The Alabama Sectional Match has been a tradition for many shooters that kicks off their shooting season. The match usually has been held in March and trades off between several of the Alabama Clubs for hosting. This year like with many matches it was rescheduled from March into August. The host club was the CMP Marksmanship Park in Talladega with Mark Hearn as the Match Director. The reschedule actually worked in my favor and would allow me to also do final planning for the Classic Nationals to be held at the same range two weeks later.

If you have not been to the CMP Marksmanship Park, you are missing out. It is a shooting park laid out over 500 acres in the hills of Alabama with long range rifle, trap and skeet, dedicated pistol bays and the action bays that were designed to hold matches on. The bays are laid out perfectly to build challenging courses of fire on and Mark and his team did just that.

The 262 competitors would work their way through the 8 stages that were set up on the lower bays of the CMP. With wide and deep bays of the range competitors would find themselves being challenged with long transitions and long shots on mini poppers that seem to multiply as the day went on, as well as get harder to hit. Stage 1 was what I refer to as a mirror image stage, meaning the right and left sides of the stage are identical. There were two swingers and eight poppers on this 24 round course of fire. The center section was through a port with two...
Limited Division
High Overall – John Browning
2nd – Travis Tomasie
3rd – Tad Nohse

1st M – Alexx Torres
1st A – Tad Nohsey
1st B – Jonpaul Wise
1st C – Jason Radspinner

Open Division
High Overall – John Vlieger
2nd – Jacob Taylor
3rd – Shane Coley

1st M – Michael Hwang
1st A – Chase Lane
1st B – Michael Garro
1st C – Chris Parker

PCC
High Senior – Peter Oliver

High Senior – Angus McCartney
High LEO – Thomas Koh

Production
High Overall – Sal Luna
2nd – Garran Singleton
3rd – Bryce Dupuy
1st M – Bryce Dupuy
1st A – Luigi Li
1st B – Ben Brown
1st C – Nate Lilley

Single Stack
High Overall – Ryan Flowers
2nd – Blake Miques
3rd – Kenneth Rose

Stage 8 looked like it was going to be a good old-fashioned hostfest of a stage. It was on the right and left side with four open targets on either end to blast through, but you had to hit the right spots in the middle sections to get the rest of the targets that were tucked back by barrels. Tad Nohsey in Limited wasn’t phased on this 32 round stage taking the win here.

The match had difficult and challenging stages with small poppers at distance that required the use of your sights through out the match. They made great use of the action pistol bays at the CMP for a very enjoyable match. Keep an eye out fo the 2021 match dates.