

The **TEXAS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION** (TSRA) finally was able to hold its **LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP** Rifle Matches (originally scheduled for April 24-26, and rescheduled because of Covid-19) on October 9-11, 2020 at the **BAYOU RIFLES** Range south of Houston, Texas. We followed CDC Guidelines and protocol to safely conduct the event. This Championship Event included three 4-Man Team Matches on Friday, October 9, three 20-shot 1000-yard Matches on Saturday, October 10, and two 20-shot 1000 yard Matches on Sunday, October 11. We had 9 Teams including 42 shooters and coaches for Friday's Team Matches, and 62 shooters for the 1000-yard Matches on Saturday and Sunday. These Championships include 4 Tournaments being conducted simultaneously, depending on what rifle discipline you declared for competition. This included **SLING RIFLES** (includes **SERVICE RIFLES**, **ANY RIFLE/METALLIC SIGHTS**, **ANY RIFLE/OPTICAL SIGHTS**, **MATCH RIFLE**, and **PALMA RIFLE**), **NRA TACTICAL RIFLE**, **F-OPEN RIFLE**, and **F-TR RIFLE**. It takes a minimum of five competitors of the same rifle discipline to make a tournament.

The range was in excellent condition. Weather proved to be interesting, as Hurricane Delta was headed close to the range on Friday. We had delay due to fog in the early morning, and the skies were overcast with some drizzle and light rain. The conditions improved so that we could still shoot during the day, but the increasing winds with up to 20mph gusts proved to be challenging for all. Saturday also started with foggy conditions, and had overcast skies, with threatening rain, but less winds (from 5-10mph) out of the northeast. Sunday was more of the same, but the winds were out of the southwest, and the conditions improved during the day. Everyone got all of their shots on target. We finished at 1:30PM Sunday afternoon, presented awards, and everyone had a good time.

Bayou Rifles plans to host this **TSRA LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP** again next year, in April of 2021 (watch for details later).

TEAM MATCH RESULTS: There were 9 teams for the Friday team matches.

In the **ANY RIFLE/SERVICE RIFLE Combined Class**, **TEAM "USNRT MORRIS"** (Curtis Bohlman, Randy Pike, Kurt Schmidt, and Kent Shomber. Team Coach: Pat Morris) won **Match 1** with a 777-26X, they won **Match 2** with a 761-20X, and they also won **Match 3** with a 756-19X with a 769-26X. Their winning aggregate score was 2294-65X.

In the **F-OPEN Class**, **TEAM "GRAPE CRUSHERS"** (Johnny Ingram, Neil Woody, Omar Alonzo, and Robin Ardoin. Team Coach: Johnny Ingram) won **Match 1** with a 787-35X, they won **Match 2** with a 779-28X. Their winning aggregate score was 2341-85X

In the **F-TR Class**, **TEAM "TEXAS"** (Michael McCasland, Randy Littleton, Otis Riffey, and Allen Tampke. Team Coach: Jarod Utter) won **Match 1** with a 775-21X, and they also won **Match 2** with a 763-17X. Their winning aggregate score was 2290-52X.

On Saturday and Sunday, 62 Shooters competed in the **INDIVIDUAL 1000-yard Matches**, with these results:

F-OPEN RIFLE Tournament

Congratulations to **BRYAN BLAKE** for winning the **F-OPEN RIFLE** Tournament with a 994-58X.

Second place went to **PETER JOHNS** with a 994-43X.

Third place went to **TIMOTHY VAUGHT** with a 993-42X.

F-TR RIFLE Tournament

Congratulations to **Carl MATTHEWS** for winning the F-TR RIFLE Tournament with a 983-38X.

Second place went to **ALTON JOHNSON** with a 978-34X.

Third place went to **JENNIFFER BONDURANT** with a 977-39X.

ANY RIFLE/METALLIC SIGHTS Tournament

Congratulations to **KENNETH PORTER** for winning the ANY RIFLE/METALLIC SIGHTS Tournament with a 986-38X.

ANY RIFLE/OPTICAL SIGHTS Tournament

Congratulations to **GREGG FOSTER** for winning the ANY RIFLE/OPTICAL SIGHTS Tournament with a 976-41X

PALMA RIFLE Tournament

Congratulations to **KENT SHOMBER** for winning the PALMA RIFLE Tournament with a 990-45X.

Second place went to **TANNER BURROWS** with a 988-38X

SERVICE RIFLE Tournament

Congratulations to **BUDDY REICH** for winning the SERVICE RIFLE Tournament with a 961-28X

SPECIAL AWARDS went to:

High GRAND SENIOR went to **FRANK DAVIS** with a 985-38X.

High SENIOR went to **DAVID GOSNELL** with a 990-51X.

High WOMAN went to **TRACY HARROLD** with a 986-35X

High JUNIOR went to **MADELYN CREASON** with a 976-33X

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Results can be seen at <https://www.bayourifles.org/BRI/index.php/competitions/high-power-rifle>, and scroll down to "TSRA Long Range Championships"

For information on Shooting at BAYOU RIFLES, go to bayourifles.org

Hope to see you next year.

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