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MIDLAND TEXAS HOSTED THE 2017 TEXAS SHOOTOUT

ON THE COVER...

Midland Texas hosted the 2017 Texas Shootout for both Light and Heavy Varmint. Attendance was excellent this year with a total of 30 shooters signed in. For the weekend we even had four members of the US team that earned spots to compete in New Zealand. No doubt it was a strong field this weekend and it would make for some very competitive matches.

Practice day on Friday provided the shooters with the full spectrum of conditions. Most of the morning, the notorious West Texas winds were a no-show. However, by afternoon everything started to change starting with the appearance of some tricky winds that changed into a heavy down pour from a summer thunder storm. Of course the storm rolled in right in the middle of everyone trying to set flags for the morning, sending many shooters into town for the evening. Well, at least we wouldn't have to worry about blowing dust for the next few days!

Saturday's matches would all be at 100 yards and started off with Light Varmint. Temps were in the upper 70's and humidity was high for West Texas at around 65%. The wind was close to a dead calm when shooting kicked off at 9:00 but throughout the morning conditions changed enough that each match was a bit more challenging than the previous.

After all five matches in Light Varmint were

completed Mike Conry had the lead with a .2250 agg. Gene Bukys was second with a .2340 and Randy Pumphrey took third shooting a .2370. Randy also had the small group with a .119 group he shot in the fifth match.

The afternoon Heavy Varmint 100 began after lunch was served in the Midland Clubhouse. Humidity was now down in the 20's to 30's and temps were getting close to 90 degrees. We had a 5 to 10 mph wind mostly from the South/Southwest but starting to get switchoy from the South/Southeast.

This time Gene Bukys had the dope on small groups and won shooting a .2476, Tim Oltersdorf kept it close with his second place agg of .2546. Third place went to Scott Haywood with a .2554. Tim also shot the small group with a .119 matching what Randy shot earlier in the LV match.

Saturday's Two Gun agg after both 100 yard matches with Gene Bukys in the lead, Tom Brown in second and Larry Baggett in third.

Sunday morning came and it was looking like the weather was going to be identical as the day before. Temps and winds were what a local shooter would say is a very good morning to shoot in West Texas. But we knew that by afternoon, we were going to need to be prepared for some tough mirage at the 200 yards.

The Heavy Varmint rifles started off first, it was apparent that the changes John Horn had made

after Saturday to his guns were working well for him and was evident with his shooting. John walked away with the HV after trouncing the field with a .1806 agg! Second place was Larry Baggett with a .2292 and Dr. Tim Oltersdorf third with .2343, Larry shot a tiny .195 group in the second match for the HV 200 yard small group.

Light Varmint matches commenced late morning and John continued to shoot well and once again rolled over the other shooters posting a .2137 agg. Gene Bukys .2547 was good for second place and third went to Britt Robinson. John shot a .194 in the second match that held up as the small group.

Once the smoke cleared and final targets measured, the Grand's we posted, LV went to Gene Bukys, .2426, Britt Robinson second, .2919, Gary Bristow third with a .2839. HV Grand went to John Horn, .2301, Tim Oltersdorf second, .2445 and Gene Bukys .2466 was good for third place.

The Two Gun Grand had Gene Bukys as the leader with a .2446, John Horn second with a .2573 and Scott Haywood third with .2831.

The Midland shooters would like to thank all the competitors for their participation this weekend and hope to see them back in in late August for the Buffalo Classic. We would also like to invite everyone to attend the Buffalo as it's sure to be another very competitive test in our sport.

By: Scott Haywood

Left-Right: Britt Robinson, Mike Conry, Larry Baggett, Tim Oltersdorf, John Horn, Gene Bukys, Scott Haywood



SPORTR EQUIPMENT LIST

	<u>Cartridge</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Barrel</u>	<u>Gun Smith</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Powder</u>	<u>Bullet</u>	<u>Primer</u>
G.Bukys	6ppc	Bat	Leu/Bukys	Bartlein	Self	Scarborough	Lap	V133	Bukys	205
B.Robinson	6ppc	Bat	Nfight	Hart	Bruno	Bruno	Lap	V133	Berger	205
G.Bristow	6ppc	Bat	Nightf	Bartlein	Self	Scarborough	Lap	V133	Cheek	205
J. Horn	6ppc	Bat	March	Krieger	Self	Scarborough	Lap	V133	Baggett	205
M.Coury	6ppc	Bat	Nightf	Krieger	Self	Scarborough	Lap	V133	Self	205

Gene Bukys Wins Midland Texas



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HEAVY VARMINT EQUIPMENT LIST

	<u>Cartridge</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Barrel</u>	<u>Gun Smith</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Powder</u>	<u>Bullet</u>	
<u>Primer</u>										
J.Horn	6ppc	Bat	March	Krieger	Self	Scarborough	Lap	V133	Baggett	205
T.Oltersdorf	6ppc	Nesika	March	Shilen	Self	Speedy	Lap	8208	66Gr	205
G. Bukys	6ppc	Bat	Leu/Bukys	Bartlein	Self	Scarborough	Lap	V133	Bukys	205
L. Baggett	6ppc	Stiller	Nightf	Bartlein	Baggett	Baggett	Lap	201/200	Baggett	205
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COMMON BENCHREST FAULTS AND FIXES

I have been working off and on with a few new shooters. While doing so I have noticed some common faults. Once I started checking, I found that many of these problems affect not only the new but also the more experienced shooters as well.

Here are some of the issues that I keep seeing:

Front bag to hard

In general most front bags are packed too hard resulting in unexplained flyers. This year we changed my shooting partner Billy Stevens', front bag to a fluffier front bag like mine. After a few months he said, "You know this front bag doesn't throw shots nearly as consistently as my old one!"

Some bags are packed with too much sand while others have packed down from shooting on them. In my opinion, you should have the front bag more on the fluffy side. My front bag is like a marshmallow. The ones I've checked

are closer to bricks. So, let some sand out and fluff them up. All bags will pack down over time. I make it a point to reach up and squeeze/fluff my front bag each time I set up at the bench. Hall of Fame member Smiley Hensley was getting unexplained shots at the 2013 Super Shoot. Someone suggested fluffing his front bag and there you go! Problem solved!

My personal preference is regular sand, not zircon. The weight and density of zircon tends to pack down too hard too fast.

Guns Too slick

Many shooters spend a lot of time trying to get their guns slick in the bags. Just put two fingers on the gun and pull it back and push it forward. It's as if it's riding on air or roller bearings! Hey guess what? It's not what you want! The problem with this is that gun handling errors are significantly magnified. So, if you make a little mistake (such as slightly jerking/slapping your trigger or bumping the gun), it will show up big

time on the target.

The worst setup I've seen is shooting an unpainted fiberglass stock with a cordura front and rear bag. This setup is super slick. I've had guns like this and it feels like you can't get near the thing without it moving. Stock tape can help to slow them down as well as providing consistent tension when sliding on the bags.

Proper Front Bag Tension.

This is part of the gun being too slick. One of the first things that Tony Boyer corrected in my set up was having my ears on my front bag too loose. On his range, you're shooting slightly up hill. He came over and pulled my rifle back and forth and said, "You need to tighten those ears." I was surprised at just how much he cranked the screws down. Tony told me it would cut down on the "finger-vertical" I was getting. Guess what??? He was right. Since that time, I've shot with very firm fore-end tension on my rifles.

