

HELLO FELLOW IBPF MEMBERS AND READERS OF THE POWDER HORN NEWS:

My name is Terry Kamstra and as an active board member of the Iowa Black Powder Federation and I am pleased to provide you with a report regarding the results of the June 4, 2016 IBPF Chunk Gun Matches.

The matches were held at the Beaver Creek Plainsmen Range located near Collins IA. As always the club provided the shooters with a warm welcome, awesome facilities and an overall well run event. The benches were readied, the range was freshly mowed and the special 60 yard backstop was firmly in place. Club member assignments were as follows: IBPF Secretary/Treasurer Norma Holcomb registered shooters & distributed targets, Bob Berger collected the targets after each match and scored them precisely to the last fraction, Bert Geerdes posted then to the computer and Jack Patten served as Range Officer which included keeping an eye on the occasional cow/calf that wandered into the line of fire and Club President Bob Campbell made sure we had ample sunshine and light winds.

For those of you that might not be familiar with Chuck Gun shooting I refer you back to your May issue of the PHN where IBPF Board Member Tom Mower provides a great explanation.

Now on to the details of the competition. Last year we were pleased to see 18 registered shooters participate but that number slipped to just 10 this year. The event is split into two separate Aggregates, those are Light Rifle or any rifle weighing 12 pounds or less and Heavy Rifle or any rifle weighing 12 pounds or more. Of the 10 competitors there were 4 Light Rifle shooters and 6 in the Heavy Rifle Aggregate. Sighting in started at 9:00 with everyone anxious to see how tight they might be able to hold those shots to each other before posting the first of ten match targets. When the sighting in shots slowed to a stop Range Officer Jack Patten closed the range and invited everyone to post target #1.

The results of match 1 were a bit humbling as not only were there no “spiders” (shots that break the center X) but there was only one shot that landed within an inch of the X. That shot which scored .944 was fired by my

good friend Pevine who was shooting in the Heavy Rifle class. The next closed shot to the X in match 1 belonged to long time shooter Ron Hackney with a score of 1.124 inches.

Match 2 results were only slightly improved as this time two shooters managed to land their shots within an inch of the center X. Terry Kamstra won this match with a score of .577 which was only slightly better than the next closed score of .925 inches once again belonging to good old Ron Hackney.

Match 3 results saw significant improvement with four competitors landing their shots within an inch of the X and one of those turned out to be the “Sweet Shot of the Day”! That shot scored .231 and belonged to repeat shooter Dan Bredberg, who travels across the Mississippi River from Illinois to compete. Dan was later presented with the Sweet Shot trophy during awards. The Sweet Shot of the Day is the overall closest shot to the center X of all competitors in all ten matches and something everyone strives to win. To put that into perspective, there were a total of 100 shots fired in the competition and Dan had the best shot of the day. Congratulations Dan!

Match 4 again ended up with four shots within an inch of the elusive center X. This time another long time shooter Peter Sheets scored .233 inches for the winning shot. Please note that had Peter been able to slide that shot closer to the X by just .003 he would have skinned Mr. Bredberg of his Sweet Shot. And once again our good friend and long time shooter Ron Hackney missed the spotlight by a fraction of an inch with a score of .241 which for those of you that care is only 8 human hairs difference. Now that’s keeping the guys in the scoring shack cleaning their glasses a lot if you ask me.

The winning shots in Matches 5, 6 and 7 averaged just under one half inch and belonged to Pevine, Terry Kamstra and Pevine respectively. Usually during this part of the competition you start hearing shooters talking about either “chasing” or “not chasing” their shots. Chasing means moving your targets X in the direction your shots are hitting and not chasing means you’re going to trust your equipment and ability by keeping your targets X where you should be hitting. It’s been my experience that neither are very successful.

Match 8 was special for two reasons. First, this match had the highest number of shooters with scores under an inch with 6 and second it was won by the first Light Rifle of the day. Matches 1 thru 7 had all been championed by Heavy Rifle competitors so our own IBPF Board Member Leon “Inky” Curran said that’s enough and put a well-placed shot just .266 inches from the center X. It was easy for the score keepers to tally this one because nobody even came close to that.

