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## **THE STEEL MILL**



**February 2010**

### **.22 Rimfire Indoor Invitational Championship 2010**

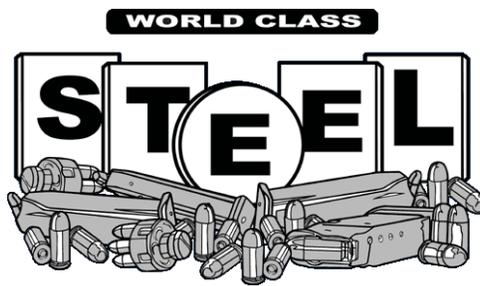
Dear Competitor:

At times, living in New Jersey does have its drawbacks. A couple of these are the freezing temperatures and the heavy snowfalls. This year it seems that we've suffered a lot of both and one of the consequences of this seasonal wonderland is that steel shooters normally don't get much trigger time until springtime arrives. With this in mind, last year the World Class Steel staff decided to move activities indoors during the winter and hold a few static steel matches using frangible ammo. These indoor frangible matches gave steel shooters some much needed trigger time and some great times with their shooting friends.

There were four indoor matches scheduled for 2010; the last one left to shoot is on Sunday, March 7th. During the January indoor match a few of the shooters were talking about how nice it would be to shoot a match with more stages so they would have some practice before going down to Florida at the end of March for the US STEEL Nationals. After much (And I do mean much!), soul searching those of us who run World Class Steel decided on organizing an indoor .22 rimfire match. Considering we had less than six weeks to pull it all together, planning and organizing this match would really take quite a bit of effort by one and all.

The first question was timing: When was the most convenient match date? Other questions were how many squads and how many shooters per squad? After a bit of research, February 13th would be the match date and after some quick calculations it was decided that to run six stages, fifty would be the maximum number of shooters with twenty-five shooters split into two squads shooting three sets of two stages in each of two required start times. That means about six hours per squad to get thru the match and a minimum of twelve hours on the range for each of the Range Officers. Also to consider were the match shirts, and the match gun raffles that, as World Class Steel's own John Perciballi is known for saying, "World Class Steel's are the matches known for giving away guns, lots of guns!"

Things started to come together soon after designing some fancy artwork for the sweatshirts and deciding on two Smith & Wesson 22A's for the match raffle and one German Sport Guns' .22 Kalishnikov carbine for the special raffle. The match invitations were sent out and the entries followed. The "only" thing left was to order some steel and make shrouds to control the splatter from the plates. Once the steel was cut and delivered the staff spent a few nights cutting additional parts and welding them together and delivering them to the range for match day.



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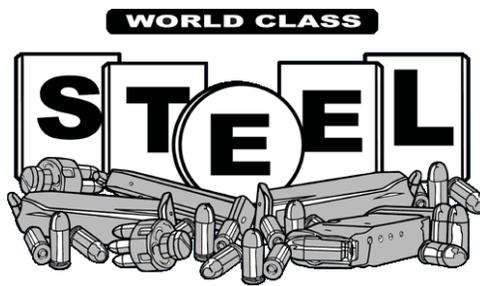
As soon as the Indoor Frangible match ended on Sunday, February 7th, John Perciballi, Chris Buchholz and Danny Lisk set up each of the six proposed stages and marked the floor to locate the targets and specify the target shapes for each stage that would be used that following Saturday. We did this to save a lot of time in breaking down and setting up the stages during the actual match, and it would also make certain that each target stand would be placed in the same spot each time the stages were reset during the match.

Friday night the crew got to the range by 10:00 pm and set up the first two stages for the match and prepared the meeting room and indoor range for the next day's 7:00 am check-in by the shooters. All said goodnight realizing it was a little after midnight and we all needed to be back by 6:30 am.

Saturday morning came quick and we returned to the range to make final preparations with John Perciballi setting up and taking care of registration and Danny Lisk handling the shooters' bags, sweatshirts and raffles. Yours truly was taking care of the coffee and the cakes in the kitchen. Soon after 7:00 am, shooters started arriving and at a little before 8:00am we conducted a short shooters meeting to go over rules, safety concerns and start positions. For the Indoor Invitational, the start position for all shooters was standing in the box, gun loaded, safety off (right Mike?), gun below your waist pointed at the floor at a 45-degree angle. With this start, no holsters are required and it is the typical start for all Steel Challenge 22 rimfire divisions. By 8:15 am, with the help of Dave Marques adjusting the heat and blower, the first shooter stepped into the box and shots were going down range.

