Sanner's Lake Frozen Chosin Match Report 01/15/22

The day dawned bone-chillingly cold as a hardy group of competitors arrived at the range for the seventh annual Frozen Chosin match at Sanner's Lake; the biting wind, dreary skies and frozen fingers giving just a hint at what the conditions might have been like during the actual Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

An eclectic group of vintage rifles filled the line, with American M1 Garands and M1 Carbines joining forces with a British Lee-Enfield to smash the enemy SVT and Mosin Nagants! Actually, the battle for match supremacy was pretty darn close, but in the end Alston Rush and his M1 Carbine put together a superb 251-1X to come out on top...and I believe Alton's victorious Carbine was actually his grandfather's rifle from WWII, making the victory all the more appropriate and special.

Coming in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place was a gaggle of Garands, all keeping the race tight with scores in the 240's, as James Black and Ryan Moore took second and third place with a 249-2X and 244-2X, respectively. Not one to be left behind, Jeremy Hanson was locked in a battle for 4th place with Nathanial Swift and his SVT but when the smoke cleared they both ended up with identical 241-0X scores that couldn't be settled by X-count...so the tie-breaker ended up being Jeremy's higher standing slowfire score! Congratulations to all the shooters for giving it their all despite the frosty conditions.

See a complete summary of the scores as well as pictures from the match below.

Thanks to everybody for stepping up to the plate regardless of the weather, keeping their vintage rifles tuned up and dialed in, and putting down some seriously respectable scores, all while maintaining am inspiring spirit of competition and comradery. And, more importantly, remembering those who fought and died in faraway lands to preserve our freedom.

Keep an eye on the Sanner's club calendar for future Vintage Military Rifle matches as well as the classic military rifle "Woodstock" benchrest matches, all of which will be starting back up in the March timeframe.

See you at the range!

SR-1 Target 100 yards

				Prone		Prone		Standing			
Place	Name	Rifle	Caliber	Slow	Х	Rapid	Х	Slow	Х	Total	Х
1	Alston Rush	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	90	0	83	0	78	1	251	1
2	James Black	M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	93	2	87	0	69	0	249	2
3	Ryan Moore	M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	91	1	81	0	72	1	244	2
4	Jeremy Hanson	M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	84	0	81	0	76	0	241	0
5	Nathanial Swift	SVT-40	7.62x54R	85	0	82	0	74	0	241	0
6	Ryan Moore	M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	86	0	76	0	76	0	238	0
7	Dick Chadwick	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	80	0	89	1	65	0	234	1
8	Shawn Healy	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	81	0	83	0	61	0	225	0
9	Jonathan Ramsey	Mosin Nagant 91/30	7.62x54R	66	0	65	0	66	0	197	0
10	Joshua Kelley	M1 Garand	.30-06 Springfield	60	0	76	0	42	0	178	0
11	John Healy	Lee-Enfield No. 4 Mk1	.303 British	50	0	39	0	40	0	129	0
12	Marshall Holman	Mosin Nagant M1891	7.62x54R	44	0	48	0	37	0	129	0

300 total points possible. Ties broken by X's and then by highest standing score.

Relay 1:



Relay 2:



The Lee-Enfield is plenty accurate... just need to make a minor offset correction when the rounds tumble!



A few drops of blood is a small price to pay when using those razor-sharp Mosin stripper clips!



