

Collecting and Shooting the Military Surplus Rifle



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Postal Match #17 Results

Swiss Rifle Match

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You could tell that Swiss rifles and K31 carbines are pretty popular. Even the "lower grade" rifles now being sold by wholesalers are usually in a better shape than the masses of Enfields and Mosins.

For this match we had 32 shooters who sent in a total of 47 sets of targets. In 3 of the 4 categories, the top shooters were determined by group size. Also, Swiss made GP-11 ammo seemed to hold its own against the self rollers.

<p>Featured Shooter Pierre F. of Cambron St. Vincent, Belgium</p>

Q: How/why do you have an interest in your 1903A3 and MAS 36?

A: Because I wanted to participate in a form of rifle competition that we have here in Belgium " Fusil d'ordonnance " which is very close to your postal matches (2 x 10 rounds at 100M prone , unsupported ,rifles must be in " as issued " condition but there is a exception made for the chambering in order to contour the Belgian law on military cartridge) also all accessories must be original or faithful copies, this is why I upgraded to the 1903A3 as it allow me to use the 1907 sling (and is a much superior rifle anyway)

Q: Your MAS 36 was converted to 7.5 Swiss, why was that done?

A: See above, for whatever reason the 7.5 Swiss is not considered a "military cartridge" ????? so it is possible to buy any manual repeater rifle in that caliber without a Governor license which take about 6 months to get. Needless to say this has made not only the converted MAS but also the entire K series of Swiss rifle very popular

Q: What do you have to do in Belgium in order to buy / own / shoot rifles? do you need special licenses or paperwork?

A: To begin the law is about to change and will become more restrictive (surprise !!) right now it is about like this.

Sport and Hunting rifles: sale is free but you have to fill in a "form 9" document which goes straight to the central firearm register. This category comprises all shotguns with a minimal barrel length and all manually operated rifles in civilian caliber

Defense weapons: sold only upon deliverance of a police authorization "form 4" which you can get at your local police station. All pistols and revolver + .22 manually operated rifles + short barreled shotguns

War weapons: sold upon deliverance of a "form 4 pour armes de guerre" delivered by the Governor of Province which take 6 month of some hassle to get if you are lucky. All military cartridge chambered rifles + all semi automatic rifles in civilian chambering (.22 included)

Paradoxically this covers also all full auto weapons so that is almost as "easy" to get a permit for a machine gun as for an hunting rifle in say 30-06

Q: How hard is it to get ammo?

A: Sport and hunting ammo is for sale free, everything else is available upon presentation of your form 4

Q: Do you reload? if you do can you get all the parts you need?

A: I reload only for my rifles. All parts and equipment are available for the most popular calibers

Q: Where do you shoot? Is it a public range or a private club?

A: Private clubs , most range here are private but there is some possibility to use military range notably for competition

Q: How common are military surplus rifle and pistols? Do a lot of people collect them?

A: Military rifles have become more popular since the introduction of the Fusil d'ordonnance competition and there as always been a certain amount of collector interest

Q: If you could get another rifle, which one would it be?

A: There is about a zillion weapons that I would like to put my greedy hands upon
Right now a 1928 "Tommy Gun" or a BAR Hmmmmmm

Q: Anything else you want to talk about?

A: VOTE and whatever it takes never allow a liberal to get elected to any public function
If it is not yet the case, become a member of the NRA (I am a Life Member myself
Belgian or not)



Pierre

PS: The picture was taken in Bastogne during the annual march that the Army as in the Ardenne area (Marching and hiking are another of my favorite sports)

Results: Category 1, 50 yards, iron sights, off hand

	first	last	city	state	rifle	ammo	total	avg
1	Carl	W	Seminole	AL	K31	GP11	144	3x
2	Travis	W	Blanchard	MI	K31	Handload	141	2x 5.125"
	Chris	M	Osseo	WI	K31	GP11	141	2x 5.832"
	Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	K31	Handload	141	1x
	Jerry	S	Charleston	TN	K31	Handload	140	1x
	Steve	B	Charlotte	NC	K31	Handload	140	1x
	Dave	T	Indianapolis	IN	K31	GP11	139	0x
	Nicolas	H	Findlay	OH	K31	Handload	138	3x