Consistency

What I'm talking about here is when your rifle slides back and forth. It should be very consistent and feel the same as you move the gun back and forth. This allows the rifle to break the same every time when fired. Actually "FIRM and CONSISTENT" is what you're looking for. Some bag set ups are grabby. As you pull the rifle back it catches and break loose, then catches and breaks loose again. Not optimum! Others feel kind of stuck as they first move and then break loose. So, if your gun is doing any of this, you need to work on it.

I took Billy Stevens lead and went retro with my bag set up. We started talking about front and rear bags and decided our guns shot better and more

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consistently twenty years ago. So, we have both gone back to leather bags (front and rear) and using baby powder! This gives me a set up that provides consistent and firm tension.

Front Rests

Another very common problem is simply forgetting to tighten things down on your rest. Always check to make sure the feet on your front rests are tightened down. Also check to make sure the center post of your rest is locked down. It's easy to forget and can cost you dearly during a match.

Farley Front Rest

The Farley front rest is probably the most popular front rest in Benchrest. However, of the new shooters rests that I have checked most of them were too loose. What I mean by too loose is when you let go of the aiming handle while looking through your scope you can see the crosshairs move.

So, a properly adjusted Farley will move smoothly and stop when I stop. When I let go of the handle, the crosshairs should stay put. If yours isn't doing this, simply loosen the two large nuts and turn the tensioning screws clockwise for increased pressure. It's important that each screw be turned the same amount, and it only takes a small adjustment.

Scope and Rings

This is all very simple stuff, but still often over looked. A loose screw on a scope ring or base can ruin a match or even an entire season! Rifles have been sold and perfectly good bullets and barrels tossed aside because of not diligently checking these things! I had a killer heavy varmint rifle. It shot well enough to win a yardage and grand aggregate at the Super Shoot! It also won my first Hall of Fame point! But it quit shooting! I couldn't figure it out. I tried different barrels, scopes, bullets. I changed out triggers the fir-

ing pin springs, nothing helped. Finally, I took off the scope and sat the rifle in the corner. I gave up on it for years. Finally one day during the winter with nothing to do, I started going through the rifle again. To my surprise I found that one of the screws on the front base was loose. That one little screw caused all this trouble. So check everything. It's the little things that kill us.

Scope Lock Rings

No matters what scope you own it has one or more lock rings that you must pay attention to. Tony Boyer was probably the first to notice that the lock ring for the eye piece on the Leopold competition scopes loves to come loose.

The first thing I check on a rifle if it starts shooting crazy is the objective lock ring (if the scope has one) and the lock ring in front of the eye piece. I can't count the times this year that I found the eye piece lock ring loose on shooters scopes! Just because you tighten it down that doesn't mean it's going to stay that way. At the last match of the year at Brock's Gap I tightened lock rings five times. Twice on one shooter's gun during the same aggregate!

If you don't think the lock ring in front of your eye piece is doing anything, loosen the ring and just push around on the eye piece while looking through the scope. That should make you a believer.

So if it has a screw, tighten it! If it has a lock ring, lock it! If it has a knob twist it!

None of this is rocket science. It's just meat and potatoes common sense. The devil is in the details. In this sport, close isn't good enough. Your equipment has to be at 100 percent in order to compete, and to stay on top of it, you must constantly check it!

Conclusion

Implement the above changes into your set up, and I think you will see an increase in your accuracy and a lot fewer nasty flyers!

By: Bart Sauter



BOONE VALLEY IKES SCORE SHOOT - May 20-2017

Only three words cold, rainy and windy this had to be one of the nastiest weekends we have ever had a match on, even the guys from Duluth had heavy jackets on. On Saturday at 100 yd. we had 14 shooters. Hunter class went like this: Dean Walther was the winner with 249-14X, 2nd was Brett Stiner 248-9X and in 3rd place Michael Hart 148-8X. Had a nice warm lunch then went back to shoot the 200 yd. match. In first place was Brett Stiner 245-3X, 2nd place went to Mike Bigelow 243-3X and in 3rd was Jim Larson. The hunter grand winner was Brett Stiner with a 493-12X, 2nd place was Mike Bigelow 489-8X and in 3rd place Dean Walther 485-15X. Saturday's VFS we had 8 shooters. The 100 y.

winner was Kevin Mielke with 250-17X followed by Bevan Everett 249-20X and in 3rd was Jeff Shultz 249-12X. In the 200 yd. VFS, first place was Kevin Mielke 246-6X, 2nd place Paul Whitmore 246-2X and in 3rd was Frank Radloff 239-1X. VFS Grand Aggregate was first place Kevin Mielke 496-23X, in 2nd place Paul Whitmore 494-12X and in 3rd place Jeff Shultz 485-12X.

Sunday was still cold and windy the rain stopped we had 19 shooter's contesting the VFS match. At 100 yards, Mike Bigelow took first place 250-22X, 2nd Place was Jeff Shultz 250-18X and in 3rd was Chad Schmidt 250-17X. After lunch we started the 200 yd. match, first place went to

Kevin Mielke 246-2X, 2nd was Michael Hart 245-0X and in 3rd was Mike Bigelow 244-3X.

VFS Grand, first place went to Kevin Mielke 495-15X followed by Mike Bigelow 494-27X and in 3rd was Dean Walther 494-14X.

Saturday's Hunter Grand and Sunday's VFS added up for the two gun champ and first place went to Mike Bigelow shooting a 983-35X, in 2nd place was Dean Walther 979-29X and in 3rd place was Russ Stiner 973-24X.

A big Thanks to all for supporting our matches.

By: Ronnie Berg

5-20-17 HBR 100 yards

Dean Walther.....	249-14x
Brett Stiner.....	248-09x
Michael Hart.....	248-08x
Chad Schmidt.....	247-07x
Mike Toby.....	246-11x
Russ Stiner.....	246-10x
Mike Bigelow.....	246-05x
Craig Nagel.....	245-13x

HBR 200 yards

Brett Stiner.....	245-3x
Mike Bigelow.....	243-3x
Jim Larson.....	240-2x
Russ Stiner.....	237-3x
Mike Toby.....	236-4x
Dean Walther.....	236-1x
Michael Hart.....	233-2x
Chad Schmidt.....	233-1x

HBR Grand Agg

Brett Stiner.....	493-12x
Mike Bigelow.....	489-08x
Dean Walther.....	485-15x
Russ Stiner.....	483-13x
Jim Larson.....	483-11x
Mike Toby.....	482-15x
Michael Hart.....	481-10x
Chad Schmidt.....	480-08x

5-20-17 VFS 100 yards

Kevin Mielke.....	250-17x
Bevan Everett.....	249-20x
Jeff Shultz.....	249-12x
Paul Whitmore.....	248-10x
Jim Franzen.....	247-06x
Robert Pool.....	246-10x
Mike Shapoval.....	243-07x
Joe Blackwell.....	241-02x

VFS 200 yards

Kevin Mielke.....	246-06x
Paul Whitmore.....	246-02x
Frank Radloff.....	239-01x
Jeff Shultz.....	236-00x
Mike Shapoval.....	235-02x
Bevan Everett.....	233-01x
Robert Pool.....	231-02x
Jim Franzen.....	231-01x

