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BY THE EDITOR

Many, many years ago, the Editor always wrote the Super Shoot report. Then the powers-that-be at Precision Shooting, Inc took note of the obvious...when he was away from the office there were a multitude of minor problems arising just about daily. For instance, nobody wanted to be the one to bring the mail to the Post Office (particularly if it was raining or snowing)... Since he was always the first one into the office each morning this did away with arguments as to who would have the closest parking spot to the building...He was always the one that was given the difficult phone inquiries ("I'm new to reloading. Which way is up when I seat the primer?")...And he made the difficult phone calls that no one else wished to make...such as calling the landlord to tell him that the roof had just started leaking...right over the landlord's office...or the contractor that had been hired to repaint the stripes and other esoteric stuff for the building's parking lot had apparently not understood the directions at all...and there have been two head-on accidents in the parking lot in the last five min-

utes...and the Police were here and wanted to talk to the building owner.

Anyway, I'm being sent back to Ohio to cover the Super Shoot once again and the fellow who painted all the directional arrows pointing the wrong way in the parking lot here will be covering the phone calls while I'm gone.

This year (2011, I do believe) some 242 shooters descended on North Lawrence, Ohio, all determined to do Great Things Indeed at this year's Super Shoot. Since there can only be one winner, that guarantees that there will be 241 souls driving home, and grumbling unhappily to themselves once the match is over. The Kelblys feel badly about this but it's your own fault and maybe next year you will have learned not to fire in either complete reversals, letups, or times when no one else is firing.

Since we had been away from the match for a while we thought it would be educational to see who had been doing the winning in our absence; ten years was selected as being "statistically significant" (whatever that means). Our back issue library here turned up the following:

2010...George Carter
 2009...Tony Boyer
 2008...Larry Costa
 2007...Steve Robbins
 2006...Lee Euber
 2005...Billy Stevens
 2004...Mike Ratigan
 2003...Ron Hoehn
 2002...Tony Boyer
 2001...Ed Hall

Maybe we should just move into the match report for the 2011 Super Shoot and hold the discussion on the philosophy of Spinoza until a later date.

The Rangemaster, Ian Kelbly, was asked for the "official" word on what the weather conditions were for the four days of shooting for record this year. Note that there was no sense in asking someone who was actually there...all benchrest shooters tend to exaggerate terribly. So do highpower shooters, small-bore shooters and that entire ilk. But Ian Kelbly, while actually present for the goings-on, was not a contestant, and as such his word on conditions is unlikely to be exaggerated all to kingdom come. Ian tells us: First day, third day and fourth day...all sunny, with temperatures in the 60's. The second day

had rain in the morning and clearing in the afternoon. Actually, for a match in "sunny Ohier" that was just about unbelievable...since many of us feel that when the End of the World does come...it will be in the middle of a Super Shoot. Still, for a while there it looked as if Mother Nature was going to get her two cents worth in...on the evening of the first day of shooting it got black as the Pit, with tornado warnings and you-name-it. Nothing much came of it, but for a while there an underground bomb shelter looked like a good place to ride this one out.

First day, 10.5 pound class, 100 yards. Wayne Campbell, the pride of Concord, Virginia, served notice that he was going to be a handful to deal with this year with a Shoot Record range aggregate of .1538.

Several shooters looked at that stat on the Wailing Wall and thought about going home and catching up on their sleep. Only the threatening weather deterred them. Trailing Mr. Campbell (only in the loosest of fashion, admittedly) were: 2) Allen Arnette .1890, 3) Lester Bruno .1920, 4) Gene Bukys .2022, 5) Steve Theye .2094. Small Group award went to Eric Stecker for his eye-blinking .054 group, although Wayne Campbell made him work for it with a too-close-for-comfort .063 group.

