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1ST SUNDAY MATCHES

By Ernie Edmonston filling in for James Cravener

James had to work today because of the tragic plane crash yesterday, so we improvised. There weren't but 8 of us out today because of the wind forecast, and it was correct. We started early and rushed the best we could, but the wind was blowing the rams off their stands before we got finished. There were no pistol shooters today, 3 shooters were signed up for the Cowboy 22 Match and 5 for the Cowboy Low Power Match. Things were spread pretty thin, so nearly everyone won their class.

I was the high scorer among the Cowboy Low Power shooters with the score of 31, 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 8 turkeys, and 6 rams. I used an 87 year old Winchester model 92 in 25-20, a Lyman 257420 bullet of about 70 gr., and 5.0 gr. WSF. Alan Bloomer won AAA Class with 20, Mike Russo won AA Class with 27, and Ron Young won A Class with 11. John Hudson won the stinky end of the stick.

Bob Beeson won the Cowboy 22 portion with the score of 26 using a replica model 1885 Low Wall. Bob took 8 chickens, 8 pigs, 4 turkeys, and 7 rams. Janet Bloomer won AA Class with 16, and Mike Borem won B Class with 14.

High Power Rifle Bench Silhouette Match 4-9-11

By Bill Kennedy Match Director

The morning started off nice with a mild temperature and almost no wind. The problem was that wind was in forecast and the weatherman was right. However, the forecast did not chase off 6 shooters. Ernie Lewis did the best job of dealing with the conditions fighting his way to a 29 using a Remington 700 chambered in 308 shooting a 168-match king and 42.5g of Varget. The AA class winner was Alan Bloomer who shot a 22. I won A class with a 23. The other three shooters were right in the mix. I would like to give a special thanks to the people that shot this match, the conditions were really difficult to deal with, but they turned in some good scores. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch.



REGULAR LOW POWER MATCH 04-02-11

Reported by Scott Davis

Twenty-six shooters showed up for this month's match. Twenty scope sight shooters and nine iron sight shooters. Randy Dana won overall scope with a score of 34 (after an arduous shoot-off with Megan Corn). Randy shot 6 chickens, 9 pigs, 10 turkeys and 9 rams. His equipment was a Savage Model 25 chambered for the .223 Remington. He shot a 60gr cast bullet ahead of 14gr/AA2200 powder. Megan Corn won Master with a score of 34. Jim Byrd won AAA (after a shoot-off with Bob Elder) with a score of 33. This put Bob to winning 2nd place AAA by default. Melody Smith won AA with a score of 32. Marty Tressell won A with a score of 28, which promoted him to AA. We had four unclassified shooters and Jim Brisbin won with a score of 29.

Of the six iron sight shooters starting the match James Cravener and Charles Corn had to drop out as they had to attend to an airplane crash out at the Air Center. Of the four shooters remaining Ernie Edmonston won overall with a score of 28. Ernie shot a Contender carbine chambered in .218 Bee. His load was a Winchester 55gr fmj bullet ahead of 14gr/ AA2200 powder. Scott Davis won master with a score of 27. Jim Pruett won AAA with a score of 17. And Ron Young won A with a score of 17.

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LOW POWER, CAST BULLET

04/16/2011

By Ernie Lewis match Director

It turned out to be a nice day to shoot, just had a very light breeze. Today we had 12 shooters turn out, 5 with scopes and 7 shooting Iron sights.

Overall for Iron sight was Ernie Edmonston, with a 30, he got 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 6 turkeys, and 5 rams. Ernie used a T/C carbine in 223, an RCBS 55 gr. bullet ahead of 15.0 gr. AA 2230. Unclassified was Bob Beeson with 16, who is now A Class, AAA was Mike Russo with 24, A was James Cravener with 25.

I took Overall scope with a 35, hitting 8 chickens, 10 pigs, 9 turkeys, and 8 rams using a Remington 700 in 221 Fireball, an RCBS 55 gr. bullet, and 12.4 gr. H4198. AA scope went to Alan Bloomer with 22, A went to Scotty Davis with a 27, and unclassified scope went to Bob Elder with a 26, putting him in AA

SOUTHEASTERN NM F-CLASS MID-RANGE APRIL 16, 2011

By Jerry King

When I arrived at the range at 6:50 A.M., it was a very beautiful morning. Shooters started showing up after 7:15 A.M. We got the targets and everything set up and then I started signing everybody up.

