

Sanners Lake “Frozen Chosin” Match Report

02/18/2017

The weather was unfortunately beautiful and although not representative of the actual conditions at the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir it certainly made for a strong turnout and an excellent match! Sixteen shooters (two full relays) arrived at Sanner’s Lake on Saturday morning and prepared to do battle in honor of the service and sacrifice of the “Chosin Few” during the second annual Sanners Lake “Frozen Chosin” match.

Fully half of the firearms at the match were, appropriately enough, M1 Carbines, and rounding out the rest was an interesting mix of Garands, Enfields, and even a pair of enemy rifles consisting of an SKS and a classic Mosin-Nagant carbine. Fittingly an M1 Garand was the hero of the day as Paul Stephens shrugged off the abundant warmth and sunshine and shot a stellar 270-3 to take the top spot. The M1 Carbine was not to be outdone, though, with Mark Swierczek keeping the battle close and scoring second place with a strong 267-2. And finally, to continue the Allied sweep of the leader board, Jake Swierczek painstakingly persevered through the punishing punch of his Lee-Enfield “Jungle Carbine” and snagged third place with an excellent 260-2.

On the enemy rifle side, Joe Maida’s SKS kept the heat on the good guys while Jared Wood’s Mosin-Nagant 91/59 Carbine pounded the participants with ear-shattering shockwaves and eye-watering muzzle flash. Right up until it broke, that is, and although there were numerous suggestions for the judicious application of Mosin-style “percussive maintenance” it remained unresponsive. However, in the spirit of party loyalty comrade Maida swiftly stepped up and swapped in his SKS so Jared could keep the Russian rifle rounds raging downrange.

See below for scores and pictures from the match. Thanks to all the shooters for coming out and making a battle of it despite the terrific weather! And don’t forget to join us at the upcoming monthly high power matches as well as the vintage “Woodstock” rifle matches...check the Sanners calendar for details!

Score Summary:

SR-1 Target

100 yards

Place	Name	Rifle	Caliber	Prone Slow	Prone Rapid	Standing Slow	TOTAL
1	Paul Stephens	M1 Garand	.30-06	95-2	92-1	83-0	270-3
2	Mark Swierczek	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	90-1	94-1	83-0	267-2
3	Jake Swierczek	Lee-Enfield No. 5 Mk I	.303 British	89-1	90-1	81-0	260-2
4	Matt Noe	M1 Garand	.30-06	93-1	88-2	77-1	258-4
5	Dick Chadwick	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	84-0	87-1	82-2	253-3
6	Andrew Noe	M1 Garand	.30-06	87-2	86-0	68-1	241-3
7	Chris DeBons	M1 Garand	.30-06	85-0	88-1	66-0	239-1
8	Jonathan Ramsey	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	77-0	83-0	57-0	217-0
9	Joe Maida	SKS	7.62x39mm	84-0	76-0	52-0	212-0
10	Chris Moe	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	88-1	83-1	39-0	210-2
11	Trevor Graves	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	75-1	84-1	47-0	206-2
12	Eric Chase	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	71-0	72-0	26-0	169-0
13	Jared Wood	Mosin 91/59 Carbine SKS	7.62x54mmR 7.62x39mm	69-0	60-0	41-0	170-0
14	Mary Picard	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	66-0	48-0	39-0	153-0
15	Doug Trollinger	M1 Carbine	.30 Carbine	44-1	45-0	26-0	115-1
16	Dennis Wood	Lee-Enfield No. 4 Mk I	.303 British	24-0	8-0	37-0	69-0

Relay 1 Slow Fire:



Relay 2 Slow Fire:



Relay 2 Standing:



Scoring Targets:



Winning M1 Garand:



Runner-Up M1 Carbine...with muzzle stabilizing device:

