

TSRA Service Rifle Match

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L. T. Dillion Shooting Sports Facility, Dillion, Texas

by Rick Crawford, Service Rifle Director

Let me begin by thanking the folks at L. T. Dillion Shooting Sports Facility for taking us in on short notice. The support and assistance they provided made the trauma of relocating a match of this size almost painless. I said almost . . .

Next comes Jenny Boyd, she came down from the Washington, D.C. area to run the firing line just like she does on the Rodriguez range at Camp Perry. Several of the Camp Perry shooters approached me on Friday and said, "She sounds just like that woman on Rodriguez." Who says all shooters are deaf?

Larry Ritter provided the pit direction on Friday, Chris Baldwin ran them on Saturday and Dave Wilson stepped in for the LEG match. Thanks to all that lent a hand before, during and after the match. Without your help the match would not have been the success it was. Now down to the shooting!



The Austin Rifle Club with the trophies won for team championship. Photo credit Arch Roy.

The team from Austin Rifle Club grabbed the team championship win as John Ditchman and Louis Lamoreaux turned in two of the highest scores of the match as they carried Paul Laberge and Ray Diaz. These Austin guys are starting to become regulars with the team trophy. Great shooting, and it is great to see the local clubs fielding teams. Let's see if the other clubs can meet the challenge! The Piney Woods Rooters #1 picked up second place. The junior teams continue their musical themes as the Beatles proved again that they are the best.

Everyone is getting interested in shooting the IT match and this year's had a new twist. The format was 3 shooters firing at 4 targets, exactly 1/2 of a full IT team or 1 fire team. What the shooters saw

was exactly the course they would see if they fired this match at Camp Perry. With two sighters at 600 to help get everyone on paper, some thought it would be a cakewalk but the IT proved otherwise. It was a tight race between the two teams from the Panola County Gun Club, but the experience of the Gold team prevailed over the upstart Silver team.

The junior team was a group of new faces as Evan Hess led Sterling Sheppard and Chris Crow on their first time thru the course of fire. I scored and assisted these young men, and it is refreshing to see shooters that will accept assistance. We essentially trained on the line and in between. All eleven teams appeared to have a great time firing this match, and the comments were truly enthusiastic.

The individual match was filled as we dropped back to 3 relays on all of the available targets. Every class was well represented with 10 HM, 18 MA, 20 Ex, 8 SS, 13 Mk and 12 Unclassified shooters. It is very encouraging to see the number of new faces among the old (experienced) faces. Standing proved challenging as the breeze began blowing early, but Gary Shannon stood like a rock to fire his 194-2x to the match #1 win. The rapid fire matches (#2 and 3) were firmly grasped by Richard Schultz (200-11x, 199-8x) as he beat the ties, first with Jose Niera in the sitting match and then Jim Barron in the prone match. The 600-yard line at Dillion is the final hurdle in the race, and it was Ron Chatelain clearing the obstacle best with a solid 198-5x.

In the aggregate match, it was Ron Chatelain (779-27x) out x-ing Richard Schultz for the 2001 TSRA Service Rifle championship. Close behind was Jose Niera with 777-21x for the HM class championship. Richard Schultz (779-26x) defaulted to the MA class winner as junior Justin Utley (760-14x) became the Ex class champion. All the way from Midland, John Leazar (723-13x) used his x count to secure the SS class win. In Mk class it was Gary Jackson (735-13x) beating the field with breathing room as the Unclassified shooters led by Rex McDonald with his 695-6x.

The special award categories were won by Bob Mullins – Senior, Alonda Roy – Woman and Justin Utley – Junior. The Whittington Center belt buckles for the aggregate scores of the slow fire matches were won by Gary Shannon (civilian), Bobby Adams (service) and Justin Utley (junior). The Governor's 20 pins were presented to the 20 top Texas residents in the individual match and are indicated on the score sheet with an asterisk left of their name. Congratulations to each of these that found themselves in the awards and recognition, but thanks to each shooter for making this match a smooth, enjoyable match.



Justin Utley, Alonda Roy and Bob Mullins with their trophies for best in Senior's, Women's and Junior's categories. Photo Credit Arch Roy.

FOG, Wait, FOG, Wait. That's how the LEG match day began and finally at 0900 we were able to see the target numbers and targets. The match was contested by 55 shooters, 47 of which were non-distinguished. Winning the CMP medals were Jose Niera (gold), Charles Blackwell (silver) and Alonda Roy (bronze). But more importantly the winners of LEG points are Jon Ditchman, Justin Utley, Larry Eldridge, Robert Langham and John Dunaway. For those that are receiving their first points, congratulations and welcome to the quest. To those that continued collecting their points, stay with it, the race is getting shorter, and we look forward to the final points and your "Distinguished" award with you.

There was a drawing for a M1 Garand that was donated by Jeff Rost and overhauled by Phil Arrington of Arrington Accuracy, Scottsdale, AZ. The rifle was refinished and had a new Douglas barrel and a custom lazer engraved stock that

added the finishing touches to a great looking rifle. Marvin McCook of Terrell was the winner on a last minute purchase of a ticket. Thanks to all that donated to this drawing, the monies are used to support the TSRA service rifle team as they practice for and compete at the National Matches at Camp Perry, OH.



Marvin McCook of Terrell shows off the result of a ticket purchased at the last minute! Marvin won this M1Garand, and left the envy of all the rest. Photo Credit Arch Roy.

Again, thanks to the folks at L. T. Dillion, George Becquet, Jenny Boyd, and the pit guys each day for making the weekend run as smoothly as it did. Let's remember the club at San Antonio as they deal with the security issues surrounding the use of Camp Bullis and hope for resolution. From me, thanks for your support of the match, your cooperation during the match, and I look forward to representing you in the future.

This match is for you, the shooter, and as such, your input is always needed. Let us know how we may be able to make the match better. Whether it is the dates, location, format or course of fire, if you have an idea, pitch it in and I guarantee it will be considered. Until the next time we are on the range, keep them in the middle.

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