

WHITTINGTON CENTER FIRECRACKER 4800

Conventional Smallbore Rifle Prone Championships, 4-7 July 2015

(Sponsored by the NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER SHOOTING CLUB. Range located at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM three hours north of Albuquerque or two and one half hours south of Colorado Springs. Weather usually is in the 80's with very low humidity and little wind. Many scores of 1200 the past three years.

We will have a new club house where targets will be displayed due to generous donations from many shooters. This should upgrade our match significantly.

NRA registered match open to all utilizing current NRA prone rules. Entry fee: \$170.00 adults; \$120.00 juniors and collegiate (includes \$15 per day range fee and \$5.50 NRA fee) for entire four days. Two Day package will be \$100 for adults and \$60 for juniors. Firing begins daily at 9:00, unless there are two relays. If two relays we will start at 08:00 (38 firing points).

The daily course of fire will be in the following order: Dewar Match, (20 shots, 50 yards and 20 shots at 100 yards; 100 Yard Match, 40 shots; and 50 Meter Match, 40 shots at 50 yards on target A-27. Daily aggregates will be 1200 points, **no 50 yard match**. Iron sights will be shot on Saturday and Monday and any sights on Sunday and Tuesday. Rational for the change was; the 50 yard match is usually inconsequential to the outcome of the match, it makes for a shorter day allowing for other matches, and requires less ammo. This is the course of fire for the Nationals at Camp Perry. Based on this we will plan to shoot 2-man team matches on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Less than 3 competitors in a class will be moved to the next higher class. A High Master class will be used which consists of all supported shooters, distinguished prone rifle shooters, or any shooter who has fired five or more 1200s or 1600s. Please indicate if Hi Master when entering.

Anyone of any age, may elect to shoot scope all 4 days. On Saturday and Monday they will compete in an open any sight class and on Sunday and Tuesday they will be placed in their respective class. We will also have an F Class, which is any sights and will be fired on NRA Metric targets.

Awards: Cash prizes in individual matches.

The below listed vendors have been contacted for merchandise which will be awarded as door prizes daily and to the winners in all aggregates. There will be a prize table for the 4800 aggregate on Tuesday afternoon after the match in the cafeteria. Winners must be present to win. Shooters will be allowed to pick their prize from the table in the following order: Grand Aggregate Winner, Second, and Third followed by 1st Hi

Master, 1st Master, 1st Expert, 1st SS, 1st Marksman, 1st Open Scope and 1st F Class. (Must have at least three entries in a class for an award, or they will be combined with the next higher class), followed by 2nd Hi Master, 2nd Master, etc. Please support our sponsors and thank them for supporting our match.

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General information: There will be food available at the cafeteria but not at the range. Port-A-Pot restrooms are available. For information and entries contact Lones Wigger, phone 719 930 9889 or 719 866 4886, FAX 719 866 4884 or email Lones.Wigger@usashooting.org **You must confirm entry at least two weeks out with your NRA number and classification. Advance entry fees are not required.** Camping and competitor housing are available--call 575-445-3615 at the Whittington Center. The range will be open for training on July 3 for a \$20 range fee, unless you are a member of the Whittington Center club. **The award ceremony will be in the Cafeteria at approximately 2:00 pm on Tuesday and lunch will be available for about \$10.**

Motel rooms in north Raton are available with very reasonable rates (\$50 range) and work with match sponsors at the Whittington Center. Contact the Raton Pass at 575 445 3641 or the Budget Host at 575 445 3655 and mention the match or my name. **You should make hotel reservations early because it will fill rapidly. You can cancel later if need be.**

We will have a barbeque Monday night, 5:00 PM probably at the Budget Host Motel. Bring utensils, meat to barbeque, drinks, and something to share for desert or main course. Charcoal and plates will be provided.

Our goal this year is two relays and 60 shooters. So bring a friend and support smallbore rifle shooting at the Whittington Center and enjoy the new clubhouse.