

Massachusetts State Mid-Range Championship 2017 At Reading Rifle and Revolver Club



The MA State Championship is fired over a 2 day period. Combining both Aggregates is a test of marksmanship and consistency.

Day one started at the 300 yard line. High scorers were Jeff Hirtle 200.10, Charlie Trickett 200.09, Rob Greene 199.14, Mike Pietrowitz 199.14 and Dave Marshall with a 199.13. Leading the FTR was Barbara Lamb with a 200.12. Rob Greene battling against the scope shooters with his iron sights. Rob was one of the few competitors who still elect to use them and use them very well.

Going back to the 500 yard line the fight for first place was on. Scores were tighter and who would be the winner in the end would be anyone's guess at this point. Rob Greene came in the lead at 500 with a 199.13 followed close behind by Mike Pietrowitz 199.12, Maureen Trickett 199.11, Jeff Hirtle 199.10 and Charlie Trickett 199.05. Still holding the top spot for FTR was Barbara lamb with a 197.05

Moving back to the, 600 yards line, everyone's tensions were high . Mirage was very switchy and several points were lost across the line. While others like Mike Pietrowicz and his scope shot 199.13 and Robbie Greene with irons shot a 199.09. Barbara Lamb FTR finally met her match back at 600 with Mike Landolfi tying her with a 197.05.

Day one finished the top scores were very very close. Mike Pietrowicz leading by 3x to Rob Greene both shot 597 but Mike Pietrowicz pulled out 39x's to Rob's 36. Close on their heels was Charlie Trickett 596.26 and Jeff Hirtle 595.31. Just a mere difference of 0 to 2 points going into day 2. FTR was captured by Barbara Lamb with a 594.22

Day two is a new beautiful day and with points so close first place is up for grabs by several shooters. Stage 4 started out a little different when a competitor's rifle extractor broke and it could not be fixed. So instead of having to drop out his fellow competitors on his point helped him out taking turns in running a cleaning rod down the barrel to push out the round. This continued throughout the match and thru team work all were able to shoot and complete the match and he shot very well despite the little added distraction.

Stage 4, 600 yards completed with Rob Greene firing a 200.11 to hold the lead by 2 points, but there was still two more stages at 600 to go and anything could happen. Close behind was Mike Pietrowicz with 2 point behind and Jeff Hirtle and Charlie Trickett 3 points behind. Barbara Lamb in FTR starts out strong with a 200.15.

The point spread continues to narrow as stage 5 is completed. Rob Greene was still in the lead by one point after firing a 198.14, but with Jeff Hirtle finishing strong with a 200.13. They go into the final stage just one point apart. After a two day battle of not only score but a battle between iron sights and scope. Rob Greene with Iron sights and Jeff Hirtle with his scope. But Jeff Hirtle Hanging in strong finished with a 200.10 he pulled ahead of Rob Greene to take first place and Barbara lamb finishing up with a 196.10 won the FTR division.

Reading Rifle hosts a full range of of matches from May thru October. They will host the New England Regional High Power XTC 100 shot match on August 26th and a LEG match on August 27th. For more information go to www.readinghighpower.com and go to the calendar for match information and bulletins. You can also contact the High-power director Charlie Trickett at charlie@trickettwoodworks.com