10.5 pound class, 200 yards: Jack Neary found himself without the usual crowd of autograph seekers after the 100 yard stage and apparently decided that he missed their familiar company. A 200 yard range aggregate of .2166 promptly followed and all the autograph

seekers came flocking back. So did Larry Costa, with a .2279 200 yard agg to put together with his seventh place 100 yard agg of .2108, and served quiet notice that he was not at all ready to concede anything to the afore-mentioned Jack Neary. The balance of the top five at 200 yards: 3) Steve Williams .2475, 4) Victor Potts .2584, 5) Don Nielson .2680. It's outside of the top five, but we note the presence of Tony Boyer in sixth place with a .2736. In past years at the Super Shoot a sixth place finish by Mr. Boyer was usually a pretty good indication that merry hell was about to bust loose, and no matter how big a lead you might have over Mr. Boyer at this point in time...it was shortly going

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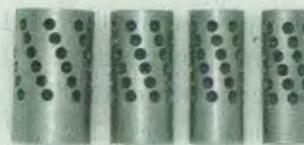
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to prove to have been grossly inadequate. Richard Watson took small group honors for the 200 yard stage with a .183.

Grand Aggregate, 10.5 pound class. Larry Costa pulled out the win, overcoming that monstrous lead Wayne Campbell had, via his .1538 100 yard agg. For the record: 1) Larry Costa .2193, 2) Wayne Campbell .2274. Lester Bruno (often considered a 200 yard specialist) proceeded to confuse everyone by taking third place in the grand agg with a .2396 figure, which was anchored by his third place at the shorter yardage. Don Nielson took fourth place with his .2474 and Tony Boyer finished fifth with .2502. (Well, he picked up one place there, but that's not gonna get 'er done with the way that some of these people have been shooting so far.) On the other hand, if you were in charge of updating the Dictionary with a new edition and you wanted a photo to illustrate the phrase "miracle finish"...I'd try to get a Tony Boyer photo if I were you. Balance of the Top Ten shooters: 6) Jack Neary .2511, 7) Bart Sauter .2514, 8) Allen Arnette .2533, 9) Gene Bukys .2578, 10) Lowell Hottenstein .2605.

Now, with the Heavy Varmint class coming up, those shooters who did well in the 10.5 pound class probably sat up most of the

night, trying to decide whether to stay with the hot shooting 10.5 pounder, or to grab the extra three pounds and take their chances with the as-yet-unproven heavier rifle. There really is no correct answer to the quandary...and no matter which way you elect to go for your choice...you can be assured that it will be the wrong decision. You might as well sit up for the night, polishing your brass, and not think about it at all. Trust me; this is Experience talking here, son.

13.5 pound class, 100 yards: 1) Chris Harris .1706, 2) Gene Bukys .1790, 3) Jeff Summers .1892, 4) Dave Coots .1938, 5) Larry Costa .2006. The small group award went to Andy Shifflett for his .084 tidy little group. Conditions have apparently picked up a bit, but nothing to write home about. In the lighter gun class there were three shooters "in the teens" at 100 yards and here, in the heavier class, we have four. The Top Ten listing shows some shooters who are perennial contenders in "Benchrest Shooter of the Year" competition and a few names that are relatively unfamiliar. The more that some things change, the more they stay the same. Well, let's move on to the 200 yard stage here...in the class and distance that has long separated the contenders and the pretenders. Judgment day is here, lads.

13.5 pound class, 200 yards: 1) Lee Hachigian .1937, 2) Gene Bukys .2014, 3) Bob White .2026, 4) Harley Baker .2088, 5) Billy

Stevens .2099. Balance of Top Ten: 6) Dave Bruno .2131, 7) Jay Sperry .2157, 8) Dan Monfort .2208, 9) Clayton Martin .2256, 10) Dale Boop .2265. Small group honors went to Milt Craven for his .181 group.

Grand Aggregate, 13.5 pound class: 1) Gene Bukys .1902, 2) Jeff Summers .2085, 3) Al Blackwell .2169, 4) Chris Harris .2186, 5) Jeff Graves .2188, 6) Dave Coots .2255, 7) Larry Costa .2302, 8) Kevin Huff .2329, 9) Wayne Campbell .2331, 10) Steve Theye .2332.

