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REGULAR LOW POWER MATCH 12/01/12

Reported by Scott Davis

Twenty-four shooters fired in this month's match, 18 scope shooters and 6 iron sight shooters. Ernie Lewis won over-all in the scope category with a score of 38. Ernie used a Remington 700 chambered in .221 Fire-ball with a 50 grain V-max bullet ahead of 13.8 gr/H-4198. Ernie downed 10 chickens, 10 pigs, 9 turkeys and 9 rams. Other winners were, Kenny Padilla-Master class-score 33. This was after a shoot-off with Alan Bloomer and Bob Elder. Alan won second place in the shoot-off. Bill Hamilton won AAA class with a score of 35. Second place AAA went to Melody with a score of 30. Red Keyser won AA class with a score of 25, and A class went to Jerry Newman with a score of 13.

In the iron sight category Bill Hamilton over-all after a shoot-off with Ernie Edmonston with a score of 29 (this gave Ernie Master class winner by default). Bill toppled 8 chickens, 10 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 6 rams. Bill used a Marlin 39-A in .22 L.R., shooting CCI Mini-Mags. Other winners were, Bob Beeson AAA class with a score of 25, Ron Young AA class score 21.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

1st SUNDAY MATCHES 12/2/12

By James Cravener, Match Director

Today was a very nice day and 11 shooters came out. In the Cowboy Low Power Match, Bill Hamilton won Overall with the score of 33. Ernie Edmonston won AAA with 28, Sam Jenkins won A Class and a promotion to AA with 30, and Jerry Newman won Unclassified with 14.

In the Cowboy 22 Rifle Match, Bill Hamilton again won Overall with 3, Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 22, Bob Elder won AA Class with 26, Sam Jenkins won A Class with 26, and Bob Jenkins won B Class with 10.

Others out today were Alan Bloomer, Ron Young, and Mike Borem. Thanks to everyone who came out and we will see you next year!

Bench Rest Chicken Silhouette Match 12-8-12

James Cravener Match Director

By Bill Kennedy

The weather was nice. As a matter of fact we had a great turn out with 12 shooters. Over all winner was Jim Byrd with 39. Jim was using a Remington 700 chambered in 6mm BR shooting a 107 Sierra match king 30 grains Varget. Master class was won by Carroll Hargrove with 38 after beating Ernie Lewis in a tie breaker also with 38. The AAA winner was Alan Bloomer with 29. The AA class winner was Ron Doug Mathis with 27. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shoots that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match.

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MILITARY RIFLE, CAST BULLET 12-9-12

By James Cravener, Match Director

Not a bad turn-out today considering the cold weather. There were 7 shooters out to try out their old military rifles that had been in the closet for years before we started this match.

Alan Bloomer won Overall with an old 1909 Argentine Mauser with the score of 31. Ernie Edmonston, also using an Argentine Mauser, took Master Class with 29. Bob Elder, with a 1944 8mm Mauser, won AAA with 25, Randy Dana, with his 1903A3 took AA Class with 16, and Jerry Newman won A Class with his Yugoslavian Mauser and the score of 11.

The others out today besides me were Bob Beeson and John Wostal.

"O. F." 30-30 MATCH, 12-12-12

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was about 20 degrees when we showed up at the range to set targets and get rid of all the tumble weeds that had blown in the last couple of days. There were just 7 of the old die-hard cowboys out today, but we still had a good time.

Ernie Edmonston used a Browning model 1885 in 38-55WCF to win the match with the score of 36 hitting everything but 4 turkeys. His load was a Lyman 245 gr. bullet and 10.0 gr. Unique.

Alan Bloomer won AAA Class with 32. We finally got Ron Young promoted to AA Class today by taking A Class with 26. Jerry Newman won B Class with 11. Others out today were Scotty Davis, Eddie Phillips, Sonny Odell. and Scotty Davis.

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 12-16-12

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was cold today, but we avoided the wind again, so it was actually a good day for shooting a silhouette match. Just before the holidays, the attendance was down, but we still had 11 shooters and about half of them were from Clovis and Carlsbad.



Ernie Edmonston won the Match with the score of 33, 8 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 9 rams. He used the same equipment shown for the O. F. Match on 12-12-12.

