

## 2017 Rifleman's Team Challenge A Success



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**2017 Rifleman's Team Challenge Top-3 Team Medal Winners ( L to R): Team VanDetta - Tim Ryczek, Wayne VanDetta, and Vinnie VanDetta, Team Donaldson - Mark Duesler, John DelSavio, and Ken Benton, Team Big Fish – Adam Mihalik, Larry Mihalik, and Doug Sterling.**

The Rifleman's Team Challenge hosted at the PTRC on Saturday, August 19, proved highly competitive and very enjoyable for participants. For the Pine Tree Rifle Club, this was a first of its kind event with five teams of three shooters vying for a team championship. The competition was intense and the outcome was extremely close with mere points separating the Top-3 team place finishes.

The final results revealed that Team Donaldson, comprised of shooters John DelSavio, Mark Duesler, and Ken Benton captured the gold medal team championship with 239 points. Team VanDetta, comprised of shooters Wayne VanDetta, Vinnie VanDetta, and Tim Ryczek followed closely with a silver medal second place team finish with a score of 238 points. Team Big Fish, comprised of shooters Larry Mihalik, Adam Mihalik, and Doug Sterling earned the third place bronze medal team place finish with a score of 236 points. Team 14 ½, comprised of Rich Lewandowski, Chris Bouck, and Don Rankins, finished fourth with a score of 213 points while Team Rusty Nova, comprised of Randy Swart, Rich Gilbert, and John Quackenbush was fifth with 207 points. Medals were presented to each of the shooters in the Top-3 place finishing teams.



Three Relays were contested with the Course of Fire involving firing five rounds of ammo at a 50 yard paper target from the off-hand position followed immediately by firing five more rounds into a 100 yard paper woodchuck target from the benchrest position in 15 minutes. Shooters were only allowed to use sand bags or bipods from the benchrest position - no rear rests. Calibers contested included 17 HMR, .223 Rem, and .243 Win. Shooters were permitted to coach

**Team Donaldson's, Mark Duesler zero's in on his 100 yard target.**

and spot for their teammates similar to methods used for open range hunting and varmint shooting excursions. The camaraderie amongst team members was just outstanding. Everyone was engaged and having fun including the workers and spectators.

A perfect score for an individual shooter was 125 points, 50 for Off-Hand and 75 for Benchrest. Top-5 individual shooters included Vinnie VanDetta (86 pts), Randy Swart (85 pts), Wayne VanDetta (84 pts), Ken Benton (84 pts), and Doug Sterling (83 pts). Top-3 Off-Hand shooters included Adam Mihalik (45 pts), Rich Lewandowski (41 pts), and Vinnie VanDetta (41 pts). Top 3 Benchrest shooters included Randy Swart (50 pts), Ken Benton (50 pts), and Doug Sterling (50 pts). It was quite obvious that the Off-Hand portion of the event proved most challenging



Special thanks to all of the non-shooting working members who helped make this event successful including; Mike Johnson, Steve Riach, Doug Simek, Al DeMarco, Joe DeMarco, and Peter Tautznik for keeping the grounds groomed and looking like a world class shooting range.



It's Post Time!



Team Donaldson



Team VanDetta



Team Big Fish



Team Fourteen 1/2



Team Rusty Nova