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## 28th Annual Nate Boop / Rich Altemus Memorial Shoot

Union County Sportsman's Club - Weikert, PA  
May 10-11, 2014



Smiley Hensley and his .071 group.

In IBS-land you know that spring has sprung when the Memorial Shoot at Weikert, PA comes along. This year was the 28th edition which honors the memories of Nate Boop and Rich Altemus. These two gentlemen started the benchrest program at the Union County Sportsmen's Club. This is one of the finest ranges you will find anywhere in the country. Both the range itself and its setting are world-class. This year 42 shooters hit the benches to see what the Weikert range would dole out. Saturday's 100 yard targets were shot in somewhat tricky, but shootable conditions attested by a four teen aggs. Shooters better have enjoyed the readable conditions on Saturday because 200 yards was another matter. Trigger pulls are quite rare at Weikert. Howling gales aren't too common either. The 200 yard stage was shot in something quite worse-strong breezes that switch on a thin dime. Red with tails out for 10 seconds, then green with tails out for 8 seconds. Then a nice mix of both-with tails erect all around. Some of us love to shoot tailwinds-which was there for a few fleeting moments. But there is a lot of target real estate-over an inch-between a tailwind with a wee bit of green and a tiny smidge of red. As gorgeous of a range that Weikert is, it has one drawback. The central Pennsylvania countryside only allowed for an east facing range. So, on a sunny day the first three targets or so are shot with most shooters hanging blue tarps from the range roof to block the sun. This works well and does not inhibit small groups. The Light Varmint 100 stage looked to be all Harley Baker. He is one of the newest inductees into the U. S. Benchrest Hall of Fame. Harley arrives at any match with impeccably prepared equipment tuned to a knife's edge. He is tough to beat at any range. He was cruising to yet another agg win...with Smiley Hensley pretty far behind. To finish off with a flourish, Harley nailed a very nice .190 on his last target-all in a day's work. Many times at the last match of an aggregate, shooters will banter, "last chance to be a hero". It is so trite as to not get much reaction from the line. Well, some days a hero does emerge. Smiley shot a .071" group in Match 5 to win the LV100 aggregate with a .1902. Harley settled for a flat .2 and second place. Smiley may have won the battle, but not the war, as we shall see. In the Heavy Varmint class shooters could be shouldering a 13.5 pound rifle. Most, however, stick to their 10.5 pound Sporters (a Light Varmint rifle with a 6mm bore) for an entire weekend. Many times in the loading area you will here, "what are we shooting?" Yes, there a few shooters that will pull out a favored "real" Heavy Varmint, but that is pretty rare these days.

The competition in HV100 was pretty fierce. Small groups were shot. Teen aggs were shot. Al Auman shot a fine .1808 to win the agg. Other sub-.2 aggregates were shot by Harley Baker (.1950) and master accuracy gunsmith Sid Goodling (.1990). Sunday was beautiful with sunny skies and pleasant temps. The wind was another matter. The HV200 stage was conquered by Harley Baker with a .2689 aggregate. No Match 5 heroes emerged to take away another agg win from Harley. The only other sub-.3 aggregate was posted by Jeff Peinhardt. Jeff is a newer shooter that is making a name for himself in Benchrest. Finishing off the top three in the agg was Wayne Shaw. Wayne is sometime more associated with score shooting, but he is a top-flight group shooter as well. The afternoon was set for Light Varmint 200 while the kaleidoscope of rapidly changing flag colors continued. Jeff Stover led the way with a .2602 agg. He tried to shoot whatever tail wind was available, and do it as fast as possible. A sometimes dangerous method which he got away with for four targets, on the fifth he was not burnt as bad as it could be. Closing in towards the end was Russell Rains with a .2904. Canadian Andy Laidlaw snuck into third place with a .2937 with the only remaining sub-.3 aggregate. In the overall 2-Gun, Harley Baker was the class of the field with a .2466 for twenty targets. Stover followed with a rather distant .2791. Steady Kent Harshman finished close behind with a .2833. Interestingly, Stover and Harshman were shooting pull-down 8208 (from Vietnam War era) rather than Vihtavuori 133 or the new kid on the block LT-32.

