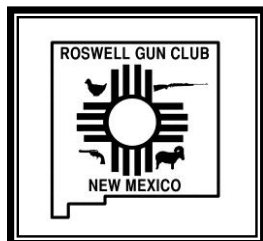


# The Roswell Gun Club

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## MILITARY RIFLE MATCH/CAST BULLET MATCH, 10-11-15

By Virdis Isler, Match Director

It was a little foggy at first then clear up for a nice day. We have 7 shooters. Ernie Edmonston took over all with a score of 31 he hit 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 7 turkeys and 7 rams. James took AAA with a score of 27. Randy Dana took AA with a score of 21. Shane Eldridge took A class with a score of 25. Other shooters were Alan, Carol and yours truly.

## COWBOY 30-30 MATCH, 10-14-15

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

Except for some gusty wind at the latter part of the match, it was a nice day to shoot. We only had 10 shooters out, but we enjoyed it as much if there had been 100.

Alan Bloomer won Overall with the score of 29 using a Marlin in .357. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 27, Mike Russo won AAA Class with 27, Eddie Phillips won AA Class with 13, Jerry Newman won A Class with 8, and Butch Stevenson won B Class with 11.

You cowboys hang in there and try to make it out again next month.

## LOW POWER MATCH 10-3-2015

By Alan Bloomer, Match Director

We had 20 shooters show up today, 9 of them were shooting with Iron Sights and 11 were shooting with scopes. Of the Iron sight shooters the winning went like this; Unclassified Shane Eldridge 17 put him in A Class. A class Susan Odell 11, AA Ron Young 28 with a promotion to AAA, AAA Bob Beeson 17, Master Bill Hamilton 27, Over all Ernie Edmonston 34. Scoped Match A Class Jim Montgomery 10, AA Roy Hayes 24, AAA James Cravener 28, 2<sup>nd</sup> Master Alan Bloomer 35, 1<sup>st</sup> Master Ernie Lewis 36, Over All Mike Bostick 38. It was fun ya'll come back.

It was a nice morning a little warm no breeze. We have 10 shooters. Ernie Edmonston took over all with a score of 30 he hit 7 chickens, 9 pigs, 9 turkeys and 5 rams. John Thoesen took AAA with a score of 27. Randy took AA with a score of 27. Eddy took A class with a score of 18. Paula Thoesen took B class with a score of 13 We had a new shooter Shane who took unclassified with a score of 16 now he is an A class shooter. Others shooters were James, Jerry Alan and yours truly.

## 'O. F.' 30-30 MATCH, 10-14-15

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

Today was a beautiful October day to be out shooting a silhouette match and there were 8 "O. F." shooters out for a Wednesday shoot.

Ernie Edmonston won Overall with a vintage Winchester model 1894 in 25-35wcf with the score of 29. Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 25, Carroll Hargrove won AA Class with 19, and Sonny Odell won A Class with 22.

Others out were Virdis Isler, Eddie Phillips, Ron Young, and Bob Beeson.

## **DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH**

### **10-24-15**

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was cloudy and a little coolish, but was a fine day for a silhouette match. Some of our regulars were absent for some reason or other, but we still had 20 slots filled on the score sheet which isn't too shabby. Of these 20, it was pretty well split, 9 using iron sighted rifles, 11 using scopes. There were no adult shooters in B or A Class.

For the second month in a row, Mike Bostick shot a perfect score of 40 to win the Scope Match. Ernie Lewis won Master Class with 33, Carroll Hargrove won AAA Class with 26, Paula Thoesen won AA Class in a Shootoff, both having scored 29 and both winning a promotion to AAA Class. Bryson Crow won the Junior B Class Honors.

In the Iron Sight Match, Sam Jenkins won Overall with a very good score of 37. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 30, O. L. Adcock won AAA Class with 25, and Bob Jenkins won AA Class with 19.

Here's hoping that November weather will be as good or better, but winter is approaching. Anyone with any old scrap wood around the house is welcome to bring it out for our "camp fire."

## **5<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY MATCH**

### **10-31-15**

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

As we usually do on a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, we held a pistol caliber cowboy rifle match. It was a little foggy early, but it cleared off into a beautiful day although we did have some breeze for about an hour.

Alan Bloomer and Ernie Edmonston tied for overall with the score of 26. The shoot-off was interesting as 9 turkeys out of 10 shots bit the dirt before Ernie was declared winner. Both were using Marlin model 1894 rifles in .357 Caliber.

By missing out on overall, Alan took AAA Class, there were no AA Class shooters, Sonny Odell took A Class with 14, Butch Stevenson took B Class with 14, and Scott M. (no last name on score sheet) took unclassified with 12.

## **NOTE FROM THE TREASURER**

The Club finances are in pretty good shape considering that we have tried to keep dues as low as possible and still make some improvements. We have made some road repairs, rebuilt berms, replaced an old shade and a target building this year. The road is in really bad shape and it will have to be completely rebuilt from scratch to be a proper road, something that we can only dream about at this time.

We are in the process of having some new silhouette targets built. Regardless of what we have tried, some members continue to shoot these things up with high powered rifles with jacketed (factory type) ammo. Although there are other calibers involved, it appears that most of the damage is done with AR type rifles.

I know that it's probably pretty boring to set at a bench and shoot a piece of paper with a semi-auto rifle, but that's the way it is unless you bring something different yourself. The damage has gotten so common, a person being caught doing this is subject to losing his membership in the Club on the spot.

