



Dawsonville, GA: Mike Upchurch Wins River Bend Gun Club's 2014 Smallbore Rifle Prone Season Opener

Mike Upchurch took the lead in match 1 of four matches at RBGC's 2014 season opener on March 15 and was never headed. The tournament drew 19 entries and was held on the newly renamed Mark Skutle Range in honor of the late great American, Mark Skutle.

At the midpoint of the 1600 tournament, Mike had posted a perfect 800, 2 points better than eventual runner-up Don Greene and 3rd place Steve Hardin. The already "switchy" winds continued to increase in velocity over the course of day frustrating most of the field. But Upchurch lost just three points in the final 80 shots and held on for a 1-point win over runner-up Greene and 2-points over third place Hardin.

Dennis Lindenbaum and Tommy Steadman, the two most senior seniors in the tournament mutually agreed to simultaneous withdraw after 120 shots (ostensibly to help score targets) conceding high senior honors to eventual third place overall Steve Hardin. Lindenbaum won the geriatric 1200 with a mediocre 1192-59x, besting Steadman's sub-mediocre 1184-54x.

Following is a summary of the final match results and class winners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Score</u>	
Mike Upchurch	EX	1597 115X	Match Winner
Don Greene	MA	1596 117x	Second
Steve Hardin	MA	1595 101x	Third
Howard Pitts	MA	1588 106x	1st Master
Wayne Forshee	MA	1586 109x	2 nd Master
Larry Sollars	EX	1594 107x	1st Expert
Cindy Forshee	EX	1583 74x	2nd Expert
Keith Jarriel	SS	1574 103x	1st Sharpshooter
John Anderson	MK	1557 60x	1st Marksman
Jonathon Moore	F	1575 85x	1 st F-Class

RBGC's 200 yard smallbore prone season begins on Saturday, April 5 on the high power range. Registration will be at the 300 yard firing line parking lot and the match begins at 9:00 AM.

For details about this event, please visit our website at <http://www.rbgc.org/200YardRimfire/200YardRF.html> or contact 200 yard SB match director Doug McNash at 200yardrimfire@rbgc.org.

The next smallbore rifle prone match will on Saturday, April 19, on Mark Skutle Range (formerly MP2). The match begins at 9:00 AM.

For information about RBGC's monthly smallbore prone matches see visit RBGC's website at <http://www.rbgc.org/SmallBore/Smallbore.html> or you may contact match director Tommy Steadman at smallbore@rbgc.org or call 404-713-4323.