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Postal Match: 7 Results Mauser Pattern Rifle Match

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We had quite a turn out for the Mauser match with 67 sets of targets sent in! Bravo and kudos to all of our shooters!

I like the fact that we did not just see the "more" accurate Swedes only in the shooters line up, but rather a healthy mix of other Mauser types. That is, after all, the idea behind these different themed matches, to get out and use those rifles that are NOT your favorite shooters or do NOT shoot the absolute best. Give them all a chance...

Our featured shooter for this match is Jake H. from Moses Lake, WA.

Jake is relatively new to the mil surp collecting arena, having started a mere year and a half ago. Matt M. (also a match shooter) got him going by starting out with an 8mm

(Mauser), by noting how fun and cheap it was to shoot...the rest is history so to speak. Jake does not have a direct focus for collecting, but does mention that the US rifles are high on his "like list". He likes to hit the pawn shops and gun shows for new acquisitions, but mentions, "...I'd love to find some old widow that has her husband's collection of worthless firearms she wants to get rid of..." (here here!!!). He finds it funny that he, as a young guy, can go into a show or shop and knows more about a particular rifle than the person selling it. His main source for mil surp into is from ...where else....Surplusrifle.com....with it's included Forums.

Jake's first mil surp was a Czech BRNO 98/22, nothing special about it really, but his favorite is his "sexy" M1. As usual, his one dislike (that most of us can relate to) is that every time we turn around there is yet another mil surp that we want and they aren't getting any cheaper. Jake's shooting experience extends back to shooting with his grandfather all the way up to the several Surplusrifle.com postal matches that he has entered. Jake's favorite mil surp caliber would be the 7.62x54R round, which they have done some "plinking" around with and determined that it packs enough punch to go through several metal plates.

Prior to shooting the Surplusrifle.com postals, he did not do any competition shooting, rather, he was limited to the more "stress relieving" shooting for the fun of it and blowing something away.



Jake H



Tom D.



Jake H

**Matt M.****Category 1. 50 yards offhand, iron sights (Juniors, bench, in RED)**

Rick	A	Mesquite	TX	k98K	Original German	149-9x
Rob	A	Ben Lomond	CA	Yugo M48 98K "AR"	Yugo surplus	148-7x
Zane	A	Arlington	TX	1943	Yugo surplus	147-3x
Joseph	L	Wilmot	Nova Scotia	BRNO	handload	146-5x
Karl	W	Valleyview	Alberta	M38 Swede	reload	146-5x
Lyell	P	El Paso	TX	96 Swede Israeli	Rem 140 PSP	146-4x
Vincent	Z	Edmonton	Alberta	Mauser	handload	146-4x
Chad	V	Holland	MI	k98	Yugo surplus	146-4x
Scott	R	Kingston	Nova Scotia	Israeli	handload	145-3x
Bob	H	Hansen	ID	M96 Swede	handload	144-4x
Clifford	N	Middleton	Nova Scotia	?	?	144-4x
Burten	S	Greenwood	Nova Scotia	98 Mauser	handload	141-1x
Roger	W	Greenville	RI	Yugo 48A	Turk surp	141-0x
Merle	M	Newport News	VA	Yugo 48A	Ecuador surp	141-0x
Will	T	Bonita Springs	FL	Turk Mauser	Mil surp	139-2x
Jim	S	Sunset House	Alberta	M38 Swede	reload Yugo/Rom	139-2x
Michael	E	Dallas	TX	M38 Turk	surplus	139-1x
Steven	M	Kearney	NE	Yugo 24/47	S&B 196 gr	139-0x
William	W	Moore's Hill	IN	98K	Turk surp	138-1x
Douglas	C	Pottstown	PA	M48	Igman 170gr	137-2x
Mario	V	Houston	TX	98k	Turk surp	137-1x
Dave	T	Indianapolis	IN	Yugo M48	Turk surp	136-1x
Bill	B	Grand Rapids	MI	M96 Swede	Swede surplus	135-0x
Bob	M	Naperville	IL	Yugo M48A	Turk surp	134-2x

