

BALD EAGLES NEWSLETTER

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2006 ROCKY MOUNTAIN PALMA MATCHES

The '06 RMPM were a measured success, which is to say that we did our part. This was our first experience running these matches, although with Mid Tompkins, Al Coots, Bob Gudgel, Jerry Pullens and Lonnie Kuhns running things there was no shortage of talent.

The "measured success" remark stems from the unpredictable winds at the NRA Whittington Center. As usual they were mild in the mornings, but abruptly got wild. The first day they were typical of June in New Mexico, but the second day they were unbelievable! They blew so hard that by the time we were at 900 yards Mid cancelled the shooting for the day. Officially the winds were clocked at 33 mph gusting to 44!

The cancellation meant that we had to re-shoot the 900 stage early on the morning of the third day followed by the 1000-yard stage of Palma #2. Then we started Palma #3 at 1000 yards and worked our way forward finishing at 800 yards. This eliminated the remainder of the two-person team match. We did however get the four-person team match fired on Saturday.

The complete results are available on our web site, but the highlights are as follows:

Match Winner: Michelle Gallagher, 1304-56X

Second: Steve Cunico, 1301-58X

Third: Trudie Fay, 1299-46X

First HM: Jon Rhynard, 1298-53X

Second HM: Robert Gamboa, 1298-46X

Third HM: Robert Gustin, 1295-55X

Fourth HM: Robert Oly, 1295-39X

First MA: Mike St.Clair, 1280-44X

Second MA: Jim Adell, 1274-34X

Third MA: Floyd Moore, 1229-34X

First EX: Ed Cole, 1217-24X

First SS: Pete Dupuy, 1193-24X

First F Class: John Dink, 1339-83X

TEAM MATCH:

Team Sierra: 1747-83X

Mid Tompkins, Cpt./Coach

Robert Gustin, Michelle Gallagher, Jon Rhynard and Nancy Tompkins.

Bald Eagles - Gudgel: 1709-59X

Bob Gudgel, Cpt./Coach

Mike StClair, Barry Smith, Eddie Newman, Jim Adell.

TEXAS LONG RANGE FIRING SCHOOL

Your president and scribe along with Tom Titcomb, Bob Horn and David Mayfield held a long range firing school at the Tiger Valley Range east of Waco, TX on April 15-16. On Saturday we had a short classroom session on rifles and ammunition and the basics of wind reading, a demonstration using smoke grenades, and a firing demonstration. Then we had individual coaching at 800 yards. After the shooting on Saturday, we had a BBQ cookout at the range. On Sunday we had a two-person Palma team match. Yes, it was Easter Sunday, but we still had eighteen interested folks and all the shooters complimented the instruction and said that they got a lot out of it. Personally, I think the Bald Eagles should conduct more of these sessions to further long range shooting across the country.

BERT ROLLINS PASSES AWAY

Bert Rollins of Fairfax, Virginia was one of the best long-range shooters in the country and a Bald Eagles member. Bert fought a long battle with cancer and finally succumbed this year. Many of our members knew Bert and shot with him in various matches, and if you have not already done so, you can send condolences to Linda Rollins, 10816 Maple St., Fairfax, VA 22030. He will be missed.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

- The Club has several new members to include Tim Marsh, Buckhannon WV; George Becquet, San Antonio, TX; Ken Gaby, Belton, TX; Floyd Moore, Coronado, CA; and Bob Tapia, San Antonio, TX. Welcome!
- Bob Gamboa is selling some of his Palma rifles and in case you don't know it Bob is one of the foremost rifle builders in the sport of long range shooting. He is also left handed, so if you are a portside shooter you might want to give him a call. His phone number is 530-672-1996.
- The Club has procured a couple of flags that are Black and have our eagles head logo on them. One will go on display at "The Eagles Nest" at the Whittington Center. We are looking for someone to take one to Camp Perry and fly it behind the firing line on team day. Any volunteers? Call me if you are interested. John Gaines, 830-249-2095.

***Anyone planning on going to and shooting in the National Matches at Camp Perry is requested to contact Bill Lair at wlair3540@charter.net. Bill will be our liaison at Camp Perry.
Thank you for your cooperation***