VFS Grand Agg

Kevin Mielke.....	496-23x
Paul Whitmore.....	494-12x
Jeff Shultz.....	485-12x
Bevan Everett.....	482-21x
Mike Shapoval.....	478-09x
Jim Franzen.....	478-07x
Robert Pool.....	477-12x
Joe Blackwell.....	464-02x

2 GUN GRAND AGG

Mike Bigelow.....	983-35x
Dean Walther.....	979-29x
Russ Stiner.....	973-24x
Michael Hart.....	972-19x
Craig Nagel.....	968-30x
Mike Toby.....	967-28x
Jim Larson.....	965-21x
Chad Schmidt.....	959-30x
Steve Rosendale.....	953-21x
William VanOsdel.....	952-29x

Congratulations

Congratulations



SCORE EQUIPMENT LIST HBR/Vhtr

	Caliber	Action	Trigger	Barrel	G-Smith	Stock	Stocker	Scope	Bullet	Powder	Primer
Craig Nagel	30Br	Kodiak	Jewell	Bartlein	Cj's	Lee Six	Reo	Weaver	Nzal	H198	Fed
Paul Whitmore	6Ppc	Stiller	Jewell	Shillen	Bigelow	McMill	Bigelow	Leupold	Bib	N133	Cci
Frank Radloff	3Obr	Niseka	N/A	Kreiger	Bigelow	N/A	N/A	Leupold	Bib	H4198	Fed
Robert Pool	30Br	Batt	Jewell	Kreiger	Bigelow	Bruno	Bigelow	40X	Bib	Lt30	Fed
Steve Rosendale	30Br	Stiller	Jewell	Rock	Rabbi	Six	Rabbi	Weaver	10X	H4198	N/A
Joe Blackwell	6Ppc	Shilen	Jewell	Hart	Yes	McMill	Yes	Vector	Bib	N133	Win
Jeff Shultz	6Ppc	Batt	Jewell	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Leupold	Bib	N133	Fed
William Vanosdel	30Br	Borden	Jewell	Kreiger	Bigelow	McMill	Bigelow	Burris	Bib	H4198	Tula
Jim Franzen	6Br	Defiance	Jewell	Kreiger	Yankee	Shehane	T.Larson	Leupold	Bib	N135	Fed
Chad Schmidt	30Br	Borden	Jewell	Lederer	Lederer	Lee Six	Puhl	Weaver	10X	H4198	Fed

BOONE VALLEY IKES SCORE SHOOT - May 21-2017

5-21-17 VFS 100 yards

Mike Bigelow	250-22x
Jeff Shultz	250-18x
Chad Schmidt	250-17x
Jim Franzen	250-12x
Dean Walther	250-12x
Robert Pool	249-15x
Craig Nagel	249-14x
Kevin Mielke	249-13x

VFS 200 yards

Kevin Mielke	246-02x
Michael Hart	245-00x
Mike Bigelow	244-05x
Dean Walther	244-02x
Craig Nagel	243-03x
Robert Pool	243-03x
Jeff Shultz	243-03x
Jim Franzen	243-00x

VFS Grand Agg

Kevin Mielke	495-15x
Mike Bigelow	494-27x
Dean Walther	494-14x
Jeff Shultz	493-21x
Jim Franzen	493-12x
Robert Pool	492-18x
Craig Nagel	492-17x
Michael Hart	491-09x



SCORE EQUIPMENT LIST VFS

	Caliber	Action	Trigger	Barrel	G-Smith	Stock	Stocker	Scope	Bullet	Powder	Primer
Craig Nagel	30BR	Nesika	Jewell	Muller	CJ's	Lee Six	REO	Leupold	Nzal	H4198	Fed
Tim Knutson	6PPC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robert Pool	30BR	Batt	Jewell	Kreiger	Bigelow	Bruno	Bigelow	40X	BIB	LT30	Fed
Steve Rosendale	30BR	Farley	Jewell	Muller	Rabbi	Roberts	Rabbi	Weaver	10X	H4198	N/A
Joe Blackwell	6PPC	Shilen	Jewell	Hart	N/A	McMill	N/A	Vector	Bib	N133	Win
Jeff Shultz	30BR	Panda	Jewell	Kreiger	Bigelow	Kelby	Kelby	Leupold	BIB	H4198	Fed
William VanOsdal	30BR	Borden	Jewell	Kreiger	Borden	Roberts	Borden	NightF	BIB	H4198	Tula
Jim Franzen	6BR	Defiance	Jewell	Kreiger	Yankee	Shehane	T.Larson	Leupold	BIB	N135	Fed
Chad Schmidt	30BR	Stolle	Jewell	Rock	REO	Borden	Borden	NightF	10X	H4198	Fed
Mike Bigelow	30BR	Stiller	Jewell	Kreiger	Bigelow	Borden	Bigelow	NightF	Bigelo	H4198	Fed

THE LOWELL HOTTENSTEIN MEMORIAL -WWCCA Michigan

It was "HOT" and I really mean hot!! How you Southern boys and women can shoot in 92 degree weather is really amazing. We had two days in the 90's, Saturday 92 and Sunday 94, unbelievable.

Ted was on a roll, winning the 100yd LV with a .2022.

The next segment was HV 100yd with Ted coming through with the win with a .2494, there was no stopping this guy?

Then in the 200yd HV, AGAIN, Ted won with a .2494 to give him a chance too clean house. But... Mel won the 200yd LV with a .2149 and Lee with a .2260 to give Lee a HV agg of .2297. I thought to myself, finally someone stopped Ted, but I was wrong, Ted finished 3rd in the LV but had enough to win the Lowell Hottenstein Memorial.

Small groups were Bob Scarbrough at 100yd LV with a .111, 100yd HV, Jack Neary with a .068, 200yd HV, terrible Ted Heindselman with .247 and last but not least was Lee Hachigian with a .282.

The next match is Oct 7 and 8 2017, which is the last match at WWCCA for the year, hope to see you all back.

Bill Gammon



LV 100

Ted Heindselman	0.2022
John Anderson	0.2050
Peter Smith	0.2056
Pat Metcalf	0.2086
Gary Eichhorn	0.2140

Small Group

Bob Scarbrough Jr	0.1110
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HV 100

Ted Heindselman	0.2044
Dave Abbott	0.2096
Rob MacLennan	0.2108
Jack Neary	0.2196
Mel Newransky	0.2212

Small Group

Jack Neary	0.0680
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HV-200

Ted Heindselman	0.2494
Mel Newransky	0.2524
Lee Hachigian	0.2549
Ken Hottenstein	0.2732
Dale Dillingham	0.2812

Small Group

Ted Heindselman	0.2470
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LV-200

Mel Newransky	0.2149
Lee Hachigian	0.2260
Ron Bush	0.2434
Dale Dillingham	0.2553
Jack Neary	0.2655

Small Group

Lee Hachigian	0.2820
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HV Grand

Ted Heindselman	0.2269
Mel Newransky	0.2368
Rob MacLennan	0.2539
Jack Neary	0.2576
Dale Dillingham	0.2619

LV Grand

Lee Hachigian	0.2297
Dale Dillingham	0.2402
Ted Heindselman	0.2471
Mel Newransky	0.2473
Peter Smith	0.2550

