

# Spirit of America

## National Fullbore Rifle Prone Championship

### Sponsored by the Bald Eagles Rifle Club

**Dates:** September 7 through September 13, 2008. Firing will begin at 8 AM each day. The America Match and The 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. F-Class International Team Challenge Match will be conducted between national teams on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Location:** George Tubb Range, NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico, USA

**General Information:** There are currently 224 beds available for housing at the NRA Whittington Center. There is a Recreational Vehicle (caravan) campground that is equipped with full hookups. Reservations should be made at the following: NRA Whittington Center P.O. Box 700, Raton, NM 87740, Phone: (505) 445-3615, Fax: (505) 445-9418. Additional housing is available at many motels in nearby Raton, New Mexico. Housing will be limited after September 2nd. Recommend that reservations be made early for the competitor housing. The center will start accepting housing reservations after February 1, 2008. These are two person rooms and sharing with other competitors is recommended. More information on the NRA Whittington Center is available on the web at: [www.nrawc.org](http://www.nrawc.org). Food service at the NRA Whittington Center may be available. The hours of operation are 6 AM to 6 PM daily.

**Entries:** Entries must be mailed to Bald Eagles Rifle Club, P.O. Box 604, Raton, NM 87740. More information is available at email address: [baldeaglesclub@yahoo.com](mailto:baldeaglesclub@yahoo.com) and at [www.baldeaglesrc.org](http://www.baldeaglesrc.org).

**Entry Closing Date and Fees:** Advance entries are recommended. Entries close September 1, 2008 and entries must be mailed to arrive before that date, however late entries may be accepted at the range providing they do not exceed the range capacity. Late entries after September 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. No entries will be accepted on the day of the match. Individual entry fees will be: \$150.00. Fees for Juniors will be \$80.00. Team Match fees will be: \$80.00 for the four man teams except for the McGee Stocks Team Match, which will be \$40.00. Team entries must be made one-half hour prior to the Team Match. Daily fees for individuals will be \$60.00 for one day, \$100.00 for two days. Entry fees include a daily range fee of \$10.00 to the NRA Whittington Center.

**Rules:** The rulebook for Fullbore Rifle will be used and is available on the Internet at: [http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rules/fullbore\\_07.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rules/fullbore_07.pdf). The rules will also be available at Match Headquarters.

**Competitor Eligibility:** This competition is open to all individual NRA members in good standing. International shooters must join the NRA USA. Applications are available at the Stat Office. Cost for 1-year membership is \$35.00.

**Competitor Classifications:** This is a classified match and will be conducted using the current NRA Fullbore classification system in all matches. Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which classified. Such individual or team must fire in the higher class throughout the tournament. In the event of insufficient entries in any class to warrant an award in that class individuals or teams will be moved to a higher class. International competitors without NRA USA classification will compete in the highest classification.

**Challenge Fees:** Challenge fees will be \$1.00.

**Ammunition:** Individuals must provide their own ammunition. All ammunition is subject to testing. The bullet weight for the .308/7.62 must be less than 156 grains and the bullet weight for .223/5.56 must be less than 81 grains.

## **Rifles:**

**Target Rifle:** A rifle chambered for use with the unmodified 7.62x51 commercial or .308 Winchester cartridge. Any safe trigger will be acceptable.

A rifle chambered for use with the unmodified 5.56mm commercial or .223 Remington cartridge. Any safe trigger will be acceptable.

**Division F** – F-Class. All rifles must be less than .35 caliber.

**Target Service:** Competitors will be required to pull/mark their own targets.

## **Empty Chamber Indicator:**

Empty Chamber Indicators are required and must be used at all times except during preparation time and firing. ECI will be available for purchase from the stat office.

**Squadding:** All matches will be squadded by the Statistical Officer. Squadding will be available starting one hour before the start of the match. Matches will start at 8AM each day unless the Match Director makes an announcement prior to the end of the match on the day before the early start day.

Special provisions shall be made for competitors who enter the match as a handicapped competitor and or a competitor who has reached seventy years of age. To enter as a handicapped or seventy plus competitor you must so note it on the entry form and we must receive it on or before the closing entry date. We will also make every attempt to accommodate competitors who are sharing rides and or equipment as long as it does not interfere with the running of the match.

**Scoring:** Competitors will score. Any competitor failing to perform his scoring duties may be disqualified.

**Awards:** The awards schedule will be posted at the match. Award groups must contain a minimum of 5 individuals or teams to qualify for awards. **F-Class awards will be separate.**

**Special Individual Awards:** High Junior, Senior, Grand Senior and Lady will be awarded when 5 or more competitors are entered.

