

Tubb Makes it Number 11 at the High Power Competitions at Camp Perry

He has done it yet again. David Tubb, from Canadian, Texas, has won the NRA High Power Rifle Championships, held at Camp Perry August 11-14. Tubb's score was a new championship record score of 2389-138X. Tubb's score eclipsed the old mark, set in 1992, by four points. Taking second place was Tubb's fellow teammate Norman Houle of West Warwick, RI, with 2385-117X. Bronze went to John Harrison III of Westminster, MD, with a score of 2377-95X.

Marking this year's competition was unusually mild and sunny

weather, a great departure from that of most years. The good weather made the shooting much easier for the competitors who usually have to endure hot, humid weather, downpours, and high winds off Lake Erie.

In the course of winning for 2003, Tubb set two other records, posting an 1199-82X in the McCann Trophy Aggregate and a 799-50X in the Clarke Trophy Aggregate. Likewise, Houle set a pair of records—an 1192-60X in the D.I. Boyd Memorial Trophy Aggregate and a perfect 600-point score, with 37Xs, in the Centenary Trophy aggregate. All these trophy aggregates are made up of groupings of 200-point matches fired as part of the National Championships.

The NRA National High Power Rifle Championship is conducted in two major categories, NRA Match Rifle and Service Rifle. The high scoring competitor of the two categories is also named the overall National Champion.



11-time Long Range Champion David Tubb

The Service Rifle Champion for 2003 is Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer Dennis De Mille, from Oceanside, CA. DeMille posted a 2372-102X to win the Du Pont Trophy – emblematic of Service Rifle Victory – for 2003. Second place went to S/Sgt Emil Praslick, USA, of the Fort Benning-based Army Marksmanship Unit. Praslick's score was 2364-109X.

The 2003 Championships were fired over the course of four days—three 600-point matches per day. As has been his pattern, Tubb began slowly, yielding to Houle and others the honors for each of the first three days of competition. He was not far behind, however, being not more than a point or two behind in any of the first three days. Day four, as it turned out, was Tubb's day to win.

He began with a 199 that won the first match of the day. "It was the only [200-point] match I

won," he said. "And I knew, when I did it, that the victory could be mine. The other two [200-point matches are matches] that I shoot very well." In fact, Tubb lost only one point that day, surpassing the scores of all of his close challengers and gaining the ultimate win.

Tubb is philosophical concerning both his win and the new record. "I set out to shoot the best score I could shoot and to take the championship if my performance held up. I did hold up and my score was better than I could have dreamed of. But, more important to me, are the X-counts I registered. Because they require more precise shooting [the X-ring is a tie-breaking ring at the center of and about 1/3 the area of the 10-point scoring ring], high X-counts indicate better performance by the shooter and a more accurate rifle. In my case, about 60 percent of my 10-point shots in the championship were inside the smaller scoring area, and in the Clarke Trophy aggregate, five of six shots were Xs. Yes, I'm pleased with my win, but it's the X-counts that make me feel the best."

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