As is typical in steel shooting, the competition was fast and furious throughout the day, with competitors watching each other's times and trying to figure out their standing and what time they needed to beat to take the lead. Dave Olhasso, of Team Smith & Wesson was constantly looking over his shoulder to see if Rich LaBrocca, from Jackson, New Jersey and a shooter to be reckoned with in the land of steel shooting, was gaining on him or was it Bob Barry of Sayreville, New Jersey. At the end of the day in the Open Rimfire Division it was Dave Olhasso by a mere 6 seconds over Rich LaBrocca. In the Iron Sight Division it was almost the same story except a few of the players changed. Dave Marques from Morganville, New Jersey, Jim Norman of HillsBorough, and Pennsylvania shooters Bucky Pollard and Dave Olhasso traded the top spots all day. The final outcome had Dave Olhasso taking the top spot in the Iron Sight Division followed by Dave Marques.

As we mentioned before, as always at World Class Steel events, we historically give away guns and this match was no different. The Smith & Wesson 22A pistols were won by Dave Marques and John Cluzel. The winning ticket in the special raffle for the 22 Kalishnikov was pulled by Fred Bhend and showed that the carbine was won by Bette Callahan. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners; they will need to contact World Class Steel, LLC. to arrange for the firearm transfer and fees.



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The scores were tabulated using the WCS Steel Scorer Program developed by World Class Steel and the award results are as follows:

Rimfire Iron:

1 <sup>st</sup> Gold	Dave Olhasso
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gold	Dave Marques
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gold	Jim Norman
1 <sup>st</sup> Silver	Doug Callahan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Silver	Chris Lombardo
3 <sup>rd</sup> Silver	Tom Healy
1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze	Danny Lisk
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze	Bette Callahan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze	Fred Bhend

Rimfire Open:

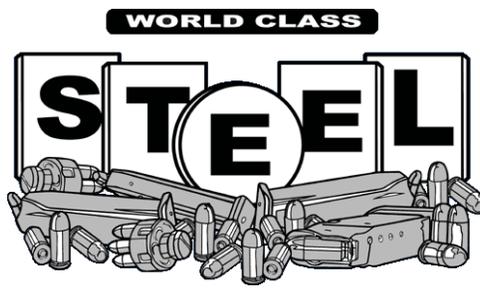
1 <sup>st</sup> Gold	Dave Olhasso
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gold	Rich Labrocca
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gold	Bob Barry
1 <sup>st</sup> Silver	Dennis Marrocco
2 <sup>nd</sup> Silver	Leo Ricci
3 <sup>rd</sup> Silver	James Halbert
1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze	Joseph Storch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze	Richard Skolsky
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze	Alex Korotin

High Lady for our first 22 Indoor Invitational was Alyssa Solimine with a 75.52 score.

The complete results are attached to this writing and will also be available on our [www.WorldClassSteel.com](http://www.WorldClassSteel.com) website.

I would like to thank all of the competitors, the staff of World Class Steel and the volunteers who came out in the nasty weather to make this match the success it was. The match was a great day of shooting and competition.

I would like to remind everyone that Speed on Steel 2010 will be held on June 4th and 5th. We will be doing a mailing to all those who participated in any of our 2009 WCS events. In that mailing you will find a match brochure, a letter and a discount coupon worth \$10.00 per entry into a firearm division in our Speed on Steel 2010. To get the discount you will need to attach the coupon to your entry when you mail it in. Also,



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remember they are non-transferable and are only valid till April 1st. We also need Range Officers for that championship match in June. If you would like to help out please contact John Perciballi and give him your information. If you are going to volunteer you can shoot the match on Sunday, along with the staff and invited guests, and have a relaxing day after your previous work at the match.

Hope to see you at the next frangible indoor steel match on March 7th,

“Shoot fast but always shoot safe.”

Regards

*John Soltesz*

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Match Director, World Class Steel

