

To all:

It's scary to change something that has worked so well for ten years but this year I thought it was time to make a match format change to accommodate the ever increasing number of scope shooters.

At Raton, during the Nationals, I ran my idea for a three day combined iron sight/scope match past the old-timers in attendance to see what their reaction would be and to my surprise there wasn't a negative response from anyone. Now that the 11th Annual Arizona State BPCR Championships are complete I feel the new match format is a success and I plan on continuing with it next year..

Shooting side by side for three days in the same conditions gave everyone a chance to see if using a scope was really an advantage along with allowing those with weaker eyes to shoot competitively. The final scores give a slight edge to the scope shooters but not by much!

Last years Arizona State Scope Champion, Ted "Snake Hips" Tompkins from Montana, looked like he was on his way to another championship by shooting a 34X40 on Friday. But shooting good scores for three days is pretty challenging.

While Ted was struggling in the next two matches Al Sledge was getting better thanks to some good coaching from his partner Kelley Roos. Al and Kelley saved their best for last and shot a 31X40 on Sunday for the Arizona State Championship win.

Putting the pressure on Al was a young lady from Montana Jen Oliva who established a new 120 shot women's record while securing the 2nd Overall position.

Everyone knows you can't make a 40-70SS shoot but nobody bothered to tell Dave Swenson that because the 3rd Overall trophy went back to California with him.

While Al was showing everyone the way with his MVA scoped High Wall, Mike Patterson from Kentucky, Chip Mate from Arizona and David Burger were locked in battle for the Arizona State Iron Sight Championship. Chip and Mike are both past Arizona State Champions but this was David's first trip to Ben Avery so the pressure was really on him to shoot well in unknown conditions.

In the end it was Mike Patterson winning the Championship, assisted by some expert coaching from Georgids Doug Gazaway, with Chip and David tied for second. A shoot-off on the chicken line established Chip as the 2nd Overall award winner. It was an outstanding performance by David and I'm pretty sure he'll be looking for a rematch next year.

Again this year we were able to award a Shiloh rifle to a lucky shooter thanks to the generosity of the Bryan family. Both Kirk Bryan and his sister Lucinda Klostermeier were here to shoot the match and award the rifle. Gene David's name was on the winning ticket but Gene surprised everyone by handing over the certificate for the rifle to his brother and shooting partner Dave Davids. Dave has really struggled with some health issues and to have his big brother turn the rifle over to him was a pretty emotional event. Watching Gene perform an unselfish act like that made him the big winner of this match in my eyes.

As usual we had a large amount of prizes to hand out during the BBQ on Saturday night and the following made that possible: Shiloh Rifles-MVA Scopes-Titan Propane-Jim Kelley Sights-Schuetzen Powder-Baldwin Sights-Buffalo Arms-Brooks Bullet Moulds-Paul Huard-Birchwood Casey-Bryan Youngberg-Gentleman Jim Products-Cabela's-Cistern Publishing-DGL Lube-Dixie Gun Works-Green Mountain Rifle Barrels-Hornady Mfg.-Jim Dorrell-John King-Lee Precision-Midway USA-Mike Venturino-Pro Shot Products-Glen and Alden Franks-Woody's Wood Products-Redding Hunter-Dave Maurer's Shooter 2-Starline Brass-Treebone Carving-Pat Connar's BPCR Targets-Walter's Wads-Pioneer Products Bullet Moulds-Wolf Publishing-SPG Products.

We thank those that provided products and gift certificates to the shooters and we ask that the recipients of those prizes take the time to contact the manufacturers and thank them for their contribution.

The matches went especially smooth this year thanks to the Wickenburg High School Rifle Team who provided the target setting for us again this year. They were rewarded for their efforts by a full tip jar which amounted to just over \$2100.00. This money went to the kids along with a check for their team from the Arizona Sharpshooters. These kids are a class act and they'll be back with us next year thanks to the shooter's generosity.

We made some new friends around the camp fire after the matches and we toasted some old friends who couldn't make it.. Let's hope they'll be with us next year. They missed a good rifle match.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and I'll see you next year.