We had a very good turn out. We had 19 shooters. We finish around 1:30 PM.

We used the F-Class targets this match and the scores were a lot lower today. I think everyone enjoyed using the new F-Class targets as it was quite challenge.

The weather was great for shooting and there was a slight breeze with about an 8 to 10 mph wind and mirage back at the 600 yard line.

Next month the shooters want to try both Classes: F-TR and FO. We will need a minimum of 5 shooters in each class to have that class.

MATCH WINNERS

Freddy Halton	Match Winner	441 - 24x
Mark Harrington	MA/EX	433 - 13x
Jim Rivera	SS	422 - 9x
Adam Baird	MK	408 - 5

MATCH SCORES

1. Freddy Halton	441 - 24x
2. Mark Harrington	433 - 13x
3. Tim Brewer	429 - 11x
4. John Van Marter	428 - 11x
5. Steve Jones	427 - 7x
6. Mike Florez	425 - 9x
7. Bobby West	424 - 15x
8. Jim Rivera	422 - 9x
9. Ken Padilla	421 - 10x
10. David Crider	419 - 7x
11. Bob West	419 - 3x
12. Coy Speer	418 - 6x
13. Tim Click	418 - 3x
14. David Tuttle	412 - 6x
15. Adam Baird	408 - 5x
16. Darrell Turner	400 - 2x
17. Jerry King	380 - 1x
18. Tricia Martin	365 - 3x
19. Steve Martin	344 - 2x

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH, 4-17-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was unbelievable, but we had two days in a row without any appreciable wind. A few of our friends from Clovis and Texas made it down to shoot making a total of 18 shooters, 2 being Long Range Pistol shooters.

Bill Hamilton and John Wostal were the pistol shooters and Bill proved that he was still the champ beating John 29 to 18. However, John was unclassified and says that he will be back with a vengeance.

John Hudson won the 30-30 Match with the score of 31. I won Master Class simply because I was the only Master Class Shooter there, and Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 30. There were 7 AA Class shooters and we had to have a shoot off between Rick Jensen and Mike Russo to see who would come up with the extra dollar. Mike won it giving Rick 2nd AA Class winner. Mike Borem won A Class with 26, and Bob Elder won B Class with 16.

Many thanks to everyone who made it out to shoot and, hopefully, the weather will be just as mild this time next month.

O.F. CAST BULLET, ANY GUN MATCH OF 4-20-11

By John Hudson, Match Director

We had 10 shooters show-up for our monthly O.F. Cast Bullet Match. It was a great day for shooting, but the wind tried to get us to quit. The wind was sporadic, but laid-off enough for us to finish the match. Spring in New Mexico....

Overall Iron Sight Class winner went to Ernie Edmonston with a 23. Ernie was shooting his new Ruger #1 in 7-MM Bench Rest with a RCBS 168 gr. cast bullet and 17.0 gr. H-4198. AAA-class went to Scotty Davis with a 19, A-class went to Sonny Odell with an 18, A-class went to Sonny Odell, and B-class went to Viridis Isler with a 10. Mike Borem fired as an unclassified shooter and shot a 13 so is now classified as B-class. Other iron sight shooters included Ron Young, and Bob Elder.

In the Scope Sight category, I managed to shoot the high score with a 31. I was shooting a Model 1898 Mauser in 7X57-MM with a 167 gr. G/C Lyman 287641 cast bullet and 26 gr. Reloader #7. AAA-class went to Carroll Hargrove with a 18. There were no other scope sight shooters.

Thanks to the shooters who showed-up for the match.

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As we all know the wind has been doing its thing lately and therefore some of our matches have been canceled. Taking all into consideration we are still lucky compared to some other places.

DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH OF 4-20-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

There were 24 shooters on hand this morning, 9 using rifles equipped with iron sights, 15 with scopes. The weather was forecast to be nice until this afternoon, but that didn't happen as the proverbial April wind started about thirty minutes before 9:00 AM. The scores pretty well indicate the wind with the exception of just a couple of shooters.