2 GUN

Ted Heindselman	0.2370
Mel Newransky	0.2420
Dale Dillingham	0.2510
Lee Hachigian	0.2571
Rob MacLennan	0.2636
Jack Neary	0.2644
Robert Balowski	0.2713
Ken Hottenstein	0.2745
Peter Smith	0.2902
Dewayne Wood	0.2922



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Right-Left: Ron Bush, Dale Dillingham, Mel Newransky, Ted Heindelsman Ken Hottenstein, Lee Hachigian



Left-Right: Match Director-Dana Raven
Ted Heindelsman Ken Hottenstein

Equipment List LV/HV

	Caliber	Action	Barrel	G-Smith	Stocker	Scope		Case	Bullet	Primer	
Ted Heindelsman	LV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Self	Scarbor	Leup	Lapua	N133	Generic	Fed
	HV	6PPC	Stolle	Hart	Kelbly	Kelbly	Leup	Lapua	H322	Bart's	Fed
Mel Newransky	LV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Scott	Scarbor	Leup	Lapua	N133	Conawa	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Bruno	Scarbor	Leup	Lapua	N133	Conawa	Fed
Dale Dillingham	LV	6DAD	BAT	Bartlein	Self	TM	Leup	Lapua	8208	Self	Fed
	HV	6DAD	BAT	Bartlein	Self	TM	Leup	Lapua	8208	Self	Fed
Lee Hachigian	LV	6PPC	BAT	Bartlein	Scott	Scoville	March	Lapua	N133	Hott	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Bartlein	Scott	Scoville	March	Lapua	N133	Hott	Fed
Rob MacLennan	LV	6PPC	Self	William	Self	Self	March	Lapua	8208	William	Fed
	HV	6PPC	Self	William	Self	Self	March	Lapua	8208	William	Fed
Jack Neary	LV	6PPC	BAT	Bartlein	Bruno	Bruno	Leup	Lapua	N133	DD	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Bartlein	Bruno	Bruno	Leup	Lapua	N133	DD	Fed
Robert Balowski	LV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Self	Scoville	Leup	Lapua	N133	Hott	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Self	Scoville	Leup	Lapua	N133	Hott	Fed
Ken Hottenstein	LV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Scott	Scoville	Leup	Lapua	N133	Hott	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Scott	Scoville	Leup	Lapua	N133	Hott	Fed
Peter Smith	LV	6PPC	BAT	Bartlein	Johanse	Scoville	Leup	Lapua	N133	Hotten	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Gautrea	Johanse	Scoville	Leup	Lapua	N133	Mitchell	Fed
DeWayne Wood	LV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Dilling	TM	Leup	Lapua	N133	Woodma	Fed
	HV	6PPC	BAT	Krieger	Dilling	TM	Leup	Lapua	N133	Woodma	Fed

NORTHERN COLORADO / Sporter-HV

Howdy all! Wile E Coyote reporting from Northern Colorado Benchrest Shooters. On June 10-11 we held Sporter and Heavy Varmint matches. We had gorgeous weather, albeit hotter than this coyote prefers, for a busy weekend of shooting.

Saturday's Sporter Varmint 1st place 100yrd winner was Jeff Anderson with a 0.2322 agg. Al Johnson was all about small groups and won this round with his group of 0.1320. Great shooting Jeff and Al! The Sporter 200yrd 1st place win went to Paul Pennell and his agg of 0.2711. Rodney Brown took Small Group with 0.3500. Way to go Paul and Rodney!

Jeff Anderson dominated Sunday's 100yrd Heavy Varmint 1st place trophy with an agg of 0.2484. He was on a roll! Cliff McNairy was doing a great impression of a bughole by taking the Small Group award with his 0.1260. Excellent shooting fellas! Cecil Peterson stepped up and took the 1st place win for Heavy Varmint 200yds with his score of 0.2706. He didn't stop there either. Cecil took home the Small Group win too with his 0.2660 group! Top notch shooting Cecil!

Sporter and Varmint Grand Agg of 0.2609 belonged to Jeff Anderson. Heavy Varmint Grand Agg of 0.2704 also went to Jeff. Hot dog! And the final win for Sporter and Heavy Varmint Grand Agg went to Jeff Anderson with his outstanding agg of 0.2656. Way to go Jeff!

We always love to see more folks come out as well, everyone is welcome to join us. So here's a great big thanks to our staff, target crew, match director, and superb shooters!

100 Sporter

Jeff Anderson	0.2322
Tom Evans.....	0.2402
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.2414
Dean Thomas.....	0.2592
Al Johnson.....	0.2612
Michael Pennell.....	0.2642
Justin Young.....	0.2682
Roger Tillery.....	0.2716
Cliff McNairy.....	0.2840
Austin Severin.....	0.2888

200 Sporter

Larry White	0.3235
Roger Tillery.....	0.3113
Brandon McNairy.....	0.3139
Justin Young.....	0.2996
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.3287
Irv Sheldon.....	0.4185
Dennis Platts.....	0.3521
Dick Johnson.....	0.4251
Cecil Peterson.....	0.5009
Mark Smith.....	5.0000

100/200 Sporter

Jeff Anderson	0.2609
Tom Evans.....	0.2792
Justin Young.....	0.2839
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.2851
Al Johnson.....	0.2912
Roger Tillery.....	0.2915
Dean Thomas.....	0.3026
Paul Pennell.....	0.3110
Brandon McNairy.....	0.3122
Rodney Brown.....	0.3156

100 Varmint for Score

Ron Powell	250-21x
Irv Sheldon.....	250-18x
Paul Pennell.....	250-17x
Rich Carpenter.....	250-17x
Tom Evans.....	250-15x
Gary Evans.....	250-15x
Jason Dill.....	250-14x
Al Johnson.....	250-13x
Dean Thomas.....	250-12x
Cliff McNairy.....	250-11x

200 Varmint for Score

Ron Powell	250-12x
Irv Sheldon.....	250-08x
Paul Pennell.....	250-08x
Tom Evans.....	250-06x
Jason Dill.....	250-06x
Gary Evans.....	249-09x
Rich Carpenter.....	249-08x
Dean Thomas.....	249-07x
Bud Schalles.....	249-05x
Phillip Sheldon.....	248-11x

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100 HV

Larry White.....	0.3010
Roger Tillery.....	0.3498
Brandon McNairy.....	0.2938
Justin Young.....	0.3246
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.3088
Irv Sheldon.....	0.3884
Dennis Platts.....	0.4126
Dick Johnson.....	0.3952
Cecil Peterson.....	0.4950
Mark Smith.....	0.4640

200 HV

Larry White.....	0.3334
Roger Tillery.....	0.4236
Brandon McNairy.....	0.3293
Justin Young.....	0.4216
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.4272
Irv Sheldon.....	0.4145
Dennis Platts.....	0.4549
Dick Johnson.....	0.4908
Cecil Peterson.....	0.2706
Mark Smith.....	5.0000

100/200 HV

Jeff Anderson.....	0.2704
Brandon McNairy.....	0.3116
Larry White.....	0.3172
Cliff McNairy.....	0.3241
Betty Sheldon.....	0.3361
John Reiss.....	0.3469
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.3680
Justin Young.....	0.3731
Rodney Brown.....	0.3789
Michael Pennell.....	0.3820



