

## August 2020 Rimfire Benchrest Match Report

Twenty two competitors were present for the fourth RBGC Rimfire Benchrest match of 2020. Conditions were humid with moderate temperatures and somewhat tricky winds that started just before the match got underway.

The match format was four stages with the first two fired at 100 yards on the IBS 200 yard target and the final two stages being fired at the new BulletPro 150 target at 50 yards. The BulletPro 150 is a new target that is being tested for a newly formed organization that is planning to sanction matches in 2020. The BulletPro 150 target has only 20 record shots and uses a combination of best edge and worst edge scoring.

The target is designed to allow competitors to recover from an occasional dropout (even the best 22LR ammo throws unexplained shots) or misread of the wind. It is quite tough to recover lost points on the RBA target and while, the ARA target allows a bit more opportunity to recover points, it is still not easy to do. The BulletPro target was designed to allow a single target design to work across all rifle classes and to allow for recovery of dropped points by rewarding tight center shots with 150 points.

All BulletPro targets were scored by Grant Toman and Pat Patterson and did require some time to score accurately. Lots of shots required plugging, but Toman and Patterson did a good job with the task.

With 22 shooters on hand the match was contested in two relays with a two pair of competitors sharing rifles. Since the scoring for the 100 yard and 50 yard stages were so different, it was decided to assign position points to finish positions for the combined scores of each pair of stages and then add the points to determine who won each class. Ten points were assigned for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 9 for second, 8 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on. Ties were settled by the highest combined 50 yard scores, and if still tied, by the highest 50 yard score in the reverse order fired.

In the two 100 yard stages, Unlimited class shooter Pat Patterson jumped to an early lead and dominate the 100 yard stages with an aggregate of 496-10X – taking all of the available X's and 10 points. Only one shooter has scored 5X at 100 yards in the last 5 years, so scoring 5X's in both stages was pretty-solid shooting! Second place , and 9 points, was taken by Grant Toman with a respectable 494-7X.

In the seven competitor Premium class, the two Vudoo V22's went at it with John McBrayer taking a solid lead by winning both 100 yard stages and 10 points with an aggregate 496-5X over Steven Gould and his V22 at 479-5X (9 points). Drew McKay and his Lithgow 101 finished 3rd at 474-1X for 8 points.

The Factory class also had seven competitors. In the first 100 yard stage, Neal Shaddon using his Savage BTVS to edge out Bob Morris and his Kimber 82G by a single X both scoring 238. Morris did slightly better in the second 100 yard stage to finish with a 473-2X aggregate and earn 10 points over Shadden's 465-5X agg and 9 points. Phill Bettis using his CZ457 took 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8 points with a 462-2X.

Three shooters in the Semiautomatic class were vying for top honors with Paul Lemley posting an aggregate 460-4X to take 10 points after the 100 yard stages.

After the 100 yard festivities were complete, the target frames were moved back to the 50 yard line and the first of the BulletPro targets were hung with 3000 points available per each card. Unlimited class shooter, again in great form, posted a 4475 aggregate to take another 10 points and secure 1<sup>st</sup>

Unlimited. Only Joe Ettershank using his newly purchased and used, Anschutz 2013, could keep up with Patterson, besting him by 25 points on the last 50 yard card on his way to posting an aggregate 4375 to earn 9 additional points. David Rabin grabbed 8 points and Toman secured 7. Despite Ettershank's efforts and 15 points, he was just able to overcome Tomans 16 total points, with Toman securing 2<sup>nd</sup> Unlimited.

In the Premium class McBrayer split the 50 yad stages with Drew McKay, but bested McKay by 25 points in the aggregates to take 1<sup>st</sup> Premium. McKay bested Steve Gould in the 50 yard stages, but they ended up tied with 17 points each requiring the Tie Breaker rules be applied. By virtue of McKays better 50 yard aggregate, he ended as 2<sup>nd</sup> Premium with Gould in 3<sup>rd</sup> Premium.

Factor class shooter, Robert Morris continued to shoot well in the 50 yard stages to post a 3300 aggregate and garner another 10 points to finish as 1<sup>st</sup> Factory. Neal Shaddon also continued in form to post a 3200 agg and end as 2<sup>nd</sup> Factory. Bettis and Vis ended up tied in points at 15, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> Factory award went to Viz by virtue of his 3150 agg over Bettis 3100.

In semiauto, Paul Lemley posted a very solid aggregate 3625 to finish as 1<sup>st</sup> Semiauto over spouse Angelina and Brian Miller who tied in points. Angelina won out by virtue of her 3100 50 yard agg.

At the conclusion of the match and after all of the scoring and tabulating was complete the finish positions were announced and the prize money was awarded: \$15.00 for a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish, \$10.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$5.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to all winners and for full results, please see the Match Bulletin on the Match Results page of the website.

#### Unlimited 22

Pat Patterson	496-10X	4475	20 points	– 1 <sup>st</sup> Unlimited
Grant Toman	494-7X	3825	16 points	– 2 <sup>nd</sup> Unlimited

#### Premium 22

John McBrayer	486-5X	3600	20 points	– 1 <sup>st</sup> Premium
Drew McKay	474-1X	3575	17 points	– 2 <sup>nd</sup> Premium – Won Tie
Steve Gould	479-5X	3375	17 points	– 3 <sup>rd</sup> Premium – Lost Tie

#### Factory 22

Bob Morris	473-2X	3300	20 points	– 1 <sup>st</sup> Factory
Neal Shadden	465-5X	3200	18 points	– 2 <sup>nd</sup> Factory
David Vis	459-1X	3150	15 points	– 3 <sup>rd</sup> Factory – Won Tie w/4 <sup>th</sup> place

#### Semiautomatic 22

Paul Lemley	460-4X	3625	20 points	– 1 <sup>st</sup> Semi-auto
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The next match will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> and will be four stages fired at 100 yards on the IBS HR 200 target using best edge scoring. If you have an accurate rifle and a good rest, come on out and join us for the fun.