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# SWEET HOME ALABAMA

## THE ALABAMA SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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**T**he Alabama Section 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



Kyle Mapp



Mason East



Nate Lilley



Mark Kauder

paper targets and four of those hard to hit mini poppers and the swingers were on either side of the stage requiring eight rounds from each of the three positions. Alex Joiner took a stage win here in Carry Optics, and Shane Coley shooting Open ran it in 12.30 seconds shooting 107 of the 120 points.

Stage 2 took full advantage of the bay sizes at the CMP with a 32 round long course with 12 cardboard targets and eight of the mini poppers. I told you the mini poppers were multiplying!! For the low capacity divisions the goal here was to avoid standing reloads, as each shooting position would push the limits of your round count, let alone ability to hit stuff. Garran Singleton wasn't bothered with this taking a stage win in Production shooting it in 15.59 seconds with a 7.4407 hit factor.

The poppers added three more to their army for a total of eleven on Stage 3, another 32 round stage that had a lot of transition back and forth through the shooting area as competitors worked their way downrange to end on the array of eight poppers. Tony Marin in PCC took a stage win here blazing through in 15.85 seconds. (It helps to have a plethora of rounds on you.) John Vlieger racked up the points here shooting 155 of the available 160 for an Open Division stage win.

Maybe there was a shortage of poppers because Stage 4 only had eight of them with eleven cardboard targets for a 30 round stage. A quick couple of up close targets at the start with snap to the right for two poppers and a paper target then had you moving forward into one of two positions that would require engaging targets through ports. The AMU's John Browning took a Limited Division Stage win on this fun stage.

Stage 6 had two swingers on opposite sides and only eight poppers that you had to work through either going right to left or left to right in the shooting area. Some tight shots with no shoots were required here. Max Michel was a full two seconds ahead of the rest of Carry Optics shooters with a stage win shooting 148 of the 150 points, and Jack Windes took a PCC stage win as well.

## ALABAMA SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

### Limited Division

High Overall – John Browning  
2nd – Travis Tomasié  
3rd – Tad Nohsey  
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  
High Senior – Peter Oliver

### PCC

High Overall – Tony Martin  
2nd – Greg Yen  
3rd – Jack Windes  
1st M – Derek Giddings  
1st A – Bruce Erlinger  
1st B – JD Williams  
1st C – Luis Crespo  
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 Miguez  
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 for the 2021 match dates. ■

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