<b>28th Annual Memorial Shoot</b>					
<b>IBS Group Match at Welkert, PA</b>					
<b>May 10-11, 2013</b>					
<b>Light Varmint</b>			<b>Heavy Varmint</b>		
<b>100Y</b>			<b>100Y</b>		
1	Smiley Hensley	0.1902	1	Al Auman	0.1808
2	Harley Baker	0.2000	2	Harley Baker	0.1950
3	Curtis Nelson	0.2154	3	Sid Goodling	0.1990
4	Skip Cramer	0.2320	4	Kent Harshman	0.2030
5	Jeff Stover	0.2328	5	Russ Boop	0.2148
<b>Small Group</b>			<b>Small Group</b>		
Smiley Hensley	0.071				
<b>200Y</b>			<b>200Y</b>		
1	Jeff Stover	0.2602	1	Harley Baker	0.2689
2	Russell Rains	0.2904	2	Jeff Peinhardt	0.2850
3	Andy Laidlaw	0.2937	3	Wayne Shaw	0.3190
4	Wyatt Peinhardt	0.3111	4	Dave Abbott	0.3199
5	Kent Harshman	0.3118	5	Dale Boop	0.3249
<b>Small Group</b>			<b>Small Group</b>		
<b>LV Grand</b>			<b>HV Grand</b>		
1	Jeff Stover	0.2465	1	Harley Baker	0.2319
2	Harley Baker	0.2613	2	Russ Boop	0.2735
3	Smiley Hensley	0.2686	3	Al Auman	0.2847
4	Kent Harshman	0.2791	4	Kent Harshman	0.2876
5	Dale Boop	0.2855	5	Dale Boop	0.2928
<b>2-GUN</b>					
1	Harley Baker	0.2466			
2	Jeff Stover	0.2791			
3	Kent Harshman	0.2833			
4	Dale Boop	0.2892			
5	Smiley Hensley	0.3017			
6	Al Auman				
7	Russell Raines				
8	Andy Laidlaw				
9	Russ Boop				
10	Jeff Peinhardt				

[LV Details](#)

[HV Details](#)

[2 Gun Details](#)



Shooters facing the sun at Union County.

Heavy Varmint Grand Aggregate Top 10 Equipment List											
name	caliber	action	barrel	gunsmith	stocker	scope	power	case	load	bullet	primer
BAKER*	6PPC	BAT	KREIGER	PEINHARDT	LEONARD	LEUPOLD	45X	LAPUA	29.2g N133	GENTER 65g	205H
BOOP*	6PPC	HALL	BARTLEN	GOODLING	BRUNO	LEUPOLD	45X	LAPUA	28.0g V133	BARTS 66g	FED
AUNAN*	6MM	BAT	T	GOODLING	MCKILLEN	LEUPOLD	45X	220	29.0g LT	SELF 65g	FED
HARSHMAN*	6PPC	RIMROCK	KREIGER	GOODLING	BORDEN	LCS	45X	LAPUA	8200	BART 65g BT	205H
BOOP*	6PPC	BAT	HART	GOODLING	BORDEN	WEAVER	36X	LAPUA	29.0g V1133	BARTS 68g	FED
PEINHARDT*	6	BORDEN	KREIGER	PEINHARDT	HUNTER	LEUPOLD	45X	LAPUA	28.4g LT32	SELF 66g	205
CRAVEN*	6PPC	RIMROCK	KREIGER	KINGSBURG	ROBERTSON	LEUPOLD	40X	LAPUA	29.4g LT32	GENERIC 65g BT	FED
STOVER	6PPC	BAT	KREIGER	SCOTT	SCOVILLE	MARCH	50X	LAPUA	29.0g 8200	HO-STEIN 69g	205
GOODLING*	6PPC	RIMROCK	KREIGER	GOODLING	GOODLING	LCS	45X	LAPUA	8200	BART 65g BT	205H
RAINS*	6PPC	BAT	KREIGER	LACHAPPELLE	HUNTER	MARCH	40X	LAPUA	N133	STINGER 66g	205H

Light Varmint Grand Aggregate Top 10 Equipment List											
name	caliber	action	barrel	gunsmith	stocker	scope	power	case	load	bullet	primer
STOVER	6PPC	BAT	KREIBER	SCOTT	SCOVILLE	MARCH	50X	LAPUA	29.0g 8200	HO-STEIN 69g	205
BAKER*	6PPC	BAT	KREIGER	PEINHARDT	HUNTER	LEUPOLD	45X	LAPUA	29.4g N133	JDS 65g	205H
HENSLEY*	6PPC	STOLLE	KREIGER	STEVENS	LEONARD	LEUPOLD	36X	LAPUA	29.5g V133	BARTS 68g	205FED
HARSHMAN*	6PPC	RIMROCK	KREIGER	GOODLING	BORDEN	LCS	45X	LAPUA	8200	LOWELL 68g BT	205H
BOOP*	6PPC	BAT	HART	GOODLING	BORDEN	WEAVER	36X	LAPUA	29.0g V1133	BARTS 68g	FED
HAMSTER*	6PPC	BAT	HART	COATES	LEONARD	MARCH	40X	LAPUA	28.5g LT32	NADER 65g	205H
LATDLAW*	6MM	FARLEY	MCCLENNAN	CAMPBELL	SCARBOUGL	MARCH	50X	LAPUA	28.9g 8200	NADER 68g BT	FED
RAINS*	6PPC	BAT	KREIGER	LACHAPPELLE	HUNTER	MARCH	40X	LAPUA	29.2g N133	SAR-STIN 66g	205
PEINHARDT*	6	BAT	KREIGER	PEINHARDT	HUNTER	SIGHTRON	36X	LAPUA	29.3g LT32	JEFF 66g	205
TRASACCHI*	6MM	BAT	KREIGER	GOODLING	BAT	LEU	45X	LAPUA	29.0g 133	OWN 68g	FED



The Union County Range