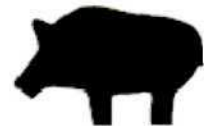




# RIDGWAY, PA.



## BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE RIFLE SILHOUETTE AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2006

It seems almost every newsletter I work on starts out with the same discussion, the weather in Ridgway. I can say this one is no different. Don't listen to the weather channel, as they predicted only scattered thunderstorms throughout the morning with some clearing in the afternoon. Hey, it's easy to predict a hurricane with pictures from space, but they can't handle anything local. Between the fog, the rain, nay not just the rain, but at times a downright down pour.

This picture was taken after the first relay which had just deplorable conditions. I know, I shot in

You have to experience this type of shooting in order to learn the dos and don'ts of BPCR Silhouette in heavy rain and poor visibility. Even with this poor weather we had 27 shooters.

Of course, there were those who literally thrived in these conditions and shot some amazing scores. Our Match Winner, Dave Heeter shot a score of 33. If I hadn't experienced the day's weather I would have thought that his score was shot in good weather. Actually this is Dave's best 40 shot match score this year and on such a lovely day. Dave, please don't pray for rain for our Eastern Regional at the end of September and no I am not going to have a Winter Blizzard match. You'd probably shoot a perfect score. ☺

Second Open with another great score was Brian Chilson (31). This was just another great effort. First Master was Ross Arnfield (29), Gary Schweitzer (25) took Second Master.

George Harris (26) took First AAA, Lester Henry (25) Second AAA and Eli Liston (24) Third AAA. First AA went to Larry Kiehl (18), Craig

Artman (18) First A, John Haagen (17) Second A. Jack Maurer (26) took First Scope.

Congratulations go out to these shooters for a superior effort. Clearly they have mastered what I have not, the ability to shoot in poor weather.



that relay and was not prepared for it. My score in that relay tells the story and I can't blame it totally on the weather but my own lack of experience shooting in this mess. In a very short time I learned a lot about poor weather shooting.

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I want to thank all those who helped at this shoot. Pickup and cleanup is a lot easier with all the help and I do appreciate that. Without the PA system we had to make do with a little hollering and teamwork to make the match flow. I appreciate the patience of all the shooters. Hey, if we were willing to shoot on a day such as this, the lack of loudspeakers was just icing on the cake.

Remember to shoot straight, often and don't forget to involve the younger generation in our shooting sport. I hope to see you all at our Eastern Regional Championship on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

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