

War Rifles of Years Past

If you missed the Garand/Vintage Rifle Championship, you missed one of the coolest rifle matches in the state. Nowhere else could you see and hear the war rifles of years past.

We had M1-Garands, M1 Carbines, 1903 Springfield's, Swiss K31's, Eddystone's and Enfield's plus a mint 30- 40 Krag. The Modern military category included civilian versions of M14's and M16-A1 variants. These various rifles were issued to troops during the wars of Spanish American, World Wars I & II, Korea and Vietnam to name a few.

The firing lines were filled every relay. We had more than 45 shooters compete using these unique guns. If only these old guns could tell their history.....

Competitors were given a treat of free Premium HXP 30 cal ammo for their first relay using the 30cal rifles. After that they were left to their own ammunition sources. This sparked a very intense competition to the very end. We then finished up with a CMP service pistol leg match on Sunday.

State Champions included: M1 Garand: Keith Stephens –



285.4x; Unlimited Garand: Mike Carter – 284.4x; Springfield: Bill Aten – 282.6x (1903-A3); Carbine: Dan Pate – 369.6x (M1 carbine); Vintage Military: Dan Pate – 285.3x (Swiss K31); and Modern Military: James Fletcher – 201.6x (M1A). CMP Pistol leg match was won by: Daniel Miller – 260.3x

Thank you to all the competitors for making this event and to John Jebavy, Roy Plumlee, Dave Wilson, Ken Gaby and Ron Leraas for their assistance. Finally, a big thank you to the Terrell Rifle and Pistol Club for hosting the event (www.terrellriflepistolclub.org).

— Karl Schultz, TSRA Service Rifle Director

Turning Over the Reins

I have one more thing to announce as I turn the reins over to the next president. I am pleased to announce TSRA has received the prestigious Extension Partnership Award from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.

This award was conferred on TSRA for our long- time support of with the 4H Youth Development Program, specifically the 4H Shooting Sports. It is because of our members' support and their investment in the Youth Shooting Sports programs, donations to the TSRA, TSRA Foundation and the TSRA Special License Plate Program that we are able to support shooting sports. We work hard to train and educate youth in the safe, responsible use and enjoyment of shooting, hunting and gun ownership. Please keep up the good work.

Now, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve as your president. We have made great strides in the last two years. There is still a lot of work left to do.

Under the leadership of Dan Butts as president and the officers and executive committee, I know TSRA will continue moving us forward in defending the rights of Texas gun owners. Dan is the Sheriff of Bandera County and has always been a strong leader in TSRA. He has a vision of the growth of TSRA and its mission statement. Please welcome him as he takes the office of TSRA president and continues our work and leadership in the state for your rights.



Over the last two years I have had a chance to meet many of our members and others through some of the appearances and events I have been invited to attend. To every- one, thank you for your hospitality and support. We have the finest members of any organization, folks who have supported TSRA in its endeavors with their time and money, to keep Texas moving in the right direction in protecting gun owners. To all of you that have taken the time to write or call me with your concerns and suggestions, thank you. Also to the TSRA staff, officers, and board of directors, thank you for your confidence and allowing me the opportunity to serve.

— David Stroud