Bill Hamilton won Master Class with 25, Alan Bloomer Won AAA Class with 30 after a shootoff with Don Upham, Sam Jenkins won AA Class with 27, Jerry Newman won A Class with 9, and Janice Jenkins won B Class with 13. We had one Unclassified shooter, Eddie Phillips, and he jumped right into A Class.

O.F. Cast Bullet Match 12/19/12

Reported by Scott Davis

Shaun Young, Bob Elder, Ernie Edmonston, Tim Price, Scott Davis, Ron Young, Alan Bloomer, Carroll Hargrove and Sonny Odell signed in to shoot this month's match. We got started before the wind got up and thought we might complete it, but it was not to be. As we went down to reset the targets after the third flight the wind got up all at once and was blowing the targets down as soon as they were set. So I decided to call the match and we did not get to complete it. It was good that I did as it continued to get nastier with stiff wind and blowing dust.

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CAST BULLET, ANY RIFLE 12-23-12

By Ernie Edmonston for Bill Kennedy

Bill was off somewhere doing the Christmas thing, so I filled in for him today. Like yesterday, it was plenty cold, but the wind didn't blow and there were more good scores turned in. Considering it was two days before Christmas, the 14 shooters was considered a pretty good crowd. 8 of these shooters were using rifles with iron sights and 6 were using scoped rifles.

Among those using a scope, Dave Farmer turned in the highest score of 35, all 10 chickens, 8 pigs, 7 turkeys, and all 10 rams. Dave was using a Ruger no. 1 in caliber .33 CBS, a Hoch 225 gr. bullet, and 23.5 Gr. H4895.

Bill Hamilton won Master scope class with 32, Randy Dana won AAA Class with 31, and Viridis Isler won A Class with 20.

Ernie Edmonston won Overall in the Iron Sight portion with the score of 36, missing 3 turkeys and 1 ram. Ernie was also using a Ruger no. 1, but chambered in 7mm BR, an RCBS 168 gr. bullet, and 20.0 gr. H-4198.

Alan Bloomer was one hit behind to win AAA Class with 35, Mike Russo won AA Class with 17, Ron Young won A Class with 27, his second AA Class score, and Dennis Hodges won B Class along with a Promotion to A Class with 18.

5th SATURDAY MATCH Dec. 29, 2012

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

As usual, we had the Cowboy Rifle/Pistol Caliber match on the 200 meter range today. Considering the time of year, 7 shooters wasn't all that bad. Sam and Janice Jenkins came up from Clovis to shoot with us and Sam even donated a \$100 bill to the club.

Ernie Edmonston won Overall with the score of 33 using a 1885 model Browning in .357, a Lyman 358156 and 14.0 gr. H108 to score on all 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 9 turkeys, and 5 rams.

Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 28, Sam Jenkins won AA Class with 30, Sonny Odell won A Class with 14, and Janice Jenkins won B Class with 14 and her first 10-in-a-row Chicken Pin.

Others out today were Alan Bloomer, Jerry Newman, and observer James Cravener.

EXPLANATION OF A FEW RULES

These paragraphs should be totally unnecessary, but we continue to experience damage to club property. In fact, it has become worse in the past few months. Several shooters have lost their keys recently and most claim that they were unaware of some of the rules. Almost every member we have has signed a copy of the range rules when they joined the club and these rules are available on the Club's WEB site or by request. Most of the rules have been in effect for many years.

First, people who shoot silhouette matches pay a fee for doing so. These fees are used to pay for the targets and other items related to these matches. The steel targets are left out in order for silhouette shooters to practice. If a member doesn't shoot any of the several silhouette matches, he doesn't really have any business shooting at them at any time although there hasn't been much said about it before now. Even so, there are strict limits on what constitutes a legal cartridge to be fired at these targets. In no case is factory, 223, 30-06, 7.62x39, 8mmX57mm, etc. legal to use on range 3 or 6. The magnum cartridges are not allowed to shoot club targets anywhere on the range. Some silhouette matches allow the use of these cartridges providing that a CAST LEAD bullet is used. JACKETED bullets are not allowed. Since AR-15 type rifles, and other military type assault rifles will not function with the cast bullet loads, anyone caught using one on range 3 or 6 will be highly suspect.