Match 9 saw Dan Bredberg with his second winning match of the day with a commanding score of .464 followed closely by Terry Kamstra with a score of .551.

Match 10 brought yet another name to the winning circle in this year’s competition and for the second time of the day a Light Rifle competitor. Dennis King circled the wagons and drilled a nice .345 to finish off the day.

In the end the totals for Light Rifle were:

1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 14.384 inches was Dennis King

2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 15.692 inches was Leon Curran

3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 19.254 inches was Ben Leonard

Worth noting is that Ben, age 8, is the son of famous Chunk Gun shooter Eric Leonard who was on sight to coach his son Ben. Congratulations to both of you on a job well done!

The totals for Heavy Rifle:

1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 6.798 inches was Terry Kamstra

2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 8.029 inches was Pevine

3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 10.115 inches was Peter Sheets

Holding true to tradition, the IBPF sponsored two pie shooting matches to be shot during the final tabulations of the scores. Participants paid \$1.00 for each of the matches competing first for an apple pie and in the second match a

cherry pie. At the conclusion of these matches it was announced that Terry Kamstra had won both pies.

All in all a great day for everyone that participated. Great friends, fun shooting and pretty darn good weather to do it in. Thank you to the Beaver Creek Plainsmen for your hospitality and thank you to the shooters for competing. Please forward any comments, suggestions or questions to your local IBPF Board Member who are listed at [iowablackpowderfederation.net](http://iowablackpowderfederation.net) or contact me directly at:

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Tom E. Mowrer reports on Raccoon Valley Muzzleloaders First Annual Table Shoot. May 21st, 2016 was the day of the First Annual Table Shoot for the Raccoon Valley Muzzleloaders of Jefferson, IA. To our knowledge it is the first advertised Table Shoot in Iowa. We could have not ask for a better day. A sunny day with a very light breeze and a temperature of 72 was the setting for our shoot. Total number of shooters participated was 13.

The shoot was designed with two different aggregates:

The Open Class was for guns of 13 pounds and under. This class allowed for a rear peep sight and a covered post sight. The guns must be traditional percussion or flintlock muzzleloading rifles.

The Hunter Class was for guns 10 pounds and under. Traditional sights and the

guns must be traditional percussion or flintlock.

#### Open Class Individual Target Winners

Target 1 Paul Larson 1.01"

Target 2 Paul Larson 0.50"

Target 3 Lee Eggleston 0.23"

Target 4 Paul Larson 0.08"

Target 5 Mike Compton 0.07"

#### Aggregate winners for the Open Class

1st Place Paul Larson 3.82"

2nd Place Roger Eichelberger 5.04"

3rd Place Lee Eggleston 5.24"

#### The Hunter Class Individual Target Winners

Target 1 Mike Compton 0.36"

Target 2 Wyatt Frohling 0.59"

Target 3 Roger Eichelberger 0.43"

Target 4 Dennis King 0.46"

Target 5 Charlie Rice 0.30"

#### Aggregate winners for the Hunter Class

1st Place Dennis King 4.30"

2nd Place Mike Compton 4.80"

3rd Place Roger Eichelberger 4.83"

Sweet Shot Winner

Mike Compton with 0.07"

Pie Shoot

1st Place Cherry Pie Wyatt Frohling 0.45"

2nd Place Pumpkin Pie Kenney Arbuckle 0.77"

The Table Shoot is a great way to have fun and experience a new way to shoot muzzleloading rifles with proficient accuracy, without needing to lay down on the ground and shoot "over the log". We hope to see more of this in the future.

A reminder that the IBPF All Pistol Shoot will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Raccoon Valley Muzzleloaders Range, Jefferson, with camping available. The next week end Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 12, 13 and 14 the IBPF Rifle Shoot will be held at Southeastern Iowa Sportsman Society Range, located 11867 Hickory Avenue, Birmingham, IA. Camping available on the grounds and breakfast, lunch and dinner served. For information regarding camping facility contact Bill Shipley at 641-919-9119.

Iowa Games will be held for pistol at Jefferson and rifle at Birmingham ranges.  
We hope to see you at one or both of these events as a competitor or spectator.

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