

WSSA High Power Rifle Championship results

The Wyoming High Power Championship saw a modest gathering of shooters mostly arriving in Worland Friday to prepare for an exciting expanded two day event. A few of the more hardy people hit the range at 1000 yards in the afternoon following the WSSA board meeting to try out an electronic target brought to the range by Dave Urasky from Rawlins. The less determined took one look at the gusty high winds, blowing sand mixed with flying tumbleweeds and promptly got in their pickups and departed hastily, presumably hoping for more reasonable conditions Saturday morning than those psycho Worland people considered, ahem, “normal” weather conditions.

Saturday did turn out to be a much calmer day with only minor winds to trouble those on the firing line throughout the day. John Bair managed to shoot the most consistent scores through the day ending with a respectable 767-22X using a scoped service rifle. Most departed the range with the threat of the following day looming large in their minds and specifically the thought of the long range segment of the match.

Sunday dawned bright and clear with the group gathered on the 1000 yard line and the daunting task of firing a National Long Range Match Course of fire with a reverse order course of fire and with the relays flipped as well. With only two sighters, the first shooters volleyed their rounds downrange and quickly made short work of the stage. As the day progressed it was rapidly becoming clear that the winner was not going to be decided until the last shots were fired at the 200 yard line. With the final rounds downrange and totals tallied Kelly Moore prevailed on the second day of shooting with a 562-12X to win the long range course of fire by one point. Clay LeMarr’s exceptional shooting throughout the weekend managed to give him the prevailing score of 1286-20X, decided on X count, for the high Wyoming shooter and get his name added to the resident trophy for the year. Kelly Moore’s determined shooting managed to slightly edge out Clay with a 1293-24X and win the overall two day match aggregate and for that effort he was awarded the new this year “champion hat” and bragging rights for a whole year.

Thank you to the folks from Worland and the surrounding area for all their efforts in hosting the expanded match this year. With a special thanks to Frank for running the firing line both days and keeping the match going smoothly and another special thanks to Patti for all her efforts as statistician as well as providing snacks and the barbecued lunch on day two.

Dave Babits