

Weekend Match Commentary, 28-29 June 2008.txt

Eight Across the Course shooters took a chance on the weather for Saturday June 28th and won. We did not get a drop of rain on us although the wind was pushing the shooters around a bit at the 200 yd line. John Wier was the overall match winner with an agg. score of 778-22x. Brian Nielsen was first Master with an agg. score of 766-24X.

I was honestly not expecting any shooters to show up for the Mid Range prone 3x600 match on Sunday having listened to the weather reports. Well I was wrong as well as the "Weather Guessers". We had 22 competitors show up to shoot the 3x600. 13 conventional sling shooters and 9 F class shooters two of them shooting F(tr). Sunday turned out to be "THE" best shooting day we have had up here at Cadillac since last year. The early half of the morning we had some true no wind conditions, the range flags were down and not showing a flutter and sky had a slight overcast that allowed the bullseye to jump right out at you. Some excellent scores were shot. Brad Sauve shot a 200-17X in match two using his Palma rifle and Iron sights. Brad was also the Overall Match winner for the sling shooters dropping only 5 points all day and he shot irons all day, matches one and two are any rifle any sight matches, match three is any rifle, iron sights. Brad's score was 595-36X. Second overall went to Dick Pardini with a 592-25X. Gary Badrak returning after a long lay off from shooting took 1st combined Expert/ Master class with a score of 585-23X. And Marksman Class winner was Lucas Reist with a score of 543-10X.

In 'F' Class Al Barnhart was the overall winner with a score of 591-33X shooting Open class using a 6br on a Savage actioned rifle built up by Larry Racine. Second overall was Glenn Bruce who came up from Elkhart Indiana to shoot our match. This was his first F class match and I believe his only match other than a Garand match. Glenn shot a 587-18X. I think Glenn was shooting a 6.5 x 284 caliber rifle. Mike Ross was third in F but started with a very impressive 200-7X using of course a slightly modified Gilkes- Ross rifle in 6br caliber. This is a Cadillac record for F class. During match two Mike caught a bad break when one of his shots strayed off and went high and landed in the six ring. Mike said the shot looked good and he had no idea why that shot hit so high. Now the race was on between Al, Glenn and Mike to see who would make the fewest mistakes reading the wind, mirage and in handling their rifle. Al proved to be the steady shooter dropping only two points in match two and only dropping two points again in match 3 and racking up a pretty impressive 33 total X count.