It's now time for the *Big Kahuna* of the Super Shoot awards: The Two Gun Aggregate. Two classes, each with two distances contested. That's four categories for your personal pursuit of fame and fortune. Conversely it is also four opportunities for a royal screw-up. We shall focus here on the twenty shooters who made the Top Twenty listing for the Two Gun award. From a detached perspective, regardless if you were in the top three or the bottom three of that August listing... you survived in mighty fast company and you can well take pride in what you accomplished in eastern Ohio on a singularly dry week in late May of 2011. With 242 shooters on the grounds, only 20 shooters made the Top Twenty listing. That's a tad over 8% who "made the cut" as they say in golf. My compliments to the twenty of you...and richly deserved they are.

TOP TWENTY SHOOTERS, 2011 SUPER SHOOT:

1) Gene Bukys .2240, 2) Larry Costa .2247, 3) Wayne Campbell .2302, 4) Jack Neary .2434, 5) Chris Harris .2447, 6) Bart Sauter .2485, 7) Jeff Summers .2506, 8) Tony Boyer .2553, 9) Lester Bruno .2580, 10) Harley Baker .2635, 11)



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Allen Arnette .2640, 12) Mustafa Bilal .2672, 13) Bob White .2673, 14) Jeff Graves .2690, 15) Lowell Hottenstein .2695, 16) Peter Rasch .2702, 17) Andy Shifflett .2717, 18) Victor Potts .2719, 19) T.K. Nollan .2726, 20) Jeff Gaidos .2727.

And a special tip of the hat to Gene Bukys, who lost a tough one to George Carter last year, when

George fired a .2233 and Gene came ever so close with his .2243 and had to settle for second place in the Two Gun aggregate. This year was another bar room brawl, but this time the fates were kinder to Gene Bukys. Somewhat scratched up and bloodied up in the melee, none the less this time it was his turn to be a narrow-margin winner,

besting Larry Costa with a .2240 agg figure to Larry's .2247. What was the title of that old Johnny Cash song...? *"Life Ain't Easy For a Boy named Sue"*

Nobody ever said that life would be easy. Least of all...at the Super Shoot.



The following is a list of the top twenty in the 13.5# class.

	Action	Scope	Barrel	Gunsmith	Stock	Stocker	Rest	Powder	Bullet	Trigger	Agg
1. Gene Bukys	BAT	Leu/Bukys	Bartlein	Self	Scoville	Scoville	Bald Eagle	133	Hott.	Jewell	.1902
2. Jeff Summers	Panda	March	Krieger	Self	Leonard	Leonard	Wichita	133	Self	Jewell	.2085
3. Al Blackwell	BAT	March	Bartlein	Self	Scoville	Scoville	Farley	8208	Bruno	Jewell	.2169
4. Chris Harris	BAT	March	Bartlein	Self	Scoville	Scoville	Farley	133	Bishop	Jewell	.2186
5. Jeff Graves	BAT	March	Bartlein	Stevens	Leonard	Stevens	Farley	133	Knight	Jewell	.2188
6. Dave Coots	BAT	March	Bartlein	Ocock	Leonard	Meredith	Farley	133	Hott.	??	.2255
7. Larry Costa	Panda	March	Bartlein	Self	Scarborough	Scarborough	Farley	133	Hott.	Kelbly	.2302
8. Kevin Huff	BAT	Leup.	Krieger	D.Bruno	BAT	D.Bruno	??	133	Hott.	??	.2329
9. Wayne Campbell	Panda	Leup.	Bartlein	Campbell	Leonard	Self	Farley	133	Hott.	Jewell	.2331
10. Steve Theye	BAT	Leup.	Krieger	Scott	Scarborough	Scarborough	Farley	133	Hott.	Jewell	.2332
11. Mustafa Bilal	BAT	March	Bartlein	Dickson	Pierce	Pierce/Dickson	JJ	133	Bishop	Jewell	.2339
12. Jack Neary	BAT	Leup.	Bartlein	D.Bruno	Kelbly	D.Bruno	Sinclair	133	Hott.	Jewell	.2359
13. Andy Shifflett	BAT	Leup.	Krieger	Scott	Scarborough	Scarborough	Farley	133	Hott.	Jewell	.2392
14. Jay Sperry	BAT	Leup.	Bartlein	Simison	Leonard	TM	Farley	T8208	Bart's	Jewell	.2395
15. Harley Baker	BAT	Leup.	Bartlein	Campbell	Leonard	Campbell	Farley	133	JD's	Jewell	.2411
15. Kent Harshman	Hart	Leup.	Bartlein	Goodling	Kelbly	Goodling	Farley	133	JD's	Jewell	.2411
17. Dean Ekstrom	BAT	March	Krieger	Ocock	Leonard	Leonard	Farley	133	Bart's	Jewell	.2416
18. Lee Hachigian	BAT	Leup.	Krieger	Scott	Scoville	Scoville	Bald Eagle	133	Hott.	Jewell	.2425
19. Billy Stevens	BAT	Leup.	Hart	Self	Leonard	Self	Farley	133	Bart's	Jewell	.2436
20. Bart Sauter	Panda	March	Krieger	Stevens	Kelbly	Stevens	Farley	133	Bart's	Jewell	.2456

