

Match Director Report

2017 1000 Yard World Championship Match
Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Phoenix, Arizona

Practice day for the 2nd Annual 1000 Yard World Championship dawned calm and pleasant, but with a forecast of unseasonably hot temperatures coming our way. **Day 1** quickly heated up, with wind flags fishtailing in a squirrely breeze. Jim Terry, sassy in his kilt, led the field as overall winner, with Dave Gullo and Chip Mate nipping at his heels. Ray Hanson, shooting muzzleloader, was High Muzzleloader and came in 4th Overall, while Lee Bumbalow shot a spectacular 288-5x with his Vintage Sniper Rifle.

Day 2 shooters enjoyed a brilliant red sunrise over the desert and brand new targets. The wind was again light and variable, which seemed to hurt scores for the day. Dave Gullo got a handle on it, and crushed the competition, coming in First Overall, with Jason Porter and Klaus Schattleitner capturing 2nd and 3rd Overall. Lee Bumbalow again turned in high score for Vintage Sniper Rifles, and Ray Hanson again took High Muzzleloader. Everyone enjoyed a Famous Dave's BBQ dinner and door prizes generously donated by our sponsors.

Day 3 was another hot one, with shooters happy to take their turn in the cool pits. Zack Taylor beat the heat, coming in First Overall, with Dave Gullo Second Overall and Chip Mate grabbing Third Overall. Nori Thorne was seen doing her happy dance when she squeaked High Vintage Sniper by one point. Of course, the Aggregate tells the whole tale, and Dave Gullo remained consistent enough on all three days to garner the World Champion title. His able spotter, John Venhous, received the Dan Theodore Memorial Top Spotter Award as well as 3rd Master and 2nd Super Senior. Zack Taylor's impressive score on Day 3 helped him win 2nd World Champion, and Jim Terry cruised into 3rd World Champion position. Ray Hanson with his muzzle stuffer received Top Muzzleloader, ending up top ten, and Lee Bumbalow took Top Vintage Sniper Rifle by a mile with his 829-14x. Zack Taylor grabbed high Super Senior with Steve Rhoades in 3rd place. Nori Thorne and Gayle Boyle came in First and Second Woman, respectively.

Kudos go to Greg Burri, Assistant Match Director, for efficiently calling the match and keeping us safe. Thanks to everyone who joined us this year. We hope to see more vintage sniper rifles and muzzleloaders on the line next year!

Tim Thorne
Match Director