

MN State Smallbore Prone Conventional Championship

The Minneapolis Rifle Club hosted the MN prone Small Bore Championship on August 21 & 22, 2016. Nineteen shooters participated in the two-day match. A conventional prone match requires shooters to shoot 160 rounds for score each day. With unlimited sighters may shooters shoot 200 plus rounds of ammunition each day for a total of around 400 rounds of ammunition.

A Conventional Prone Tournament is broken into four matches. First is the 50 yard match where 20 shots are fired at two targets for record. The Dewar match is shot at 50 yards (20 shots) and 100 yards (20 shots). Then there is the 100 yard match where two targets are shot with 20 shots for record. Finally there is the 50 meter match with two targets with 20 rounds each. The first day of the match is shot with metallic sights only, day two is any sight all day.

Day one was rainy and dark, with many squalls coming through making shooting with metallic sights very challenging. The winds were fairly calm making allowing the shooting good groups even with the rain. Many matches had perfect 400 scores posted with high X count. At the end of the match, Larry Sawyer was the first day winner dropping only 3 points, 1597-131 X. Eric Hazelton, a Junior, shot a great score dropping only 6 points for a score of 1594-102X. A recap of day one shows Larry Sawyer winning the 50 yard match with a 400-37X. The Dewar, Larry with a 400-35, 100 yard match, Erik Rhode shooting a 399-25X and finally the 50 meter match Eric Hazelton with a 400-25X.

Day two, the Any Sight Match, brought a beautiful sunny day with calm winds in the morning. The 50 yard match brought on tough competition. Larry Sawyer shot a 400 with 40 X's for a perfect score. Steve Knutson was right on his heels with a 400 – 39X's. In all, 9 shooters shot cleans. Larry's 400 – 40X afforded him the opportunity to challenge the National Record of 400 – 40X's plus an additional 165 X's or a 400 with 210X's. After considering the possibility of shooting 9 additional targets and taking about 3 hours more to shoot, Larry decided to wait until the end of the match to decide if he would attempt the record. The Dewar match went to Steve Knutson with a 400-29X (Stacey Tamulinas was one X behind Steve). The wind started to pick up at the end of the Dewar, and it was gusty for the 100 yard match. Emily Quiner (shooting metallic sights) won the 100 yard match with a great score of 398-21X. Norman Lilyerd showed his stuff to shoot the only 400 in the 50 meter match ending up with a 400-27X. At the end of the day, Eric Hazelton won the any sight match with an outstanding score of 1595-104X's! Note: at the end of the match, Larry decided not to try for the National Record due to the very windy conditions.

When it was all said and done, Larry Sawyer won the title of MN State Champion by shooting a 3190-263X! Eric Hazelton won the Junior State Champion title with 3189-206X's. The Intermediate Junior Trophy was claimed by Norman Lilyerd shooting a 3181-196 X. Ryan Hudson won the Sub Junior Trophy by shooting a 3141-144X. A summary of all the scores is found below.

Special mention goes to Stacey Tamulinas (Texas) High Non-Resident Trophy with a score of 3186-215X. It should also be noted that Jacob Vaagen (North Dakota) Sub Junior shot an outstanding score of 3142-136X.

Special thanks go out to 10pt9.com who sponsored the match wards. 10pt9 contributed over \$300.00 in gift certificates and shooting gear for the awards table. 10pt9 is also going to sponsor next year's awards! Thank you 10pt9.com!!!!!!

Minnesota Outdoor Prone Conventional Smallbore State Championship, August 20 & 21, 2016										
Hosted by Minneapolis Rifle Club										
				Metallic Sight	Metallic Sight	Any Sight	Any Sight	2-Day	2-Day	
				Aggregate	X's	Aggregate	X's	Aggregate	Aggregate	
Nathan	Engman	MKS	SJ	1506	33	1507	38	3013	71	
Jim	Evenson	Ex	GSr	1575	82	1584	72	3159	154	
Ross	Ewert	MA		1593	96	1582	105	3175	201	
Elizabeth	Ewert	SS	IJ	1589	99	1585	88	3174	187	
Kendall	Fussy	MU	IJ	1351	12	1505	34	2856	46	
Eric	Hazelton	M	Jr	1594	102	1595	104	3189	206	Jr. State Champion
Vincent	Hirsch	SS	IJ	1576	80	1569	71	3145	151	
Ryan	Hudson	Mks	SJ	1573	69	1568	75	3141	144	<u>Sub Junior Trophy</u>
Phillip	Klanderud	MU		1581	78	1566	71	3147	149	
Steve	Knutson	M		1586	89	1592	106	3178	195	
Norman	Lilyerd	MA	IJ	1589	90	1592	106	3181	196	<u>Intermediate Junior Trophy</u>
Rand	Mcleod	SS	Sr.	1565	59	1582	80	3147	139	
Elmer	Miller	SS	GSr	1546	60	1558	64	3104	124	
Emily	Quiner	M		1584	89	1592	101	3176	190	
Erik	Rhode	Ex		1595	104	1586	114	3181	218	
Larry	Sawyer	MA		1597	131	1593	132	3190	263	State Champion
Jon	Speck	SS	Sr	1555	60	1579	71	3134	131	
Stacey	Tamulinas	M	Sr	1592	108	1594	107	3186	215	<u>High Non Resident</u>
Jacob	Vaagen	MKS	SJ	1569	64	1573	72	3142	136	<u>High Non Resident Sub Junior</u>



Back row (L to R): Steve Knutson, Jon Speck, Ross Ewert, Jim Evenson, Elmer Miller, Erik Rhode, Norman Lilyerd, Eric Hazelton, Stacey Tamulinas.

Front Row (L to R): Elizabeth Ewert, Kendall Fussy, Emily Quiner, Vincent Hirsch, Ryan Hudson, Nathan Engman and Larry Sawyer

Thank you all for attending this year's MN prone Championship. I hope you had as much fun as I did. I am looking forward to seeing you all at next year's Championship!

I wish good shooting for all and high X counts!

George Minerich