

Appleseed Marksmanship Clinic at SSSC

by George Gramlich

Seven lucky shooters spent two days of rifle marksmanship instruction with master instructor Jim “Lotti” Heath, the “shoot boss” for the event, at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club’s (SSSC) facility south of Westcliffe. The participants shot their semi-automatic rifles, both rimfire and centerfire, at various targets over the weekend as Jim Heath taught them the finer points of marksmanship. Jim is the head Appleseed instructor for Colorado. He was ably assisted by Copper Gulch resident, Tommy “Da Spook” Kravitz, an assistant Appleseed instructor. One of the goals of the weekend is to pass the “AQT” test (the Army Qualification Test) with a score over 210 which means you will receive the treasured Appleseed “Rifleman” patch.

There were two confirmed winners of the Rifleman patch at the event, and a ru-

mor of a third. The two confirmed patch winners were high school student Joshua “Mr. AQT” Bainbridge of Pueblo West and our very own Daryl “M.O.A.” Bressan from the valley.

After this reporter left the event late Sunday, it was reported, but not officially confirmed, that somehow local resident and SSSC board member, Mike “Malfunction” Allen conquered the AQT and received his patch. (Based on how Malfunction Mike was shooting when this reporter was there, it could be a dubious claim. We definitely need to see the actual target to verify.)

We would like to thank Appleseed instructors Mike Heath and Tommy Kravitz for volunteering their time, the Appleseed organization for their country-wide program, and the Sangre Shooting Sports Club for hosting the event.



The weekend participants and instructors: Left to right: Aaron “Bullseye” Pelouzi (who was an observer after getting his Rifleman patch at the last Appleseed at SSSC); Mike “Malfunction” Allen; Daryl “M.O.A.” Bressan; Joshua “Mr. AQT” Bainbridge; Joshua’s mother, Kristy “Ten Ring” Bainbridge; Harald “Landsmann” Frank; Harald’s lovely wife and co-owner of the local real estate firm Hayden Outdoors, Lisa “Oath Keeper” Frank; assistant instructor Tommy “Da Spook” Kravitz, and the “shoot boss”, Jim “Lotti” Heath.



The two confirmed Appleseed “Rifleman” patch winners: Daryl “M.O.A.” Bressan and Pueblo West High School student, Joshua “Mr. AQT” Bainbridge. Well done, guys.



Lisa “Oath Keeper” Frank slams .223 rounds down range with her new AR15 topped with a nice Vortex red dot sight. Governor/Tyrant Hickenlooper: please note that the evil, 30-round-magazine Lisa is using is pre-ban and NOT in violation of the unconstitutional magazine ban law YOU signed two years ago. (Seems to be a lot of them 30 rounders floating around lately. All pre-ban, of course.)



Harald “Landsmann” Frank lights up the target with his AR15 topped with a very nice Trijicon ACOG scope.



Above: Mike “Malfunction” Allen uses the rarely seen “black glove” technique with his nice Ruger 10/22 sporting a trick custom stock. The rumor that he mysteriously got his “Rifleman” patch very late in the day on Sunday has not been confirmed.



Left: Participants practice shooting from the prone position. Standing and kneeling/sitting are also taught during the weekend.