



## **STONEWALL RPC 300/200 YARD SCORE MATCHES 2023:**

Stonewall RPC will be hosting four 300/200 yard score matches in 2023 beginning in May. There will be major changes involving the future of the Factory class but otherwise the format and rules will be basically the same as it was in 2022. Matches will be held on the 2nd Saturday in May and June and the 2nd Saturday in September and October. We are skipping July and August due to the heat and mirage issues. The start time will be 9:00am sharp. Registration will open at 8:00am. The match dates for 2023 are listed below:

### **Update involving the Factory Class for the upcoming 2023 season:**

During the last two seasons we have had low participation in the factory class. We are averaging 5 to 6 shooters per match. Even changing the shooting distance to 200 yards had positive effects initially but those effects quickly faded. Due to the lack of participation in the factory class over the last two seasons we are discontinuing the factory class for the 2023 season. It will be replaced with a 200 yard custom match. It will be a totally separate match from the 300 yard match and will use the IBS 200 yard target. The rules and format will be identical to the 300 yard match. **It will not be necessary to shoot the same gun that you shot at 300 yards for the 200 yard match.** You may shoot the same gun or switch guns at any point. We have discussed these changes with many of the shooters and found most everyone to be on board. As always, factory guns are still welcome to shoot in all custom matches.

Enclosed is an updated copy of the shoot format and the rules. Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone you think might be interested. We hope these matches will continue to grow in quality as well as popularity. We are open to suggestions or ideas that will improve our match. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss your ideas.

## **Stonewall 300/200 Yard Score Matches 2023:**

### **Course of fire:**

Range is 300/200 yards using the official IBS 300/200 yard score targets. Each match includes 2 targets each containing 5 record bulls and one sighter bull. Two shots are fired at each record bull for a total of 10 record shots per target. Unlimited shots may be

fired at the sighter bull. Maximum possible score for the two targets is 200-20X. Shooters will have 20 minutes to complete their 10 record shots for each target. Unlimited sighters

### **Equipment:**

All shots are fired from the bench using front and rear rests. Front rest may be mechanical. Rear rests are "sand bag" type, not mechanical adjustable. No one piece rests. This includes the lead sled type rests. All shots must be single loaded. You will need 20 record rounds per match entered. Depending on the number of sighter rounds you feel comfortable with, we recommend 30 to 35 rounds of ammunition for each match entered.

**Safety: All competitors must follow all IBS and Stonewall RPC safety rules. A safety briefing is given at the beginning of the match. Range commands are given before the start of each relay. Bolts may not be in rifles until instructed to do so at the beginning of each relay. Bolts must be removed from the rifle at the end of each relay. If bolt cannot be removed a chamber flag is acceptable.**

**In the interest of safety, there will be a new rule implemented for the 2023 season. There may be instances during our shooting matches that a shooter encounters a chambered round that does not fire or a casing that does not eject from the rifle. This can necessitate the use of a cleaning rod to clear the chamber/ barrel area. If for any reason you need to insert a cleaning rod into the muzzle end of the barrel you must remove the gun from the bench before inserting the cleaning rod. In our 200 yard custom matches most all of the benches will be occupied this so this rule implementation becomes increasingly necessary. This rule will be strictly enforced.**

### **Firearms:**

*Custom guns:* Virtually any custom or modified gun is allowable. No .50BMG. The gun as shot cannot weigh over 17 lbs. Factory guns may also compete in the custom class with no adherence to factory gun restrictions.

*Factory guns:* (Applicable if there were to be factory class in the future) **Must be a completely factory gun. Original barrel, stock and trigger. All factory markings on your gun must be clearly visible.** Factory triggers may be adjusted and professionally modified. Actions may be pillar and/or epoxy bedded, Rifle barrels may be ported, lapped and/or free floated. There is a 17 lb. weight limit.

All equipment used in the Factory Class is subject to inspection by the referees at any time before, during, or at the conclusion of the match.