Charlie Corn seemed to thrive on the wind as he shot the high score of the day and using iron sights. Charlie missed just one of each animal for a total of 36. I was the only other Master Class shooter using iron sights and my only claim to fame was getting all 10 pigs (total score of 22). Scott Davis won AAA Class with 24, Keith Odell won AA Class with 23, and Ron Young won A Class with 16.

John Thoesen won the Scope Match with the score of 33. John missed 2 chickens, 3 turkeys, and 2 rams.

Master Class went to Erma Corn with 29, 1st AAA went to Jim Byrd with 30, 2nd AAA went to Bob Elder with 28, 1st AA went to Jim Montgomery with 20, 2nd AA went to Tim Price with 18, B Class went to Tyson Price with 9, and Don Moore, our only new shooter today won Unclassified with 19.

Hopefully, a month from now will see the end of all this wind.



NEW RIFLE RACKS ON RANGES 3 & 6

On April 30th, with labor provided by James Cravener, Carroll Hargrove, Alan Bloomer, and Ernie Edmonston, we installed new rifle racks on the 100 meter and 200 meter silhouette ranges. Each range received 4 each, one for each animal shooting position. The racks were constructed by Bobby Goode of Goode's Welding and Alan Bloomer gave them one of his professional paint jobs. Alan and Ernie cut the rubber pads and installed them one day when the wind really prevented doing anything else. James Cravener welded the bottoms to the posts which should allow us, we hope, to keep them in place permanently.

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"O. F." LOW POWER MATCH 5-4-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Acting Match Director

CAST BULLET, ANY GUN MATCH 04-24-11

By Ernie Lewis, Match Director

This Easter Sunday was a fairly nice day, with a light breeze. We had 19 shooters show up today, with 10 shooting Iron sights, and 9 with scopes.

John Thoesen won overall Iron sight with a score of 39, hitting 9 chickens, 10 pigs, 10 turkeys, and 10 rams. He also won a promotion to AAA for shooting 2 classes over his class. John was shooting a 1903A3 30-06, shooting 150 gr. Bullet over 25 gr. IMR 4189. Master was won by Ernie Edmonston with 24. AAA went to Bill Hamilton with 31. AA went to Jim Byrd with 32. A went to Bob Elder with 26. Allen Jones took B class with 22, and Virdis Isler took unclassified with 11.

I won overall scope class with 38, hitting 10 chickens, 10 pigs, 8 turkeys, and 10 rams. I was shooting a Remington 700, in 308 win. I was shooting a 150 gr. Bullet over 22 gr. IMR 4198. Master class went to Bill Hamilton with a 33. AAA was won by Randy Dana with a 29. AA went to John Hudson with a 31, and also a promotion to AAA. A class went to Joel Mosher with 22, and Ron Young won B class with 15.

After missing several Matches due to wind, we persevered today and shot regardless of the wind. It wasn't quite as bad as it had been lately, but bad enough. There were 15 shooters out for this Wednesday Match which isn't all that shabby.

I turned in the high score of the day and won the Iron Sight side using a T/C Contender carbine in 218 Bee caliber. I don't understand this really as my shooting generally goes to pot with only the slightest breeze. I left 2 chickens, 1 pig, 1 turkey, and 1 ram standing for a score of 35. I used a W-W 55 gr. FMJBT bullet ahead of 14.0 gr. AA2200 powder. Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 25, Sonny Odell won AA Class with 18, and Ron Young won A Class with 18. There were no other classes represented.

Ernie Lewis took the Scope Match with the score of 29 using a Remington 700 in 221 Fireball, a 50 gr. Dogtown bullet, and 13.8 gr. H4198. Ernie took 8 chickens, all 10 pigs, 4 turkeys, and 7 rams. Jim Byrd was in hot pursuit to win AAA Class with 28, Paula Thoesen won AA Class with 17, Bill Newman won A Class with 9, and Eddie Phillips won B Class along with a promotion to A Class with the score of 17.