People caught using jacketed bullets on ranges 3 and 6 invariably claim that they don't know the difference or say that because the little lead tip showing on the end of the bullet constitutes a lead bullet. A CAST LEAD BULLET will have NO COPPER OR BRASS showing when it is loaded in the cartridge case. The chances are, anyone shooting a CAST LEAD BULLET has loaded it himself or had someone do it for him as factory loaded rifle ammunition using lead bullets will be extremely hard to find, if at all. It is the member's responsibility to know the difference and abide by these rules. Should any question arise, it is advisable to seek answers before damaging targets. There are some exceptions during the silhouette matches themselves, with the Match Directors approval, but these generally pertain to a specific cartridge. If you do not participate in the silhouette matches, just don't risk it.

Some members seem to have the opinion that the club should furnish targets and/or targets stands. This is not so. The Club has furnished you a PLACE TO SHOOT and it is up to the members to bring their own equipment. There are pallets next to some of the shades that are used for firewood. Quite often they are dragged down range, shot-up, and left lay. Chairs, the large spools, and other club property have also been used as target stands and left lay. Anyone in the habit of doing these things will also be subject to losing their membership.

Bouncing bullets off the ground is an extremely dangerous habit. The club has furnished back-stops at almost every imaginable range out to 600 yards. MAKE SURE that your target has a back-stop right behind it to trap the bullet. In some cases, members have been observed placing targets on top of the

backstop! Please use common sense as we do not want ricochets flying around the range.

Every range has a designated firing line. Anyone caught discharging a firearm from behind these locations is in violation of club rules. These acts generally go along with destruction of club property or reckless use of a firearm, neither of which will be tolerated.

It is not hard to be a good club member, just use a little common sense, a little courtesy, respect for club property, and obey the simple rules the club has established. The Club publishes a newsletter every two months and any new rules will be noted within. It is the member's responsibility to keep abreast of the rules. Members are furnished a key to come and go as they please and act like responsible adults.

The key you have is issued to YOU AND YOU ONLY. DO NOT loan your key to anyone else, including relatives. If you bring a guest to the range, make sure that they abide by the rules. We have encountered people in the process of shooting up club property who had a key loaned to him when the actual member was not on the range. One of the several reasons for this is insurance and anyone old enough to be on the range should understand this.

MEMERSHIP DUES HAVE INCREASED

At the Board of Directors meeting on December 6th, it was decided to raise the dues to \$75.00 per year. The incentive to pay early will stay in place, but will now be \$60.00 for the year for those paying in February, a \$15.00 discount. Another change is the doing away with the prorated discount starting in September. The dues will remain at \$75.00 for anyone renewing/joining from March 1st through the remainder of the year. This was a tough decision, but as everyone knows, everything has gone up and this is the first increase in dues for several years. Even at \$60.00 per year, that's only \$5.00 a month, a real bargain for an excellent place to shoot.

RGC's ANNUAL BANQUET

The Club's Annual Banquet will be held **Saturday, March 9th** at the same place it has been the last three years, the Los Cerritos Mexican Kitchen located at 2103 North Main Street. The fee this year will be \$13.00 per person, payable at the door. This will include food, drink, tax, and tip. Reservations are not required, just show up around 6:00 PM.

In the past, we've always had a lot of door prizes to give away which adds to the enjoyment. A lot of these prizes are donated by members. If you didn't like last year's prize, bring it back! Ever since a non-member won a hand gun that was donated by the Friends of the NRA, we have limited tickets to key holders only.

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**BENCH REST IRON SIGHT
 SILHOUETTE MATCH
 12-30-12**

By James Cravener Match Director
 Written by Bill Kennedy

The weather was cold and cloudy with a slight breeze. 9 people came out to this humbling match with 8 shooters competing. The over all winner was Ron Young with 21. Ron shot his score with a Uberti High Wall 1885 chambered in 30-40 Krag shooting a Hoch custom 200 Grain cast bullet with 20 grains of 5744. Second place went to Bob Elder after a shoot off with Marty Tressell. Marty took third and I brought in fourth.

Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shoots that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match.



**CAST BULLET ANY GUN
 01-01-13
 NEW YEARS DAY**

By Bob Elder, Match Director

The morning started out cold at around 10 degrees with a light north wind. We had a fair turn out considering the temperature with 11 shooters, 8 using iron sights and 3 using scopes. The overall winner was Ernie Lewis with a 34. He took down 9 chickens, 10 pigs, 6 turkeys and 9 rams. The other two scope shooters were both in Class A with Virdis Isler coming out on top with a score of 23.

