

2025 TSRA Highpower Championship

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The **TSRA High Power Championship** returned to the **Temple Gun Club** (TSRA Life Business Member) in 2025 due to the central location and covered 500-yard line. It is a well laid out range and the location made the match more accessible for competitors in the DFW, Austin, and surrounding areas.

The match was well run, with **Ken Gaby** calling the line, **Dave Wilson** doing the statistics, and **Rachael Perry** managing ShotMarker issues. Ken made several upgrades to the range based on prior year suggestions, and with more experience in the nuances of using E-Targets, this was one of the smoothest run matches yet.

The major change was to forgo the **Excellence in Competition** (EIC) match and make it a two-day aggregate, much like it was many years ago. Many competitors questioned the missing EIC match. The idea of returning to the traditional format was to encourage the use of **Match Rifles** here in Texas. Unfortunately, we didn't have any this time, but hopefully word gets out and it will make a comeback.

What is a Match Rifle?

Basically, anything that is not a Service Rifle, usually in a 6mm cartridge with a higher magnification scope, match rifle sling, and fully adjustable stock. In the past, they were predominantly bolt actions, but there are several semi auto variants out there too. Several match rifle shooters were in attendance but used their Service Rifles.

The match was moved to September in hopes of cooler weather, though while it was better than the year before, it was still plenty hot! A two-day aggregate is a tough match. To win, you need to have two good days in a row. The 2025 Day One winner was **Conrad Young**, with an overall score of **1284-64X**, followed by



From Left: Gary Troxell, Conrad Young, Randy Scheibel

Gary Troxell (1278-43X) and **Randy Scheibel** (1273-38X). **Conrad's score was only 5X's short of tying the state record**, which is 1284-69X set by **Keith Stephens** back in 2015, also the last time the match was held as a two-day aggregate.

One of the newer awards is the **Cold Bore X**, received by competitors who shoot a X on their first shot of the day. This is one of the more difficult awards to win because you only get one chance per match. Three competitors achieved this feat at the 2025 Championship.



The **Texas High Power Series** was also new and concluded at the TSRA High Power Championship. This consists of the aggregate from all regional and state championships held throughout the year. This series is a **winner takes all** contest, and competitors must attend all the matches to be considered.

The series began at **Greenwood Gun Club** (TSRA Business Defender Member) in Lake Jackson in March,

From Left: Gary Troxell, Conrad Young, Bobby Adams



the state is true dedication.

The **Rough Rider Trophy** was unveiled at the match, for the winner of the **Texas High Power Series**. The trophy was paid for through competitor donations, with a special thank you to **Alton "Butch" Redus** for building the base and doing the finish work. "Teddy" Roosevelt and his Rough Riders have strong ties to Texas, especially San Antonio, where most of the recruitment and initial training was done. The name and historical connections make it a fitting award for this new series, which will hopefully encourage competitors to make more of the big matches.

The TSRA High Power Championship was the conclusion to the 2025 season in Texas. Plans are already in motion for this year, which looks to be just as exciting as last year. If you are interested in participating, the first regional will be in March.

followed by the **TSRA Service Rifle Championship** at **Bayou Rifles** (TSRA Business Member). Then **Golden Triangle Gun Club** (TSRA Business Life Member) in Beaumont, **Panola County Gun Club** (TSRA Business Member) in Carthage, and finally at the TSRA High Power Championship in Temple. Competitors faced everything from high winds to high heat. In this super aggregate, nobody had the home field advantage.

Seventy-seven competitors entered in at least one of the big matches in 2025, but only **six** managed to complete all **five matches**. This year's winner was **Conrad Young**, with a 3956-179X, followed by **Randy Scheibel**, **Gary Troxell**, **Kyle Hoelscher**, and **Rick Conner**. An honorable mention is extended to **Bruce Finley**, who attended all the events but missed a match. Attending five weekends of shooting across



Conrad Young with the Rough Rider Trophy



From Left: Randy Scheibel, Rick Conner, Conrad Young, Gary Troxell. Not Pictured: Kyle Hoelscher.