

Winter Wars XVIII

The Winter Wars Matches are back again! Our annual High Power rifle romp in the snow at the ISRA Range at Bonfield, IL. kicks off at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 15, 2022. *“Not a fiercely contested event for finely tuned match rifles, this is an opportunity for the milsurp rifle enthusiast to shake off cabin fever and get back in touch with some of his favorite relic battle rifles, for a little fun and a little frost-bite!”* There will be door prizes – not score prizes – and YOU will probably receive one, if you will brave the cold! The matches are sponsored by the Tuesday Night Irregular Rifles.

Course of fire: Each of the two “battles” (matches) will begin with a 5 minute sighting-in period during which each individual shot will be marked to help you get your sights or sight picture adjusted. Following the sighting period there will be 3 stages for record: A 7 minute period to fire 10 shots from prone (slow-fire), a 70 second period to fire 10 shots from prone (rapid-fire), and – a **repeat of the new stage** - a 30 second period to fire as many aimed shots as you can (**The Mad (Half) Minute**). All firing will be at 200 yards on the military “sitting dog” silhouette target. Scoring will be hit-or-miss, no point scores, but there will be a “heart” drawn on the target to serve as a tie-breaker in the manner of the “X” ring on a conventional target. Each relay will fire this course twice, completing two consecutive matches or “battles” See the battle matrix and appropriate rifles on the ISRA.org events calendar under January 15, 2022.

Choice of Battles: The competitor’s will pick their own battles from a matrix showing what battles various rifles qualify to fire in. Virtually any imaginable milsurp rifle will have one or more battles to compete in. You may shoot your choice of battles in any order by simply designating your battle on each scorecard. Although unintended, this opens the door to firing battles “re-entry” style – shooting the same battle twice in the hopes of bettering your own score. See the ISRA.org calendar under January 15, 2022 for the battle matrix Addendum.

Any safe rifle can participate in any of the matches, but only scores fired with rifles appropriate to designated battles will be considered for match winners. If you are concerned as to whether your rifle qualifies to win one of the battles, or whether it is a “safe rifle”, see the Addendum or inquire of the contact below.

To keep the competitors from shivering their way to twenty misses, there will be hot beverages and hot chili between matches and a blazing fire. Since it is, of course, the DEAD OF WINTER, we reserve the right to reduce the number of matches if the weather threatens the well-being of the competitors.

Come on out! Firing your old mil-surp rifles in January is not going to put you off your game for Camp Perry in August, and it’s a great opportunity to escape from indoor smallbore and show what real high-power shooting is all about – misery! Fun misery! See you there.
Phone number and email are required on the entry slip in case of last-minute postponement.

For questions, email TNIRLeague@gmail.com Flier and the Battle Matrix Addendum under Jan 15, 2022 on the ISRA.org website calendar. Late registration 8–8:30am, safety briefing 8:45am, first shot 9am.
You must be present for the 8:45 safety briefing to fire the match!

The early entry fee is \$25 for the two battles. Timely entries must be postmarked by **Monday, January 3, 2022**. Entries at \$30 will be taken the day of the event, to the extent of capacity.

Mail entry to: **TNIR League, c/o Bill Bilotta, 1804 Heather Lane, Joliet, IL 60431**

Make checks payable to **ISRA TNIR League** *Please print!!*

NAME: _____ **Are you a Range Member?** Yes No

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____