Congratulations

100/200 Sporter-HV Grand Agg

Jeff Anderson.....	0.2656
Brandon McNairy.....	0.3119
Larry White.....	0.3228
Phillip Sheldon.....	0.3265
Justin Young.....	0.3285
Tom Evans.....	0.3349
Roger Tillery.....	0.3391
Cliff McNairy.....	0.3423
Betty Sheldon.....	0.3424
Rodney Brown.....	0.3472
Michael Pennell.....	0.3527
Al Johnson.....	0.3594
John Reiss.....	0.3612
Paul Pennell.....	0.3696
Irv Sheldon.....	0.3806
Dennis Platts.....	0.3877
Dean Thomas.....	0.4011
Cecil Peterson.....	0.4015
Norman Wills.....	0.4157
Dick Johnson.....	0.4318



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SOUTHWEST REGION

Oct 7-8	LV/HV 200/100	Sloughhouse Benchrest
Oct 7-8	4Gun 300	Palomino Valley NV State LR
Oct 7-8	LV/HV 100/200	Arizona Benchrest Club
Oct 14	LG/HG 1000	Sahuaro 1000-Yd Benchrest
Oct 21-22	UNL/UNL 100/200	Visalia Sportsman Club Visalia Invitational
Oct 21	VFS 100/200	Palomino Valley Gun Club
Oct 22	LV/HV 200	Palomino Valley NV State
Oct 22	LG/HG 1000	Sloughhouse LR Benchrest
Oct 28-29	VFS/HBR 200/100	SW Regional Championship Desert Sportsman Club
Nov 4-5	SP/UNL5 100/200	Arizona Benchrest Club
Nov 4-5	LV/HV 200/100	Sloughhouse Benchrest
Nov 11	LG/HG 1000	Sahuaro 1000-Yd Benchrest
Nov 19	LG/HG 600	Ojai Valley Gun Club
Nov 26	LG/HG 600	Sloughhouse LR Benchrest
Dec 2-3	UNL/UNL5	Arizona Invitational Arizona Benchrest Club
Dec 9	LG/HG 1000	Sahuaro 1000-Yd Benchrest

MID-CONTINENT REGION

Oct 7-8	LV/HV 100/200	Mill Creek Club Group Match (Rescheduled from Apr. 29-30)
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SOUTHEAST REGION

Oct 12-15	LV/HV 100/200	Brady Knight Memorial / SER 4 Gun
Oct 28-29	LV/HV 100/200	Ted Manning Challenge Roanoke Rifle Club

NORTHWEST

Oct 15	LG/HG 600	Rogue Valley Shooting Sports
Oct 21	LG/HG 600	Tri-County Gun Club, WA
Nov 18	LG/HG 600	Tri-County Gun Club, WA

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION

Oct 1	HBR/VFS 100/200	Bench Rest Rifle Club of St Louis
Oct 28-29	LV/HV 100/200	Missouri State Championship Bench Rest Rifle Club of St Louis

EASTERN REGION

Oct 7-8	LV/HV 100/200	WWCCA Fall Classic 54 Bench Limit. Call to Register
Oct 21-22	LV/HV 100/200	Shelby County Fall Finale



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the key to unlocking our
potential.*

~Winston Churchill



ATTENTION ALL READERS

The Magazine is coming along well,
hope you all are enjoying it.

I'm still looking for Articles to
publish, if anyone has anything.
Also, please feel free to give me
your input on what you'd like to
see in the magazine in up coming
issues.

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2017 LONG RANGE SCORE NATIONALS- Casper Wyoming

The 2017 long range score nationals just blew by with tornadoes, hail, and 30-50 mph winds with gust to 64 mph. By far the worst condition's we ever seen in Casper.

But before we get to the winners, I would like to thank the target crew and Mary Berg for their outstanding job. The target crew withstood the worst conditions and never lost a target and Mary's math degree in scoring the targets. Without these people, we all would be home mowing the grass, great job.

Sampson. 200-300yd. agg. Hunter went to James Lederer which put James over on points to be inducted into the Hunter Benchrest Hall of Fame congratulation great shooting. 2nd Jason Stanley, 3rd was Ron Powell.

The 2-gun grand agg. was taking by Chad Schmidt with 942 9x. 2nd was Jason Stanley and 3rd went to Tom Peyton.

Thanks to all who came and for everybody's help.

By: Tim Naugle - Match Director



200yd. VFS: Chad Schmidt came out on top with a 245 5x 2nd with 243 3x was Jason Stanley and 3rd was Gary Evans 242 5x.
300yd. VFS Mike Bigelow kept it together for 1st. with 244 1x 2nd Tom Peyton with 243 3x, 3rd went to Chad Schmidt with 240 2x. 200-300yd. agg. VFS went to Chad Schmidt with a 485 7x

200yd Hunter: was a bit tricky but Rich Carpenter stayed steady for the win with 234 2x. Jeff Jetter got 2nd with 231 3x and 3rd was Randy Robinett with 231 2x.

300yd. Hunter was close but James Lederer came out on top with a 237 1x 2nd was Mike Bigelow 236 2x, 3rd with 233 3x Glen



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PALOMINO VALLEY GUN CLUB INAUGURAL VFS 100/200

The Palomino Valley Gun Club held its first ever VFS match on June 3rd and 4th at the Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility north of Reno, Nevada. Before posting the results, our club and all of the competitors who attend our matches would like to thank Steve Archibald, his son Travis, and his father Don for all of their hard work. They converted our existing moving backer system for group shooting to accept score targets as well as group targets. Without the many hours of designing the changes, rebuilding the target frames and donation of all of their time and materials, this match and future score and group matches

would not be possible. Thank you Archibald Family and Steve's Fabtech business.

Seven competitors attended the match and on Saturday the 100 yard VFS was contested in relatively calm conditions. Mark Ronchetti placed first with a 250-18X followed by Jan Sarras with a 249-14X and Pete Savage with a 248-10X.

Sunday brought much tougher conditions with winds 10-15 mph for the 200 yard VFS. Mark Ronchetti took top honors again with a 247-2X, followed by Jan Sarras in second place with a 245-3X and Steve Archibald in third

place with a 242-3X. For the Grand Agg VFS, Mark Ronchetti was first with a 497-20X, Jan Sarras was second with a 494-17X, and Pete Savage finished in third place with a 485-12X.

Thank you to Pete Savage for providing his experience in shooting score to answer our questions about this new shooting discipline and also for driving all the way up from central Arizona to shoot with us. Thanks to Travis and Steve Archibald for pulling, setting, and scoring our targets and posting our scores in between reloading and cleaning their rifles.

