

Burns Lake 1000 Yard Shoot

40th Anniversary

This is the 2nd oldest 1000yrd shoot in North America. The history of the event involves a 303 British, a bottle of whiskey and a few ol' boys sitting around a wood stove. That was close to 40 years ago...

This years event was well attended and memorable as there were several first ever this year.

The big first ever was Rolf Johnson (76 years old) shooting a perfect score of 100 with all ten shots in the 10 ring. This has not been done since the event began 40 years ago and it will be awhile before it is duplicated.

The second first ever was Ron Edward (Also 76 years old) putting a 10 shot group in a 5 ½ inch group to win the Unlimited event. Again the smallest group in this event in the history of this event. We will see how long it stands as there are a lot of good shooters out there.

Another first ever was Orville Zeigman (again 76 years old) shooting for the first time and doing very well with a 6 ½ inch group in Heavy Rifle for 7th place. Very good for the first time out.

The final first ever, was a father and son shoot off in the Standing Gong event, with Ron Edward (Still 76) managing to win against his son, Linc. It made for memorable entertainment for everyone especially for Ron & Linc .

It seems that being 76 was the lucky age this year.

Many other very good scores and personal bests were shot during the good shooting weather we enjoyed over the weekend and they can be seen on the Results page.

Only 4 juniors participating this year so we have to work harder to get more out next year. We have to develop young shooters to replace the Seniors who can no longer make it or the sport will not survive. So start thinking of who you could bring. Linc Edward is one of several who always brings extra firearms, cartridges and provides coaching, so equipment and assistance is not an issue.

This is a very well organized, but informal, fun family type shoot that I have had the pleasure of attending for the past 4 years. As always a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Next year bring a friend and/or a junior to enjoy this great event.

One of the more important things about this match is that everyone has a great time with friendships being renewed and new ones being formed. The very friendly culture of this group is one of the reasons we keep coming back as well as all the others that hail from BC, Alberta, Sask, and the NWT.

Another key part of the event we have come to expect is the fabulous Saturday Prime Rib Dinner c/w with Yorkshire puddings, all the veggies you want and salads. Definitely one of the highlights here. The Pancake Breakfast served on Sunday morning was more than enough for us all.

The awards ceremonies went smoothly being M.C.d by Gary Eagan and Dallas Matson presenting the awards as well as the drawing for the raffles and door prizes. Many company supporters came through big time including 2 barrels from Bighorn Sales, a LED light bar from NiteRider LEDs, Hirsch Precision donated a Sightron scope, Corlane's has donated a rifle for the Juniors, Woods n Water a rifle and many more that I do not remember at the moment.

The target markers and the stats volunteers deserve a big vote of thanks as well. The target markers held up well despite the hordes of mosquitoes and no-seeums and the stats people were very busy keeping the scores posted.

More photos and information on this event can be found on the Bighorn Sales facebook page as well as the Tweedsmuir Park Rod and Gun Club facebook site.

Here are a couple of Photos (these will be added later) plus whatever Karla would like added.