Four Scope shooters and Four iron shooters shot today's match. Ernie Lewis won over-all in the scope category. He took 10 chickens, 10 pigs, 7 turkeys and 10 rams for a score of 37. Ernie's equipment consisted of a Remington 700 chambered in .308. He used an RCBS 150gr bullet ahead of 22gr IMR 4198. Other scope winners were: Carroll Hargrove AAA score-28. John Hudson AA score 31 and Ron Young B score-15.

Iron sight overall winner was Ernie Edmonston with a score of 35. He took 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 8 turkeys and 8 rams. Ernie used a 1912 Chilean Mauser chambered for 7.62 Nato. He shot a Cramer 165gr bullet ahead of 18gr SR4759. Other winners were: Alan Bloomer

REGULAR LOW POWER MATCH 05-07-11

Reported by Scott Davis

Twenty-two shooters attended this month's match. There were nine iron sight shooters and thirteen scope sight shooters. The scope shooters did not outnumber the iron sight shooters quite as bad as they did last month. In the iron sight category Scotty Davis beat out Charlie Corn in a tie breaking shoot-off for overall winner. Scotty shot a Sako chambered in 22PPC USA with an RCBS 55gr bullet ahead of 15gr/AA2200. Scotty took 8 chickens, 9 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 7 rams for a score of 29. This gave Charles Corn master class by default. Other winners were: John Hudson AAA- score 26, Keith Odell AA- score 24, and Ron Young A-score 21.

In the scope category Ernie Lewis beat out Kenny Padilla in a shoot-off for over-all. And this put Kenny winner, by default of master class. Ernie used a Remington 700 chambered in .221 Fireball, shooting a Hornady 50gr bullet ahead of 13.8gr/H-4198. Other winners were: Dwayne Smith AAA-score 30, Marty Tressell AA-score 32 and Don Moore A-score 25.

"O. F." 30-30 MATCH, 5-11-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director



And the wind continues. Had I not had the Match Bag, I would probably have stayed home this morning, but I went. We ended up with 6 people willing to shoot which was about twice what I expected, so we shot although it wasn't too pretty.

I used a 109 year old Winchester model 1894 in 32 Special to turn in the high score of 28 which included 7 chickens, 8 pigs, 6 turkeys, and 6 rams. The load was a RCBS 170 gr. bullet and 11.5 gr. Unique.

Scotty Davis took AAA Class with 24, John Hudson AA Class with 23, Ron Young won A Class with 15, and Mike Borem won B Class along with a promotion to A Class with 17. What shooters we had were pretty well spread out, so Bob Elder was the only one left holding the bag.

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH, 5-15-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

We only had one of our out-of-town crowd today and I suspect this never ending wind had something to do with it. The wind wasn't quite as bad as it has been, but a great nuisance. There were only 11 of us out today.

Ernie Lewis was the only shooter to break 30 and won Overall with the score of 31, 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 9 pigs. I won Master class simply because I was the only one in it, Alan Bloomer won AAA Class with 29, Don Upham (our Clovis shooter) won AA Class with 29, Ron Young won A Class with 16, and Bob Elder won B Class and a promotion to A Class with 20.

Hopefully, but not guaranteed, by this time next month I can report that it has rained, the wind has stopped, and the crowd is back. Thanks to all who did make it out.

O.F. Cast Bullet Match 05-18-10

Reported by Scott Davis

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LOW POWER CAST BULLET 05-21-11

By Ernie Lewis, Match Director

This was kind of a windy day to be shooting, but we had 9 shooters turn out to brave the wind. Today we had 4 Iron Sight, and 5 Scope shooters.

Iron sight overall winner was Mike Russo, with a 21. Mike took down 3 chickens, 7 Pigs, 8 Turkeys, and 3 Rams. Master class was won by Ernie Edmonston with 18. Alan Bloomer took AA with 18, and B class was won by Ron Young with 11.

For the scope shooters, I took overall with 35, hitting 8 chickens, 9 Pigs, 10 Turkeys, and 8 Rams. Randy Dana took AAA with a 29. John Hudson won AA with 20, and A class was won by Scotty Davis with a respectable 25.

Hope to see more shooters start coming out for this match. It's a lot of fun, because you're shooting low power rifles with a cast bullet.

Any .22 Benchrest

Reported by Scott Davis

The weather has still been windy off and on, but here is what was shot.

