

WYOMING SB/HP RIFLE SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lander Valley Sportsmen hosted the 2022 matches on July 23-24. Twenty-six shooters representing CO, ID, ND, SD & WY enjoyed the overcast and cooler than predicted temps while firing a 2 x 40 shot program with smallbore (SB) rifles. Sixteen also battled the high power (HP) 2 x 40 course with very good conditions until a Sunday PM wind shear BLEW IN, toppling all the target. Some fell backwards, others forward during the rapidly switching twister. A short time-out was taken, but too late to save the cabana sun shade. Shooters showed and tasted 'true grit' to continue on the sight-in swingers. Target resetting became a repainting of the swingers between relays.

Georgette Bradley, Berthold, ND was the only five trophy winner by winning all four Hi-Lady awards and HP class B 1st.

Standard SB Champion is **Scott Larson**, Pierre, SD @ 69; his 3rd in WY. First master is David Bonner, CO @ 62. Chris Farwell, CO earned 2nd M @ 58 with 3rd M going to Ryan Habeck SD @ 54. AAA class winners are Clint Habeck, SD 1st @62; 2nd Tom Kallemeyn, SD @ 58: 3rd Michael Her, CO @48 and 4th is Tony Cross, WY @ 47. Erik Smith, WY led the AA with 44 for 1st; 2nd to Larron Dolence, WY @ 43; 3rd is Tony Fuller, WY @ 39 and 4th is Sheldon Bradley, ND @ 37. Jonathan Sivertson, ND took class A @ 43.

Saturday noonish the HP rifles took the line and 80 shots later **David Bonner**, CO came out WY Champ with his 9th such @ 58. AAA 1st is Ryan Habeck's 53's. Chris Farwell's 52 is 2nd; 3rd @ 51 is Clint Habeck and 4th is [SD] Mark Sorensen's 48. AA class was a 1 point win for Sheldon Bradley @ 33 over high resident Larron Dolence. As noted earlier 1st B & hi-lady is Georgette Bradley @ 34.

A delicious dinner, lasagna, salad, garlic bread and apple pie was organized by Melissa Gray-Cross. Awards and door prizes completed the day's events.

Sunday the 24th, the hunting rifle division was conducted starting with the maximum 8 1/2# SB rifles. **Clint Habeck**, Fort Pierre, SD earned the Champion trophy & title @ 68. A shoot-off determined Chris Farwell's 67 as 1st M and Scott Larson 2nd M. David Bonner's 62 earned 3rd M. In AAA Tom Kallemeyn took 1st @ 45. Second @ 43 is Michael Ehr, CO. Another S/O gave 3rd to Tony Cross and 4th to Mark Sorensen after they tied @ 42. More tight scores put Roger Sebesta's

45 as 1st AA; 2nd Erik Smith @ 44; Georgette Bradley 3rd @ 43 and Larron Dolence 4th @ 40. Bruce Berg, WY topped the A's @ 31 and Jonathan Sivertson's 33 won B and should move him into class A.

The final 2 x 40 on the program had HP hunting rifles on the line. **David Bonner**, directed his 260 Rem to capture his 10th WY Championship @ 51. Master 1st is Clint Habeck @ 46. In AAA Scott Larson led the way @ 46. A S/O for 2nd-3rd was won by Chris Farwell giving 3rd to Mark Sorensen after their tie @ 41. Tom Kallemeyn's 41 took 1st AA with 2nd @ 30 Sheldon Bradley. Hi-Resident and 1st A is Larron Dolence @ 30. The final S/O broke the tie @ 25 with Jonathan Sivertson winning B class over Georgette Bradley.

Since 2009 the Lander Sportsmen have awarded a 4-Gun aggregate trophy. This year it goes to **David Bonner** with 235 / 320; his 12th WY 4-Gun award.

The same five Lander students reset targets both days, quickly, and courteously. They really appreciated of the tip jar results!

Thanks to all for the safe conduct, sportsmanship and help running the match. Lander held the 1st WY HP Championship in 1974. Be certain to thank the door prize donator's: Bruce Berg- 16 Merchandise items; Tony Cross- Hand crafted cribbage board; Scott Dahms- Merchandise items; Ron Kamp-Wood burl bowls; Marla Lemm, DBA The Good Place- 10 #'s powder; LVSA- Brick of SK+ ammo; NOLS Wilderness Medicine-1st Aid kits; Rocky Mountain Sports- Merchandise items; Charlie Piette- 3 boxes 12 ga ammo; Redding Reloading- Discount certificates; Safeway- \$50 toward picnic supplies; Sebesta DBP Guns and Goods- Win 22 silhouette ammo & Channel-loc light; Sierra Bullets- 3 ammo boxes & gift certificates; Sportsmen's Warehouse-Merchandise and discount certificates; Western Powders-Montana Extreme bore conditioner & solvent; Wind River Outdoors- merchandise.

We are always open to suggestion as how to improve this Championship event. Thank you for participating. Best wishes, Tony Cross and Roger Sebesta