

Sanner's Lake Rimfire Silhouette Match April 15th, 2018

Weather: Spitting rain and gusting winds
Number of competitors: five with two relays

An unsettled forecast resulted in uncertain conditions with unrelenting wind gusts and a few unfortunate raindrops but that didn't stop the surplus of shooters who showed up for the first Sanner's Lake Rimfire Silhouette match of 2018! The firing line included several novice silhouette shooters who stepped up to the line to test their skill (and equipment) and see if they could send some steel flying. After fiddling with his vintage Savage during the sighting-in period, Andrew Hanes accepted Mary Picard's offer of a loaner gun and scored an excellent 12 hits to take second place. Meanwhile, Joe Maida determined that caffeine and silhouette shooting do not mix, forsook his morning coffee, and squeaked by Mary Picard to take third place with 8 hits, a new personal best. Terry Wanner was another new shooter using an untested gun but powered through and managed to score 2 hits, while Tom Vandenberg showed up for sighters but reluctantly elected to retreat, regroup, and rejigger his rifle before stepping up to the line, hopefully at the next match.

Scores are summarized below:

Place	Name	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total	Notes
1	Mark Swierczek	4	4	5	3	16	Match winner
2	Andrew Hanes	3	4	2	3	12	Novice shooter!
3	Joe Maida	2	2	3	1	8	
4	Mary Picard	3	4	0	0	7	
5	Terry Wanner	2	0	0	0	2	Novice shooter!

Note: Ties broken by "reverse animal count": high score on Turkeys, then Rams, then Chickens, then Pigs

Thanks to all the shooters (and even one volunteer!) for making it out to the range in spite of the unsettled conditions and helping with setup and teardown. Hope to see more new shooters come out to give it a try...it's challenging but supremely satisfying when you send a silhouette skittering up the sand! The next match is on 20 May 2018, same time, same range. See you there!