100 VFS

Mark Ronchetti.....	250-18X
Jan Sarras.....	250-13X
Pete Savage.....	249-14X
Travis Archibald.....	245-10X
Don Archibald.....	243-8X
Steve Archibald.....	233-5X

200 VFS

Mark Ronchetti.....	247-2X
Jan Sarras.....	245-3X
Steve Archibald.....	242-3X
Pete Savage.....	237-2X
Travis Archibald.....	214-1X
Don Archibald.....	200-0X

Grand Aggregate VFS

Mark Ronchetti.....	497-20X
Jan Sarras.....	494-17X
Pete Savage.....	485-12X
Steve Archibald.....	475-8X
Travis Archibald.....	459-11X
Don Archibald.....	443-8X

VFS Equipment List

	Caliber	Action	Barrel	Gunsmith	Stocker	Scope	Load	Primer	Bullet
Mark Ronchetti	6PPC	Bruno	Krieger	Sutton	Edge	Leupold	N133 28.0	205M	Berger
Jan Sarras	6PPC	BAT	Bartlein	Sarras	Robertson	Leupold	8208 29.0	205M	Fowler
Pete Savage	30BR	Hall	Krieger	Self	Self	Leupold	H4198	205M	Berger
Steve Archibald	6.5	Nesika	Bartlein	Edge	N/A	Nightforce	H4350	43.5 gr	210 Berger
Travis Archibald	6PPC	Panda	Bartlein	Edge	N/A	Leupold	8208 29.0	205M	Berger
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Mike Conry: He Came - He Saw - He conquered

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For the seventh time, Mike Conry won the Texas State UL(10) and Two gun, at Seymour, Tx. John Horn won the Heavy Varmint Championship. Mike Conry and Gary Bristow, sat two benches to my left. After every group shot, both UNL and HV, Mike described what he saw downrange and how he handled some very challenging conditions, with a combination of pick and run shooting techniques.

Mike's verbal commentary would have made an excellent manuscript for a book about "How to shoot Benchrest."

21 shooters showed up for this year's match at Seymour, Tx. There were seven prior World team members in attendance. All seven were later recognized at the awards ceremonies. Three of the seven present, will be traveling to this year's World Championships in New Zealand.

An unwelcomed cold front visited the range on Saturday, and brought unseasonal temperatures for this time of year. Fortunately, everybody had packed away sweaters and Jackets that provided a little insulation from the Chill.

What was not uncommon was the Wind and mirage at Seymour. Winds, sometimes gusting 25MPH+. The mirage at 200yds, made it sometimes impossible to clearly see bullet holes in the target. Despite this naturally occurring phenomena, some small groups were shot in some challenging conditions.

Mike Conry, John Horn, Mike Bryant, Tim Oltersdorf are the big winners.

Match Organizers, John Horn and Scott Hunter are doing a great job of making the Seymour, Tx match, One of the best in the Region. A recently opened Private Motel, HH Creek Inn, is a new addition to the local business community at Seymour, Tx with accommodations as good or better than some well-known chains. The old fashion Rocking chairs, out front, in the open foyer, provided a good excuse to pull up a chair and engage in a lively conversation about a variety of topics.

It is important to note, that GCRD Scott Hunter announced, during award ceremonies, that the GCR have scheduled registered matches, at two new ranges this year. The Walker County Range at Huntsville, TX, owned and operated by Larry Deese. The Lubbock, Tx Range has a registered match scheduled, for the first time this year. The Lubbock, Tx match will be run by Kelly Mormon and crew. Kelly is inviting everyone to get out to the Llano Estacado Club at Lubbock, Tx and make this first match a great success. With the addition of these two ranges, the lack of places to shoot Benchrest, is no



longer a valid complaint here in the GCR.

New Car Dealer, and life of the Party, Mr Ron Sewell, donated some nice, high quality, leather covered note pads to the winners. These were handed out at the awards ceremonies. I sat next to Ron in the loading shed, it's an experience I highly recommend for any Benchrest shooter. I am still laughing.

Empty Crown Royal bags were donated by Dr. Tim Oltersdorf and handed out to the small group winners, after each match. These bags can be used to store a variety of Benchrest gadgets. I wish I had kept all the one's I've thrown away.

Dr. Tim is working closely with The Liver Damage association. Dr. Tim has promised to remove, from his residence, all reminders, of a lifestyle of excessive consumption of Canadian Drugs.

The Texas Okie Ban was temporarily lifted,

allowing the unmolested travel, across the Border, for Big Mike Cordes and Joe Hargadine. Mike brought his good friend Ben Stambaugh. It's always good to hang out with foreigners

Many thanks go out to John Horn and Scott Hunter and range crew. These two men are working tirelessly to keep the Seymour match, on the list, of places to shoot Benchrest. I believe I can speak for those in attendance that we all had a great time and look forward to this time next year at Seymour.

Thanks to all who attended. I saw no signs that Benchrest is on the verge of disappearing any time soon.

By: Mike Bryant.



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Folks who think that dinner is a family time
when God is thanked and praised
and each is given his place
and time to talk
and be talked to
so that the love for each
is felt by all.
People who think ice cream and popcorn and
picnics
are as exciting as children do fairytales,

and a fire in the fireplace
seals and warms the love of those
who gaze.
Yes, these are my folks.
Born with nothing – dying the same.
They're common folk.

Thank God.

I was reared in the coal mining, farming country of southern Illinois. Because of its climate of high humidity and temperature, the natives of the region often joke about it being the armpit of the nation. If you have ever shot any matches at St. Louis, Missouri, in the summer months you might understand. I was born in 1945 and of course, during my childhood, life was much slower and simpler. Much of my preschool time was spent living with my grandparents. Grandpa was my male role model. Many times on weekends, he would take his paycheck to the local bar and buy enough booze for he and his buddies so that the next day hangovers were a common thing. However, he seemed to always spare enough for the weekly needs of myself, my parents and grandma. When we moved to our own

house, my father had difficulty maintaining a reliable job. Eventually, my four siblings and myself were very well trained at quickly finding our assigned hiding places when the bill collectors knocked on our door. Since then, I have always had a concern for the average person in need.

I taught high school biology from 1968 to 1995. During that time, I was given a secondary job coaching golf. Coaches are only as good as their players. I was fortunate to have some great players. Several eventually played professional golf. My daughter was one of those players and did so successfully. In 1995, I retired from teaching to coach her on tour. During my off times at home, I started shooting target rifles. In the fall of 2002, I bought my first benchrest gun. It was a used 6ppc with a McMillan stock and a Panda action. Golf had been a good fit for my loner personality. I would find an open field area and hit 200 to 300 practice balls a day. However, the amount of practice and play damaged my hips which forced me to stop playing. Benchrest then became my primary activity. I was fascinated by the accuracy and the need for attention to detail. Don Moulder, who sold me the gun and Dick Wright, who ran matches at Harrison, Michigan, helped me get started. Dick connected me with Dwight Scott and Bart Sauter. Both were very helpful. In talking to Bart, he recommended, I shoot at least 1000 practice rounds a month – which I did. Hobie Bohn brought a 44-pound keg of 133 to Holton, in October of 2006 which I purchased. During that winter, I shot 40 pounds of that keg prior to the 2007 Super Shoot. Dwight Scott chambered two Krieger barrels for me that spring. Joe Krupa had given me a box of 500 Bart's Ultras which I decided to use after accidentally mixing two other boxes which I had planned to use. With those barrels and bullets, the blind hog found an acorn. I won the 2007 Super Shoot.

Ron Breedlove, my traveling and shooting buddy, rode home with me that evening. We were both in disbelief. Ron was a Nam Vet, and had worked most of his life in the oil fields. We had spent many cold, winter Saturday's loading in his propane heated cemetery shed hauled directly from the Kelly Cemetery in Oil City, Michigan. He bought the shed at an auction. He was the only bidder. He had built a two bench range, and his reloading shed sheltered for us and a large population of biting spiders. A great place for two country boys shooting guns – what more could you ask for. Ron's name may never appear in any benchrest record books, but he is one of those guys who is part of the true backbone of benchrest shooting. As in golf, average people make up the main body of the sport.