Tony	C	Wilmot Colorado	Nova Scotia	BRNO	handload	131-1x
Brad	U	Springs	CO	M38 Turk	German surplus	130-1x
Greg	B	Savannah Colorado	GA	M38 Turk	Surplus	121-0x
Dan	U	Springs	CO	CZ 24	German surplus	114-0x

Category 2, 100 yards, bench rested iron sights

Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	M96 Swede	handload	150-9x
Rob	A	Ben Lomond	CA	Yugo M48	Yugo Surplus	150-4x
Timothy	M	Peoria	AZ	M96 Swede	handload	150-3x
Chad	V	Holland	MI	1903 Turk	Yugo surplus	149-9x
Paolo	N	Altamura	Italy	Braz 1908	handload	149-6x
Chris	T	Middleton	Nova Scotia	M38 Swede	handload	147-8x
Scott	R	Kingston	Nova Scotia	Israeli Mauser	handload	146-7x
Roger	W	Greenville	RI	K98	Yugo Surplus 70's	145-6x
Ted	J	Maplewood	MN	Yugo M48A	Turk surplus	144-3x
Chris	M	Osseo	WI	1943 Turk	1978 Yugo	144-2x
Burten	S	Greenwood	Nova Scotia	Israeli Mauser	handload	144-1x
Bob	M	Naperville	IL	Yugo M48A	Turk surplus	143-3x
Mel	H	Wilmot	Nova Scotia	BRNO 8mm	handload	142-3x
Karl	W	Valleyview	Alberta	M38 Swede	reloads	141-2x
Gene	S	Granite Quarry	NC	Yugo M48	handload	140-3x
Mario	V	Houston	TX	BRNO 98/22	Turk surplus	140-2x
Clifford	N	Middleton	Nova Scotia	?	?	139-2x
William	W	Moore's Hill	IN	k98	Turk surplus	136-1x
Peter	N	St. Bonifacius	MN	98k Czech	Romanian Surplus	133-2x
Kameron	M	Carthage	IL	98K		132-0x
Jake	H	Moses Lake	WA	Brno 98/22	Surplus	132-0x
Lyell	P	El Paso	TX	95 Chilean	handload	131-1x
Bill	B	Grand Rapids	MI	Yugo 24/47	Yugo Surplus	131-1x
Merle	M	Newport News	VA	Gew 98	Yugo Surp	125-0x
Mathew	M	Moses Lake	WA	M96 Swede	CBC Swede	121-0x

Category 3, 100 yards, bench rested, optical sights

Lee	R	Kingston	Nova Scotia	M95 Spain Carb	handload	149-7x
Joe	V	Eau Claire	WI	K98	Yugo surplus	148-6x
Clifford	N	Middleton	Nova Scotia	?	?	148-5x
			Nova			

Randall	M	Greenwood	Scotia Nova	VZ 24	handload	147-3x
Tony	C	Wilmot	Scotia Nova	Vz24	handload	145-1x
Mel	H	Wilmot	Scotia	VZ24	handload	144-5x
Karl	W	Valleyview	Alberta	k98 Czech	handload	143-0x
Allen	B	Upper Marlboro	MD	M-48A Yugo	Turk surplus	142-2x
Joseph	L	Wilmot	Nova Scotia	Vz24	handload	142-2x
William	W	Moores Hill	IN	M48 Yugo	Yugo surplus	141-2x

Congratulations to our winners of the categories and the top junior shooter as well. Top shooters will be receiving certifications for their achievements.

The door prize drawing winners are:

1. Mario V., of Houston TX wins a set of Mojo Mauser sights
2. Kameron M., from Carthage, IL wins a copy of "Bolt Action Rifles" from Krause publications
3. Mel H., from Wilmot, Nova Scotia wins a Surplusrifle.com Mauser CD-ROM

Congratulations to all winners and door prize winners!

It is my sincere hope that we keep building on our foundation that we have laid down. This past match was the first to use the "info form" for target self scoring and shooter info and *I* (at least) found it very helpful to score and put the results together. I've heard back from several shooters that filling only one paper out is a HECK of a lot easier to do than three times on the backs of shot up peices of paper.

I hope to see even more shooters come out to the next, and future, matches.

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