Wadekamper Palma Match

Sunday, May 20th saw the Rudy Wadekamper match contested under a drizzle driven by some tough wind. The Waddy Trophy goes to the high shooter firing a .308 with bullets less than 156 grains. Due to the increasing rain, the match director made the call to stop the match after completion of the 900 yard phase. There were 21 shooters posting scores including 10 F-Class competitors. Wadekamper macth rules now allow a non-resident to be eligible for the win and Brian Mrnak from Wisconsin took it home with a 299-15x. His only point drop occured at 800 yards for a 149-7x and a clean with 8x at 900 yards. An X-count of 50% is pretty impressive when you've got rain in your front sight! Stacey Tamulinas was 2nd overall at 293-9x.

The Master class went to Elliot Zunich at 290-6x and Paul Cross was 2nd in Master at 287-7x. The Father- Son duo of Chris and Eric Hazelton battled it out with Jr. Eric beating Dad at 282-4x to 280-4x. Looks like Dad will be reloading again! Chris took home the unlimited bullet trophy firing a 6.5/284.

In F-Class, the match winner was Eric Johnson with a 296-13x. Eric cleaned at 800 with 7-x. Second overall and first in Master Class was Carl Kaster at 294-10x. GRRC Member John Rykhas was first in combined class with a 290-7x. Despite the weather all of the competitors were glad they stuck it out as they will have tale to tell for the ages.

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