

## The 2015 Philips Memorial Match

The 2015 Philips Memorial Match was shot at South County Rod and Gun Club on April 26th under clear skies. A nine or ten mile per hour wind blowing out of the north did nothing to alleviate the chill 50 degree temperature.

While the air was cold the shooting was hot. John Warsawki, shooting a match rifle, roared out of the gate with a 97-1X off hand. His nearest competitors were three service rifle shooters, Jim Polin, 94-2X, Kevin Mathis, 94-0X, and John Polseno, 93-3X.

Scores got tighter during 200 rapid sitting. Polseno out Xed Warsawki 99-5X to 99-4X. But a real donnybrook was shaping up among the service rifle shooters as Polin and Mathis posted scores of 96-1X and 98-4X to keep the gas gun crowd all within two points of each other.

On the 300 yard line Warsawski pounded out a match his second match winning score of the day, a 99-4X in rapid prone. Polin was behind him by a point. Mathis posted a 96-2x to Polseno's 95-1X.

With 60% of the match complete is Warsawski was down five points making it his match to lose. The three top service rifle shooters were separated by a point with Mathis and Polin sitting an 388s just a head of Polseno.

At 600 yards Warsawki and Polseno went neck and neck with Warsawski shooting a perfect 200 with eight Xs while Polseno dropped a single point for a 199-3X. The clean gave Warsawski a 495-11X and with it the Phillips crown.

Mathis kept the pressure on Polseno carding a 196-10X to come within one point of shooting the best service rifle score. Polseno's efforts gave him a 485-12X while Mathis managed a 484-16X, the highest X count of the day across the range. Had they tied numerically the X count would have decided the match in Mathis' favor, but that was not to be.

Thirteen riflemen shot across the course under the watchful eye of Match Director Charlie Hawkins.