

Winter Wars MMXXIV

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 13, 2024. ***“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!”*** 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 shots 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”

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 mil-surp 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.

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.

Warm up your hands prior to the match with hot coffee and a bonfire. Finish the match with some chili! 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 more information, email wnbilotta@comcast.net Late registrations 8 AM, safety briefing 8:45 AM, first shot 9 AM. **You must be present for the 8:45 safety briefing to fire the match!**

The entry fee is \$25 for the two battles. Timely entries must be postmarked by **December 31, 2023**. Entries at \$30 will be taken the day of the event, to the extent of capacity.

Mail entry to: William Bilotta 1804 Heather Lane, Joliet, IL 60431 Phone: (708) 514-4683

Make checks payable to **ISRA TNIR League**

Please print legibly!!

NAME: _____

Are you a range member: Y or N

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____