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Hello everyone,

I hope by now all power is back on and everyone survived. What a weekend for a shoot. Of course I set up camp Friday by 1:00 and around 5:00 it all came back down. Storms blew through Friday around 5:00 and made a shambles of Bob Hurlburt's tent and drenched the inside of my pop-up while causing other damage. For those that couldn't make it Saturday, I hope you didn't have too much wind damage.. I'm sure we all have stories to tell. Once again, I hope everyone is doing well.

The over-the-log shoot was slow to start. The morning started early and we wondered how many would show or if the day was going to be dry. The 8 of us who showed up by 8:30 took our time deciding whether or not the shoot would take place. By 9:15 we had 12 shooters standing around. By 9:45 it appeared it would stay dry so we opened up the shoot around 10:00. Even with the rain the night before the firing line was dry. Mark Hazel beat out Mark Donaldson on the over-the-log by 2 hundredths of an inch with Mark D coming in second and Dave Minnick taking third. A 13th shooter showed up for the afternoon and we had five targets. The Schutzen target by Ken, a running target by Dave Nunes, a card target by Mark Donaldson, the gong by Mark Hazel and we put out both knock-downs for the fifth. Thanks everyone for pitching in. Tom Darfus won the Schutzen and Rick Harkless took second at closest to the secret spot. (Hurray for me!!) Mark Donaldson took three of the other four targets with Mark Hazel winning the card target. (How do you hit a card flapping in the wind???)

The next day (Our Founder's Day shoot) we had 11 shooters show, with two of them coming from the New Frontiersmen, Roy Howman & Dave Moore. I don't remember what the weather was like except hot, but when you live in Florida like we do I guess you expect the heat!! (I wrote my notes for Saturday on Saturday evening. For Sunday I forgot until 1.5 weeks later, so I will do my best.) Our aggregate prize for the day was an Indian war club

donated by Fred Woods. Thank you very much, we greatly appreciated it. I picked out the targets for Sunday and did a backwards target that was 5 shots which we all shot in the same relay. It was one of the targets with numbers in the squares. If you hit the same square twice they were both cancelled. High score was around 75. I picked this target because I thought it would give me a decent chance to win. I had the lowest score at 0. That's right 0. I was in the squares on all five shots. I hit two squares twice and my fifth shot hit a 0. So much for bettering my chance. Did get a lot of comments on this one. We had a mix of winners during the day with all having fun. Roy Howman won the aggregate. Bill Leitner ended up in the Hall of Shame by dry balling with Colin as the top gun from our club. Our next shoot is Sunday, July 29th starting at 11:00. Steve LaRue is the free shooter for the next shoot.

That's all for now, see you on the 29th.

Your Pres,

Rick Harkless