

41 st IBS Annual Membership Meeting  
January 15&16, 2010

The International Benchrest Shooters 41st Annual Membership meeting was held in the Harrisburg Holiday Inn and Conference Center in New Cumberland, Pa. on January 15-16, 2010. There was a social time held on Friday night and committees had the opportunity to meet and discuss information.

The members' meeting was called to order at 9:10a.m. by President Jeff Stover followed by a Moment of Silence to remember friends and fellow shooters who had passed away in the previous year. A roll call was held of the 45 clubs that held registered IBS matches; a quorum was obtained either by a representative at the meeting or by proxy.

Joan Borden gave the Secretary report. Membership as of January 14, 2010 is 1557. Joan reported that \$34,680.67 was turned over to the Treasurer.

Bill Gebhardt gave the Treasurer report. Bill reported a balance in general account to be \$14,523.16 and PR account \$12,018.54.

The IBS Recording Secretary and Treasurer's books were audited by a CPA. The IBS Audit Committee consisting of Gary Amatrudo and Bill Sargent also reviewed the books and found that everything was in order. Gary Amatrudo reported to the membership that good records were being kept.

The election of Executive Board officers was announced. Results were as follows: John Cascarino is the new 2nd VP and Bill Gebhardt was reelected as Treasurer. Jeff thanked Gerry Malerba for running for office. John Cascarino thanked the members who voted for him.

Gary Amatrudo gave the **Group Committee report**. Group Shooter of the Year- 5th place Russell Rains, 4th- Andy Shifflett, 3rd- Jack Neary, 2nd- Joel Nader and 1st- Harley Baker.

Group Shooter Rookie of the Year- 3rd- George Shinlock, 2nd- Robert Blanchard, and 1st- Donna Bizzell.

President- Jeff Stover presented Kent Harshman with his Gold (100 points) level Precision Rifleman plaque. This achievement has only been attained by 19 shooters.

Bill Sargent gave the **Score Committee report**. Bill stated that the Score Shooter of the year award points would be given as previously posted. 6X class: 5th place- Gary Long, 4th place- Bill Sargent, 3rd place- Peter Hills, 2nd place- Peter Wass, and 1st place- Orland Bunker.

VFS class: 5th place- Mike Rippey, 4th place- Bob Llewellyn, 3rd place- Henry Rivers, 2nd place- Wayne France, and 1st place- Jim Wooten.

Score Rookie of the Year- Andy Buzzell.

**Long Range committee report** was given by Jeff Walker that was prepared by Committee Chair- Lee Fischer.

Nine 1000 yard clubs held 84 matches. The average of 48 shooters per match was down from 51 shooters per match in 2008. The 1000 yard Nationals was held in Iowa. There were 79 Light and 69 Heavy gun shooters. The Long Range Marksman awards were given out at the 1000 yard Nationals. The following earned Jackets- Clay Earhart, Charles Ellertson, and Stanley Taylor. Lee Fischer achieved the 130 point Level and Danny Brooks the 190 point Level. There were three records broken: Joel Pendegraft shot a- ten shot Group record of 3.048 inches -, Al Forbes-had a 6 match Heavy Gun Score aggregate of 4.281 inches, while Lee Fischer set a - six match Heavy gun Score aggregate record of 98.833. The 1000 yard Shooter of the Year is Bob Rosen. Rookie of the Year is William Ice and Patti VanDonsel is Female Shooter of Year. Mason Hildreth is Junior SOY.

In 600 yards there were seven clubs that held 34 matches. Total shooters per match were 43 in 2009. The total number of 600yard shooters increased about 26% . 600 Yard Nationals were held at The Varmint Hunters Club. There were 50 Light gun shooters and 48 heavy gun shooters. There were three 600yard records broken. Mike Davis 600 yard Heavy Gun Group aggregate, Larry Isenhour 600 Light Gun Score and Samuel Hall 600 yard Heavy Gun Score aggregate. The 600 Yard Shooter of the Year is Samuel Hall.