**Challenge Period:** The Challenge period ends 30 minutes after the posting of the match results.

**Practice:** The range will be available for practice on September 6 for squadded practice at all yard lines. Housing will be available on those practice days at the NRA Whittington Center, providing early reservations are made. Practice day fees will be \$10.00 for those competitors who are not members of the Whittington Center Gun Club. The match headquarters will collect practice day fees prior to the practice.

**Targets:** TR 300 yards – MR63; 500 yards – MR65; 600 yards – MR1; 800, 900, 1000 yards - NRA LR  
F-Class MR63FC, MR-65FC, MR-1FC, and LRFC

**Match 11**  
**Cunico Tire Service Team Match**  
**Sunday, September 7, 2008**

A Team consisting of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 500, 600, and 900 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair team time, and at the long range 39 minutes team time. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**Match 12**  
**Folsom Shooting Club Team Match**  
**Monday, September 8, 2008**

A Team consisting of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, then 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at 900 and 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair team time, and at the long range 39 minutes team time. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**Match 1**  
**OK Weber Individual Match**  
**300, 500, 600 and 900 yards**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound). 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is announced. Then at 900 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record. 22 minute time limit, string firing.

**Match 2**  
**Precision Shooting Individual Match**  
**300, 500, 600 and 1000 yards**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound). 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is announced. Then at 1000 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record. 22 minute time limit, string firing.

**Match 13**  
**Sierra Bullets Team Match**  
**Thursday, September 11, 2008**

A Team consisting of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 500, 600 yards. Time limit 27 minutes per firing pair team time. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**Match 14**  
**McGee Competition Rifle Stocks**  
**Thursday, September 11, 2008**

A Team consisting of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing member firing the match at 1000 yards. 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record at 1000 yards. Time limit 54 minutes per firing pair team time. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**Match 3**  
**Sinclair International Individual Match**  
**300, 500, 600 and 900 yards**  
**Friday, September 12, 2008**

300, 500, 600 yards pair firing (two on the mound). 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is announced. Then at 900 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record. 22 minute time limit. String firing.

**Match 4**  
**Sierra Bullets Individual Match**  
**300, 500, 600 and 1000 yards**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2008**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound). 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is announced. Then at 1000 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record. 22 minute time limit. String firing.

**Match 5, The Spirit of America Grand Aggregate**

An aggregate of matches 1, 2, 3, 4 fired in Target Rifle Division, Spirit of America match.

An aggregate of matches 1, 2, 3, 4 fired in Division "F" Spirit of America match

**Match 6, The Spirit of America Short Range Aggregate**

An aggregate of scores fired at 300, 500, and 600 yards in Match 5 in Target Rifle Division.

**Match 7, The Spirit of America Long Range Aggregate**

An aggregate of scores fired at 900 and 1000 yards in Match 5 in Target Rifle Division.

**Match 8, The Spirit of America Team Match Aggregate**

To be eligible for this award, a team shall register under the same name for all four matches with up to 6 members on the team. There shall be 4 firing members and a designated coach and captain. The same team members must be on the team for all four matches but individual designations of captain, coach, and firing member may change.

# **The America Team Match**

## **Sunday, September 14, 2008**

The Bald Eagles Rifle Club is honored to host and conduct the America Match in 2008. The Match will be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in the NRA Fullbore Rifle rules. These are available at [http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rules/fullbore\\_07.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rules/fullbore_07.pdf).

**TEAM COMPOSITION** - Teams shall consist of one (1) Captain, one (1) Vice-Captain, one (1) Main Coach, two (2) sub-Coaches, eight (8) Firers and two (2) Reserves, a total of fifteen (15) Team Members. Only Team Members may take part in firing point activities. If one of the firers falls ill and is unable to continue, another Member of the Team may take his/her place.

There will be a separate division for Veteran Teams. Team members must be 60 years of age during the year of the match. All countries are invited to enter Veterans Teams.

**DISTANCES** - 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

**NUMBER OF SHOTS** - Each firing member of the Team shall fire two (2) sighting shots (convertible) and fifteen (15) shots on score at each distance.