April 1, 2011 – Relay 1 Jim Pruett scored 248- 8x

Relay 2 10 1/2# George Riese scored 239-3x

Porter Jim Pruett scored 229-3x

April 15, 2011 called due to wind

May 6, 2011 Regular class Don Froehle scored 246-9X

And Rick Hurless hot on his heels with 246-5X

May 20th called due to wind

Classic George W. Bush Quotes

"I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward freedom and democracy, but that could change."

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment; it's the impurities in our air and water that's doing it."

SOUTHEASTERN NM F-CLASS MID-RANGE, MAY 21, 2011

By Jerry King

When I arrived at the range at 6:45 A.M., it was a very beautiful windy morning. Shooters started showing up after 7:15 A.M. We got the targets and everything set up and then I started signing everybody up. We had a good turn out with 14 shooters finishing the around 12:30 PM.

The weather was fair for shooting and there was a breeze with about a 10 to 19 mph wind and mirage back at the 600 yard line.

REMEMBER, WE WILL BE STARTING AT 8 A. M. FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.

MATCH WINNERS

Freddy Halton Match Winner	435 – 14x
Bryan Chatwell MA/EX/SS Winner	434 – 12x
Mark Harrington MK	411 – 14x

MATCH SCORES

1. Freddy Halton	435 – 14x
2. Bryan Chatwell	434 – 12x
3. Kenny Padilla	434 – 9x
4. Cory Bizzell	415 – 11x
5. Bobby West	414 – 5x
6. Mark Harrington	411 – 5x
7. Steve Jones	404 – 3x
8. Dave Crider	394 – 5x
9. Juan Camacho	388 – 1x
10. Jim Rivera	386 – 3x
11. Darrell Turner	380 – 3x
12. Jason Gazdik	373 – 2x
13. Tricia Martin	372 – 2x
14. Steve Martin	351 – 0x

Cast Bullet, Any Gun Match 5-22-11

By Bill Kennedy, Match Director

With all the wind that we have been having I was not surprised by the good turnout considering the great weather that we ended up with. We had 15 shooters total with 8 shooting iron sights and 7 with scopes. The Iron sight overall winner Ernie Edmonston with 10 chickens, 8 pigs, 5 turkeys and 6 rams totaling 29. Ernie shot his score with a Turkish 8mm Mauser shooting a Saeco 190-grain bullet and 25 grains of AA2200. Scott Davis took the AAA win with 27. The AA class winner was Mike Russo with 25. The B Class winner was Ron Young with 15.

The scope shooters had a real good showing that ended up in a tie and after a shoot off, the overall winner was Dave Farmer with 10 pigs, 8 chickens, 9 turkeys, and 9 rams for a 36. Dave was shooting a Ruger #1 chambered in 358 CBR using a Hoch 225 grain bullet and 22.5 grains RL-7. Master class winner was Ernie Lewis also with 36. The AAA class winner was Alan Bloomer with 30. I won AA class. A big thank you to all the people that shot the match. Please come out and join us next time.

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Mother Nature strikes again!
5-25-11

O F's blown out again, but we'll be back next week to give it another try. At least we haven't had any tornados yet.

THE DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH 5-28-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

We had a slight respite from the wind today. It was a little breezy, but from what we've had for the last two months, it was a pretty good day. There were 19 shooters out today which wasn't bad considering all the Memorial Day activities and the gun show in Ruidoso. Out of these 19, 11 were using scoped rifles and 8 were using iron sights.

The high scores of the day were 31 and that score won both matches. In the scope match, it took a shoot off between Ernie Lewis and Bob Elder to determine Overall Winner with Bob prevailing. Bob scored on 7 chickens, all 10 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 7 rams. This put Ernie Lewis in first place for the Master Class. Steve Halvorson won 1st AAA Class with 29 and Alan Bloomer won 2nd AAA with 28. Tim Price won AA Class with 29, Don Moore won A Class with 12, and Tyson Price won B Class with the A Class score of 24.

Charlie Corn won Overall with iron sights once again with 31, 7 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 8 rams. I was one hit behind to win Master Class with 30, John Hudson won AAA Class with 28, Keith Odell won AA Class with 18, and Ron Young won A Class with 15. We had no unclassified shooters today.



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