The Long Range committee will not have an election at this time- but will be voted on at a later time.

Jeff Stover asked for nominations for people to serve on the Group Committee. Nominations were: Kent Harshman, Andy Shifflett, Mark Trutt, Sid Goodling, Harley Baker, Russell Rains, and Gary Amatrudo. Gary Amatrudo declined the nomination. David Halblom made a motion to close the nominations and Curtis Nelson seconded it. Group Committee for 2010 will be: Harley Baker, Russell Raines, Mark Trutt, Sid Goodling, Kent Harshman, and Andy Shifflett.

Nominations for Score Committee were: Herb Llewelyn, Mike Rippey, Gary Long-(Gary declined the nomination), Bill Sargent, Wayne France, Randy Perkowski, Ken Livengood, and Orland Bunker. Motion to close nominations was made by Francis Becigneul, and seconded by David Apple. The Score committee for 2010 will be Bill Sargent, Wayne France, Randy Perkowski, Ken Livengood, Orland Bunker, and Herb Llewellyn.

A Committee was appointed to set up the Score Shooter Hall of Fame. The committee will be: Gary Long, Ken Livengood, Jim Wooten, Bill Gebhardt, and Bill Sargent.

Kent Harshman gave the Records committee report. Members of the committee are Bob Hart, Dave Tooley and Kent Harshman. Kent stated 121 targets were submitted in 2009. There were 12 new records set in '09: two in Score, four in Group, two in 600-Yard and four in 1000-Yard.

**The "600-Yard" records were:**

5/9/09 - Mike Davis : 600 Yard HG Group Agg. CONFIRMED RECORD OF 1.4624".

7/11/09 - Samuel Hall:- 600 Yard HG Score Agg. CONFIRMED RECORD OF 197/2.4898"

**The "1,000-Yard" records were:**

4/18/09 - Joel Pendergraft : 1000-Yard HG 10-Shot Group, CONFIRMED RECORD OF 3.044"

Lee Fischer: 6-Match 1000 Yard Season-Long HG Score Agg, CONFIRMED RECORD OF 98.8333/6.6733".

Al Forbes: 6-Match 1000 Yard Season-Long LG Group Agg-confirmed record of 4.2810".

Rick Curtis: 6-Match 1000 Yard Season-Long LG Score Agg. CONFIRMED RECORD OF 48.3333/6.6535".

**The "Score" records were:**

5/16/09 - Bob Llewellyn : LVFS 100/200 Grand Aggregate- CONFIRMED RECORD OF 500-35X

8/22/09 - Bob Llewellyn : LVFS 100 Meter Aggregate-CONFIRMED RECORD OF 250-20X

There were also two 250-25X sets of targets recognized. A presentation was made to Wayne France who shot two of them. Joe Entrekin provides this award annually.

5/16/09 - Wayne France : HVFS 100 Aggregate-(250-25X; 16WO's).

6/6/09 - Wayne France: HVFS 100 Aggregate-(250-25X; 16WO's).

**The "Group" records were:**

8/10,11/09 - Tony Boyer : HB 100/200 Yard Grand Aggregate -CONFIRMED HB GRAND RECORD OF 0.2208".

8/12,13/09 - Harley Baker (120): SP 200 Yard Aggregate and 100/200 Yard Grand Aggregate - CONFIRMED SP 200 RECORD OF 0.1729", CONFIRMED SP 100/200 GRAND RECORD OF 0.1956".

8/12,13/09, Dave Bruno (227): SP 100/200 Yard Grand Aggregate -CONFIRMED SP 100/200 GRAND RECORD OF 0.1905".

Kent thanked Gary Long and Jim Borden for being helpful throughout the year.

The 2010 Records Committee will be Kent Harshman, Dave Tooley and Bob Hart.