The iron sight classes were pretty competitive especially if you count the BS that takes place during the match. Ernie Edmonston bested everyone with a score of 33 taking 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 7 turkeys and 9 rams. There were no Master class competitors. The AAA class had five shooters trying for the class win with Paco taking it with a 32. Second went to Alan Bloomer with a score of 31. Pretty close race for the top three spots in

iron sights. Bill Kennedy was right behind them for the win in AA with a score of 30.

We had a great time for this holiday match. Come join us on our next holiday.

REGULAR LOW POWER MATCH 01/05/13

Reported by Scott Davis

Eleven shooters ventured out, on this COLD-FOGGY-FROSTY morning, to shoot this month's Low Power match, so I decided there would be no fees collected.

In the scope category Megan Corn took all the marbles with a score of 38. Using a Mossberg .22 WMR, shooting CCI, ammo she connected with 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 9 turkeys and 10 Rams. Other winners were: Alan Bloomer-Master- score 32 (this after a shoot-off with Jim Byrd), James Cravener- AAA-score 19, Eddie Phillips-AA-score 7, and Jim Montgomery-A-score 5.

In the iron sight category there were only three shooters and Ernie Edmonston won over-all with a score of 29. Ernie shot a B.S.A Martini in .22LR using CCI-mini mag.22LR ammo. Ernie knocked over 9 chickens, 9 pigs, 6 turkeys and 5 rams. Other winners were: Scott Davis-Master-score- 24, and Sonny Odell-AA-score 23.

Other competitors were; Lee Jensen, and Erma Corn.

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Lets get out and Vote!

ELECTION 2013

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**** LOST & FOUND ****

***** NOTICE *****

The U. S. Postal Service, in all its infinite wisdom and endless endeavors to do less work, has informed us that they will no longer accept the key mailers that we have used for the last quarter century. The same rule that is supposed to prevent us from mailing a key states that it is fine to mail a coin. What makes a key more dangerous to mail than a half dollar is something only the local Postmaster knows? They have offered to sell us padded envelopes for \$1.19 each and then charge us \$1.95 to mail it, making a total \$3.14 just to mail you your key. We were already paying \$.65 to mail a key with "Hand Cancel Only" plainly stamped on the envelope as they previously wanted.

We are studying alternate methods, but this word arrived late and we may be forced to pay these exorbitant fees until we can come up with something better. This change is going to entail additional labor and time, so the keys may be delivered later than you are accustomed to. It's too bad that we can't send keys through the internet!!

Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

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BENCH REST CHICKEN SILHOUETTE MATCH 1-12-13

By Bill Kennedy Match Director

The first chicken match of 2013 was shot in cold weather with mild winds. We had five shooters that chattered their way through the match. In the end Carroll Hargrove had the best score and took the overall win. Carroll took down 39 targets using a Savage model 12 chambered in 243 shooting a 107 Sierra match king in front of 46 grains of H1000. Master class was won by Jim Byrd with 37. The AAA winner was Bill Kennedy with 33. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shoots that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match.

About a month/6 weeks ago, somebody found and turned over to President Ernie Lewis, an inexpensive type rifle. We have been waiting to hear from the owner, but nothing has been heard as of 1-16-13. If you are the person, or know who the person is that is missing his rifle, call Ernie at 575-317-0114 with a description. So far, we don't know of anyone leaving a firearm at the range who didn't get it back.



"O. F." 30-30 MATCH, 1-16-13

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

This morning was another one that started out about 19 degrees, but ended up being a really nice day. However, because of the cold, all our fair weather shooters stayed at home except 6 of us.

Ron Young has been complaining about having the flu, but if having the flu makes him shoot like he did today, he should try getting it more often. Ron shot his first AAA Class score today of 32 and won the Match getting 9 chickens, 9 pigs, 8 turkeys, and 6 rams. He was using his Uberti model 1885 in 30-30 Krag.

Ernie Edmonston won AAA Class with 31, Carroll Hargrove won AA Class with 18, and Shawn Young won A Class with 13. Scotty Davis and Sonny Odell were the only two left holding the bag today.

MID-RANGE F-CLASS JANUARY 19, 2013

By Jerry King

We had a good showing this morning with 14 shooters showing up. Thanks to all the shooters that showed up. I do not know where some of the familiar faces were today, but I'll bet they will be here next month.

The weather was not good for shooting and there was a 10 - 15 plus mph breeze at the 300 yard line when we started, and it stayed that way at the 500 and 600 yard line it was very tricky at times.