*Steve Rhoades
Match Director*

2011 SCOPE CHAMPIONSHIP

A. SLEDGE	MASTER SR.	CA.	28X40	2ND M	30X40	M/W	31X40	M/W	89X120	STATE CHAMPION	
J. OLIVA	AAA	WM	MT.	30X40	2ND AAA	27X40	3RD AAA	29X40	86X120	2ND OVERALL	
D. SWENSON	AAA	SR.	CA.	29X40	3RD AAA	26X40		30X40	1ST AAA	85X120	3RD OVERALL
T. TOMPKINS	MASTER		MT.	34X40	M/W	22X40		28X40		84X120	1ST MASTER
D. TONN	MASTER SR.		ID.	27X40	3RD M	28X40	2ND M	29X40	1ST M	84X120	2ND MASTER
K. SCHATTLEITNER	AA	SR.	CO.	29X40	1ST AA	26X40		28X40	1ST AA	83X120	1ST AA
J. BUTTS	MASTER		TX.	25X40		29X40	1ST M	28X40	3RD M	82X120	3RD MASTER
V. BALLEW	AA		TX.	28X40		28X40	2ND AAA	26X40		82X120	1ST AAA
L. BUMBALOW	AAA	SR.	AZ.	30X40	1ST AAA	23X40		29X40	3RD AAA	82X120	2ND AAA
T. LAWRENCE	AAA	SR.	AZ.	25X40		29X40	1ST AAA	27X40		81X120	3RD AAA
J. DORRELL	AA	SR.	AZ.	23X40	2ND A	21X40	1ST A	27X40	3RD AA	81X120	
K. GRIGGS	AA		KS.	25X40	1ST A	28X40	2ND AA	28X40	2ND AA	81X120	
D. YOUNT	MASTER SR.		WA	26X40		27X40	3RD M	26X40		79X120	TOP SENIOR
J. EGGLESTON	MASTER SR.		CA.	29X40	1ST M	24X40		23X40		76X120	
M. JACKSON	MASTER SR.		CO.	25X40		25X40		25X40		76X120	
D. HART	AAA		AZ.	21X40		24X40		29X40	2ND AAA	74X120	
K. DURHAM	MASTER SR.		ID.	22X40		24X40		28X40	2ND M	74X120	
F. KASE	MASTER SR.		ID.	23X40		24X40		25X40		72X120	
D. DAVIDS	AAA		ID.	23X40		25X40		24X40		72X120	
J. TAYLOR	AA	SR.	AZ.	19X40		26X40		25X40		70X120	
D. MAURER	MASTER SR.		MI.	24X40		24X40		21X40		69X120	
J. BLOHM	AA		AZ.	27X40		23X40		18X40		68X120	
K. WASSERBURGER	AA		WY.	23X40		23X40		22X40		68X120	
P. HUARD	AAA	SR.	CA.	15X40		25X40		23X40		63X120	
S. SLAUGHTER	AAA	SR.	AZ.	20X40		20X40		20X40		60X120	
B. HIGHTOWER	AAA	SR.	CA.	18X40		21X40		19X40		58X120	
R. MAZE	AAA	SR.	MI.	23X40		18X40		17X40		58X120	
W. GIPSON	A	SR.	AZ.	15X40		21X40	2ND A	20X40	1ST A	56X120	1ST A
D. SISSELL	A	SR.	AZ.	21X40		18X40		17X40		56X120	
W. LIEBZEIT	A	SR.	AZ.	16X40		16X40		15X40		47X120	
R. BLOUNT	AA	SR.	AZ.	13X40		16X40		12X40		41X120	