Having won some money at the Super Shoot, I called my accountant to ask what should be done. He told me to figure my shooting expenses for that year. I had done something that year that no one else has ever done. I bought sev-

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eral items without telling my wife – only barrels, bullets, actions, powder... (I did tell her about the scope). I decided to come clean. So, we sat down together and started a list. When it reached an embarrassing point, I stopped and I told her we didn't have that kind of money to spend on my benchrest. She enthusiastically agreed. Because of that decision, as well as additional monetary family needs, my benchrest match actively began to lessen.

In 2009, my left hip was replaced, and I started playing golf again. I then realized that necessary golf equipment had increases in price as much as shooting essentials. I surmised that the Housing Crisis of 2008 and \$4.00/gallon gas were the culprits, however, talking with golf course managers proved differently. They said that it started shortly after 9/11. As the economy began to dim, many of those who still had money, stopped spending. Weekends that had been big money makers for courses, were no more. Many families had scaled down their weekend activities. Some individuals with extra money began supporting small private golf clubs to keep them functioning. However, a large number of courses had to close down. At many public courses, owners began brainstorming to develop packages to keep the middle class golfer playing.

When my wife and I would go golfing,

we would still see golfers on the course and never did we realize how difficult it was at that time for some golf courses to just survive. However, when we went to benchrest matches, it was obvious... the number of shooters was drastically decreasing.

For the blue-collar person with a family, expendable income had greatly decreased. The equipment and travel costs for both benchrest and golf had become more than many could afford.

It only figures that golf, being a major recreational business, is trying harder than centerfire benchrest to maintain as large a participant population as possible.

The following is a listing of locally, as well as, nationally advertised golf promotion ideas:

1. Walk and play – memberships \$99.00 a year for two years.
2. Walk and play membership for \$60.00 a year when joining a certain health club.
3. PGA advertisement – if you don't have time, play nine (cheaper, faster).
4. Five holes and a sandwich – \$15.00.
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This has been a question discussed many times. Golf people seem to be analyzing their dilemma based on three parameters: 1. cost, 2. time spent per event, and 3. difficulty of the even platform (course).

There are a number of parameters that could be used to help increase benchrest numbers. These might be considered as starters:

1. More promotion (what is centerfire benchrest).
2. Increasing beginning instruction using quality equipment.
3. Develop cost list for basic equipment – new and used.
4. Develop a comfortable match venue.

Over the past year and a half, at the Isabella County Sportsman's Club (600 members) five new shooters have been introduced to benchrest. All have purchased a high quality benchrest 6ppc rifle with all the necessary accessories. Two are in the process of building their own ranges. Two of them also purchased 22, 8lb. jugs of 133 last

week. All five are progressing well. Any shooter, at our range, who is interested is welcome to join one of our practice sessions. Eventually, if they seem reliable, they probably will – under supervision – shoot one of my guns. This introductory shooting experience, using good equipment, allowed some early success. The reality of equipment cost was then explained, and help was given finding good used equipment. The difficult part is having or making the time to bring about these results. When you do, you spend much of your range time not shooting yourself.

After the new shooters acquired their equipment and became more acquainted with shooting procedures and loading, they then participated in simulated score and group matches. These were 3 target matches with the shooters loading and cleaning after each target. The simulation was timed and run like a regular match. Each target was scored and discussed at the end of the event.

Three of the shooters are interested in having a second gun made. We had discussed Bob Scarbrough, Jr., both as a stock maker and as a top quality shooter. Consequently, arrangements were made to have Bob come to Isabella Sportsman's Club. When he arrived he spent the morning answering their questions. While doing that, he explained some of his shooting phi-

losophies, methods and loading techniques. He added personal experiences which really set a positive tone.

The afternoon was spent at the range where Bob evaluated bench set-up, gun handling and shooting techniques of each shooter. He provided them with a wealth of information. Everyone was impressed.

Bob is the epitome of a blue-collar shooter. He has become a premiere world class competitor and stock maker in spite of limited finances and many unsettling life events.

Ten years ago, he decided to simplify his approach to shooting. Since then, with honest determination and a solid work ethic, he has qualified for the Benchrest Hall of Fame, as well as the three World Teams. While participating in World Team competitions, he has won 5 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 5 bronze. He has set 2 world records and has finished in the top ten 7 times in his last 9 Super Shoots. (Was 2nd in the 3-gun in this years Super Shoot).

Bob gives Dwight Scott credit for being the most positive influence in his shooting career. In 1990, Lowell Hottenstein instilled in Bob his never give up attitude – "Scratch and Claw" Theory in regard to shooting. Bob took Lowell's advice with his highly competitive wife, Nancy, reminding him, he "scratches and

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During Bob's discussion with the new shooters at the Isabella range, two were very in-attune about the fact that they would not have started benchrest had they not been given adequate help and instruction. One shooter very honestly admitted that the benchrest learning curve is way too large for a new shooter to achieve enough success working by himself to maintain the amount of interest in the sport. He truthfully stated that he was from the beginning of the "instant gratification generation."

Bob has stated several times that what these shooters have learned in less than 1/2 of a year with help, would take most individuals 4 to 5 years to learn on their own. I feel he is probably right. That need for "instant gratification" may be a sign of the times.

The Isabella Club, with help of Matt Dardas and Dick Wright may have somewhat satisfied the fourth parameter as previously mentioned – a more comfortable venue. Over the past several years, I have tried promoting one day matches with an agg. in the morning and a second in the afternoon. We have a range which will accommodate 100, 200 and 300 yard distances. Consequently, we would alternate matches of various distances. (Ex. 200 in the morning and 300 in the afternoon.) We have no backer system. In recent years, the numbers have greatly decreased. I assumed it was the same trend I saw at other matches. Last fall, I decided for a number of reasons, to ask Matt Dardas to supervise the matches this year, and he agreed to do so. He asked Dick Wright to assist him. They changed the format to one 100-yard match approximately every other Saturday, starting in late April. The schedule alternates a score match one Saturday with a group match the next, fashioned like the matches Dick organized at Harrison. There are both factory and VFS classes. The matches seem to be a comfortable fit for the new shooters, as well as, all those involved. Afterwards, they go to the local bar for a sandwich. Perhaps, the ideas of one agg. and a sandwich is the same as five holes and a sandwich in golf. I, along with several Michigan shooters, started at Harrison. We definitely need small matches that attract new shooters, as well as, providing a base where local shooters can gather. If the average person, is going to start shooting benchrest, it will more than likely be in a small match at a local range.

Another aspect, is the comment often heard that the same people always win. Those people, who always win, actually might be more talented and work harder. Also, it is true that some have more finances to purchase good equipment. Again that's where Bob Scarbrough, Jr. needs to be mentioned. He does not have the money to buy a lot of equipment. He has learned to get the most out of what he has, and a large part of that, is not only learning his equipment, using proper bench techniques and reading wind well, but, as he says, he feels 70% of shooting success is learning how to load for the conditions at that moment.

