

THE BALD EAGLES RIFLE CLUB

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NEWS ITEM

The Texas State Championship Matches were held over the Memorial Day weekend. We dodged rain showers and got stuck in the mud several times, but it was still a good match. The man who replaced me as long-range director did a good job of putting on the matches and I enjoyed myself...especially not having to work and sweat the details. The winner of the Target Rifle Championship is Robert Oly from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a protégé of Johnie Franklin and did a great job of shooting. The winner of the F Class Championship is Shawn Ahrens. John Ashton, an Aussie living in Texas won the Any/Any, and two Bald Eagles distinguished themselves in the aggregate for three 600-yard strings. Boyd Goldsby, was high in the target rifle aggregate, and Larry Bartholome was high in F Class.

UPCOMING MATCHES

Here are some ideas for some matches to shoot and some dates to remember.

LITTLE ROCK (CAMP ROBINSON): The Jefferson County Gun Club is going to change things a bit for the coming year. They will host regular long range (1000-yd.) matches at Camp Robinson. However, they are going to three 20 shot matches each day of the weekend with three relays. It is hoped that the more liesurely pace will attract more shooters. Contact David Mayfield at MayfieldD@archildrens.org for details.

BAYOU RIFLES (HOUSTON): I finally got around to shooting at the Bayou Rifles range near Houston. It was warm and **steamy**, but a very cordial and well run match. We started right at 8:00 and were finished by 1:00 so that I got back to San Antonio before supper. That's not bad for shooting three 20 shot strings. The organizers used just two relays and the shooters had to keep his/her own score. No prizes were involved, just bragging rights. It was a great little match on a fine range. Their website is www.bayourifle.org and Andrew Werner (979-355-6198) is the person to call. They shoot 1000 yard matches the first Sunday of every month.

SANTA FE LONG RANGE REGIONAL: The long range shooters who live near Raton, NM are hosting a long range regional June 15-17 at the Whittington Center. They will shoot three twenty-shot 1000 yard Any/Any matches on Friday; a Palma and a

twenty-shot 1000 yard match on Saturday and a Palma on Sunday. Contact Bald Eagles member, Steve Cunico (former Texas Champion) at 505-445-8318 for more information.

THE MIDWEST PALMA AND LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP: For those of you who don't mind to drive, the Winnequah Gun Club will host the Midwest Championship matches at their range near Lodi, WI. The dates are June 18 through the 24th. There's a lot of shooting, lots of prizes, a great pig roast and the match is up north where it's cooler. They shoot Palmas and 1000 yard matches (and for the brave, a 1200 yard match. You don't find that everyday.). Contact Earl or Karin Liebetrau, 10890 Summit Ridge Dr., Viola, WI 54664 phone 608-625-6005 or by email at ekl@mwt.net.

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB MATCHES: Located 35 miles east of Denver, at Byers, CO the Colorado Rifle Club will host a long range regional just before the Rocky Mountain Palma Matches. They will shoot July 6th through the 9th. The program includes some 1000 yard and some Palma with a team match the last day. Their website is www.crci.org and the person to contact is David Jennings, 1420 Detroit Str. Denver, CO 80206 or dtjennings@att.net. This match in conjunction with the RMPM makes for a great shooting vacation.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PALMA MATCH: Our Rocky Mountain Palma Match will be held July 11th thru the 14th. at the Whittington Center. It will follow the format of last years match There is a Palma on each of three days with one stage of a two-person Palma team match fired each afternoon. The Bald Eagles web page with the program can be found at www.baldeaglesrc.org. All prizes are cash at this match. Get your entry in now!

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA MATCHES: The Bald Eagles will again host the Spirit of America matches on September 9th through 12th, at the Whittington Center near Raton, NM. Since the Palma and Veterans Team matches will be held in Canada this year, and since they don't end until just before the SOA, we have shortened the matches to four days. There will be a 300, 500, 600, and 900/1000 yard individual match each morning, and one stage of a four person team match each afternoon. Check out the program at www.baldeaglesrc.org. Lot's of merchandize prizes are given away at this match. (Next year we'll be back to our usual 7 day format, and we will host the '08 America Match.)

THE F-CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Bald Eagles will also host the 2007 F Class Nationals immediately following the Spirit of America matches. These matches include three 600 yard individual matches and a four-person team match the first day, followed by a similar course of fire at 1000 yards the next day. On the last day, there will be three individual matches at 1000 yards. Check out the program at www.baldeaglesrc.org. If you are really into F Class, you can shoot F Class in the Spirit of America and be all acclimated and zeroed in for the Nationals. You might as well since it costs the same to drive out there. What's a couple of extra motel bills?

RAFFLE RIFLE TICKETS

The rifle will be awarded at the Rocky Mountain Palma Matches coming up in July. If you still have tickets on hand, get them sold as soon as possible and send the proceeds to Al Coots along with the filled out stubs. You could just buy them yourself. That would save you some time. In either case..."git 'er done!"

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please consider this as official notification that the Bald Eagles Rifle Club will hold its annual membership meeting at the Spirit of America match, Monday September 10th. The meeting is to begin one hour after completion of firing and will be held in The Eagles Nest building on the Tubb Range.