

Sanner's Carbine Classic August Match Report 8/29/2020

The August Carbine Classic match was a perfect storm! The threat of hurricane remnants and dwindling ammo supplies caused many competitors to shy away, but a core group of dedicated riflemen and women braved the uncertain elements to sling lead downrange and punch holes in cardboard.

The downpour the night before the match was epic, causing certain roads to become impassable and making the drive to the range particularly challenging. Upon arrival a flooded parking area greeted the competitors, as the match directors raced to reposition target stands that had started to float away! The morning weather forecasts continued to be all over the place, but without actual thunderstorms over our head we made the decision to step up and press on. We did give in a little bit to Mother Nature by ditching the four-round warmup stage and covering the targets, but in the end it was surprisingly dry and worth the push into the unknown.

Keeping the round count low while still making the match challenging is not without problems, but with a couple tricks it seemed doable. Picking out threats in a sea of no-shoots and engaging them with a clear line of sight (in front of AND behind the target) is both a difficult challenge and a practical skill. Dynamical entry into a room with many threats and a random no-shoot is incredibly fun, especially when you do not know where that no-shoot will be! To top it off, despite all the weather uncertainty and with conditions such as they were, a select few competitors decided to up their game and rise to the challenge of Prepper division. These competitors were required to wear all the gear and equipment they needed for the match on their person throughout the entire match, including water, food, ammunition, spare parts, etc. On a day so soggy, humid, and uncertain, their achievement in this match cannot be understated. Special congratulations go to J. Hanson for taking first place in this division, along with S. Rose, A. Delgado, J. Copenhagen, and H. Tucker for not only finishing the match but doing well overall!

Prepper division is not the only way to make this match harder though. Instead of spending big bucks on whatever latest and greatest red dot or scope is making the rounds on YouTube, two competitors chose to put their eyesight to the test and get back to basics with good old iron sights for this match. Congratulations to our two Ironmen: S. Hopkins and A. Bachman; not only did both of you guys make a bold choice, but S. Hopkins even came in second place overall! Incredible!

Last but obviously not least, congratulations to D. Goodwin for his commanding overall win; not only did he take first place, but he put a whopping ten second lead against the next competitor!

Additional recognition must be given to M. Hansen as the top Active Duty competitor, T. Farrar as the high senior, and finally A. Swierczek as the high lady! Great shooting!

Included below is the link to the scores posted on Practiscore and below that are a few photos snagged during the match.

<https://practiscore.com/results/new/116282>

The next match will be October 31st; as usual sign-ups will be announced a couple weeks in advance. Stay tuned to the Sanner's website for the status of upcoming matches and our COVID precautions.

With recent events such as they are, more Americans are taking it upon themselves to be prepared for any eventuality. However, gear does you no good if you do not practice with it. While you may not consider yourself a “prepper”, give one of our matches a try and see if you and your equipment are up to the test!

-Jake Swierczek and Joe Maida

Sanner’s newest lake! Note the pedestrian bridge so competitors could access pits 1 and 2:



J. Hanson showing how Preppers get the job done:



A. Delgado spitting fire:



M. Reider and M. Hansen putting the heat on the bad guys:



Here's how it looks behind the trigger: go fast, don't miss, and more importantly DO miss the no-shoots!

