

## August 2018 Rimfire Benchrest Match Report

Seven shooters were present for the August Rimfire Benchrest match and experienced the most amazing weather – moderate temperatures and almost no wind – all morning. With conditions like these, high scores were expected.

The match format for August was three 50 yard stages fired at either the IBS 50 yard “Green Monster” or the RBA 50 yard target. Due to the Match Director being on a tight schedule, all three stages were fired with scoring done at the end of the tournament. All three matches were fired before noon, with results available shortly after.

Steve Gould, firing from a bi-pod, requested to shoot the RBA target so was promoted to the Unlimited class. Simon Bailey left his usual Benchrest rifle at home and instead brought his F-Class Anschutz 54.30 just to see how it would do. Unfortunately, the BR-50 Stock did not fit Bailey’s one-piece rest, resulting in an unusable wobble and almost forcing him to withdraw from the match. Luckily, Grant Toman came to the rescue. Toman stripped both covers from a piece of Gatorboard, which were used as a shim, stabilized the stock sufficiently to shoot – a low tech fix for a high-dollar precision rest!

The first stage was fired with hardly a breath of wind, with appropriate scores. Andy Greenspon using his MPR and RWS Special Match fired a 249-8X on the IBS 50 target. Bailey, despite the initial troubles, fired a 249-12X with the Anschutz on the RBA target, besting Grant Toman’s 247-14X using his Anschutz.

The second stage also had little wind, but a few swirls did cause trouble. Greenspon again fired a 249, this time with a 7X, with Toman repeating his 247 effort but with only 14X’s. Bailey fired a 245-11X, to tie in aggregate score with Toman but be behind on X’s

The wind picked up just a little – emphasis on little - in the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, and Greenspon managed to post his 3<sup>rd</sup> 249 with a 9X’s to lock up first place in the Sporter division. Among the Unlimited’s, Toman dropped 4 points to finish with a 246-17X securing Class winner honors, and Bailey, who claims his paper shim was wearing out (that’s my story and I’m stickin’ to it), fired a 244-13X to finish as 1<sup>st</sup> Unlimited. Special recognition goes out to Steve Gould who, firing his Voodoo from a bi-pod, posted the third stage high score of 247-8X and his highest card to date.

For full results, Please see the Website Match results page for the match bulletin.

The final match of the season will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> on MP-1 at RBGC. The match format will consist of 4 stages – 2 at 50 yards and 2 at 100. Andy Greenspon has promised one of his great lunch spreads, so grab your .22, a rest and bag and come shoot!