

September 2019 Rimfire Benchrest Match Report
Simon Bailey

Eight shooters, including one new contestant, were on hand under clear blue skies and cool temperatures for the final match of the 2019 Rimfire Benchrest season. The match format was the now familiar three 50 yard stages fired at either the IBS 50 yard "Green Monster" for Sporter class or the RBA 50 yard target for the Unlimited class.

Pat Paterson started out very well, firing a 249/16X with his Myers/Broughton rifle in reasonably still conditions. Simon Bailey also started out well, but after 9-X's and a 10, he was unable to maintain his momentum and ended up 4 shots back at 245-13X with his 2500x/Mullerworks.

In the Sporter class, Drew McKay picked up where he left off last month, using his Lithgow to shoot a 249-9X while Shaun Forgacs with his 10-22/Green Mountain rig turned in a 245-9X.

For the second card the wind started picking kicking up, but this didn't seem to impact the shooters too badly. Bailey settled down somewhat to post a 249-14X but was bested by Pat Patterson who fired a clean target for a resulting 250-17X. A 250 on the RBA target is a rare thing and this is Pat's second 250 of the season!

In Sporter class, McKay continued his high scoring ways, posting another 249-9X, with Forgacs closing the gap slightly shooting a 247-4X.

The third card had everyone complaining as the wind was going some very unexpected things to their shots. Bailey managed a 247-10X while Patterson dropped some very wide shots ending with a 244-18X. While the final score narrowed a bit, Patterson had secured 1st Unlimited with a 743-51X - by far the highest aggregate X count of the season.

McKay dropped 3 points on the final card posting a 247-9X while Forgacs posted another 247 - this time with 7X. Despite closing the gap, McKay won 1st Sporter with a 245-27X.

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

This match will be the final match fired on MP-1 as next season the program will move to the Rimfire range, which will allow both 50 and 100 yard stages. Please check the forum early next year for program updates and as always, please consider joining us for the fun at the first match in 2020!