## **2009 Temporary rules that were voted on and included with the ballot.**

**All of the following agenda items passed.**

### **TP#1: Tournament Procedures**

Appointment of Tournament Officials Add an item 5):

In all registered tournaments, committee members (Group, Score, Long-Range) or Executive board members cannot serve as a referee. 228 voted for this item and 135 voted against

### **SC#1:**

Scoring. 2) When shot placement cannot be determined by visual inspection, an IBS approved reticule will be the only device utilized using the outside diameter of the scribed mark per the caliber used to determine score based on best edge. The target shall be placed on a flat surface in a well-illuminated area. The Scorer shall determine if the referees are needed to decide the shot placement. If the referees are utilized, the letters "RR" will be placed on the target square in question. If the Scorer can determine the proper score alone, the letter "R" will be placed on the target square which was scored. 291 voted for this item and 64 voted against

### **SC#2/G#1:**

Conduct of Tournament 5. Duties of tournament officials Add section e) Host Club Director

Prospective record targets together with backers and sighter targets having been properly identified and signed by all match referees and the Range Officer shall be turned over to the Host Club Match director with duplicate copies of the Record Submission form on or before the last day of the Tournament in which they were shot. The Host club match director shall verify that the information on the Record submission form matches that information submitted by the competitor on the competitor's registration card. The director will retain one copy of the record submission form for file and will forward the identified targets and backers with one copy of the record submission to the chairperson of the official measurement committee. This section shall govern all disciplines of registered competition. Range measurements stand as the official scores of that match and must be honored in the placement of competitors. 351 voted for this item and 10 voted against

### **SC#3:**

Rules for procedure

5. Aggregate scores will be posted at the end of the last match of each tournament, and 30 minutes will be allowed for the latest protest(s) of any and/or all targets in the aggregate. An

announcement shall be made informing all competitors when the scores are posted. If a competitor has a scoring protest, a fee of \$10 will be paid to the match director, and the protest will be reviewed by the referees assigned for that aggregate. If the results agree with the protestor, the \$10 will be refunded. If not, the \$10 will be turned over to the IBS, and the score ruling stands. All targets will remain available for inspection until the end of the protest period. 322 voted for this item- 39 voted against.

#### **SC#4:**

Rules for procedure:

7. Firing more than one rifle of different classes is permitted. Only 1 rifle of each class may be fired and consider that LVS and HVS are separate since there are two records. This would eliminate the practice of individuals firing multiple HV or multiple LV or multiple VH or multiple HTR rifles. 287 voted for this item and 72 voted against.

#### **LR#4:**

Long range competition

j) 1000 yard competition

5) IBS awards and recognition

a. (b)- If a shooter elects to become an IBS member it must be done before the match registration time closes in order to receive shooter of the year points and be able to advance to the shoot-offs for the match. If a shooter elects to not become an IBS member they can still shoot. The club should make an honest attempt to explain the process about not being able to advance to the shoot-offs and not earning points to avoid any issue later on. For the IBS national championships a shooter may present a current Williamsport membership card to shoot and participate in the event, win Shooter of the Year and Long Range Marksman points and any other honors that the shooter may earn. 191 voted for this item and 121 voted against.

#### **IBS Presidents report**

Jeff Stover presented a power point presentation. He thanked the discipline and records committee members for their efforts and thanked members of the Executive board. Jeff gave a summary of shooter participation using graphs. Jeff stated there is no shortage of matches, but there was a need for more shooters. He discussed ways to grow the sport and talked about a formal mentor program, IBS schools, and Benchrest clinics - such as the clinic Bob and Edna White were hosting in New Jersey. The IBS website has been redesigned for easier navigation

