

2018 ECC Championship

The 2018 East Coast Championship was held 8/30/18 thru 9/2/18 at Tusco Rifle club.

We had 42 shooters and three countries, 2 Canadian Provinces and 11 states represented. A total of 277 entries were recorded. The weather was perfect for the entire match. Gary Crews showed us that the flop is a force to be reckoned with. The match software was not kind to us and the report does not show a few things. High Senior was Gary Crews with a 60 and 5 shootoffs. High Lady was Shirley Bakken with a 60 and 4, and high junior was Ronan Niemi with a 47 although his little brother Alexi bested that on a re-entry with a 48. Practical hunter are listed as non-sanctioned so Practical Hunter Long course is shown as NS1, Practical Hunter Short Course is shown as NS2 and Practical Hunter .22 is NS3. Some fantastic scores were shot as evidenced by the report although match winners are not notated and winners are not necessarily at the top. You have to look at the number of shootoffs.

The SB UAS tie was decided by shootoffs after the event with President Steve Martens besting Vice President Bruce Barrett 8 to 7 shootoffs. Gary Crews was also in this tie but the Oklahoma boys hit the road before final shootoffs.

The match report also does not show the reduced size 500 meter match results. We have ½ size targets set at ½ the distance and a few shooters took advantage and shot for some fun. High score was Steve Martens with a 39 and most amazing score was Stephen Kuehl shooting them with a .22 LR and getting 17 hits! Shooters only shot 40 rounds on the ultra 500.

Steve Martens also won the 3 gun BB agg, 4 gun SB agg as well as iron man. Jim Kesser won the 4 gun BB agg, Russell Mowles won the 3 gun SB agg. Doug Edney repeated his World Championship dominance and won all three standing aggs. Gary Crews was the winner of both half scale and fifth scale aggregates.

We celebrated Russell Mowles 111th birthday although he does not look that old. I have to assume that is in metric or dog years.

The match was smooth with no glitches and that is thanks to Bill Urbank and wife Carol Ann, Mark Basham, and Mark Urbank. Additional thanks to the Pennsylvania crew for helping get the range in shape, Doug and April Edney, Dave Edney and Keith Deciancio. Our target painters Ronan Niemi, Alexi Niemi and Nikko Niemi, we imported all the way from Canada and they were better than excellent. Thankyou to anyone that may have been missed and a big thankyou to all the shooters who came from all points on the globe and made this match a huge success.