

## Vale 600 Yard Benchrest

We hold a mid-range benchrest match at Vale the third Saturday of each month. The match is usually held rain-or-shine, but we do typically take a break during the dead of winter.

This match is very informal and has quite an array of shooters. We have everything from seasoned benchrest and F-class competitors to tactical riflemen, hunters, and casual plinkers. Most shoot from the concrete benches but some prefer to shoot prone. All comers are welcome, regardless of rifle and/or gear type or shooting style.

We use electronic targets to score the matches. They take a few minutes to set up and take down but eliminate the need for pit duty and pulling targets. All you need is a tablet, iPhone or Android to view your target. If you do not have one, please email the match director as we usually have one or two extras.

We usually shoot two matches per day. Each match begins with a 5-minute period where each shooter can shoot unlimited sighters to get their bore fouled and their scope dialed in. Once that is completed, we alternate relays and shoot 2 sighters followed by 5 record shots per target. Each match consists of four targets. The total round count varies, but a total of 62 to 70 rounds is typically adequate to complete both matches.

The matches start at 8:00 am but will move to 9:00 am later in the year if necessary for adequate light. Volunteers arrive about an hour early to get the wind flags and targets setup. The matches are usually over between 10 and 11 am depending on the number of shooters.

If you have any questions about the matches, are interested in attending, or would like to be put on the email list, please email Match Director, George Hicks at [grhicks63@gmail.com](mailto:grhicks63@gmail.com). George has an email list for regular participants of other interested parties that he uses to announce matches, cancellations, or other relevant news. Its especially important to email George if you plan to attend one of these matches. We need to know the number of shooters in advance so we can have enough targets set up to accommodate everyone.