

2016 Minnesota 3-Position & 4-Position Smallbore Outdoor State Championship

June 25, 2016 found the Minneapolis Rifle Club smallbore range cloudy, rainy and windy! Many smallbore shooters were on their way to Fort Benning, Georgia to shoot the USA Shooting (International) National Smallbore Matches. The MN State 3-Position & 4-Position championships were scheduled at shooters request to be before the NRA National Matches as a warm up.

Scheduling matches is never easy. This year the schedule was complicated by the late announcement of the NRA Smallbore National matches and that they were scheduled a week earlier than normal. The MN match was pushed up to the only available range date which turned out to be the travel weekend before Benning. So much for planning!

In the end, five brave souls showed up to shoot the MN 3-Position Championship. Though limited, it was an interesting group, we had an adult shooter Joseph Martin from Fargo area in North Dakota, a second from Fort Francis, Canada (Jason Jarvis) and three Juniors from our area. The 3-Position match is shot at 50 meters, on the A-50 International target. The "X ring is under 0.4 MOA and the 10 ring is about 0.74 MOA. The full course was fired -- 40 shots for record prone, 40 shots for record standing and 40 shots for record kneeling for 1200 points. Joseph Martin (ND) was Match Winner shooting 1113- 24X's. The MN 3-Position Champion is Norman Lilyerd of Mora.



3-Positions Championship

Back Row: Joseph Martin (L), Norman Lilyerd & Jason Jarvis
Front Row: Vinny Hirsch (L) & Ryan Hudson



4-Positon Championship

Left to Right: Joseph Martin, Vinny Hirsch, Nathan Engman & Ryan Hudson

Sunday brought the 4-Position Championship and sunny weather. It also brought wind, very strong frequently switching wind. We were down to four shooters as Jason had to return to Canada Saturday Night. Being traditionalists at the Minneapolis Rifle Club, the Championship Match consisted of the full 4-Position Course; 40 shots for record Prone, Sitting, standing and kneeling plus sighters for a total of 1600 points. Joseph Martin led the way all day. Finishing with an outstanding 1585 – 95X. With the wind buffeting Joseph, he managed to shoot a 398-29X standing! It should be noted that the National Record holder for this course of fire is Olympic Gold Medalist Lones Wigger. His record was shot on August 14, 1966 with a score of 1587-92X. Had the wind been a little kinder history could have been made.

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Vincent Hirsch, an Intermediate Junior shooter won the MN State 4-Position Outdoor Championship shooting a 1509-35X. Great job Vinny! Our other two juniors, Ryan Hudson (IJ) and Nathan Engman (Tyro) had a good showing. This was Ryan's and Nathans first 4-Position match.

Score Summary:

3-Position -- June 25, 2016 - A-50 International Target (50M)

		Prone	X's	Standing	X's	Kneeling	X's	Aggregate	X's	
Vincent	Hirsch	365	5	327	1	313	0	1005	6	
Ryan	Hudson	355	3	255	0	315	3	925	6	
Jason	Jarvis	374	8	252	1	317	1	943	10	
Norman	Lilyerd	379	11	347	5	347	2	1073	18	MN Champion *
										<i>Match</i>
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>359</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>379</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1113</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Winner</i>

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4-Position -- June 26, 2016 -A-23 50 yard NRA Target

		Prone	X's	Sitting	X's	Standing	X's	Kneeling	X's	Aggregate	X's	
Nathan	Engman	357	6	210	0	242	0	215	1	1024	7	
Vincent	Hirsch	392	15	362	6	384	9	371	5	1509	35	MN Champion *
Ryan	Hudson	387	13	363	7	352	4	338	4	1440	28	
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>395</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1585</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>Match Winner</i>

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