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SUPER SHOOT XIII

Larry Mixon and Dennis Wagner take the class wins, Lester Bruno takes the two gun.

Super Shoot 13 was held at the Kelby range, North Lawrence, Ohio on May 23rd-26th, 1985 for the unlimited class and the heavy varmint class. There were 143 shooters in the heavy gun class, while the 13½ pound class had 221 shooters on the firing line. A long-shot won the heavy class, while unsurprising names took heavy varmint and the two gun. This was expected to be the match when Don Geraci would "make his move" in his quest for a third straight "Benchrest Shooter of the Year" award . . . but throughout the four days, Don was seemingly always in contention, but still, unable to come up with that one screamer group that he so badly needed. The heavy varmint class 100 yard stage went to a foreigner (defined as living east of Long Island), the winds blew like crazy at times, and just before the awards ceremony a nice lady from Canada made a fiery speech about the Canadians being a downtrodden minority or something . . . and confused Skip Gordon, who had never thought of Canadians as foreigners before this. Still, all in all, the gods be thanked . . . there was no rain . . . the beer was cold . . . there were friendships renewed, lies told, bull thrown, guns bought, sold, and traded . . . there was no ill will, and most of us left Ohio completely talked out.

In the unlimited class, at 100 yards, Dr. Larry Mixon, of Columbus, Ohio, firing a rail gun, fired groups of .265, .305, .384, .283, and .271, for a .3016 agg, and first place. When 143 top level shooters get together, and cannot get anyone into "the twos" at the shorter yardage, one can reasonably presume that the conditions were, at least . . . tricky. Following Dr. Mixon were: 2-3.) Myles Hollister .3190 (tie) 2-3.) Jerry Masker .3190 (tie), 4.) Todd Cunningham .3220, 5.) Eric Euber .3244, 6.) Don Geraci .3372, 7.) Brian Rubright .3404, 8.) Howard Levy .3418, 9.) Seely Masker .3488, 10.) Tom Van Landingham .3514.

At 200 yards, Lester Bruno of Kelayres, Pa. fired groups of .588, .740, .962, .864

and .544, to take the first place trophy for the longer distance, with an agg of .3698. Rounding out the top ten here were: 2.) Larry Earp .3732, 3.) Lowell Frei .3814, 4.) Gary Ocock .3832, 5.) Tony Boyer .3865, 6.) Phil Sauer .3889, 7.) Tom Metzger .3958, 8.) Ed Watson .4030, 9.) Ron Keim .4075, 10.) Dennis Wagner .4077.

While all this was going on, and the Brunos, the Earps, the Freis were brawling in the gutters of North Lawrence over the 200 yard crown, Dr. Larry Mixon failed to make the top ten. Well, he was 11th, to be exact, with a .4146. Still, when the chips were down, and the title slipping from his grasp, Larry Mixon pulled his act together . . . watch the way these Mixon groups go . . . 1.2228 . . . 1.315 (and at this point the gentleman appeared to be a goner) . . . 356, .585, and .662. That's the way that all the books on being a champion tell us to do it!

Top twenty, grand agg, unlimited class: 1.) Dr. Larry Mixon .3581, 2.) Lester Bruno .3837, 3.) Gary Ocock .3849, 4.) Ed Watson .3877, 5.) Don Geraci .3894, 6.) Larry Earp .3926, 7.) Gerald Masker .3929, 8.) Ron Hoehn .3940, 9.) Tony Boyer .4015, 10.) Walt Berger .4075, 11.) Ron Keim .4090, 12.) Ferris Pindell .4101, 13.) Jeff Summers .4118, 14.) Bart Wieder .4125, 15.) Myles Hollister .4134, 16.) Orlin Gilkerson .4157, 17.) Faye Boyer .4162, 18.) Eric Euber .4165, 19.) Tom Metzger .4189, 20.) Seely Masker .4191.

