

2017 Wyoming Long Range State Championship shoot

The 2017 Wyoming Long Range State Championship shoot was held this past weekend (July 29-30) at the new Rawlins 1000 yard range. It turned out to be an awesome shoot. The weather was very nice, mid 80's, sunny and low winds. But as it turned out, the low winds were a little tougher than they looked. Many shooters had a tough time figuring out what some of the flags were saying. It was thought that some were lying big time. But, that's the challenge of shooting.

Although the cutoff was 40, we had record attendance with 41 shooters (next time I'll bring a calculator). We had shooters from Nebraska (3), Colorado (4), Utah (7), Montana (1), Minnesota (2) and Wyoming (24). Several shooters were first-timers to a Wyoming match. The ease of access to Rawlins seemed to be a big draw, especially for the Utah shooters.

There were many great shooters in attendance, but a couple of the regular outstanding shooters weren't able to make it and we missed them. We started the shoot with a 200-9 from Jason McCormick in the first match. But high 190's soon disappeared as the light winds from the NE picked up. They were tough to read and caused problems for all.

Thanks to support from the Friends of the NRA and the Wyoming State Shooter's Association, the Rawlins range has turned out pretty nice. In listening to the shooters, they loved it and plan to return. Although much smaller, comments were made that the Rawlins range could equal or surpass the quality of the Ben Avery range. So if you get the chance, come to Rawlins and shoot with us. Next match is a mid-range on August 12.

If you're considering coming to next year's shoot in Rawlins watch for the date to be announced and book your rooms early. Due to up to 5000 contractor being in town next summer, hotel rooms will be at a premium.

Congratulations to those shooters who rose to the top. First place in each division went to:

F-Open	Jason McCormick	977-37
FTR	Josh Peterson	951-17
Match	Kelly Moore	958-26
Hunter	Jerrod Gonzales	456-5 (only 50 rounds fired)

Complete scores are listed below.

