



(Match report prepared by Jeff Swartz)

The third 100-yard benchrest match of 2023 was held at Fairfield Sportsmen's Association on Saturday, June 3.

Those shooting .22 caliber have historically been rare (a little over 12% of all 3-card matches in the last 4 years have been shot with a .22). That was not the case this time. Five of 11 shooters were using a .22 which tied with the 5 shooting the very popular .30 cal. It turns out it was not a good time to switch to .22. The shifting winds at FSA are always present, though they usually correspond closely to the visual cues. This was not the case this time, even though we had more wind flags out than I've ever seen at a match at FSA. There were times where nearly every flag was still, yet shots were being pushed low or sideways. And there were times where the flags were showing a variety of information, but the shots were hitting right where one aimed. I struggle to describe the conditions any way other than "unpredictably difficult".

Despite only 1 shooter scoring a 3-card total of more than 650, we all enjoyed a beautiful day at the range. The temps creeped up close to 90 and there was plenty of sunshine. We were fortunate to have well covered shooting positions and an air-conditioned scoring room.

Ryan Spanagel was the only shooter that seemed to have the conditions figured out, or at least figured out better than the rest of the field. He shot a 662 9X to take first place, and also shot his first ever 230+ card. We had a tie for second place at 642 which was broken by Keith Frye's 9 X's, putting him in second. At 642 3X was Ritchie Tuazon, shooting his first BR match at FSA and finishing in third.

After the 3-card match was complete, we did a 4th "fun card". We didn't tell everyone, but we decided to award a nice hat (courtesy of Hawke Optics) to the person with the most scores outside of the 8 ring. JR Schnipke, also shooting his first BR match at FSA walked away with the prize.

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Thank you to all who attended.....Jeff Swartz and Ryan Spanagel

ASA 3-Card (Match #1 / Main Event)

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			Score		Score		Score		TOTAL		
Place Caliber		Caliber	#1	Х	#2	Х	#3	Х	SCORE	Х	
	1 Ryan Spanagel	0.30	218	2	230	6	214	1	662	9	1st
	2 Keith Frye	0.30	223	6	212	1	207	2	642	9	2nd
	3 Ritchie Tuazon	0.25	223	2	221	1	198	0	642	3	3rd
	4 Joe Polanco	0.30	214	2	216	4	198	2	628	8	
	5 Jeff Swartz	0.22	215	3	204	1	194	1	613	5	
	6 Tom Cox	0.30	205	1	208	2	197	2	610	5	
	7 Robert Steele	0.22	201	1	213	2	186	3	600	6	
	8 JR Schnipke	0.22	188	0	190	2	193	1	571	3	
	9 Tim Swan	0.30	180	2	206	0	168	1	554	3	
	10 Ana Rose Spanagel	0.22	173	1	167	1	182	2	522	4	
	11 Brandon Michaud	0.22	166	0	153	0	62	0	381	0	
		Avg	200.5		201.8		181.7				
		Max	223		230		214				

Equipment

Place	Rifle	Scope	Ammo	
1 Ryan Spanagel	FX Impact MKII	Hawke Sidewinder FFP	.30 / 44.75gr	
2 Keith Frye	DS Red Wolf Safari	Sightron	.30 / 44.75gr	
3 Ritchie Tuazon	FX Impact M3	Discovery 5-25	.25 / 33.95gr	
4 Joe Polanco	Scout Epoch	Vector Zalem	.30 / 44.75gr	
5 Jeff Swartz	FX Impact MKII	Hawke Frontier 34mm 5-30	.22 / 25.39 gr	
6 Tom Cox	FX Impact M3	Hawke Sidewinder 8-32	.30 / 44.75gr	
7 Robert Steele	FX Impact M3	Element Titan	.22 / 25.39 gr	
8 JR Schnipke	DS Red Wolf	Aztec	.22 / 25.39 gr	
9 Tim Swan	Skout Epoch	Sightron SIII	.30/ ???	
10 Ana Rose Spanagel	Air Arms S510XS	Athlon Argos	.22 / 18.13 gr	
11 Brandon Michaud	FX Crown	Vector Minotaur	.22 / 25.39 gr	