

Massachusetts State High Power Championship

June 10-11 2017

The weather cooperated and summer showed up...and so did the shooters. The Mass State Championship was fired on June 10th. This is the first year NRA has allowed scopes on match rifles and several shooters are taking advantage of them. The 200yd Off Hand match was won by Charlie Trickett 194-7 shooting a Match Rifle with Brian Williams just 1 point behind. Rapid Fire Sitting usually is when points and X's are racked up, but nobody "cleaned" the stage. Ryan McKee did shoot a 199-11 sitting, with his Service Rifle. Rapid Fire Prone can play tricks with conditions for the less focused shooter....but Mike Pietrowicz fired a 200-14 with his 6xc Tubb Rifle. Ryan McKee, fresh off of LEGING OUT in Quantico, won the Rapid Fire Aggregate with a 399-16.

Going back to 600yd line it was neck and neck, conditions were good for some big scores....it would be all about the one who makes the least amount of mistakes.

Rob Greene fired a blistering 200-15 using iron sights on his Tubb Rifle in 6br, to set the pace, followed by Charlie Trickett 200-12 and Mike Pietrowicz 200-11, Rob and Mike were separated by X's going into the last 600yd match.

The second 600yd match, conditions stayed good and again Rob Greene lead the way shooting a 200-14, followed by Bob Ward 200-10 and Charlie Trickett 199-9.

The State Championship was won by Rob Greene 989-54, first High Master Charlie Trickett 985-39, first Master Dave Alward 976-25 and first Expert John Shortt 923-13

The high Junior Shooter was Mackenzie Conant 928-10

The following day June 11th would be the LEG Match. Leg matches always bring out the nerves; many shooters have tried for years to achieve the "Distinguished Rifleman" since its inception in the late 1800's, it's a test of skill and equipment. Temperatures got well into the 90's which makes the shooters endurance ability almost as crucial.

Again, knees are knocking and mistakes are made, but those who put those mistakes behind them and make the next shoot their best, usually overcome all. Mike Sajer shot a 98 to lead the pack in the 200yd Off Hand. Steven Beall shot a 99-2 in the 200yd rapid sitting. John Shortt turned in a 100-4 at 300yd rapid prone....it was anyone's match going back to 600yds. John McNally shoot a great score 197-4 at 600yds...with Gregg Neuendorf a close second 195-5.

John McNally won the match shooting a 485-11....combined with his score from the day before 981-37, John is proving to be one the THE best Service Rifle shooters in the Northeast. BUT...John winning the match didn't affect the LEG points, because he is already distinguished.

Gregg Neuendorf took the 8 point Leg with a 481-14...that makes Gregg a newly minted Distinguished Rifleman. Taking the second cut, 6pts, is Chris Cekovsky, shooting a 471-5, and taking first "leather" is junior shooter Bennet Wilson shooting a 470-7

In the Mass State Championship Rob Greene (match rifle division), John McNally and Larry Cabana (service division) won "STEPS" towards the new NRA Distinguished Program.

The match was run very efficiently by Duane Brown with the help of several Reading High Power shooters. We completed a 100 shot match from 8-3:30 and the Leg from 9-1:30

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