However, what can we do to maintain the interest of the average shooter? What can we do to allow them to feel they have achieved some level of success? Perhaps, this has been tried already, but I've talked with Matt Dardas about developing a computerized handicap system for matches at Isabella. If possible, that would not only give actual match winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, but we could also have a winner of the handicap division. Then more shooters regardless of skill set might be able to, achieve a level of success.

In golf, my daughter's talent gave me the opportunity to sit at the Jack Nicklaus' dinner table and share a meal with Jack and several other highly skilled and famous players. I learned very quickly that without a population of people who support and appreciate golf, my daughter would have never been able to do what she did and Jack Nicklaus would not have been able to become the Jack Nicklaus we know today.

I never have played nor will I ever play in a golf tournament where I compete with Jack Nicklaus. But in 2003, when I attended my first Super Shoot, I hoped for three things: 1. my gun would shoot when I pulled the trigger and I would handle it safely, 2. that I would not get in anyone's way and 3. that from a distance, I could watch the greatest benchrest shooter who ever lived – Tony Boyer.

And then... in 2007, the impossible occurred, and I was handed the Super Shoot Trophy. I had attended major golf championships, and I knew the tournament organizers always wanted a star-laden leader board which would insure a well known, worthy champion. Therefore, I felt at that moment, when I received the trophy, I was not that kind of winner. My plan was to accept the

trophy and leave as quietly as possible. So, with the trophy in hand, I turn to make my escape, and there he was, with a smile, and his hand extended to shake mine – Tony Boyer.

I am saddened when I see the number of shooters decreasing at matches and feel guilty for not being there. As with Jack Nicklaus, without a population of shooters who attend and support matches, Tony Boyer would not be the Tony Boyer that has become in benchrest shooting.

The many people in benchrest who I have met and learned to appreciate are very special to me. I'm not able to go to big matches as I use to. Consequently, I'm going to do everything I can to promote centerfire benchrest and bring new people into the sport. I believe the future maybe difficult for the blue-collar shooter. However, if we can find a way to establish a more solid shooting population, perhaps, the Bob Scarbroughs of the world still have an opportunity to compete, and then maybe, in the future, some poor boy from the cornfields of Illinois might shake the hand of the greatest bench shooter in the world.

By: Steve Robbins



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Lite Gun Aggregate

Mike Billotte.....	7.73"
Steve Everson.....	8.77"
Lon Persun.....	10.71"
Jerry Riesdorff.....	11.83"
Dale Arenson.....	15.98"
Dave Osborn.....	16.17"
Ross Herrick.....	20.67"
Bill Warner.....	23.65"
Ed Schwenn.....	27.63"

Small Group - Steve Everson.....6.1875"

Heavy Gun Aggregate

Dale Arenson.....	11.00"
Mike Billotte.....	11.65"
Steve Everson.....	12.35"
Lon Persun.....	12.46"
Jerry Riesdorff.....	20.63"
Bill Warner.....	34.50"
Ross Herrick.....	36.46"
Ed Schwenn.....	41.08"

Small Group - Lon Persun.....7.75"

LITE



HEAVY

Lite Gun Total Score

Mike Billotte.....	137-2x
Lon Persun.....	136-0x
Jerry Riesdorff.....	129-1x
Steve Everson.....	128-0x
Dale Arenson.....	128-0x
Ross Herrick.....	97-0x
Dave Osborn.....	80-0x
Bill Warner.....	71-0x
Ed Schwenn.....	43-0x

High Score - Mike Billotte.....49-2x

Heavy Gun Total Score

Mike Billotte.....	217-0x
Jerry Riesdorff.....	212-0x
Dale Arenson.....	208-0x
Steve Everson.....	198-0x
Lon Persun.....	168-0x
Ed Schwenn.....	146-0x
Bill Warner.....	143-0x
Ross Herrick.....	114-0x

High Score - Dale Arenson.....92-0x

Equipment List

	Caliber	Action	Barrel	Gunsmith	Stock	Scope	Case	Powder	Bullet/wt
Osborn (L)	6.5Creed	Bat	Krieger	Bruno	McMillian	Niteforce	Lapua	RL22	Berger/140
Herrick (L&H)	30Patroit	Nesika	Krieger	Riesdorff	Tracker	Niteforce	Lazz	H4831	JLK/210
Persun (L&H)	7/284	Python	Krieger	Riesdorff	McMillian	Niteforce	Win	H4831	Berger180
M Billotte(L)	7Saum	Bat	Krieger	Brackney	Laminate	Niteforce	Norma	H4831	Berger/180
M Billotte(H/25)	7Saum	Bat	Krieger	Brackney	Laminate	Niteforce	Rem	H4831	Berger/180
Schwenn (L&H)	6mm	Borden	Rock	Riesdorff	Shahane	Niteforce	Norma	RL17	Sierra/142
P Billotte (L)	6.5/284	Bat	Krieger	Carey	McMillian	Niteforce	Lapua	H4831	Sierra/142
P Billotte (H/27)	300wsm	Nesika	Krieger	Carey	McMillian	Niteforce	Norma	H4831	Berger/210
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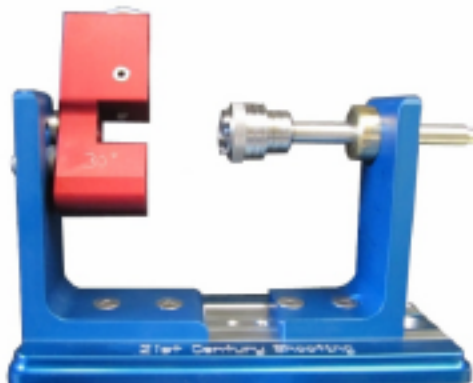


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Saying Good-Bye to an Old Friend

Stu Harvey passed away in Placerville, CA, on June 16, 2017 following a lengthy illness. He was 86 years old and lived in Sacramento for 56 of those years. He passed away following a lengthy illness and was surrounded by his loving family.

Born on December 13, 1930 in Cleveland, OH, Stu attended Orange High School in Shaker Heights and graduated in 1949. When he was 19, he volunteered for the Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. When he was off duty, Stu enjoyed sports car racing in Texas and New Mexico. He raced a modified V8 MG and later his own Porsche. At that time, Stu developed a love of motor sports and mechanical things that lasted him the rest of his life. After his service, Stu graduated from Rollins College in Florida and then came to California.

On June 10, 1961, he married Joyce Lee Mumbert of Lodi, CA. In their 56 years of marriage, they had 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Stu and Joyce enjoyed world travel but their greatest satisfaction came from spending time with their family at their home in the Arden-Arcade area of Sacramento.

Stu was a dedicated and successful competitive target shooter, winning countless matches and a number of state, regional and national championships. In the process Stu set a world's record that stood for many years. His greatest love was NBRSA Benchrest, but he also enjoyed traditional Schützen and Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette. He was a founding



member of the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center, one of the premier shooting facilities on the West Coast. A friend and mentor to many, Stu was a strong competitor and innovator his entire adult life and an exceptional talent.

Two of the winning qualities Stu embodied were focus and optimism. Many would agree that Stu never considered the possibility of failure and never lost

his love of competitive shooting. Even at the last, Stu was thinking about things he wanted to try the next time he got to the range. His family would like to acknowledge and most graciously thank Snowline Hospice El Dorado County with any donations in Stuart Harvey's memory: Ph: (530) 621-7820 - 6520 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619.

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