

THE 2010 DCRA NATIONAL BLACK POWDER COMPETITIONS

REGISTRATION: No later than Thursday, AUGUST 12, 2010, 1900 hrs at DCRA
HEADQUARTERS.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 13 August 2010

Range briefing and announcements for all shooters at the 200 yard firing point on "A" Range at **0730**. All shooters **MUST** attend. First round downrange is at 0800 hrs. Please arrive early so that you are prepared to meet this timing. **The match will start without you.**

WILF BLACK	10 rds at 200 yards	"A" Range	0800-0915
VICTORIAN	10 rds at 300 yards	"A" Range	0945-1030
CREEDMOOR	10 rds at 500 yards	"A" Range	1100-1200

LUNCH 1200-1315

WIMBLEDON I	10 rds at 600 yards	"A" Range	1330-1445
WIMBLEDON II	10 rds at 600 yards	"A" Range	1500-1630

BP COMPETITORS MEETING – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Saturday, 14 August 2010

BLACK POWDER 700	10 rds at 700 metres	"C" Range	0800-0915
LONG RANGE I	10 rds at 800 metres	"C" Range	0945-1030
LONG RANGE II	10 rds at 800 metres	"C" Range	1100-1200

LUNCH 1200-1315

BP THOUSAND I	10 rds at 900 metres	"C" Range	1330-1445
BP THOUSAND II	10 rds at 900 metres	"C" Range	1500-1630

Sunday, 15 August 2010

INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCH	30 rds at 900 metres	"C" Range	0800-1200
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BP COMPETITORS LUNCHEON – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

THE DCRA THOUSAND YARD BLACK POWDER PROGRAM

The immediate pre-Confederation predecessor of the DCRA, the Upper Canada Rifle Association, was conducting two day All Comer and Any Rifle black powder annual prize meetings, including team events, out to 800 yards as early as 1862. The obverse of the DCRA medals is a scene of rifle range near Hamilton, ON, in 1862. The prize list, done in beautiful copperplate handwriting is in the Canadian National Archives.

The DCRA first annual prize meeting of 1868, at Lachine, QC, attracted 2,076 entries, of which no fewer than 403 were in the thousand yard match. The present DCRA Black Powder Program was re-instituted in 1867 as part of Canada's Centennial celebrations, and endeavors to preserve the general flavour and conditions of the long range black powder matches of the latter half of the 19th Century. Chapter 19 of the DCRA Rulebook lists the current Black Powder rules, which intentionally permit wide, but not unlimited, latitude of individual choice in the selection of equipment and shooting style as an encouragement to newcomers.

The DCRA Black Powder matches celebrate the half-mile Canadian marksmanship tradition and are a more leisurely, less formal and less rule encumbered pursuit than many other modern shooting disciplines. Nearly two inches of rear sight elevation adjustment are required to range out to 1,000 yards in black powder shooting with elongated bullets. The popular .45-70 Govt. 500 grain bullet takes 3.29 seconds to reach the thousand yard backstop.

A shooter can fire, put his rifle down, roll over, and watch through his spotting scope for impact of his bullet in the backstop. The midrange trajectory is typically over 40 feet.

THE VENUE

Located in Canada's capital, the Connaught Range and Primary Training Centre is a Canadian Department of National Defense facility which covers 1,058 hectares along the shoreline of the Ottawa River. Since 1921 it has been a centre for military training and research and, after 1929, a Canadian crown game sanctuary. It is also the home range of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, which was called upon to design its layout, and hosts the annual DCRA Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships of which the National Black Powder Competitions are a component.

GENERAL MATCH INFORMATION

Shooters will be triple squadded, firing alternately, always keeping the appropriate partner's match ticket. No register keepers are provided.

All matches are 10 shots on score, H.P.S. 50-10V. Fouling shots may be fired off the target after declaring them.

Up to five sighting shots may be fired, but only the last two or final sighter may be converted as scoring shots per DCRA Rules.

In all cases where a distance is fired twice, e.g. 600, 800 and 900, only the best result of the two is used in the calculation of aggregate score.

If you have missed four consecutive shots you must retire and let your partner complete his or her match. You may then resume fire, without any more sighting shots, if match time allows.

Wrist supports under the forward supporting hand are permitted at long (700m and beyond) ranges only, with or without a sling. Rear sandbags are not permitted. Slings (as defined in the DCRA Target Rifle Rules) but **not** wrist rests are permitted at short (600m and below) ranges.

The use of a machine rest, benchrest or table is prohibited. Crossed sticks are permitted.