Range officials reserve the right to restrict participation of any gun or equipment due to any safety concerns.

### **Accessories:**

Spotting scopes and wind flags are allowed. Wind flags may not obstruct the target view of another shooter.

**Registration:**

Registration will begin at 8:00am. Cost for each match is \$15.00 per shooter for each match entered. Bench assignments will be drawn. The 300 yard Custom class will begin shooting promptly at 9:00am. The 200 yard Custom match registration time will be extended until 10:30am. The 200 yard Custom class will begin shooting at the conclusion of the 300 yard custom class which should be approximately 11:00am. Factory guns may compete in any of the custom matches.

**Scoring:**

Scoring will be best edge and the bullet hole must touch the ring of higher value to receive the higher value. If there are excessive bullet holes in a record bullseye the bullet holes having the least value are scored. Once targets are returned to the shooter there will be a 5 minute protest period. Obvious errors can be corrected on the spot. If you find a possible error in your targets scoring and wish to dispute it you may pay a \$2.00 fee to have your target rescored by the referees. If a discrepancy is found you get your \$2.00 back. If not, you forfeit your \$2.00. A mistake in math will not be subject to the protest fee. The referees will have the final say.

**Disputes:**

There will be three referees plus one alternate selected by the match director for each match. They will resolve issues, inspect equipment, rescore targets, etc.

*Crossfires:* In the event of a crossfire, every attempt will be made to separate the cross fired shots and those fired by the assigned shooter. We will examine details such as caliber difference, painted bullets, etc.. There must be "**substantive evidence**" that a crossfire has occurred for a crossfire to be declared by the scorer. If it can be determined that a crossfire has occurred the affected shooter may have the option to reshoot the target. The shooter is not entitled to see their scored target in order to decide. If there is no "**substantive evidence of a crossfire**" it may be possible that the crossfired target will have to be scored as it is.

*Two shots in the same hole:* For both 300/200 yard match distances, we presently fire two shots at each record bull. There may be instances where it is very difficult for the scorer to determine if there were two shots fired into the same bullet hole. This is especially a concern since we will shoot one full match at 200 yards. We will make every effort to determine the correct score. We will use calipers as well as magnifying equipment. If the official target scorer can not distinguish but the one hole they may summon the referees to make the final call.

**Community targets:** For each relay there will be several practice type targets hung at 300/200 yards. These practice type targets are referred to as "community targets". These community targets may be shot by any shooter at any time during their record time period. The purpose of these targets is to provide a means to zero your rifle or to confirm your zero during the record time period before moving to your record target.

This is especially especially helpful if you are not sighted in prior to the match. Hopefully this keeps the shooter from accidentally hitting their record bulls when shooting at the sighter block on your assigned target. We **strongly encourage** everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to confirm your zero before moving to your assigned target. This is also very helpful in eliminating crossfires.

Tiebreakers: First tiebreaker: Number of Xs

Second tiebreaker: First miss of the 10 ring starting with block one (T1)

Third tiebreaker: Tightest two shot grouping on target one (T1)

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in both the Custom 300 match and the Custom 200 match. 50% payback for each. There will be a \$5 side pool for the Two Gun overall winner. "Winner take all".

**This event is open to the public.** Feel free to forward this email to anyone you think might be interested.

Match director: **Steve Bradley** Call **540-448-5616** with any questions.

**Shoot staff:**

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**\*\*\* Match Cancellation Policy:** This policy will apply to all future 300/200 yard matches. In the event of match cancellation due to an inclement weather forecast or inclement weather the morning of the match an email will be sent out to everyone on the match email list. If you are receiving this email you are on that list. This will be sent out as soon as the match is formally cancelled. If the weather is questionable the morning of the match check your email before making the trip. If you are uncertain about making the trip feel free to call me(Steve Bradley/ Match Director) at 540-448-5616. Another option is to call Stonewall RPC at 540-337-6400. If the match is still on there should be someone there.