on hand to enjoy the hot muggy weather and fun competition. One new shooter was on hand to “watch” but was coxed into shooting and was glad he did!

Shooting started at 9:30 AM with a short sight-in period and by 9:45 the record shots were swimming their way to the targets through the thick humid air. Stage one saw Simon Bailey post a solid 90.0X to take the lead with Intermediate Junior Ethan Wood scoring an impressive 88.0X to place second over Mark Dorlay in 3rd with an 87.0X. Normal high scoring shooters George Wilson and King Stracke started out a bit slow, scoring in the mid-80's on the first stage, something that was about to change.

By the end of the second stage, Wilson had posted a 94.0X to tie with Bailey for first place while Stracke posted a 91.0X to move into 3rd by 1 point over Dorlay who fired an 89.1X. Dorlay usually shoots metallic sights on a CZ Lux with a long barrel. This month he was using his scoped “Shorty” CZ which threw him off his stride. With proper light and adequate watering, “Shorty” might, one day, grow up to be a full-sized rifle, but for this day seemed to be coming up a bit short.

In the Marksman Class, the first four places were all separated by only 4 points, 1 per place. In the Master Class, first time shooter James Arnold, using a borrowed CZ455, was posting very respectable scores – especially considering this was his very first outing and he was firing the rifle for the first time.

In stages 3 and 4 Stracke came alive, shooting a 94.0X and a 95.0X to move into first place. Bailey didn't exactly go to sleep, but his 93.1X and 92.0X just couldn't hold Stracke back. Wilson moved to 3rd place and Bob Morris scoring an 89.1X and a 90.2X moved to the top of the Marksman Class. In the Wood Family contest, Ethan Wood, while starting out strong, slipped a bit while his Dad Craig Wood began to post very good scores to start moving up.

By now the temps and humidity were beginning to take their toll, but an occasional breeze helped cool things down a bit but was not strong enough or sustained enough to cause significant position instability. Still, shot timing did become more important.

In the next to last stage, Stracke and Wilson again slipped into the mid-80's. Wilson came roaring back in the final stage posting his second 94.0X with Stracke firing a 91.1X. Unfortunately, it was too little, as Bailey scored a solid 94.0X followed by a 91.0X to finish the match with a 549.1X to tie his personal best and take first place.

In the Master class, Arnold saved his best for last, shooting a 91.1X, having a great time and promising to be back next month. Morris retained the top spot in the Marksman class with a 513 and 5 X's with lone woman shooter Beth Reynolds taking second Marksman only 1 point back at 512-1X. In the ongoing Wood family feud, age bested youth this month with father Craig outshooting Ethan based on X's - 497.2X to 497.0X

Please see the Match Bulletin posted on the website for full results and congratulations to all the winners.

Simon Bailey	- 549-1X	- Match Winner
King Stracke	- 542.1X	- 2 nd Place
George Wilson	- 538-1X	- 3 rd Place

The next match will be the Club Championship Match to be held on Saturday, October 6th. 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 SK Match ammo awarded to each match winner.

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