

At Oak Hills, **4/16/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, competitors' national rankings, and scoring procedures, merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. However, the informal matches are shot at 25 yards instead of the 50 yard range fired by ARA competitors. And our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, Semiauto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) What a beautiful Iowa day for a rifle match --- 70 to 80 degrees, light winds, sunny. As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt, Jerry King, and Peggy Craig were there to provide support. Doc Peterson is recovering from an accident so Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. (Get well soon, Doc. We miss you.) Be sure to thank them the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after a 0845 shooters' meeting, the first relay started at 0855. We had only three ARA shooters, but we had a good turnout of 18 informal shooters. The informal shooters shot a total of 30 targets. We really missed our ARA shooters from the Cedar Rapids and Illinois areas. Hope you all wintered over well, and that we'll see you next month. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class.

Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Joe valentine 2250

Dick felt so confident that he also shot a target at 50 yards with a score of 1215. Good score for his equipment at that distance in those conditions.

Sporter: Dick Slach 2225

Vintage: Bill Leslein 2450

Great target, Bill!!!! (Both Bill and Mary Lee are tough competitors.) Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2000, Jerry Proehl 110, Randy Krohe 830, Joe Valentine 2250, Denise Large 1210, Greg Couch 820

Sporter: Ron Kron 2200, Dick Slach 2225, Tim Tulon 1775, Larry Fells 1985, Ken Oldacker 1675, Wayne Burris 1035, Bill Gross 0

Vintage: Mary Lee Leslein 2075, Dan Ide 1520, John Weise 2250, Jim Granger 1695, Bill Leslein 2450

According to our registration sheets, both Ken Oldaker and Bill Gross also fired a target at 50 yards. I believe that Ken's score was a 390 and Bill's was a 0, but I'm not certain of those scores. Looks to me like our shooters didn't get rusty over the winter. Good shooting, folks.

If you know anyone else who would enjoy getting these match reports, send me their name and email address and I'll add them to my addressees. To those of you who shot our match this month, thanks for participating. Hope to see all of you next month.

Ron Elbe Match Director, Oak Hills Gun Club

At Oak Hills, **5/14/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, competitors' national rankings, and scoring procedures, merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. However, the informal matches are shot at 25 yards instead of the 50 yard range fired by ARA competitors. And our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, Semiauto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) 14 May 2016 -----Iowa-----38 degrees-----20 to 30 mph wind from the northwest-----What the HELL!?!?!?!?!?!?! I wore a snowmobile suit all morning long and I was still cold!!!! The weather could explain our somewhat light turnout. Several absent shooters contacted me later to say they will be at our June match (unless it's snowing!) As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt and Jerry King were there to provide support. Miss Peggy is recovering from a surgery. Doc Peterson is recovering from an accident so Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. (Get well soon, Peggy and Doc. We miss both of you.) Be sure to thank all of our volunteers the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after a 0840 shooters' meeting, the first relay started at 0850. We had four ARA shooters and 13 informal shooters. The informal shooters shot a total of 24 targets. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class.

Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2175

Sporter: Dan Bredberg 2350

Vintage: John Weise 2150 John also shot a target at 50 yards with a score of 1275. Great score at that distance in those conditions.

Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2175, Jerry Proehl 1775, Randy Krohe 775, Jeff Large 830, Casey Capps 740

Sporter: Ron Kron 1900, Dick Slach 1850, Larry Fells 1700, Jim Grainger 960, Dan Bredberg 2350, Mike Craig 1585

Vintage: Dan Ide 1935, John Weise 2150

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Ron Elbe Match Director, Oak Hills Gun Club

At Oak Hills, **6/11/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, upcoming matches, past scores, competitors' national rankings, scoring procedures, etc. merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. However, the informal matches are shot at 25 yards instead of the 50 yard range fired by ARA competitors. And our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, Semiauto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) The weather wasn't as bad as predicted. First the weatherman said 97 degrees and sunny. Then he said 100% chance of thunderstorms, some severe, with 10 - 20 mph winds. What we really had was cloudy, about 88 degrees, and very light winds. The weather made for relatively easy shooting for many shooters. As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt and Jerry King were there to provide support. Miss Peggy is still recovering from a surgery. And Doc Peterson is still recovering from an accident so Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. (Get well soon, Peggy and Doc. We miss both of you.) Be sure to thank all of our volunteers the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after an 0835 shooters' meeting, the first relay started at 0850. We had eight ARA shooters and 12 informal shooters, a very nice turnout. The informal shooters shot a total of 28 targets. Several informal shooters competed in more than one class. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class.

Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2050, Joe Valentine 2050

Sporter: Dick Brase 2350

Vintage: Jeff Amidon 2300

This was Jeff's first benchrest match. It appears that he'll be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2050, Jerry Proehl 1500, Joe Valentine 2050, Frank Weber 1600, Dan Ide 280, Greg Couch 865

Sporter: Larry Fells 1900, Tim Toulan 2000, Dick Slach 2300, Ron Kron 2250, Greg Couch 1800, Dick Brase 2350

Vintage: Dan Ide 2200, John Weise 2200, Jeff Amidon 2300

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At Oak Hills, **7/16/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, upcoming matches, past scores, competitors' national rankings, scoring procedures, etc. merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. However, the informal matches are shot at 25 yards instead of the 50 yard range fired by ARA competitors. And our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, Semiauto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) What a beautiful Iowa day for a rifle match. Sunny, light winds, 60 – 75 degrees. As with our last match, the weather made for relatively easy shooting for many shooters. As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt and Jerry King were there to provide support, including set-up, tear-down and scoring. Miss Peggy has recovered from surgery and has returned to provide financial and administrative support. Doc Peterson has recovered from his accident enough that he was able to shoot with us. We're really glad to see that Peggy and Doc are back with us. As he has since Doc's accident, Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. Be sure to thank all of our volunteers the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after an 0835 shooters' meeting, the first relay started at 0850. We had nine ARA shooters and 16 informal shooters, a great turnout. The informal shooters shot a total of 32 targets. Two of the ARA shooters are juniors, which bodes well for the future of rimfire benchrest at Oak Hills. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class.

Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2250

Sporter: Dick Slach 2150

Vintage: Bill Leslein 2350

Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2250, Rich Wanacki 1975, Dean March 860

Sporter: Larry Fells 1950, Tim Toulan 1775, Dick Slach 2150, Ron Kron 2000, Dan Reints 1155, Steve Melenert 1475

Vintage: Dan Ide 1775, John Weise 2225, Jeff Amidon 2300, Mary Lee Leslein 1950, Mike Godman 2250, Bill Leslein 2350, Dan Hartman 2150

When we first started rimfire benchrest at Oak Hills, a score of 1000 would have been competitive in any of the informal classes. I congratulate our informal shooters. You've come a long way! If you know anyone else who would enjoy getting these match reports, send me their name and email address and I'll add them to my addressees. To those of you who shot our match this month, thanks for participating. Hope to see all of you next month.

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At Oak Hills, **8/20/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, upcoming matches, past scores, competitors' national rankings, scoring procedures, etc. merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. However, the informal matches are shot at 25 yards instead of the 50 yard range fired by ARA competitors. And our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, SemiAuto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) Good news --- the weather wasn't as bad as predicted. The worst of the predicted storms blew through during the night. We did have a few sprinkles and a LOT of humidity with highly variable winds. As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt, Jerry King, and Peggy were there to provide support, including set-up, tear-down and scoring. As he has since Doc's accident, Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. Be sure to thank all of our volunteers the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after an 0845 shooters' meeting, the first relay started at 0855. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class. Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2250

Sporter: Ron Kron 2350

Vintage: Jeff Amidon 2450

Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2250, Randy Krohe 1210, Joe Valentine 2050, Frank Weber 1180, Matt Collins 690, Greg Couch 1285

Sporter: Larry Fells 1775, Dick Slach 1925, Ron Kron 2350, Richard Thoeming 1910, Greg Couch 1775

Vintage: Jeff Amidon 2450, Mary Lee Leslein 2200, Mike Godman 2100, Bill Leslein 2350, Dan Hartman 2400, Steve Melchert 1625, Jeff Hartman 1975

If you know anyone else who would enjoy getting these match reports, send me their name and email address and I'll add them to my addressees. To those of you who shot our match this month, thanks for participating. Hope to see all of you next month.