When heavy varmint class rolled around, and we were able to return to that delightful practice of shooting five shot groups, in stead of ten, the confounded weather conditions continued to be difficult to read, and to judge. Virtually no one was able to put the range in its proper place at the one hundred yard stage . . . just about no one . . . well, maybe there was one exception. And what an exception, Daniele Tincani, of Reggid Emilia, Italy knocked the range into a corner, and kicked it a few times when it was down (I believe that the ranage re-

membered all this, when the 200 yard stage rolled around) . . . but at 100 yards, it was all The Pride of Reggid Emilia, with groups of .252, .177, .155, .129 and .158, for a sparkling .1742 range agg, and a big win indeed. Rounding out the top ten: 2.) Dennis Wagner .2322, 3.) Luigi Casanova .2324, 4.) Jim Stekl .2358, 5.) Howard Levy .2432, 6.) Fred Hasecuster .2456, 7.) Bart Wieder .2466, 8.) Ferris Pindell .2516, 9.) Ed Joiner .2518, 10.) Steve Gibbons .2562.

At 200 yards, Lester Bruno gave us the usual Bruno suspense story . . . the wind howling bad enough to knock you off your bench, one minute to go, and Mr. Bruno is still shooting holes in his sighter target, checking this condition, checking that condition, and with about 45 seconds left . . . with all that knowledge from ten sighter shots locked into the little computer . . . let's go up topside, and see what happens. Lester won both 200 yard stages this year . . . but it certainly was nerve wracking at times. The heavy varmint class was won via groups of .350, 500, .516, 1.122 and .504, for a .2992 figure. Following the Bruno suspense story were: 2.) Dennis Wagner .3389, 3.) George Kelby .3483, 4.) Glen Newick .3656, 5.) Robert Kingsbury .3693, 6.) Kenneth McFarland .3694, 7.) Paul Beaver .3733, 8.) Jim Borden .3738, 9.) Ron Hoehn .3861, 10.) Russell Boop .3869.

Grand agg time, in the ever popular heavy varmint class. Shall we give the big trophy to Daniele Tincani, the blowout winner at 100 yards? Not really, a 117th place finish at 200 yards has dropped him to 20th place in the grand. Lester Bruno, a tidy winner at 200 yards? Close, but no banana . . . a 36th place at 100 yards will consign him to second place. And what about Herve du Plessis de Grenedan? Out of the question; not enough room on the trophy name plate. Well, how about Dennis Wagner? Second place at 100 yards, and second place at 200 yards should be good for something,

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NEW NBRSA RECORDS

Conditions must have been pretty good at the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis on April 13th and 14th. Either that or a few individuals finally figured out which wind-flag to watch.

DICK KATCHMAR, of Decatur, Illinois fired a new sporter class, 100 yard agg record of .1573, which convincingly replaced the old record of .1773, fired by Jef Fowler on 7/28/80. Mr. Katchmar fired a 6 PPC, Hall action, Hart barrel, Leupold 36x scope, and what the editor regards as the "classic" powder load for the 6 PPC 27.5 grains of H 322, with 68 grain Euber bullets. The rifle was gunsmithed by Fred Sinclair.

RICH GRIFFIN, of Hazelwood, Missouri waited until they put the target frames out at the 200 yard mark before he began his heroics. Mr. Griffin chose to retire the heavy varmint class 200 yard mark of .1827, set by Larry Hahn on 3/20/83; Mr. Griffin's .1816 figure was sufficient to do just that. Richard used a 6 PPC, Stolle action, Shilen barrel, Leupold 36x scope, an unspecified amount of T 322 with Berger bullets, in a rifle smithed by Mike Bishop.

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shouldn't it? Not a bad guess there, Boopsie! Grand agg, heavy varmint class:

1.) Dennis Wagner, .2855, 2.) Lester Bruno .2974, 3.) Glenn Newick .3135, 4.) George Kelbly .3369, 5.) Ron Hoehn 3387, 6.) Nate Boop .3394, 7.) Don Geraci .3406, 8.) Fred Hasecuster .3469, 9.) Bob Kingsbury 10.) Eric Euber .3626, 11.) Allan Hall .3547, 12.) Ken McFareland .3486, 13.) Bart Wieder .3570, 14.) Phil Sauer .3582, 15.) Jeff Summers .3583, 16.) Ferris Pindell .3613, 17.) Jim Borden .3618, 18.) Fletcher Williams 19.) Frank Jezioro .3669, 20.) Daniele Tincani .3763.

