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TSRA Service Rifle Championship

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TSRA held the annual **Service Rifle Championship** during the first weekend in May. It was held at the **Panola County Gun Club** in Carthage, Texas. The weather held out for the Friday team match and the State Championship on Saturday. Heavy rains unfortunately cancelled the Excellence in Competition match on Sunday. This year, competitors came from all over Texas and Louisiana. They braved flooded roads and highways to make it to the match.

Friday's team match was a scramble held between two teams of four shooters each. This year **"Izzy's Hero's"** managed to edge out **"Bobby's Here"**. The team scramble is a four-person team, with ten shots standing, sitting, prone rapid and prone slow, with no sighters. Each person can only contribute one score to the team total. It does require some planning to take advantage of each team members strengths. It was followed by an Infantry Trophy Challenge which was

55 shots in two 50 second exposures at 600 yards. This year **Gary Troxell** had 52 hits on target for the win.

Saturday the annual Service Rifle Championship was held with overcast skies. This year we had 35 competitors' show up for a chance at the Richard P. Crawford Excellence in Service Rifle Competition Trophy. **Justin Utley** shot a 793.35X for the win with Gregg Troxell right on his heels with a 791.27X for second. In third was **Elijah Edwards** with a 788.34X. The high junior was **Wyatt Dunbar** with a 774.21X, and high senior was **Dan Pate** with a 772.20X. This was the twelfth time Justin Utley has won the TSRA Service Rifle Championship.

The top twenty shooters were all awarded Governor's Twenty pins for their accomplishment. The cut-off this year was 751.19X. Full results can be found on the TSRA website.



(from left) **Elijah Edwards, Justin Utley, Gregg Troxell**



Governor's Twenty