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At Oak Hills, **9/17/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, upcoming matches, past scores, competitors' national rankings, scoring procedures, etc. merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. However, the informal matches are shot at 25 yards instead of the 50 yard range fired by ARA competitors. And our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, SemiAuto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) It was a beautiful, sunny Iowa summer/fall afternoon with a high near 80 degrees. However, we did have a 15 mph wind that made good scores challenging (at least for all of the ARA shooters except Brian Voelker.) As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt, Jerry King, and Peggy Craig were there to provide support, including set-up, registration, scoring, and tear-down. As he has since Doc's accident, Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. Be sure to thank all of our volunteers the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after an 0830 shooters' meeting, the first relay started at 0850. For the first time in our history we had three relays of ARA shooters!!!! We also had a record number of Informal shooters who shot a record number of Informal targets!!!!!!! We had thirteen ARA shooters and nineteen Informal shooters!!! The informal shooters shot a total of 42 targets. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class. Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2100

Sporter: Dick Slach 2300

Vintage: Bill Leslein 2400

Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2100, Randy Krohe 885, Joe Valentine 2000, Larry Fells 1600, Rick Brock 545, Denise Large 1195

Sporter: Larry Fells 2075, Dick Slach 2300, Ron Kron 1900, Greg Couch 2025, Jim Granger 1975, Mike Craig 1360, Tim Tulon 1925, Jeff Large 1040, Bill Gross 275

Vintage: Jeff Amidon 2350, Mary Lee Leslein 2100, Bill Leslein 2400, Dan Hartman 2275, Dan Ide 1925

If you know anyone else who would enjoy getting these match reports, send me their name and email address and I'll add them to my addressees. To those of you who shot our match this month, thanks for participating. Hope to see all of you next month. It will be our last match of the year.

Ron Elbe Match Director, Oak Hills Gun Club

At Oak Hills, **10/1/2016** our formal match is shot under the sanction of the American Rimfire Association. For information on ARA, including rules, upcoming matches, past scores, competitors' national rankings, scoring procedures, etc. merely Google "American Rimfire Association". If you want to see your standings among all ARA shooters nationally, click on the "Agg Line" button. But note that ARA shooters who have shot 40 or more targets and entered at least two tournaments are scored above all others. So, if you haven't shot at least 40 targets, your "unofficial" ranking, based on your actual scores, may be higher than it appears on the official ARA website. Our informal match is conducted similarly to the formal matches. We shoot under ARA time limits (20 minutes) at ARA targets. This month, for the first time, our Informal shooters shot at 50 yards at the new OHIT target. All other Informal rules were just as they have been at past matches. As usual, our informal shooters are divided into three classes: Sporter, SemiAuto, and Vintage. (I know that the above information is repetitive for most of you, but I keep including it for the benefit of our new shooters.) Apparently, in Iowa, 40% chance of rain means that it will drizzle all morning. At 60 degrees, it wasn't uncomfortable and the wind was light and variable, so the conditions weren't bad for a match. As usual, our volunteers, Jim Schmidt, Jerry King, and Peggy Craig were there to provide support, including set-up, registration, scoring, and tear-down. As he has since Doc's accident, Mike Godman stood in for him as Assistant Match Director. Be sure to thank all of our volunteers the next time you see them. Without them, you wouldn't have these fun matches to shoot. At Oak Hills our registration starts at 0745 and the first relay starts not later than 0900. Today, after an 0830 shooters' meeting and a short discussion of shooting in the wind (for the benefit of our Informal shooters), the first relay started at 0850. For the second match in a row, we had three relays of ARA shooters!!!! Considering the weather, and the fact that the match conflicted with a U of Iowa home football game, we had a great turnout. We had twelve ARA shooters and seventeen Informal shooters!!! The informal shooters shot a total of 36 targets. Informal matches consist of only one target (but shooters can reenter as many times as they wish). We have three classes of informal matches --- Semiauto, Sporter, and Vintage. Each shooter's highest score is used to determine his standing in his class.

Winners of the three informal classes were:

Semiauto: Joe Valentine 2100

Sporter: Ron Kron 2350

Vintage: Bill Leslein 2500

Best score for each of the informal shooters was:

Semiauto: Dick Brase 2060, Joe Valentine 2100, Jerry Proehl 1725

Sporter: Larry Fells 2225, Dick Slach 2300, Ron Kron 2350, Greg Couch 1760, Jim Granger 2100, Mike Craig 1660, Tim Tulon 1595, Dick Brase 2325, John Weiss 1625, Bill Gross 2050

Vintage: Jeff Amidon 2450, Mary Lee Leslein 2350, Bill Leslein 2500, John Weiss 2300, Steve Merchert 2075, Dan Ide 2150

Our 50 yard match was well received by the participating Informal shooters, so I anticipate that we'll probably continue to shoot at 50 yards next year. To those of you who shot our match this month, thanks for participating. This was our last match of the year. Hope to see all of you next year. I'll sent out my 2017 match flyer next year as soon as Oak Hills gives me match dates (That will probably be February or early March 2017). If you know anyone else who would enjoy getting these match reports, send me their name and email address and I'll add them to my addressees.

Ron Elbe Match Director, Oak Hills Gun Club