**TIME LIMITS** - 1 hour 20 minutes at 300 yards and 600 yards; 1 hour 45 minutes at 900 yards and 1000 yards.

**AMMUNITION** – 308 Winchester ammunition is to be provided by each Team Member. The maximum bullet weight shall be less than 156 grains. **The Host Country is not required to provide ammunition.** The Match Executive Officer or the Chief Range Officer may conduct random checks of ammunition at any time during the course of the Match.

**TARGETS** - Two targets shall be available to each Team and shall conform to those of the Host Country for each distance shot. The Chief Range Officer prior to the 300-yard line will hold draws for targets. The Chief Range Officer may require teams to shift targets between yard lines. The cost of target pullers is included in the entry fee.

**ENTRY FEE** - The USA may charge an entry fee to defray the costs of conducting the Match. The entry fee for this match shall be \$300.00 US.

**SCORING** - Each Team shall provide two (2) scorers, who will score for another Team as directed by the Chief Range Officer. Team Members, including reserves or other volunteers, may act as scorers.

# **The 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. F-Class International Team Challenge Match**

## **For F-Open Teams**

### **Sunday, September 14, 2008**

The Bald Eagles Rifle Club is honored to host and conduct the U.S. F-Class Challenge Match in 2008. This Match is limited to one Team per country. The Match will be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in the NRA Fullbore Rifle rules. These are available at: [http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rules/fullbore\\_07.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/rules/fullbore_07.pdf).

**TEAM COMPOSITION** – Teams shall consist of one (1) Captain, one (1) Coach and four (4) Firers, a total of six (6) Team Members. Only Team Members may take part in firing point activities. If one of the Firers falls ill and is unable to continue, another member of the Team may take his/her place.

**DISTANCES** – 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards.

**NUMBER OF SHOTS** – Each firing member of the Team shall fire two (2) sighting shots (convertible) and fifteen (15) shots on score at each distance.

**TIME LIMITS** – 1 hour 20 minutes at 300 yards and 600 yards; 1 hour 45 minutes at 900 yards and 1000 yards.

**AMMUNITION** – Is to be provided by each Team or Team Member. **The Host Country is not required to provide ammunition.**

**TARGETS** – One target shall be available to each Team and shall conform to those of the Host Country for each distance shot. The Chief Range Officer prior to the 300-yard line will hold draws for targets. The Chief Range Officer may require Teams to shift targets between yard lines. Target pullers and the cost is a part of the entry fee.

**ENTRY FEE** – The USA may charge an entry fee to defray the costs of conducting the Match. The entry fee for this Match shall be \$150.00 US.

**SCORING** – Each Team shall provide one (1) scorer, who will score for another Team as directed by the Chief Range Officer. Team Members, or other volunteers, may act as scorers.

## **Procedure for Clearing The Firing Line**

At no time is anyone to leave the firing line with a loaded rifle! All competitors are to be responsible for safe rifles while on the firing line. At no time should a competitor get out of position without the Empty Chamber Indicator being placed in the empty chamber and the competitor's scorekeeper verifies that fact and after a line official has verified the rifles are safe. Penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification from the match for both the competitor and scorekeeper. Anyone who fires a shot during the preparation period will be scored a miss for the first record shot of that match. Anyone who fires a shot prior to the preparation period or any other nonfiring period will be disqualified from any further competition.

### **Addendum**

A shooters "Swap Meet" will be held after shooting Tues. Bring your unused shooting equipment to sell or trade. No illegal firearms please. A 10% donation of the sales to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club would be appreciated.

The match bulletins will be available online at: <http://www.baldeaglesrc.org/> one week after completion of the matches. Anyone wanting printed copies of the match bulletins may request them in writing to receive them via US Postal Service.

There will be an Awards Dinner on Saturday evening at time and place to be announced at the match. There will be no charge to all competitors entered in the matches. Guests are invited – charge \$10.00. All competitors must pick up their awards prior to leaving. Awards not picked up will be considered as donations to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club.

One of our objectives is to provide the opportunity for all to participate in the Team Matches and we will make every effort to accommodate all shooters.

Lunch will be available each day at the "Eagles Nest" featuring assemble your own sandwiches. Drinks will also be available. Donations for lunch and drinks are requested.

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**Registration and Entry Form**

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL address** \_\_\_\_\_

**NRA #** \_\_\_\_\_

**NRA Fullbore Classification** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of the Whittington Center Gun Club? Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

**I will be shooting a rifle in the following Division:**

**Rifle: Target Rifle** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division F** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicapped** \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to purchase .308 Winchester ammunition – Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Entries to: Bald Eagles Club  
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