

High Power Rifle Matches



Do you have an old (or new) military rifle? Do you already shoot trap or skeet, and are looking for more ways to enjoy your favorite outdoor pastime?

If you ever had an interest in shooting the rifle you, your father, your grandfather, or your great-grandfather carried in battle, check out one of the league matches. These matches will allow you to compete against yourself, and will allow you to see how you stack up against others shooting similar equipment.

There is a group of like-minded shooter that hold safe, fun shoots throughout the warmer months here in CNY. We are always looking for new shooters to try it once, or to stick around

for the whole season. Like the old commercial used to say “Try it, you’ll like it!” Distances range from 100 to 200 yards. You don’t need to shoot the “league”, you can shoot one of the relays for fun. Perfect for responsible kids over 12 with parental supervision.



WHAT: Any past or present military rifle, or you can shoot your favorite woodchuck/deer rifle, provided it is able to function safely. Max caliber is 35. Eye and ear protection are a must. Rifle scopes or not, it’s up to you! In addition, .22 rimfire rifles can be used.

HOW MUCH: \$10 per relay.

HOW MANY: Each relay may be 30, 50 or 80 rounds (supplied by the shooter for his/her rifle), plus sighters. These are often called “three-position matches”, because the shooter fires from the standing (off-hand), seated or kneeling, and prone positions. You will need to shoot 10 rounds rapid fire, so at least 2 magazines, or the ability to rapidly load extra ammunition, is required.

AMMUNITION: Ammo is the responsibility of the competitor; any safe ammo may be used, however, AP, API, or tracer ammo is not allowed.

OTHER EQUIPMENT: A shooting mat is helpful, as are a spotting scope/binoculars, quality sling, shooting glove and shooting jacket. These items are not necessary, but may help make your experience more enjoyable.

For more information, contact Dale Soos of the McGraw Sportsmen’s Club at dsoos@twcny.rr.com or by phone at +1 607 591 9734.

WHERE: Because this is a traveling league, it will be shot at several local ranges. These are:

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| MSC – McGraw Sportsmen’s Club, McGraw NY | RCKD – Rockdale Rod and Gun Club, Mt. Upton NY |
| SDS - Square Deal Sportsmen Inc., Maine NY | TSC - Tioga County Sportsmen's Assoc., Owego NY |

The schedule for 2024 is as follows:

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| May 4 – Rockdale | May 11 – Tioga | May 18 – Square Deal | Jun 1 – Rockdale |
| June 22 – Tioga | June 29 – McGraw | Jul 13 – Square Deal | Jul 20 – Rockdale |
| Jul 27 – McGraw | Aug 24 – Rockdale | Sep 7 – Square Deal | Sep 14 – McGraw |

There are also some 300-yard matches being held at the Camillus Sportsmen’s Club. These are called “Belly Matches” because all shots are made from the prone position. Either a sling, sandbag or bipod can be used to shoot. 3 strings of 20 shots using electronic shot markers.

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| May 26 | Jun 23 | Jul 14 | Aug 11 | Sep 8 |
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