

Sanner's Lake Frozen Chosin Match Report

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There was a bitter chill in the air and dull gray clouds hung low in the sky threatening imminent snow...highly appropriate conditions for the fourth annual Sanner's Lake "Frozen Chosin" match! A record turnout of 18 shooters shrugged off the forecast and brought their rifles and carbines to bear in the frosty dawn to honor the service of those who fought in the "police action" that was the Korean War.

Once again the majority of rifles on the line were M1 Carbines (eight) followed closely by M1 Garands (seven). There was also an old warhorse Springfield M1903A3, a Thompson 1927A1 "Trench Broom", a Lee-Enfield No. 5 Mk I "Jungle Carbine", and even an enemy SKS to round out the diverse variety of classic historical firearms.

The old warhorses performed well and the shooters did their part to keep them slinging lead downrange and on target. A few stoppages here and there were quickly overcome with applied field maintenance as competitors leaped into the fray to help out and keep the action going in the finest tradition of shooting camaraderie. When the smoke finally cleared and the scores tallied it was Paul Stephens and his Garand taking the top spot with a match record 272-3X. Right behind him was Ed Thompson and his M1 Carbine also setting a record high Carbine score with a stellar 268-2X. Finishing up the top three was Dayne Pogue with a terrific 255-0X after re-entering on the third relay and moving up an astonishing 17 places!

See below for detailed scores and pictures from the match. Thanks to everybody for coming out and showing what the old warhorses are capable of, especially the little peashooter Carbine! Be sure to join us at future rifle matches at Sanners. And please do not forget those who fought and those who died in the "Forgotten War"...

SR-1 Target

100 yards

| Place | Name | Rifle | Caliber | Prone Slow | Prone Rapid | Standing Slow | TOTAL |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Paul Stephens | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 90-0X | 97-3X | 85-0X | 272-3X |
| 2 | Ed Thompson | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 93-2X | 89-0X | 86-0X | 268-2X |
| 3 | Dayne Pogue | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 84-0X | 91-0X | 80-0X | 255-0X |
| 4 | Larry Chiarizia | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 86-1X | 78-0X | 85-0X | 249-1X |
| 5 | John Casilio | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 88-0X | 79-0X | 79-0X | 246-0X |
| 6 | Dick Chadwick | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 77-1X | 81-0X | 82-0X | 240-1X |
| 7 | Pete Walczak | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 89-0X | 80-0X | 70-0X | 239-0X |
| 8 | Jonathan Ramsey | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 84-1X | 74-1X | 74-0X | 232-2X |
| 9 | Ryan A. Spratt | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 89-0X | 81-0X | 62-0X | 232-0X |
| 10 | Jake Swierczek | M1927A1 Thompson | .45 ACP | 74-0X | 80-0X | 72-0X | 226-0X |
| 11 | Luke Lubich | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 85-1X | 79-1X | 60-0X | 224-2X |
| 12 | Asher Maroot | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 83-0X | 83-0X | 56-0X | 222-0X |
| 13 | Jake Swierczek | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 78-1X | 87-0X | 49-0X | 214-1X |
| 14 | Mark Swierczek | Lee-Enfield No. 5 Mk I | .303 British | 82-1X | 73-1X | 49-0X | 204-2X |
| 15 | Joe Maida | SKS | 7.62x39mm | 83-0X | 77-0X | 38-0X | 198-0X |
| 16 | Jeff Norman | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 79-0X | 37-0X | 62-0X | 178-0X |
| 17 | John Norman | Springfield M1903A3 | .30-06 Springfield | 70-0X | 58-0X | 50-0X | 178-0X |
| 18 | Thomas Carrol | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 69-0X | 61-1X | 47-0X | 177-1X |
| 19 | Luke Lubich | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 81-0X | 63-0X | 33-0X | 177-0X |
| 20 | Dayne Pogue | M1 Garand | .30-06 Springfield | 76-0X | 52-0X | 49-0X | 177-0X |
| 21 | Tom Vandenberg | M1 Carbine | .30 Carbine | 62-0X | 76-0X | 34-1X | 172-1X |

Note: 300 total points possible. Ties broken by X's and then by highest individual string.

A full house:



The crowd scores the targets:



The Garand makes a bigger boom but the Thompson makes a bigger hole:



An M1 Carbine flanked by a pair of Garands:



Some quick field maintenance and this Garand was back in action:



Enemy rifle outnumbered by Allied forces:



Even the Commonwealth Nations pitched in:



In remembrance...

