

## **Match Director Report**

2018 1000 Yard World Championship Match  
Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Phoenix, Arizona

Practice day for the 3rd Annual 1000 Yard World Championship at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona dawned calm and pleasant, but with a forecast of unseasonable rain coming our way. The first match day dawned overcast and cool, with wind flags fishtailing in an uncertain breeze. Zack Taylor led the field as overall winner, with Dave Gullo and Pat Taylor nipping at his heels. Our New Zealander, Laurie Kerr, shooting muzzleloader, was High Muzzleloader while Tim Thorne, having worked the kinks out of his vintage sniper rifle, came in first place Vintage Sniper. Our match was curtailed by one relay because of an unforeseeable occurrence.

**Day 2** shooters enjoyed a brilliant red sunrise over the desert followed by stormclouds that happily, failed to deliver until the end of the final relay. The wind was again inconsistent, easing off in the later relays. Bryan Youngberg crushed the competition, coming in First Overall, with Dave Gullo and Robert Garibay IV capturing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall. Robert Garibay turned in high score for Vintage Sniper Rifle, and Laurie Kerr again took High Muzzleloader. Everyone enjoyed a Famous Dave's BBQ dinner and door prizes generously donated by our sponsors.

**Day 3's** first relay had to be postponed because of rain. Dave Gullo, came in First Overall, with Dave Robert Garibay IV Second Overall and Bryan Youngberg grabbing Third Overall. Nori Thorne squeaked High Vintage Sniper by one point. Of course, the 3-Day Aggregate tells the whole tale, and Dave Gullo remained consistent enough on all three days to garner the Grand Aggregate World Champion title. The Steve Rhoades Memorial World Championship award was a very special one, created by Danny Rhoades, the talented son of Steve Rhoades who passed away this year. Dave's spotter, John Venhous, received the Dan Theodore Memorial Top Spotter Award as well as 2nd Vintage Sniper. Robert Garibay's impressive score on Day 3 helped him win 1<sup>st</sup> Overall, Zack Taylor cruised into 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall position with Pat Taylor taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall winner. Laurie Kerr with his muzzle stuffer received Top Muzzleloader, and Robert Garibay took Top Vintage Sniper Rifle. Nori Thorne thought she should receive a prize for the most X's (maybe next year!). Gayle Boyle came in First Woman, Iron Sights.

Kudos go to Greg Burri, Assistant Match Director, for efficiently calling the match and to our juror, Klaus Schattleitner. Thanks to everyone who joined us this year. We hope to see more vintage sniper rifles and muzzleloaders on the line next year!

Tim Thorne  
Match Director