

RIDGWAY RIFLE CLUB

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VARMINT SILHOUETTE JUNE 2010

On Saturday the Ridgway Rifle Club held the first ever Long Range Bench Rest Varmint Silhouette Match. This new shooting discipline combines the two established shooting sports of Metallic Silhouette and 1000 yard Bench Rest into one new and very challenging competition for rifle enthusiasts.

As in Silhouette the competitor is presented with banks of 5 steel silhouettes at four distances which must be knocked over to be scored. However the steel cutouts for this game are life size shapes of crows, ground hogs, bobcats and coyotes. The distances from the firing line are 850, 900, 950 and 1000 yards respectively. The competitor's fire at the targets from concrete benches using rests for their rifles instead of the off-hand position of traditional silhouette but this hardly made the game easy. Even with a sighters period prior to firing for record at each distance only two of the 27 competitors present on Saturday were able to topple more than half of the 40 targets.

Mel Hoffman of Ridgway was Match Winner in the Heavy gun class (17 lb) with a 23 and Rick Stenko of Sheffield matched that score of 23 to win the light gun class (12 lb).

2nd Heavy gun – Fred Kielbowick – Ridgway – score – 18

2nd Light gun - Joe Penta – Apollo, PA – score – 18

3rd Heavy gun – John Billick – Ridgway – score – 16

Next match will be Saturday July 10. Spectators are welcome, Bring binoculars if you have them (targets are a long way out) and hearing protection. Ear plugs are available at the range for no charge.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Match Director - Fred Kielbowick