and the need to produce a no-nonsense guide to benchrest in pdf format with web hot links. Jeff suggested posting "benchrest flyer" at local ranges, gun shops and shows. He outlined items that had been accomplished in the past year, such as: modified safety rules to allow stripped bolts, web site redesign, published updated rule book(started in '08 by Jim Borden), posting a summary on the website of 2010 annual meeting within 48 hours. He also mentioned a few misses - especially the by-law changes and to simplify the rule book and clean up DQ rules, among other items. Jeff stated the Executive board will move toward having committees go for a 2-year stagger term, split 600-1000 yard committee into two committees, and simplify range instructions which results in them being read in 45 seconds vs. 2 minutes, 33 seconds for the existing instructions without losing content. The new draft instructions are written from the perspective of the range officer "Bolts and cartridges must always be out of the rifle except between the commands' Commence fire' and cease fire' otherwise you will get a tournament DQ. This rule does not apply to stripped and flagged bolts. Referees may spot check rifles and rests, which must be within the rules. If i must stop a match early you will first hear an air horn or loud buzzer, then the command 'Cease fire'. Leave your rifle alone, and wait for follow up commands. A shot after the 'cease fire' will result in DQ. Once I have assessed the situation I will give further instructions. If it is a safety incident, rifles are to be left untouched until other instructions. Otherwise, I will tell you to 'clear your rifle by firing or by opening the bolt. Before the target crew moves forward, all bolts must be out and you must step back from the bench. any time lost won't be charged against your allotted time. The official range safety rules will be posted on the IBS website.

### **New business:**

### **2010 Agenda Items**

#### **TPI-2010 Existing rule**

#### R) Wind flags

1) Official wind flags shall be a minimum size, 1.5"x 24", but personal flags of any size, placed below the line of bullet flight by the competitor, will be permitted but shall not be moved after the warm-up except by Range Personnel.

2) The use of electronic wind gauges or similar devices will be only allowed in Heavy Bench Rifle competition.

After much discussion a motion was made by Paul Becigneul and seconded by David Halblom to accept this item with amendments. Passed.

#### R) Wind flags

- 1) Official wind flags shall be a minimum size, 1/5"x24", but wind flags of any size may be placed by competitors no higher than the line between the highest point of bench top to bottom of target card.
- 2) Except as provided for in 3) below, personal wind flags will be restricted to within the competitive shooting lane of the competitor placing the flags. A shooting lane is defined as the centerlines between benches to the centerline between the target cards unique to each competitor.
- 3) Competitors may place personal wind flags off to the side of the range; that is, left of the left-most bench on the range, and/or right of the right-most and right-most bench being used on a given day at the affected tournament.
- 4) After the first shot of the aggregate, including the warm-up match(should be conducted), flags may only be moved by Referees under the direction of the Range Officer and in no circumstance shall any flag be moved for the shooters convenience or benefit for the remainder of that aggregate. If a flag is causing an obstruction for any shooter, range personnel will lay down the flag and pole in question. At any tournaments s where multiple aggregates are being contested on the same day, flags may be moved and/or adjusted by competitors between aggregates.
- 5) The use of electronic wind gauges or similar devices will be only allowed in Heavy Bench rifle competition.

#### **TP2-2010**

Add the following section, as a brand new section at II.M.5e.iv, in tournament Procedures (page 11):

(iv) Records are recognized chronologically, by date only, regardless of match attended or relay participated in. If multiple competitors break a record on a given day, regardless of the match they attended or the relay on which they shot, each one is given full credit for breaking the record (including, but not limited to, IBS record certificate and Precision Rifleman points), and the best score shot on that day is recognized as the record going forward. This rule shall not be retroactive. Motion to accept this item was made by Bob White and seconded by David Apple.

Jeff Stover discussed the Executive Board's decision to give clubs the option to hold matches for AR-15 rifles. This action is on a one-year trial basis. An ad hoc committee has been formed consisting of - Harley Baker as chairman and Adrian VanGorder assisting.

Rules for AR and AR-style rifles will be posted on the IBS website and sent to clubs holding registered matches.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Borden and seconded by Mark Trutt. Meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary - Joan Borden

Edited by IBS President - Jeff Stover.