RIFLE CLASSES

CARTRIDGE RIFLE and MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE CLASSES, as defined by DCRA Rules Chapter 19. Effective in 2005, *no distinction will be made in competition for individual awards*. Both classes will be recognized separately in the Short Range, Long Range and Grand Aggregates, with an award structure described below.

WILF BLACK CLASS (MILITARY AND SPORTING) – Any original (*not replica*) black powder sporting rifle or non-micrometer sighted black powder military rifle on regular issue, either breech or muzzle loading. While this class rifle can be fired in other matches, no special prizes will be awarded for doing so.

PLEASE NOTE: The Wilf Black is a stand-alone match with a separate prize list. Those not shooting for record may use the match for warm-up or initial elevation determination.

THE INDIVIDUAL MATCHES

THE WILF BLACK MATCH

Wilf Black was a Korean War veteran who later joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This 200 yard novelty match is a traditional event open to specific types of rifles described above. Other classes may be fired alongside, but these are not eligible for the prizes offered. This match score does not count towards the Grand Aggregate.

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar, if more than 5 entries

THE VICTORIAN

The 300yard Victorian is named after Queen Victoria, who fired the first shot at 400 yards from a mechanical rest to open the first National Meeting in 1860. The Whitworth rifle struck one-half inch from dead centre. The NRA still has the target and the Whitworth rifle.

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar.

THE CREEDMOOR

This 500 yard match is named after the Creedmoor Range on Long Island, New York, where in 1874, Irish and American Teams contested a now famous match at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. The American Team won the match when one of the Irish cross fired a miss. The range is long gone, replaced by the grounds of an insane asylum.

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar.

THE WIMBLEDON I and II

This 600 yard match is one of three which offer the competitor two chances at scoring for record. It is named after Wimbledon Common, south of London, where a temporary range was set up each summer, 1860-1888. When the pointed, jacketed .303 bullets were adopted the Safety Area became too short, and the NRA moved to Bisley. The butts are still there, in amongst the tennis courts.

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar.

THE BLACK POWDER 700 (700 meters, 765 yards)

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar.

THE LONG RANGE I AND II (800 meters, 875 yards)

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar.

These metric matches are the closest we can come to the traditional 800 and 900 yard distances.

THE BLACK POWDER 1000 (900 meters, 984 yards)

This match is the climax of the National Black Powder Competitions. As with the Wimbledon and Long Range Matches, the highest score from either of two opportunities per range is entered for record.

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions or bar.

THE TEAM MATCHES

SHORT RANGE CONCURRENT TEAM: THE LOYALIST CUP

Awarded to the three-person team with the best aggregate score in the Short Range events: the 300 yard Victorian, 500 yard Creedmoor and the 600 yard Wimbledon matches. The team members may shoot in Cartridge Rifle or Muzzle Loading Rifle Classes. Team list must be submitted by 1200 hrs on Friday

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

LONG RANGE CONCURRENT TEAM: THE RANGER CUP

Awarded to the three-person team with the best aggregate score in the Long Range events: the 700m BP700, and the 800m BPLR and 900m BP 1000 matches. The team members may shoot in Cartridge Rifle or Muzzle Loading Rifle Classes. Team list must be submitted by 1200 hrs on Friday

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

The DCRA Loyalist and Ranger Cups were donated by former Black Powder Committee Chairman Major Don Holmes. The trophies were executed by Birks of Ottawa third generation master engraver Alan D. Payne.

BLACK POWDER INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCH

Medals are presented to team members selected by the American and Canadian team captains based on the best aggregate score in three 900m events. Team members from either Cartridge Rifle or Muzzle Loading rifle classes are eligible for selection.

Prize: Gold and Silver team medals

THE BLACK POWDER AGGREGATES

SHORT RANGE AGGREGATE

Total score of the Victorian, Creedmoor and Wimbledon matches.

Prizes: First, Second or Third place Certificates for Cartridge Rifle and Muzzle Loading Rifle Classes

LONG RANGE AGGREGATE

Total score of the BP700, LR and BP1000 matches.

Prizes: First, Second or Third place Certificates for Cartridge Rifle and Muzzle Loading Rifle Classes

MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE GRAND AGGREGATE: THE QUAICHE CUP

Donated by the Muzzle Loading Association of Great Britain and awarded to the top shooter in the Grand Aggregate shooting in Muzzle Loading Rifle Class.

Prize: Gold Medallion and Plaque

CARTRIDGE RIFLE GRAND AGGREGATE: THE NORTH AMERICAN TROPHY

Awarded to the top shooter in the Grand Aggregate shooting in Cartridge Rifle Class.

Prize: Gold Medallion and Plaque

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