

Minnesota 3-Position and 4-Position Championship July 1 & 2, 2017, Minneapolis Rifle Club

Rain wind and more rain can only describe The weekend of July 1 and 2, 2017. The 3 Position Championship Match Saturday morning was cool, very windy and very wet! Only two Junior shooters showed up at the range to brave the weather. Vincent Hirsch and Nathan Engman are dedicated shooters and they came to shoot the 3-Position Championship on the 50 meter International targets rain or no rain.

Weather reports were bleak, but the weather maps did show a possible break so they waited it out. While waiting, attendees discussed leaving but decided to try shooting a 3 X 20 instead of a 3 X 40 match. As the rain slacked off, they shot they shot the Prone string. The rains delayed them again finally allowing the Standing phase of the match. Not wanting to through in the towel, they started the Kneeling phase in sprinkles that ended in a pouring rain.

When it was all done Vincent claimed the State Championship and Nathan the Junior Championship.

Vincent Hirsch: 177 -1, 167-0, 160-2 for a total of 504-3X

Nathan Engman: 184-2, 134-0, 164-1 for a total of 482-3X

Sunday July 2, 2017, brought rain, pouring rain and more pouring rain. Several shooters waited at the range hoping for better conditions. After waiting for over an hour and studying the weather radar all the shooters decided to call it a day and went home without firing the match. Range schedules and lack of the NRA returning phone calls lead to delays in rescheduling the 4-Position Championship.

The MRC finally had an opening in the range schedule that didn't appear to conflict with interested shooters schedules. October 7, 2017 was chosen for the retry. Shooters were greeted by bad luck again. The wind and rain were a little better than the July 1, 2017 3-Position Championship. Three shooters decided to wait out the weather. After a bit, the radar looked like there would be a break in the clouds. The three hardy souls decided to try and shoot a 800 point 4-Position match. Somehow between and during sprinkles the got the Prone, Sitting and Kneeling phases. Standing was better with no rain.

When it was all done Vincent Hirsch (a Junior) won the State 4-Position title with 760-14, Ryan Hudson is high Junior and Jim Biles appears to have set a new Senior National record.

Vincent Hirsh: 199-6, 197-7, 183-1, and 186-4 for 760-14X

Ryan Hudson; 197-7, 181-2, 192-5 and 184-2 for 754-16X

Jim Biles: 199-12, 194-5, 174-2 and 161-1 for 728-20X



Left to right; Vincent Hirsch, Jim Biles & Ryan Hudson at the 4-Position Championship

Minneapolis Rifle Club USA Shooting Smallbore Match Results
Saturday July, 1, 2107

Three Position Match Results (3 X 20)

Name		Kneeling	Inner 10's	Prone	Inner 10's	Standing	Inner 10's	Final
Allison	Buesseler	169	2	169	1	148	1	486
Ryan	Hudson	165	2	177	3	151	1	493
Nathan	Engman	170	2	179	2	150	0	499
Vincent	Hirsch	160	1	170	1	160	1	490

Prone (English) Match

Name		Match 1	Inner 10's	Match 2	Inner 10's	Match 3	Inner 10's	Final
Allison	Buesseler	166	1	163	0	163	0	492
Ryan	Hudson	178	3	181	2	174	0	533
Nathan	Engman	173	0	176	2	189	3	538
Vincent	Hirsch	189	6	186	2	183	3	558
Eric	Hazelton	182	3	191	5	193	7	566
Jason	Jarvis	186	4	191	5	184	2	561

Inner 10's

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4

Match Winner

3

Inner 10's

1

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Match Winner

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