Finally, the two gun award, which has had, in previous years, a tendency to just be given to Don Geraci, even before the final results were posted. This year it was sort of decided on that we had better wait, until the computer print out occurs. The big one, the real big one, went to Lester Bruno, of Kelayres, Pa., who took the 200 yard portion of both classes. A bit hard to quarrel with the justice of giving the big award to a guy who won both longer yardages in what can best be termed as #?!*\$\$! gale. The match was twice interrupted because movie crews were filming "Force Ten, From Navaronne" on the range. You gotta take your hat off to a guy who is just going upstairs to his record target with 45 seconds left, with a hurricane going and who slams a 200 yard half-incher down

range just as the club house blows away.

Top twenty, the two gun at the 1985 Super Shoot: 1.) Lester Bruno .3405, 2.) Dennis Wagner .3620, 3.) Don Geraci .3605, 4.) Ron Hoehn .3663, 5.) Eric Euber .3845, 6.) Bart Wieder .3847, 7.) Jeff Summers .3850, 8.) Ferris Pindell .3857, 9.) Nate Boop, .3898, 10.) Phil Sauer .3903, 11.) Tony Boyer .3912, 12.) Glenn Newick .3939, 13-14.) Gary Ocock .3639, 13-14.) Myles Hollister .3969 (tie) 15.) George Kelbly .3992, 16.) Lowell Frei .4051, 17.) Jerry Masker .4158, 18.) Jim Greenawalt .4161, 19.) Larry Scharnhorst .4162, 20.) Seely Masker .4182.

BATON ROUGE

The Baton Rouge gang had nine shooters and real windy conditions at their April 21st hunter class match at 100 yards. Winds or not, this is Louisiana, son, and you need a 250 to win down here: 1.) Weldon Laviolette 250-8x, 2.) Jimmie Broussard 248-11x, 3.) Francis Broussard 244-7x. The heavy factory class went to Dr. Bernard Altenburg, with a 210-0x in his first ever benchrest match. Agg winner Weldon Laviolette of Lafayette, Louisiana fired a .308, Remington 700 action, McMillan barrel, Weaver T-6 scope, and 41.9 grains of H 4895 with 168 grain Sierra bullets. After the match, they held a hunter match with entry restricted to .22 rimfire, and shot it at 50 yards and 100 yards, using the 100 and 200 yard hunter targets. In view of the windy condition going on, the scores are of some interest. At 50 yards: 1.) Troy Smith 244-7x, 2.) Jimmie Broussard 240-7x, 3.) Francis Broussard 235-2x. At 100 yards: 1.) Troy Smith 235-1x, 2.) Jimmie Broussard 229-1x, 3.) Francis Broussard 227-1x. Grand aggs: 1.) Troy Smith 479-9x, 2.) Jimmie Broussard 469-8x, 3.) Francis Broussard 462-3x.

There were eleven shooters at the March 31st match at 100-200 yards, and again it was a windy day. At 100 yards: 1.) Jimmie Broussard 248-10x, 2.) Gary Vincent 248-8x, 3.) E. M. Baggett 246-12x. Heavy factory, Ken Lilje 244-7x; light factory, Mickey Kinney 216-1x. At 200 yards: 1.) Gary Vincent 244-2x, 2.) E. M. Baggett 237-4x, 3.) Alec Pettigrew 235-2x. Heavy factory, Norman Bennett 229-0x; light factory, Mickey Kinney 176-0x. Grand agg: 1.) Gary Vincent 492-10x, 2.) E. M. Baggett 483-16x, 3.) Jimmie Broussard 481-11x. Heavy factory, Norman Bennett 473-4x; light factory, Mickey Kinney 392-1x. Grand agg winner Gary Vincent, of Lafayette, fired a 6 HLS, Remington 700 action, McMillan barrel, Leupold scope, and a real hefty amount of 760 powder with Euber 68 grain bullets.