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## Postal Match #20 Results

### Caliber specific...the 6.5mm

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Eleven shooters "gathered" for this match. I suspected that we would, of course, see mostly Swedes in this caliber specific match, and I was not disappointed. There were the odd Carcano and Arisaka as well.

<b>Featured Shooter</b> <b>Joe V. of Eau Claire WI</b>
1. How did you get into collecting and shooting military surplus weapons?  I grew up during the sixties and as far back as I can remember my dad hunted and taught me and my brothers. I have always been curious and inquisitive about what experiences

he had during WWII and what kind of guns he had during that time in history. One being the M1 Garand that he used in competitions with the Army Air Force he also was a tail gunner on a B24. I had my regular hunting guns and three bring backs that I inherited from my father in law after his passing. Seeking information about these bring backs I came upon Surplusrifle.com where I have been gathering useful information and experiences since. My collection is about 19 different kinds that I enjoy researching and shooting.

2. Do you have a focus rifle/pistol/era/country etc. that you try to collect only in?

Mostly US service rifles,K98s & Swede Mausers for their accuracy and looks.

3. What was your first mil-surp weapon? Is there anything special about it?

K98.T38 Arisaka, Colt 1911 all bring backs with a history behind them, a 91/30 my first milsurp purchase.



4. What is your favorite mil-surp weapon?

Swede, M1 Garand,K98's Mostly target shooting for accuracy, deer ,turkey and pheasant hunting with my dog.

5. Do you reload, if so, what is your favorite companies for equipment, parts and supplies?

I am new to reloading, my sons got me a Lee anniversary loader for fathers day and now load for 45,06,6.5 swede and 30 carbine. I have gotten supplies from local stores but mostly from Midway.

6. What do you NOT like about mil-surp weapons?

Nothing, I have always been interested in firearms.

7. Do you have a favorite caliber?

8mm.3006,6.5 swede



8. Can you recall a mil-surp experience that was down right dangerous?

Shooting a M1 not so long ago 1 a round didn't go into the chamber. I ejected that round and slammed the bolt to load the next it didn't chamber. I unloaded the clip and inspected the two rounds and found a light primer hit. Later that day I was looking for the cause and found a previous bullet at the chamber end of the barrel on a previous round only the primer went off and not the wet powder. Thank God I didn't have a slam fire.

9. How do you collect your weapons, that is, what is your favorite way of getting "new" ones?

Local shops, pawn shops and online.

10. What are your favorite sources for mil-surp information?

Surplusrifle.com

11. What is one mil-surp weapon that you really want, but can't get?

AR,M38 swede

12. Did you serve in the military at all? When/where/what?

No military, I was going to enlist in the Air Force Academy in the early 70s to fly or repair aircraft before I would have been drafted but things changed back then and the draft was eliminated about a month before I would've had to report.

13. Any match shooting secrets?

My technique is to breath, hold & squeeze, take your time and be steady. My dad taught me this and I teach my sons the same they both are actually better shots than I.



14. What is your greatest shooting related accomplishment, i.e., best score, best match, etc.

The last postal match with my son's 1903 Springfield. While shooting this match after zeroing the scope I felt I couldn't miss. This was the best multiple target shooting I have done in awhile with my reloads.

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Last Apr. 15th with the help of other surplusrifle forum members, I started a spring shoot get together so we could meet other surplusrifle members on my side of the state that I have been conversing with online. So far I've met snotsucker, Gaston and their crew in a similar meet last new years eve day, Yoslick, wild bill, Krzjamm, beau. singchr, mr greg

### Category 1A, 50 yards, off hand, iron sights

	first	last	city	state	handle	rifle	ammo	total
1	Daniel	U	Colorado Springs	CO	gotgun	M94 carb	surplus	130-0x
	Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	avlane	M38	handload	128-1x

Jose	F	Orlando	FL	beanpool	M41b	wolf gold	125-0x
Chris	M	Eau Claire	WI	1trukaway	Carcano Carb	Prvi Part	106-0x
Michael	N	Springdale	AR	hiawatha101	Arisaka T38	handload	79-0x

### Category 1B, 50 yards, benched, iron sights

	first	last	city	state	handle	rifle	ammo	total
1	Robert	C	Lindenhurst	NY		M96	handload	150-9x
	Cameron	M	Cardiff	Ontario		M38 Swede	handload	150-1x
	Jose	F	Orlando	FL	beanpool	M41b	wolf gold	146-4x
	George	A	Watertown	MN		M96	Swede Mil	134-3x
	Michael	N	Springdale	AR	hiawatha101	Arisaka T38	handload	123-2x

### Category 2A, 100 yards, benched, iron sights

	first	last	city	state	handle	rifle	ammo	score
1	Tom	S	Aiea	HI	spanner1751	1900 Swede	handload	150-5x
	Allan	L	Winter Garden	FL	avlane	M38	handload	149-9x
	Paolo	N	Alta Mura	Italy		CG Mod 96	handload	149-6x
	Joe	V	Eau Claire	WI		M96	handload	147-4x
	Jose	F	Orlando	FL	beanpool	M41b	wolf gold	145-4x
	James	S	Mathias	WV		M38	handload	141-1x
	George	A	Watertown	MN		M96	Swede Mil	133-1x
	Michael	N	Springdale	AR	hiawatha101	Arisaka T38	handload	102-1x

Congratulations to the winners of the categories. And, yes, certificates will be forth coming. Those of you who won on Match 19, will be getting theirs soon.

Winners of this match's door prizes are:

Michael N. of Springdale AR wins Big CD/Disassembly Reassembly CD Combos

George A. of Watertown MN wins Big CD/Disassembly Reassembly CD Combos

James S. of Mathias WV wins Remington Bore Cleaner and Bore Bright

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