2011 FISS 10.5 Top Twenty w/equipment

	Action	Scope	Barrel	Gunsmith	Stock	Stocker	Rest	Powder	Bullet	Trigger	Agg
1. Larry Costa	Panda	March	Bartlein	Self	Scarborough/Scarborough	Farley	V133	Hottenstein	Kelbly	Jewell	.2193
2. Wayne Campbell	Farley	Leupold	Bartlein	Self	Borden	Campbell	Farley	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	.2270
3. Lester Bruno	BAT	Leupold	Krieger	Self	Bruno	Self	Hart	V133	Bruno	Jewell	.2396
4. Don Nielson	Panda	March	Bartlein	Self	Larson	Self	Wagner	T 32	Berger	Kelbly	.2474
5. Tony Boyer	BAT	Leupold	Shilen	Scott	Scarborough/Scarborough	Farley	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	Jewell	.2502
6. Jack Neary	BAT	Leupold	Bartlein	D. Bruno	Scarborough/Scarborough	Farley	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	Jewell	.2511
7. Bart Sauter	Panda	March	Krieger	Stevens	Kelbly	D. Bruno	Farley	V133	Bart's	Jewell	.2514
8. Allen Arnette	Rosenthal	March	Shilen	Self	Scott	Self	Farley	V133	AA	Jewell	.2533
9. Gene Bukys	BAT	Leu/Bukys	Bartlein	Self	Scoville	Scoville	Bald Eagle	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	.2578
10. L. Hottenstein	BAT	Leupold	Barlein	Scott	Scoville	Scoville	Hart	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	.2605
11. Victor Potts	BAT	Leupold	Krieger	Bruno	TM	TM	Sinclair	V133	Bart's	Jewell	.2605
12. Bud Welsh	BAT	March	Krieger	Self	Lee Six	Self	Farley	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	.2647
13. Chris Harris	BAT	March	Bartlein	Self	Scoville	Scoville	Farley	V133	Bishop	Jewell	.2666
14. Don Rosette	BAT	Leupold	Krieger	D. Bruno	Scoville	Scoville	Farley	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	.2708
15. Jeff Gaidos	BAT	Leupold	Krieger	D. Bruno	Scoville	Scoville	Sinclair	V133	Gaidos	Jewell	.2710
16. T.K. Nolan	BAT	March	Krieger	Self	BAT	Dickson	K	V133	Hottenstein	Jewell	.2803
17. Don Powell	Panda	March	Hart	Self	Adamowicz	TM	Powell	V133	Welsh	Jewell	.2810
18. Greg Walley	Panda	March	Krieger	Kelbly	Kelbly	Kelbly	Walley	8208	Kelbly	Kelbly	.2840
19. Bob White	BAT	Sightron	Bartlein	Self	Scarborough	Self	Farley	V133	Ulrich	Jewell	.2857
20. Harley Baker	BAT	Leupold	Bartlein	Campbell	Leonard	Campbell	Farley	V133	JD's	Jewell	.2860