Shooting our silhouette targets with high powered rifles leaves little dimples in the steel target, some much larger than others. When another bullet hits this dimple just right, part of that bullet will make a U-turn and head back to the direction from which it came. This can be a very dangerous situation, especially at close range. I myself had to dig a piece of lead out of my leg just below the knee cap recently. Had that piece of lead struck an eyeball, there would have been some serious damage done. This is one of the main reasons we won't tolerate shooting the targets with unauthorized firearms, and the other is just plain destruction of club property. These targets are NOT cheap. The range rules designate what sort of firearm may be used on these steel animals at different ranges, and they are so designated as to not cause target damage. If you would like to knock off a few silhouette animals, please use the proper firearm. We leave these targets out for the silhouette shooters to practice and we would really hate to have to start locking them up.

Our membership is holding pretty steady the past couple of years at a little over 500. That would be a real mess if all of them showed up at once, but luckily they don't. During hunting seasons, etc., we have a lot of hunters show up to sight-in their hunting rifles. With just a little respect and common sense, things will continue to work well for everyone.

I'd like to remind shooters who bring out their target stands to be sure and place them where the bullet will enter a berm and not bounce off the ground. Sometimes one never knows just what direction a ricochet might go and it's a little un-nerving to be down range setting targets or something and hear ricochets coming out of another range.

Thanks, good luck and shoot straight!

Ernie Edmonston, Club Treasurer

## **NOTICE**

***Effective immediately, the range will again be closed every Monday morning from daybreak to noon. This is brought about because of complaints from the oil companies who service their wells down range. Also, club personnel have requested this in order to perform maintenance of various sorts. This includes clean-up, mowing, target assembly on range 5, etc., etc.***

***Hopefully, this will not present a hardship on any of our shooters as Monday morning use hasn't been all that heavy anyway. Please adjust your schedules accordingly***

## **LOW POWER MATCH**

**11-7-15**

By Alan Bloomer, Match Director

I was out of town for this match so James Cravener conducted the match for me, so I'd like to thank James for taking care of that. It looks like there was 12 shooters, 7 of them shooting scoped guns and 5 shooting Iron sights. Of these 5 Iron sight shooters, Ernie Edmonston won Over All with 25, Master Bill Hamilton 24, AAA O. L. Adcock 21. Scoped Rifles – Unclassified Scott and there was no last name on the score sheet so maybe we'll find out his name at the next match, anyway he shot a 12, A Jerry Newman 17, AA Roy Hayes 27, AAA James Cravener 33, Over All Bill Hamilton 35. Thanks again James.

## **COWBOY 30-30, 11-15-15**

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

The weather left a lot to be desired today with cold and wind, so only 5 shooters were out. Alan Bloomer scored 26, Ernie Edmonston 25, Virdis Isler 22, Ron Young 21, and James Cravener 20.

Maybe next month?

## **DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH**

**11-28-15**

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

I don't think it ever got above freezing, but the wind wasn't blowing, so with an extra layer of clothes, it wasn't bad at all out at the range this morning. Evidently, a lot of other people didn't think this as there were only 14 shooters out at this popular match. However, it was the Thanksgiving weekend, so that probably had something to do with it. Of these 14 shooters, only 4 were using scopes, something else that is unusual. All of the Scope shooters won something.

Jerry King was the Overall Winner in the Scope Match with 26, Jerry Newman won AA Class along with his first in-a-row pin with 20, Harry Telesco won A Class with 10, and Scot McKinze won Unclassified with 25 and jumped right into AA Class.

Ernie Edmonston won Overall in the Iron Sight Match with 32, edging O. L. Adcock with 31 who won AAA Class. Alan Bloomer won Master Class with 26, and Sonny Odell Won AA Class with 20.

Due to the low attendance, there wasn't enough shooters in any one class (5) to pay second place.

Hopefully, the weather will be a bit nicer next month, but we are looking at December, then January and February.



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## **LOW POWER MATCH**

**12-5-15**

By Alan Bloomer, Match Director

We had pretty good turnout with 21 shooters, 13 with scopes, and 8 with Iron Sights. The winners in Iron Sights are - AA Sonny O'Dell 16, AAA Bob Beeson 28, Master Bill Hamilton 24, Over All Ernie Edmonston 31. Scoped Winners - B Gerald Bushman 21, AA Butch Stevenson 20, AAA Jerry King 31, Master Bill Hamilton 36, Over All Charlie Corn 37.

## **Bench Rest Chicken Silhouette Match**

**12-12-15**

William Kennedy Match Director

The weather was really good with a challenging amount of wind. We had 12 shooters come out to shoot the match this month. We had a tie for overall winner between Ernie Edmonston and Travis Johnson both at 38. In the end the overall winner was Travis Johnson taking the win with 38 + 2. Master class winner was Ernie Edmonston with 38. The second place winner in master class was Carroll Hargrove with 37. The AAA winner was Joe Bellicini with 28. The winner in AA class was George Riese with 26. We had a great match and just remember that the second Saturday of next month will be this match. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch.

## **O. F. 30-30 MATCH, 12-16-15**

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was another one of those windy days that seems to have been pretty regular this December. However, 11 shooters made it out which isn't too bad for a Wednesday. We even had two shooters from the Clovis country who showed up.

Tim Price won the Match with a score of 29 bagging 6 chickens, all 10 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 6 Rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 19, Ron YoUng won AAA Class with 26, Eddie Phillips won AA Class with 21, Sonny Odell won A Class with 18, and Harry Telesco won B Class.

## **COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 12-20-15**

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

Following a nice Saturday, it was cold and windy again today. There were an even dozen shooters out, including two from the Clovis Area. This was the first match held since getting all our new targets that we hope to keep free of high-powered bullet damage.

Scotty Davis turned in the best showing today with the score of 29, 9 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 4 rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 27, Alan Bloomer won AAA Class with 25, Virdis Isler won AA Class with 19, Jerry Newman won A Class with 11, and Harry Telesco won B Class with 5.

This makes three or four months in a row that we have put up with the wind, maybe next month will be the charm??

## **Election-of-Officers**

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