2011 IRON SIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

M. PATTERSON	MASTER	KY.	32X40 1ST M	28X40 1ST M	25X40	84X120	STATE CHAMPION
C. MATE	MASTER	AZ.	32X40 M/W	27X40 2ND M	25X40	84X120	2ND OVERALL
D. BURGER	MASTER	TX.	29X40	27X40 3RD M	28X40 2ND M	84X120	3RD OVERALL
R. WILKES	AAA	AZ.	29X40 2ND AAA	24X40	30X40 1ST AAA	83X120	1ST AAA
B. HITCHENS	AAA	AZ.	31X40 1ST AAA	26X40 2ND AAA	25X40	82X120	2ND AAA
L. WILKES	AAA	AZ.	27X40 3RD AAA	29X40 M/W	24X40	80X120	3RD AAA
R. GREY	AA SR.	AZ.	30X40 1ST AA	29X40 1ST AA	21X40	80X120	1ST AA
M. RIX	MASTER	CO.	27X40	21X40	31X40 M/W	79X120	1ST MASTER
B. ULSHER	MASTER SR.	MT.	29X40 2ND M	23X40	27X40 3RD M	79X120	2ND MASTER
M. VENTURINO	MASTER SR.	MT.	27X40	27X40	24X40	78X120	3RD MASTER
D. GAZAWAY	MASTER SR.	GA.	22X40	27X40	28X40 1ST M	77X120	TOP IRON SPOTTER
P. TAYLOR	MASTER SR.	AZ.	29X40 3RD M	24X40	24X40	77X120	TOP SENIOR
K. ROOS	MASTER SR.	CA.	24X40	25X40	25X40	74X120	TOP SCOPE SPOTTER
J. BLOHM	AAA	AZ.	24X40	24X40	26X40 3RD AAA	74X120	
G. DAVIDS	AAA SR.	ID.	27X40	24X40 3RD AAA	23X40	74X120	
B. MILLER	AAA	KS	23X40	22X40	28X40 2ND AAA	73X120	
K. BRYAN	AAA	MT.	26X40	28X40 1ST AAA	18X40	72X120	
O. SHOCKLEY	AAA	WY.	25X40	21X40	25X40	71X120	
B. DELATORRE	AAA	AZ.	24X40	23X40	23X40	70X120	
G. GIPSON	AA SR.	AZ.	24X40 2ND AA	24X40 2ND AA	22X40 3RD AA	70X120	2ND AA
R. WILKES	A	AZ.	21X40	21X40	25X40 1ST A	67X120	1ST A
G. VERNON	AAA SR.	UT.	22X40	17X40	24X40	63X120	
P. SHIRLEY	AA	AZ.	20X40	21X40 3RD AA	21X40	62X120	3RD AA
P. CONNAN	AA	CA.	20X40	19X40	21X40	60X120	
D. MITCHELL	AA	WA.	23X40	14X40	23X40 1ST AA	60X120	
G. FRANKS	AAA SR.	CA.	22X40	20X40	17X40	59X120	
J. NEUFELD	AA SR.	MT.	20X40	16X40	22X40 2ND AA	58X120	
D. HANKS	A SR.	AZ.	23X40 1ST A	18X40	16X40	57X120	
D. HALL	AA SR.	AZ.	15X40	21X40	20X40	56X120	
L. KLOSTERMEIER	AA WM.	MT.	23X40 3RD AA	17X40	15X40	55X120	TOP WOMAN
K. MCDONALD	A	NV.	20X40	22X40 1ST A	13X40	55X120	
F. STANSBUTY	AA SR.	AZ.	18X40	20X40	15X40	53X120	
J. DODSON	AA	AZ.	16X40	18X40	18X40	52X120	
S. BROWNLEE	A	AZ.	12X40	13X40	22X40	47X120	
D. MITCHELL	AA WM.	WA.	14X40	16X40	16X40	46X120	
T. MACE	AA SR.	MN.	12X40	13X40	20X40	45X120	
R. WINN	AA	CA.	19X40	14X40	11X40	44X120	
R. MCCOLLUM	A SR.	AZ.	18X40	14X40	10X40	42X120	

SCOPE EQUIPMENT LIST:

*AL SLEDGE WINCHESTER 1885 45-70 18 TWIST BADGER
MVA SCOPE 70 GRs. SWISS 545 JONES PATCHED*

*JEN OLIVA MEACHAM HIGH WALL 45-70 KRIEGER 16 TWIST
MVA SCOPE 540 JONES SWISS BLOW TUBE*

*DAVE SWENSON MEACHAM HIGH WALL 40-70 SS GREEN MOUNTAIN 1-14
MVA SCOPE 58 GRs 2F SWISS SAECO 415 GR.
DGL LUBE BLOW TUBED*

IRON SIGHT EQUIPMENT LIST:

*MIKE PATTERSON WINCHESTER 1885 45-70 16 TWIST SMITH
BALDWIN SIGHTS PATTERSON 590 MOULD
1 ½ SWISS BLOW TUBED*

*CHIP MATE BALLARD 40-65 MVA SIGHTS 61 GRs. 1 ½ SWISS
BROOKS 420 BULLET SPG LUBE PATCHED W/ANTIFREEZE*

*DAVID BURGER SHILOH 45-70 1-18 TWIST SHILOH MVA SIGHTS
60 GRs SWISS BACO 535
PATCHED W/AZ. SHARPSHOOTERS SOLUTION*