

# **Thunder Hole**

## ***Smoke-Out 2026***

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

The Thunder Hole Long Range group is hosting our 3<sup>nd</sup> annual ***Smoke-Out*** match on May 1-3, 2026. The match will consist of 80 rounds of ammunition over two days of shooting stuff “way out there” to 600 yards. Everything is included in the match for a single fee of \$65.00. You may shoot either day alone for \$35.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Either black powder or smokeless powder is allowed, lead bullets only.
- Polymer coated bullets and gas checks are OK.
- Any period correct sight is allowed, including Malcolm type telescopic sights.
- There will be separate categories for men, women, non-telescopic sights, and telescopic sights.
- ***All shooting may be from the prone or sitting with cross-sticks, or from a bench*** with a rest for the rifle barrel.
  - No rear rifle rest is allowed if shooting from the bench.
  - A stool is OK for the sitting position.
  - This includes all side matches except the 400-yard off-hand
- Black powder and smokeless will be in the same category.
- If you want to handicap yourself with that new, fad smokeless powder, that's your choice!

### **SCHEDULE**

- **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - Property is open for dry camping beginning at 12:00 noon.
  - Be aware there are cattle in the field
- **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Range is open for sight-in from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
  - Thunder Hole staff will be available to assist with sighting, but bringing your own spotter is recommended.
- **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Range is open for sight-in
  - Rimfire Side Match
    - Distances to 200 yards
    - 40 rounds of ammunition required
  - Pistol caliber lever rifle side match (25 rounds of ammunition)
  - Rifle caliber lever rifle side match (25 rounds of ammunition)
  - Offhand Side Match
    - 400 yard gong target
- **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Sight-in from 8:00 am to 9:00 am
  - Main Match from 9:00 am until ??
    - 5 Gong targets from 200 to 600 yards, 8 rounds per target
    - We'll take a lunch break during the match
      - Cold cuts – build your own sandwich, chips, dessert and drink

- **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Sight-in from 8:00 to 9:00
  - 5 Full size NRA silhouettes plus our own unique Warthog silhouette
  - Lunch after main match sequence, included in registration fee
    - Cold cuts – build your own sandwich, chips, desert and drink
  - Match scores and awards after lunch

## LONG RANGE MATCH RULES

### **Single Shot Rifles**

- Period correct cartridges
- Smokeless, black powder and duplex loads are allowed.
- Soule sights or period telescopic sights may be used
- The number of squads will depend on total number of shooters. There will be at least 2 relays per squad
- Each squad will shoot at a single designated target. Once everyone in the squad has completed shooting at the target, the entire squad will then engage the next target in the sequence
- This continues until all 5 targets for that day have been engaged.
- Targets will be repainted before each new squad engages them.
- As an example –
  - If we have 3 squads, squad 1 will start on the 200 yard target, squad 2 on the 400 yard target and squad 3 on the 600 yard target.
  - After all squads complete shooting the first target, everyone will advance one target in the sequence – squad 1 to the 300 yard target, squad 2 to the 500 yard target and squad 3 to the 200 yard target.
  - Rinse and repeat until everyone shoots all 5 targets.
- **Day 1**
  - Targets will consist of square gong targets at distances of 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards.
  - All targets are approximately 8 MOA in size.
  - 8 rounds will be fired at each target
- **Day 2**
  - Targets will consist of an NRA regulation chicken silhouette at 200 yards, pig at 300 yards, turkey at 400 yards, warthog at 485 yards and ram at 500 yards
  - 8 rounds will be fired at each target

### **Rifle Caliber Lever Rifles**

- Non-telescopic sights only
- The course of fire will consist of 100 yard gong, 150 yard pig silhouette, 200 yard gong, 250 yard ram silhouette and 300 yard gong
- 5 rounds will be fired at each target

### **Pistol Caliber Lever Rifles**

- Non-telescopic sights only
- The course of fire will consist of targets at 50, 75, 100, 125 and 150 yards
- 5 rounds will be fired at each target

### **Rimfire Side Match**

- 22LR only
- Any 22LR rifle is allowed.
- Open sights or scoped (modern scopes OK)
- No suppressors
- Appropriately sized silhouette targets at 50, 100, 150 and 200 yards.
- Targets for the scoped class will be approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of the targets for open sighted rifles
- Categories for men, women, scoped and open sights.

### **400-yard Offhand Side Match**

- Everyone shooting the match puts \$10 in the pot
- Every shooter gets 5 shots to attempt to hit the 400 yard gong target
- Those who hit the target in the first 5 attempts go into a sudden death shoot-out
- Each remaining shooter fires one round at the target, in sequence
- Last man standing wins and gets the pot!