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BPCR SILHOUETTE OCTOBER 2008

BRIAN CHILSON WINS OCTOBER MATCH

Brian Chilson, of Nelson, Pa. was the winner of the last BPCR Silhouette match of the 2008 season at the Ridgway Rifle Club in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, October 26th. Brian shot 32 out of 40 in iron sight and the same score to place first in the Scope Class. Brian has had a very successful shooting season scoring match wins in April, August and this month. Brian also became Pennsylvania State Champ in June and Eastern Regional Champ in September. At the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico in early August Brian also became the National BPCR Silhouette Champion in Iron Sight. Brian also was match winner at other BPCR Silhouette matches held in Shippensburg, Pa. and McDonald, Pa. Congratulations Brian on a very successful season.



Brian Chilson Match Winner
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We had 23 attendees at the October match. On Saturday's practice day we had steady rain throughout most of the day but when Sunday rolled around, the sun shown bright. It was a very cold 30 degrees early morning, slowly warming up to about 48 before match end. We can't talk about a Ridgway match without discussing the wind. The wind was very blustery with gusts up to the 30 – 35 mph with most of the day averaging around 10 – 15 mph. What makes this so interesting is the wind was swirling most of the day not settling into any one direction making spotting and shooting a bit exasperating.

As we stated above, Match Winner was Brian Chilson. Dave Heeter won Second Open with a 29 by winning a shoot off against John O'Donnell. First and Second Master was also decided in a shoot off between Ross Arnfield (25) and Steve Maurer (25). Ross took First Master and Steve settled for Second Master.

John O'Donnell (29) won First AAA with Karl Nagel (29) taking Second AAA. Bill Simmen (28) took Third AAA for the day. Frank Sturm shot a 24 to take First AA with Michael Kanzeg (20) taking Second AA and Craig Artman (18) finished with Third AA.

First Scope was taken by Brian Chilson with a 32. Roger Tremba took Second Scope with a score of 31 and Ed Heeter won Third Scope with a score of 27.

The Ridgway Rifle Club and all attendees would like to congratulate all the winners.

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As with all the matches, they couldn't happen without the volunteers who call relays, paint targets, cleanup and dump the trash and help with the statistics. Thanks to Steve Maurer, Bruce Getgen and Roger Tremba for calling relays. As this was the last match of the 2008 season I would like to thank all those that helped make this season so much fun to attend and to those that helped make them run so smoothly. Debbie & Brian Chilson along with Al Ogden and Craig Artman helped with painting and setting the targets up prior to the matches, Brian & Deb for transporting all the target setters to and from the bunkers, all those who volunteered for calling the relays, and Lester Henry, Roger Tremba and others who helped clean and pickup after the matches. Thanks to all of you as it would be very difficult to run these matches without your kind help. I would also like to thank my wife Becky for the great cookies she bakes for each match, making coffee, helping with pins and scores and most of all, putting up with an old SOB like me. You're the best.

I would like to apologize for the mix-up on lunch for match day. For some reason no one passed on the information when I called the week prior. I will have further information in my winter newsletter on what we will be doing next year for lunches on match days.

Becky and I hope everyone had as an enjoyable shooting season, as we sure did. As always, it is just great to get together with all of you each month in Ridgway. We hope you have a profitable hunting season, a great holiday season, and a prosperous new year. We will see you all in April 2009 for the start of another exciting season of BPCR Silhouette. Until then:

Remember to shoot straight, often and don't forget to involve the younger generation in our shooting sports.
Match Director - John O'Donnell

