



## 2017 WSSA Mid-Range Championship results

What a contrast from the High Power match the week before! Shooters arrived at the Poison Spider Range out of Casper and were greeted with cold blustery weather and darn near the threat of snow. With a large turnout, a very crowded firing line was further cluttered with coats, vests, blankets and other junk folks could dredge up out of the pickups in a supreme effort to try to stay warm when not shooting. Those in the pits also had to contend with the continual cold slashing rain while trying to pull and mark targets.

Despite the weather the high turnout required four relays in order to rattle everyone through the match. Relay one and two had to contend with blustery winds and constant rain making for uncomfortable conditions. Despite that some excellent scores were turned in throughout the day with some very tight races to the finish line. Pat Varland turned in an excellent 594-35X to walk away with the F-Open champ hat while Gary LaValley, 579-22X, finished off the FTR folks eking out a one point lead and take possession of his hat. Way down on the other end of the firing line Wes McElhinney, 585-22X, also managed to win his hat by a couple points with Randy Faust, 577-17X capturing the hat for the service rifle boys. Jim Hollander 537-9X polished off the tactical rifle section.

A great thank you to the folks in Casper for hosting this excellent match under very difficult conditions and special thanks to Patti for running the stats as well as Nick for supplying the computer and accessories to make the scoring go smoothly.

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