	Cat	Class	Relay	Target				MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	AGG
1	F-Open	High Master	1 4	Jason McCormick				200 - 9	192 - 2	192 - 7	198 - 7	195 - 12	977 - 37
2	F-Open	Master	1 6	Tim Eicher				193 - 4	194 - 5	196 - 6	198 - 10	196 - 9	977 - 34
3	F-Open	Master	1 5	Keith Kilby				198 - 7	196 - 7	192 - 4	198 - 10	192 - 7	976 - 35
4	F-Open	Master	1 3	Patrick Varland				195 - 5	195 - 6	193 - 4	196 - 6	193 - 6	972 - 27
5	F-Open	Expert	1 7	Gerald Shoup				191 - 1	191 - 5	193 - 4	197 - 9	197 - 6	969 - 25
6	F-Open	High Master	1 2	Tracy Frye				194 - 9	192 - 5	188 - 2	194 - 4	191 - 5	959 - 25
7	F-Open	Expert	3 5	Geddy Northrup				187 - 1	193 - 6	192 - 5	196 - 5	189 - 4	957 - 21
8	F-Open	Expert	3 7	Clay Fowler				187 - 2	183 - 3	192 - 2	194 - 9	195 - 4	951 - 20
9	F-Open	Master	3 6	Steven Jennings				190 - 5	189 - 7	189 - 3	193 - 7	184 - 4	945 - 26
10	F-Open	Expert	3 4	Jennifer McCormick				190 - 7	190 - 8	190 - 6	194 - 8	179 - 4	943 - 33
11	F-Open	Unclassified	3 3	George Dillman				192 - 2	186 - 0	185 - 4	184 - 6	189 - 6	936 - 18
12	F-Open	Marksmen	3 2	Melvin Heath				190 - 5	183 - 3	181 - 5	183 - 2	175 - 1	912 - 16
13	F-Open	Sharpshooter	4 2	Chris Davis				183 - 3	176 - 2	179 - 1	176 - 2	176 - 2	890 - 10
14	F-Open	Unclassified	4 8	Dave Manzer				160 - 0	162 - 1	161 - 0	160 - 1	164 - 2	807 - 4
15	F-Open	Unclassified	3 8	Dan Meserve				193 - 5	180 - 1	180 - 1	DNF -	175 - 1	728 - 8
16	F-Open	Unclassified		Gerald Shoup Sr				161 - 1	DNF -	DNF -	DNF -	DNF -	161 - 1
17	FTR	Unclassified	2 4	Josh Peterson				188 - 3	191 - 6	186 - 1	193 - 1	193 - 6	951 - 17
18	FTR	Expert	2 5	Justin Crosby				189 - 3	192 - 6	184 - 3	192 - 2	191 - 2	948 - 16
19	FTR	Expert	2 6	Joseph Wade				191 - 5	193 - 4	180 - 1	186 - 5	191 - 4	941 - 19
20	FTR	Marksmen	2 3	Brenda LaValley				195 - 7	183 - 3	182 - 2	183 - 1	188 - 3	931 - 16
21	FTR	Unclassified	2 2	Brian Sadler				188 - 4	186 - 3	181 - 2	188 - 2	187 - 2	930 - 13
22	FTR	Expert	2 8	Anthony Jordan				187 - 4	182 - 1	184 - 2	189 - 2	186 - 0	928 - 9
23	FTR	Unclassified	2 7	Matthew Mitton				188 - 1	184 - 3	184 - 1	185 - 4	181 - 0	922 - 9
24	FTR	Sharpshooter	4 5	Gary LaValley				183 - 3	185 - 1	181 - 5	184 - 2	182 - 5	915 - 16
25	FTR	High Master	4 4	Dan Van Galder				183 - 4	180 - 5	181 - 3	180 - 2	184 - 3	908 - 17
26	FTR	Sharpshooter	4 6	Nathan Kuehl				185 - 4	180 - 2	164 - 3	187 - 4	172 - 3	888 - 16
27	FTR	Marksmen	4 3	Larry Bandaccari				181 - 3	173 - 0	175 - 1	185 - 5	170 - 2	884 - 11
28	FTR	Marksmen	4 7	Larry Scanlan				179 - 1	170 - 2	168 - 0	172 - 1	159 - 2	848 - 6
29	Hunter	Unclassified	1 1	Jerrold Gonzales				95 - 3	88 - 0	93 - 1	87 - 1	93 - 0	456 - 5
30	Hunter	Unclassified	3 1	Shane Martinez				89 - 0	86 - 0	77 - 0	84 - 0	89 - 0	425 - 0
31	Hunter	Unclassified	4 1	Steven Wheat				91 - 0	86 - 0	63 - 0	89 - 1	80 - 0	409 - 1
32	Hunter	Unclassified	2 1	Martin Hagen				80 - 0	84 - 2	88 - 1	64 - 0	81 - 0	397 - 3
33	Match	High Master	1 10	Kelly Moore				198 - 6	190 - 3	183 - 3	191 - 6	196 - 8	958 - 26
34	Match	High Master	1 9	John Smith				195 - 0	191 - 5	189 - 2	185 - 2	195 - 8	955 - 17
35	Match	Master	1 8	Nick Nickelson				196 - 10	186 - 5	193 - 4	191 - 9	181 - 5	947 - 33
36	Match	Master	2 9	Wes McElhenny				188 - 2	187 - 4	186 - 3	181 - 2	196 - 4	938 - 15
37	Match	Master	4 9	Jim Foster				185 - 5	179 - 1	185 - 3	195 - 8	190 - 2	934 - 19
38	Match	Master	2 10	John DiLorio				185 - 4	186 - 3	187 - 3	184 - 4	190 - 4	932 - 18
39	Match	Unclassified	3 9	Jason Candler				182 - 3	183 - 3	192 - 3	185 - 2	190 - 3	932 - 14
40	Match	Sharpshooter	3 10	Dave Babits				180 - 2	194 - 6	180 - 2	188 - 6	182 - 4	924 - 20
41	Match	Unclassified	4 10	Pat Surline				179 - 1	159 - 0	173 - 2	182 - 2	179 - 3	872 - 8