

QCAGC Jack Mercer Trophy Criteria

I have given the criteria for the **Jack Mercer Trophy** of thought, since the trophy has my name on it. The following are criteria for the Award.

1. The recipient of the award must be a paid member of **QCAGC**.
2. The Jack Mercer Trophy will be awarded to recognize the winner for their shooting skill, dedication to, and support of the club and the desire to compete in the sport of Air Gun shooting.
3. The winner will be the one to accumulate the highest number of Points in the **Rifle Benchrest, Pistol Benchrest and Field Target**.
4. The shooting season will begin on January 1st and end December 31st. Shooting events will begin in October and end in April, with 7 matches in each category.
5. Points awarded will be: 5 for 1st Place, 3 for 2nd Place and 1 for 3rd Place.
6. Point standings will be recorded and emailed to all members after the last event of the month.
7. In **Rifle Bench Rest** there are two competitions, Two-card 25 meter, and two round Chicken Little. In the Saguaro Classic, two-card 50 yd will be added.
8. Classes for **Rifle Benchrest** are **Unlimited** with no FPE limit, maximum .22 cal. **Open** 35 FPE, maximum .22 caliber. **Varmint** 20 FPE, maximum .22 caliber. **Sportsman**, maximum price **\$1200** no fpe limit, maximum .22 caliber, and **Springer**. If there is only one competitor in an **Unlimited, Open, Varmint, or Sportsman** Class, they may be moved up one class for that event. A class with one shooter, may shoot in the event but will not receive a medal or Points. A class with two shooters will be awarded a 1st Place medal only, worth 5 Points. A class with three or more shooters will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, medals and Points.
9. The shooters may compete in different classes in the same event. For example, a shooter may choose to shoot the 25 meter in Varmint Class and Chicken Little Silhouettes in Unlimited Class. Points won will be added to that shooter's aggregate JMT score.

The Jack Mercer Trophy will be awarded to recognize the winner for their shooting skill, dedication to, and support of the club and the desire to compete in the sport of Air Gun shooting. The award will not be won easily. The winner will be the one competing in the most events, with the highest scores. Missed competitions will cost points, so serious shooters will want to compete in as many events as possible. In order to provide a path for members who want to compete we introduced the Sportsman Class. This allows members who would like to learn more about competitive shooting, a chance to participate with like-minded and equipped members. You will compete with shooters that have similar experience and equipment. It's my hope that this encourages more participation from more members.

Obviously, this award isn't one every member of the club has a chance of winning. Lots of time, effort and pellets down range will be required to win the trophy, and that's the way it should be.