Max	V	Blaine	MN	K31	Swiss Match	138-1x
John	F	Front Royal	VA	K31	GP11	136-2x
Darryl	D	Blaine	MN	K31	Swiss Match	127-0x
Jeff	W	New Richmond	WI	K31	GP11	126-2x
Justin	W	Van Lear	KY	K31	GP11	109-1x
John	W	Santa Monica	CA	K31	PRVI	87-0x

Category 2A, 100 yards, iron sights, benched

	first	last	city	state	rifle	ammo	total	avg
1	Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	1911	Handload	150-6x	2.567"
2	James	C	Albuquerque	NM	K31	Handload	150-6x	2.637"
3	Marc	H	Cincinnati	OH	K31	Handload	149-7x	
	Jerry	S	Charleston	TN	K31	Handload	147-5x	
	Steven	B	Charlotte	NC	K31	Handload	147-4x	
	Anthony	V	Haverhill	MA	K31	Handload	147-3x	
	Carl	W	Seminole	AL	K31	GP11	147-1x	
	Jake	N	Klamath Falls	OR	1896/11	GP11	146-4x	
	Terry	T	Ozark	AL	K31	GP11	146-3x	
	John	K	Jacksonville	FL	K31	Wolf Gold	145-4x	
	Tom	S	Aiea	HI	K31	Handload	145-3x	
	Kam	M	Carthage	IL	K31	Handload	144-5x	
	Jeff	W	New Richmond	WI	K31	GP11	141-2x	
1 JR	Joe	S	Milroy	MN	K31	Swiss Surp	139-2x	
	Darryl	D	Blaine	MN	K31	Swiss Match	138-2x	
JR	Theresa	S	Milroy	MN	K31	Swiss Surp	137-0x	
	Michael	L	Mount Pulaski	IL	K31	GP11	136-2x	
	Frances	S	Milroy	MN	K31	Swiss Surp	136-2x	
	Nicolas	H	Findlay	OH	K31	Handload	135-0x	
	John	W	Santa Monica	CA	K31	PRVI	133-1x	
	Max	V	Blaine	MN	K31	Swiss Match	133-1x	
	Cameron	L	Rockledge	FL	K31	GP11	123-1x	

Category 2B, 100 yards, optical sights, benched

	first	last	city	state	rifle	ammo	total	ave
1	Paolo	N	Altamura	Italy	K31	Handload	150-11x	1.638"
	Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	K31	Handload	150-11x	1.933"
	Dan	P	West Chester	PA	K31	GP11	150-9x	
	James	C	Albuquerque	NM	K31	Handload	150-8x	
	Bill	B	Grand Rapids	MI	K31	GP11	150-1x	
	Jose	F	Orlando	FL	K31	GP11	149-6x	
	Tom	S	Aiea	HI	K31	GP11	147-3x	

Category 2C, 100 yards, diopter sights, benched

	first	last	city	state	rifle	ammo	total
1	Paolo	N	Altamura	Italy	K31	Handload	150-10x

Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	K31 Handload	150-6x
Anthony	V	Haverhill	MA	K31 Handload	150-5x
Glenn	H	Phoenix	AZ	K31 GP11	149-3x

Congratulations to all the winners of the categories. Certificates will be printed and sent.

Door prize winners:

Jake N. of Klamath Falls, OR wins Remington Bright Bore and 40-X cleaning solvents.

Theresa S. of Milroy, MN wins the Surplusrifle.com Big CD-ROM and Disassembly CD-ROM

Cameron L. of Rockledge, FL wins the Surplusrifle.com Big CD-ROM and Disassembly CD-ROM

Thanks to everyone who shot the match. Take note on upcoming matches that some big changes are in the works. If you have ideas for future matches, email me and we'll see what we can do.

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