

# **THE EAGLE'S SCREAM**

Bald Eagles Rifle Club, Box 604, Raton, NM 87740  
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## **F-CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND F-CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Just to summarize the two big F Class matches we hosted at the Whittington Center this past month. The F Class National Championships were held first followed immediately by the F Class World Championships. We had 336 individual entries for the Nationals and 393 for the Worlds. If you can imagine cars parked in four rows from target 10 to target 90, that's what the scene looked like outside "The Eagles Nest" building. We had six relays every day so the shooters had plenty of time between matches. In addition to changing firing lines, every match required the shooters to displace approximately ten targets laterally on the firing line. Both of our big 54 passenger busses were used to transport the pit crews.

Despite all the problems of parking, moving, scoring and scheduling and squadding, *it all went off like clockwork!* There were very few problems. We received many compliments from the foreign shooters. The British were particularly impressed with our pit operations, especially the use of Velcro for the scoring disks (a Jim O'Connell invention).

Before the team matches we were worried about finding enough target pullers for the 8-person teams. We actually had a couple of extras, but plenty of Bald Eagles were there to pitch in.

All of the scores are posted on our web site, but perhaps the champions should be recognized here.

### **F CLASS NATIONALS:**

**F Open winner:** Larry Bartholome

**F TR winner:** Freddy Haltom

**F Open Team:** "USA 4": Capt., Shiraz Balolia, Coach, Trudie Fay, Coach, Shooters: Emil Kovan, Larry Bartholome, Robert Bock, Shiraz Balolia.

**F TR Team:** "USA": Capt., Middleton Tompkins, Coach Steve Cunico, Shooters: Paul Phillips, John Chilton, Lane Buxton, Laura Perry.

### **F CLASS WORLDS:**

**F Open World Champion:** Kenny Adams (USA)

**F TR World Champion:** Nickolas Taylor (British living in the USA)

**F Open Team Champions:** Australia (Gold); USA (Silver); South Africa (Bronze)

**F TR Team Champions:** USA (Gold); Canada (Silver); UK (Bronze)

## **2013 SPIRIT OF AMERICA**

The turnout for the SOA'13 was off somewhat after the huge F Class matches two weeks before. We had about 57 shooters most of whom were sling shooters. Once again the organization and preparation for the matches was superb with the same

volunteers doing excellent work. The weather was not as beautiful as it had been for the Nationals and the Worlds. We had some rainy days and had to cancel some matches midway through.

TR Match Winner: Trudie Fay

F-Open Winner: Bob Mead

F-TR Winner: Tom Cunningham

TR Team Winners: “USA National – Cunico” Nancy Tompkins, Capt.; Steve Cunico, Coach; Shooters Trudie Fay, Cindy Forshee, Noma Mayo, Nancy Tompkins.

### **DUES ARE DUE**

**Just a reminder that all must pay their dues. The amount is \$25 if you are a youngster (55 to 60) and \$30 if you are more mature (60 plus). Please send your checks made out to “The Bald Eagles Rifle Club” to Bill Lair, 185 McIntosh E., LaCrescent, MN, 55947.**

**We now have a service that allows you to pay on line. The following is from Leo Cebula our web guru:**

*“If you have accessed the BEREC web site (<http://www.baldeaglerc.org>) recently you probably noted a major change from the previous version. We have implemented the new site using a service from the Wild Apricot Company, an NRA recommended vendor.*

*The service has provided us the means to handle on-line entries for our competitions, on-line membership renewals, and method to keep track of members and contacts easily. We have integrated the system with PayPal to allow on-line payments for entries and memberships, as well as donations (I case you were thinking about that!). Additionally, the service provides a forum that can be used to discuss topics of interest to the membership, or to post announcements and newsletters. Please take the time to look over the new site, and try it's features.”*

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2013**

Our annual membership meeting was held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at The Eagles Nest following shooting that day. Earl Liebetrau and Bill Lair agreed to run for re-election and were elected. The same slate of officers will continue for the coming year with Gaines, president; Liebetrau, vice president; Driscoll, secretary; Lair, treasurer. Members at large; Bud Solis and Allen Elliott.

Other items of interest included the disposal of two of our four busses. The little (25 passenger) busses are considered excess. They were offered to the Whittington Center, but they declined. Any clubs out there need a small 20 passenger bus? Could be converted to a fine porta-pottie hauler or mobile target shed! Think about it.

The NRA has taken the moniker “Fullbore National Championship” away from the Spirit of America matches for the coming years 2014 and 2015. This is to encourage participation in the World Palma Championships coming to Camp Perry in 2015. They promised to give it back in '16. We will still hold a Spirit of America match in those years nevertheless.

We discussed lowering of the age requirements for being a Bald Eagle member from the current 55 for associates and 60 for members. The ages of 21 and 35 were mentioned. The reason is that the older members are “graduating” from the shooting game and we need some fresh ideas and perhaps a change of direction. This would be a by-law change and would require notification of that issue as a voting item on the agenda

well in advance of the annual meeting...more to come on this. We will vote at the annual meeting in September '14.

The Club has experienced some pilfering and loss of targets and supplies. Therefore we have purchased two new steel shipping containers for our things. One is a small unit for trophies, and the other is large for targets and supplies. The Whittington Center has asked us to report any "roaming" and "suspicious" looking people or vehicles on the property. They will take action as they too have had some losses.

### **UP-DATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

To those of you who have email, it is time to ask yourself this question: Have I changed providers or purchased a new computer? If the answer is "Yes" then ask yourself this question: Have I advised the secretary of the Bald Eagles of my new email? (If the answer to that is "No" then you are probably not reading this newsletter.) So if you know a Bald Eagle who has a new computer or is not receiving information from the Club, please tell him to up-date an email address.

Up-dating is easy to do from the website, but if you prefer you can contact Leo Cebula at [icebula@hotmail.com](mailto:icebula@hotmail.com) and change or update your information.

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS**

The members of the Bald Eagles who worked so hard to put on the F Class matches and the Spirit of America deserve a round of applause and a gold medal for service to the shooting community. I will list the names here, but I will probably forget someone so please forgive me.

The match director was Lonnie Kuhns and he was assisted by Jerry Pullens (Pit Officer), Jim O'Connell and Karin Liebetrau (Stats), Dennis VanLier (CRO), Larry and Bev Bartholome, (Contact for foreign teams). These folks have been working hard and long hours for the past several months. Also working throughout the matches were Mike Sinclair, Randy Pike, Marty and Noma Mayo, Scott Liebetrau, Shiela Depp, Connie Murphy, Cindy Sinclair, Steve Rossi, Bill Lair, Dave Driscoll, John Gaines, Pat VanLier, Bob Churchill, Tom Cunningham and Rick Jensen.

The Whittington Center staff said this was the biggest match ever held at the Center. Thanks one and all to these people for putting on a great match.