Sanner's Lake Frozen Chosin Match Report 01/18/2020

The day started under gloomy skies as frozen slush began accumulating on the range...but that didn't stop a dedicated band of shooters from attending the fifth annual Frozen Chosin match at Sanner's Lake. Quite an assortment of vintage rifles and carbines populated the line in honor of the service and sacrifice of those who endured the hardships of the Korean War, and the precipitation stopped just long enough to get both match relays completed. Just as the guns fell silent the icy rain started falling again...a fitting way to end the match.

The majority of rifles on the line were (appropriately) classic US M1 Carbines followed by an evenly mixed assortment of '03 Springfields and M1 Garands. The Commonwealth Nations joined the fray with a Lee-Enfield No. 4 Mk I, and the battled was rounded out with a pair of enemy Mosins along with an obscure SVT-40.

The old warhorses performed well, although there were a few casualties along the way. Most problems were resolved quickly but more serious problems bucked a shooter or two off the line and depot-level maintenance will likely be required for those old girls. Nonetheless, serious scores were put down and after the last shots were fired and the scores were tallied it was Joe Mund and his '03A3 Springfield taking the top spot with a record-breaking 275-4X score. It was a close battle, though, as James Black and his Garand kept the race tight, nabbing second with a strong 271-0X. Jake Swierczek and his No. 4 Enfield cemented the victory for the Allies and preserved the honor of the Commonwealth Nations as he grabbed third place with a solid 263-2X. Right below them the battle of the M1 Carbines was raging with John Casilio squeaking out the win by just two points with a 257-4X over Dick Chadwick and his 255-1X, and the battle was similarly tight amongst all the other Carbines, a testament to the accuracy and consistency of the rifles (and their trigger operators)!

Thanks to everybody for coming out and helping to maintain the memory of our nearly-forgotten soldiers, the battles they fought, and the firearms they used. Be sure to wipe down your rifle, keep it well-lubed and happy, and be sure to join us at future vintage rifle matches at Sanners.

SR-1 Target 100 yards

Place	Name	Rifle	Caliber	Prone Slow	Prone Rapid	Standing Slow	TOTAL
1	Joe Mund	M1903A3	.30-06 Springfield	96-3X	94-1X	85-0X	275-4X
2	James Black	M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	94-0X	92-0X	85-0X	271-0X
3	Jake Swierczek	Lee-Enfield No. 4 Mk1	.303 British	91-1X	89-0X	83-1X	263-2X
4	John Casilio	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	90-2X	83-1X	84-1X	257-4X
5	Dick Chadwick	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	87-0X	84-1X	84-0X	255-1X
6	Asher Maroot	Inland M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	80-0X	82-0X	82-0X	244-0X
7	Nathanial Swift	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	86-0X	82-0X	70-1X	238-1X
8	Nathanial Swift	SVT-40	7.62x54R	86-0X	76-0X	70-0X	232-0X
9	Asher Maroot	Inland M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	86-0X	77-1X	67-0X	230-1X
10	Ed Thompson	Inland M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	95-1X	83-0X	46-0X	224-1X
11	Jesse Williams	Mosin M44 Carbine	7.62x54R	78-0X	60-0X	57-0X	195-0X
12	Jonny Williams	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	75-1X	49-0X	70-0X	194-1X
13	John Ferguson	Springfield M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	76-1X	47-0X	70-0X	193-1X
14	Pratrick Hedderick	Mosin Nagant M1891	7.62x54R	67-1X	35-0X	75-0X	177-1X
15	John Norman	Springfield M1903A3	.30-06 Springfield	75-0X	64-0X	28-0X	165-0X

Note: 300 total points possible. Ties broken by X's and then by highest individual string.

Another full house:



Style points for the bayonet:



Vintage Spotter:



Battle Damage Assessment:

