

2014 Score Nationals

Mike Bigelow and Sam Small are Big Winners in Casper

The 2014 Score Nationals in Casper, Wyoming has set a new standard for others to follow and exceed in the future. A total of 57 shooters competed, 51 shooters competed in Hunter Benchrest, 55 shooters in Varmint for Score, and 45 shooters put it all together and shot for the first ever 2-Gun Score National Trophy.

Monday dawned very cool and clear, but didn't stay that way long. The winds of Wyoming taught us all who was truly in charge. There were some pretty spectacular crash and burns throughout the day. When the dust settled at the end of the day, Mike Bigelow had won the 100 yard HBR and Dan Zaccanti the 100 yard VFS.

Tuesday's 200 yard competition again started cool and clear, but the winds started early and again the cream rose to the top. There were no clean shooters in HBR, with Bob Cole winning. There were only 2 250's shot in VFS with Leonard Hensley showing us there is a true advantage in shooting in those conditions all the time. When the first 2 day's scores were sorted out, Mike Bigelow became the 2014 HBR Champion with a score of 497-19X and Leonard Hensley is the 2014 VFS Champion with 500-26X. Sam Small is the inaugural R.G.Robinett /Dan Hackett Memorial 2-Gun Score trophy winner with a score of 995-37X.

Wednesday was the beginning of the Long Range portion of the Nationals and saw another set of winners who put on a BR school for the rest of us. Former National Champion R. G. Robinett showed how it is done with a 6X scope by shooting a 249-5X and Dan Zaccanti shot the only clean score in VFS with a 250-3X.

Thursday morning was the first time all week that Mother Nature threatened to dampen our fun, but she managed just to blow us around during the competition and teardown. With rain threatening all day, Dean Thomas won the 300 yard HBR and Mike Bigelow the 300 yard VFS. When the final tallying was finished, Greg Swezey was the 2014 L.R. HBR Champion and Dean Thomas the 2104 L.R. VFS Champion and Mike Bigelow was the 2014 L.R. 2-Gun Score Champion. We had to take a break during the awards ceremony because Mother Nature finally delivered on her threat and we were witness to a classic mountain cloudburst. Lots of wet vehicle interiors.

As you can see by the top 5 lists, there were a lot of top shooters in Casper this August. Former Champions, new Champions, long time shooters, and new shooters, all having a great time and enjoying the first ever NBRSA Score Nationals. Thanks go out to Tim Naugle, his crew and especially to the wives who stepped up when the food vendor fell through. Casper 2014 will very much be one to be remembered for years to come.

David J. Halblom Sr

100 yard HBR

Mike Bigelow	250 - 13X
Sam Small	250 - 13X
Ron Powell	250 - 13X
James Lederer	250 - 12X
Durwood Hansen	250 - 8X

200 yard HBR

Bob Cole	248 - 6X
Mike Bigelow	247 - 6X

Sam Small 247 - 6X
 Tim Naugle 247 - 5X
 Richard Hunnewell 247 - 5X

100-200 yard HBR

Mike Bigelow 497 - 19X
 Sam Small 497 - 19X
 Bob Cole 495 - 16X
 Richard Hunnewell 495 - 15X
 James Lederer 495 - 14X

200 yard L.R. HBR

R.G. Robinett 249 - 5X
 Mike Bigelow 249 - 4X
 Tim Naugle 248 - 3X
 T. K. Nollan 247 - 5X

100 yard VFS

Dan Zaccanti 250 - 19X
 Paul Gyling 250 - 18X
 Ron Powell 250 - 18X
 Wayne Corley 250 - 17X
 Craig Nagel 250 - 17X

200 yard VFS

Leonard Hensley 250 - 12X
 Gardner Rose 250 - 5X
 Mike Bigelow 249 - 9X
 Keith Myers 249 - 8X
 Sam Small 248 - 8X

100 - 200 yard VFS

Leonard Hensley 500 - 26X
 Lou Murdica 498 - 20X
 Ron Fields 498 - 19X
 Sam Small 498 - 18X
 Keith Myers 498 - 18X

100 - 200 yard 2-Gun Score

Sam Small 995 - 37X
 Leonard Hensley 990 - 39X
 James Lederer 990 - 32X
 Ron Bertrand 989 - 41X
 Craig Nagel 989 - 39X

Greg Swezey 246 - 5X

300 yard L.R. HBR

Dean Thomas 248 - 2X
 Greg Swezey 247 - 7X
 Sam Small 245 - 4X
 Mike Bigelow 244 - 5X
 Bill Small 244 - 5X

200-300 yard L.R. HBR

Greg Swezey 493 - 12X
 Mike Bigelow 493 - 9X
 Tim Naugle 492 - 8X
 Dean Thomas 492 - 5X
 R. G. Robinett 491 - 8X

200 yard L.R. VFS

Dan Zaccanti 250 - 3X
 Dean Thomas 249 - 11X
 Durwood Hansen 249 - 7X
 Leonard Hensley 249 - 6X
 Mike Bigelow 248 - 9X

300 yard L.R.VFS

Mike Bigelow 249 - 4X
 Dean Thomas 248 - 5X
 Wade Hunnewell 247 - 7X
 Wayne Corley 247 - 0X
 Bill Small 246 - 6X

200 - 300 yard L.R. VFS

Dean Thomas 497 - 16X
 Mike Bigelow 497 - 13X
 Wayne Corley 495 - 9X
 Wade Hunnewell 492 - 11X
 Keith Myers 492 - 6X

200 - 300 yard 2-Gun Score

Mike Bigelow 990 - 22X
 Dean Thomas 989 - 21X
 Greg Swezey 984 - 21X
 Tim Naugle 982 - 11X
 Bill Small 980 - 13X

HBR equipment list

	Action / Cartridge	Barrel	Gunsmith	Scope	Bullet	Powder
Mike Bigelow	BAT 30x47	Lilja	Self	Burriss	self 118	N-135
Sam Small	BAT 30x47	Lilja	Swezey	Leupold	ERB 119	N-135
Bob Cole	Kodiak 30x47	Hart	Belew	Leupold	Naugle 135	N-135

Richard Hunnewell	BAT 30x47	Krieger	SGR	T-6	10X 120	N-135
James Lederer	Stiller 30BR	Lederer	Self	Leupold	10X 117	H-4198
Greg Swezey	BAT 30x47	Lilja	Self	T-6	BIB 127	N-135
Tim Naugle	BAT 30x47	Lilja	Swezey	Burriss	ERB 119	N-135
Dean Thomas	Kodiak 30x47	Rock	BiB mach	Burriss	Duncan 135	N-135
R.G. Robinett	BAT 25x47	Bartlein	T.Meyer	Burriss	BIB 122	IMR4007
Ron Bertrand	Rem 30x47	Bartlein	Self	Leupold	10X 130	N-135

VFS equipment list

	Action/Cartridge	Barrel	Gunsmith	Scope	Bullet	Powder
Leonard Hensley	BAT 30BR	Krieger	Self	Nightforce	ERB 112	H4198
Lou Murdica	Panda 30BR	Shilen	Self	March	Berger 115	H4198
Ron Fields	Panda 30BR	Bartlien	Carpenter	Weaver	RC 118	H4198
Sam Small	BAT 30x47	Lilja	Swezey	Sightron	ERB 112	N-135
Keith Myers	Panda 30BR	Krieger	Turf	Nightforce	BIB 112	H4198
Dean Thomas	Farley 30BR	Rock	BiB mach	Weaver	Chism 125	H4198
Mike Bigelow	Stiller 30BR	Krieger	Self	Nightforce	Self 112	H4198
Wayne Corley	BAT 30BR	Rock	Hoehn	March	10X 115	H4198
Wade Hunnewell	Panda 30BR	Krieger	SGR	Nightforce	10X 115	H4198
Paul Gylling	Farley 30BR	Rock	Swezey	Sightron	BIB 112	H4198