

Sanner's Lake Rimfire Silhouette Match Report
21 October 2018
Weather: Whipping Winds Blowing Bullets Around

A last-minute decision by the match director resulted in a change of plans for this match...instead of the usual animal-shaped metal silhouette targets shot in the standing position at 40, 60, 77, and 100 meters we decided to go with much smaller egg-shaped silhouette targets (1.4" wide by 1.75" tall) shot at the same distances but off the bench. Pretty straightforward at 40 meters...not so much at 100 meters! Of course, the whipping winds and pressure of the clock didn't help...what seemed pretty doable during sighting-in suddenly became much more challenging when the timer started ticking. See the pictures on the next page showing what the targets looked like both on the target stand and back at the benches...pretty darn small! With the match underway, Mark Swierczek and Joe Maida were locked in a tight race to the finish but along came Mary to tie the score with Joe for second place and go to the tie-breaker! In a regular silhouette match, the "reverse animal count" tie breaker would go to whomever shot the higher number of turkeys (due to their smaller relative size) but given all the targets in this match were the same size the tie breaker went to whomever had the better score on the longest distance target...which was Mary with her excellent score of four "ram" eggs at 100 meters to break the tie and take second place! Overall a pretty fun match requiring a different skill set than traditional standing silhouette...but certainly not easy by any stretch!

Scores are summarized below:

Place	Name	40m "Chicken" Eggs	60m "Pig" Eggs	77m "Turkey" Eggs	100m "Ram" Eggs	Total	Notes
1	Mark Swierczek	10	9	4	1	24	Match winner
2	Mary Picard	9	6	3	4	22	
3	Joe Maida	10	3	7	2	22	
4	Terry Wanner	4	3	2	1	10	

Note: For same size targets, ties broken by distance: high score on Rams, followed by Turkeys, Pigs, and Chickens

This was the final match of the year, so thanks to everybody for coming out and stepping up the challenge of silhouette shooting. We'll plan to do more egg-target benchrest silhouette matches next year...if you think it looks easy, get your rimfire rifle dialed in and join us next year. See if you can be the first to get a perfect score!

