

Modern Precision Rifle Match

The modern precision rifle match on Saturday, March 19, incorporated a new challenge that we hadn't seen in previous matches. At first glance, this match seemed to consist of the standard things done before in these types of matches, with:

- a. 20 rounds in 20 minutes, one continuous string.
- b. Target 1 at 200 yards: 3 sighter shots allowed, followed by 5 shots. Best 5 shots count for score.
- c. Target 2 at 250 yards: 5 shots.
- d. Target 3 consists of 5 separate clay targets on the berm at 270 yards: each clay is 10 points if hit but - 20 points if left standing at the end. 10 cartridges allocated for this. Get a +10-point bonus for each cartridge left at the end.

And the shooter may have a spotter assist in calling hits and misses.

Wait, what was that "d." part again - 5 clays on the berm at 270 yards and there's penalties and bonuses involved? OK, now that is different.

Eight shooters showed up at 8:00 a.m. on this chilly Texan morning to try Match Director Frank Bliss' new twist on the precision rifle match. We saw some big scopes on the various Remington and Savage rifles, among other types. 6.5 Creedmoor was well represented among the shooters, and old tried and true .223 and .308 were there also.



The precision rifle shooters demonstrated they knew how to use their equipment with some impressive scores on the MR-52 targets used for the 200 yard and 250-yard targets. But the match was won or lost on the 5 orange clays. There was a moderate south to north wind, which didn't appear to affect the 200- and 250-yard targets. But the grass around the orange clays on the berm told a different story. Little gusts would lay down the grass time and again and play its effects on an ill-timed shot.



When it was all done, we saw Ken Dorsett take 1st place for bolt rifles, Bob Bellman in 2nd place, and Steve Urban in 3rd place. In the semi-auto rifle category, Bob Bellman took 1st place.



Bob Bellman, Ken Dorsett, and Steve Urban were the winners at the March 2022 Modern Precision Rifle Match.

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