

The Thirtieth Annual David L. Swanson Memorial Match

Over a case of 22 caliber Long Rifle ammunition was expended by the 130 juniors who packed the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club for the 30th Annual David L. Swanson Memorial Match over the 2019 Pearl Harbor weekend.

Metacom's Lily Davenport, shooting in her last match as a junior, waited until the second to last relay to dash ahead of Amada Grano, of Quaker Hill, and win the junior division with a score of 296X300. Both young ladies cleaned prone and Grano held a thin lead after kneeling as she shot another 100 to Davenport's 99. In standing Davenport made up the lost point kneeling and surged ahead to take the match by a three point margin. Brian Lu, of Wilbraham and Monson Academy was third with a 290. His 94 was one point better than standing Zachary Osvald, of Blue Trail Range, who ended up as the Class A winner. He was followed by Blue Trail's Emma Acampora and Stratford PAL's Dominic DelRe who shot identical 287s with Acampora winning the tie breaker for second.

Class B awards went to Fiona Costa and Davis Kuhn, both of Blue Trail, who shot a pair of 269s with Costa winning the third in a long string of tie breakers. Dave Kohanski, a Quaker Hill rifleman, was third with a 268 besting Grasso Tech's Tom Riffe on, of all things, a tie breaker.

Avon Old Farm's Stratton Pratt's 238 was good for the top score in Class C. Robert Holland, of Grasso Tech, and Vincent Brandi, of Blue Trail, tied with 236 with Holland Creedmooring Brandi for second.

Sub juniors shot 30 shots prone and, just like in junior position, a 296 won the match, Stratford's Tyler Brunetti, son of the 1988 National Outdoor Smallbore Prone Champion, shot a pair of 99s and a 98 for the win. He edged out Chenrui Tuan, shooting for Metacom, who in turn, beat Brunetti's teammate Faith DelRe on a tie breaker as both posted 293s.

Stephanie Wolfe, of the host Quaker Hill was first Class A with a 291. The stat office had to go the rule book once again to break a tie between a pair of Stratford shooters, Lincoln Lawlor and Nicole Gardecki. Both had 288s but Lawlor was second and Gardecki third.

Katherine Buckley, of Grasso, took first Class B on yet another tie breaker from Quaker Hill's Seachlan Bailey . another of Metacom's Lily's, this being Lily Butler was third.

Blue Trail took first and second in Class C with a 233 from Spencer Zronkovoc and a 226 posted by Cheyenne Simpson. Katelyn Cosgrove rounded out the winners with 222.

With the newest edition of the Swanson Match in the books it is only 52 weeks until December 506, 2020 when the 31st Swanson Match will be shot.