

Welcome Letter February 2021

Hello Fellow Benchrest Shooters!

2020 was the second year for the Global Benchrest Association. And in spite of the pandemic we were able to shoot a fair number of matches. And we were able to hold all three of our National Championships: 1000 Yard Nationals, 600 Yard Nationals, and Short Range Score Nationals.

And we broke a lot of records in Long Range competition. And in the first year for Short Range Score competition we established some stiff records. So 2020 was a mixed year with some good and some bad. We are all looking forward to 2021 and getting back to some serious benchrest competition.

Looking forward, we should be adding several more Short Range Score Clubs in 2021. We established a really fine core group of shooters in the Pacific Northwest and three clubs in 2020 and there has been a great deal of interest by clubs throughout the west in shooting with GBA. On the east coast, the Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club will shoot GBA Short Range Score matches beginning in 2021.

And the Harry Jones Memorial Range will begin holding 600 yard matches in 2021. This should be a real honey hole, and we expect to see tiny groups and monster scores.

In what should prove to be a very important action, our Board established the officer position of Co-Chairman. Please see our By-Laws for full information. The Board was concerned that we might fall into the same trap as other Benchrest Associations, where some groups of shooters would not receive the attention they deserve, and their needs would not be heard or met. This has been a big problem with other benchrest associations. The Chairman and Co-Chairman positions are elected by our members, and one is from Long Range and the other is from Short Range Score.

Congratulations to our Top Guns for 2020:

- Tom Dunn 1000 Yard Light and Heavy Gun
- Justin Vance, 1000 Yard Factory Gun
- Daniel Suttle, 1000 Yard Tactical Gun
- Elaine Lockhart, 1000 Yard Light and Heavy Gun Top Female
- Darron Burch, 1000 Yard Light and Heavy Gun Top Junior
- Sandra Malone, 1000 Yard Factory Gun Top Female
- Connor Malone, 1000 Yard Factory Gun Top Junior
- Jeff Green, 600 Yard Light and Heavy Gun
- Ken Swiger, 600 Yard Factory Gun
- Justin Vance, 600 Yard Tactical Gun
- Tom Sarver, 1 Mile Top Gun

And congratulations to our new 2020 Record Holders!

- Justin Vance, 1000 yard Factory Gun 10 match group and score aggregates, and 1000 yard Factory Gun 6 match score aggregate, and 600 yard Tactical Gun single target group, and 600 yard Tactical Gun single target score
- Tom Dunn, 1000 yard Heavy Gun 6 and 10 match group aggregates
- Dan Suttle, 1000 yard Tactical Gun single target score
- Jack Jones, 1000 yard Tactical Gun single target group

- Chris Wilder, 100 yard Varmint for Score, 200 yard Varmint for Score, and 100-200 yard aggregate Varmint for Score
- Sam Small, 200 yard Hunter Gun, and 100-200 yard aggregate Hunter Gun
- Larry Bryant, 200 yard Varmint for Score
- Gary Vanlier, 100 yard Varmint for Score
- Harvey Uttinger, 100 yard Hunter Gun

The GBA Board strives to operate with accountability and transparency. Our members are all shooting because we have a passion for this sport, and GBA will do its best to make sure we all have fun doing it.

So join us at our matches, whether you are new to this sport or are an experienced pro. We will do everything we can to make sure you have a good time, after all, we want you to come back for more matches!

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