This month we not did have both classes and again next month in February let's try for both Classes: F- TR and FO. We will need a minimum of 5 shooters in class to have that class.

Remember that in February we will be starting at 10 A.M. Also, we are using classification this year and if you are not classified, then you will shoot 3 matches and I will classify you.

MATCH WINNERS

Kenny Padilla	Match Winner	443 -
21x		
Allen Tempke	MA	443 -
20x		
Lee Pierce	EX/SS/MK	429 -
12x		

MATCH SCORES

1. Kenny Padilla, MA	443 - 21x
2. Allen Tampke, MA	443 - 20x
3. Ben Milam, MA	441 - 20x
4. Freddy Haltom, HM	440 - 19x
5. Jason Gazdik, UNC	432 - 10x
6. Lee Pierce, SS	429 - 12x
7. Steve Jones, EX	425 - 7x
8. Rick Pierce, SS	424 - 7x
9. Tom Baker, EX	423 - 15x
10. Greg Elmore, UNC	419 - 11x
11. Allen Butler, MK	413 - 5x
12. Coy Speer, UNC	406 - 6x
13. Jeremy Jackson, UNC	400 - 5x
14. Adam Aichel, MK	397 - 3x



COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 1-20-13

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was another cold January morning, but it rapidly warmed up to a spring like day and best of all, no wind. We had a good crowd out today including four out of town shooters. There were fourteen shooters out today.

Bill Hamilton of Carlsbad was the big winner once again. He scored 34 today, 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 6 turkeys, and 9 rams using his trusty Marlin 336 in 30-30.

Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 33, and James Cravener won AAA Class with another 33.

There were three AA Class shooters who scored 27, Mike Russo, Mike Borem, and Ron Young. After all the smoke had cleared, Mike Borem took 1st AA and Ron Young took 2nd AA. Virdis Isler took A Class with 21 and Shawn Young took B Class with 16.

This match continues to get more popular all the time, so you might as well grab grandpa's old 30-30 and come on out.

O.F. CAST BULLET MATCH 01/23/13

By Scott Davis

It was a good day to shoot. We had six shooters show up all with iron sights. Bob Elder won over all with a score of 31. Bob shot 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 6 rams. His rifle was a 98 mauser 8mm 175 gr round and 17gr 2400 powder. Ernie Edmonston won master class with 30. Jim Pruett won AAA with a 23. Carroll won AA with a 26 after a one round shoot off with Ron young. Sonny Odell won A class with 20.

DUE TO THE INCREASED COST OF AMUNITION PLEASE
DON'T EXPECT A WARNING SHOT

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING

DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH 1-26-13

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

The weather has warmed up considerably the last few days, but today was cloudy with rain and wind predicted. Fortunately for us, it was a nice day for shooting. A good crowd of 28 people were present including 3 unclassified shooters. 10 shooters were using iron sights, 18 used scopes.

Bill Hamilton won the Scope side with the score of 35, 9 chickens, all 10 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 9 rams. Ernie Lewis won Master Class with 34, John Thoesen won first AAA Class with 34, Jim Byrd won 2nd AAA Class with 32, and Red Keyser won 1str AA Cass with 31. Janet Bloomer and Dara Dana tied up for 2nd AA Class with 23 which Janet won in the resulting shoot off. Elizabeth Furbee won Unclassified with 13 and Jacob Parry won Junior Unclassified with 17.

Ernie Edmonston won the Iron Sight Match with the score of 34, 7 chickens, 8 pigs, 9 turkeys, and all 10 rams. Bill Hamilton won Master Class with 29, Ronnie Gould won AAA Class with 21, O. L. Adcock won AA Class and a promotion to AAA Class with 31, and Susan Odell won A Class with 17.

Hopefully, we can have a couple more months with this kind of weather. Thanks to everyone who came out today, it appeared that everyone had a real great time.

YET ANOTHER NOTE

As of 1-28-13 I do not have the new keys. The locksmith we use claims to have a variety of problems even though I took the old keys to them over two months ago. I have received more promises and really hope to have them within the next couple of days. I have always tried to send the keys out within 24 hours of the time I receive the renewal notice and hope to do so again, despite the problems with locksmith and the USPS. However, if your key is a few days late, please be patient, I'm doing the best I can.

Thanks, Ernie Edmonston, Treasurer

ONE FINAL REMINDER

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