

Deep South Region Skirmish Results

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Normally, we don't have a skirmish in May, due to the Spring Nationals. But since this year's Spring Nationals were cancelled due to Covid, the 4th Tennessee opted to pull their June shoot in to May and hopefully enjoy some cooler weather. It paid off in spades! Shooting started as usual on Friday afternoon, and the weather was rather sticky. But a front sprang up just at the end of the day (and carried away the targets of the last two individual shooters on the field (including yours truly). After the front blew through, we ended up with absolutely perfect weather on Saturday and Sunday, with fair skies and temperatures in the 70's. You couldn't ask for better skirmishing weather.



*Battle Flag of the 4th Tennessee Infantry.
Credit: Wikipedia*

The 4th Tennessee tried to give the sleepy heads a bit of a reprieve this weekend, and instead of having the Revolver match first thing Saturday morning they put it off until 11am. So about 8am the sound of muskets woke the campground as individuals fired up for the morning. However, when 11 o'clock rolled around, only two revolver teams were to be found. (I am pleased to report that subsequent to this weekend there was some rallying of the troops and at this time five teams have committed to a Revolver match come August). Undeterred, the faithful of the 44th Georgia and the 4th Louisiana duked it out, with the 4th Louisiana taking first, and the 44th Georgia coming in second.



The 44th Georgia and the 4th Louisiana duke it out in the Can't Miss 'Em Revolver Match!

After the Revolver match came the Smoothbore match. Five teams took to the field to throw round balls, smoke, and harsh language at hanging breakable objects, with four A teams and one B team. The 4th Tennessee was cruel to everyone this weekend by omitting the usual opening Pigeon Board course of fire. So, there was no "figuring out where it's shooting" this weekend! You had to be on your game from the get-go this skirmish!



Smoothbore teams under a perfect spring sky!



More smoothbore teams.



Rod Harbin blasts an egg! Rod did not miss a single target through the entire Smoothbore match!



The 14th Mississippi prepares to blast some pigeons!

When the Smoothbore muskets went silent, the 4th Louisiana took first place, followed by Forrest Escort's A team, with the 3rd Georgia coming in third place.

After the Smoothbore action was done came the Carbine match. Six carbine teams were on the field. When it was all over, Forrest Escort took first place, with the 3rd Georgia coming in second place, and the 44th Georgia taking 3rd place.



Left: Lethrenn Sheldon fist-pumps after tagging a tile with her Smith Carbine! Right: Two Delta Rifles ladies in action!

Sunday morning was just as beautiful as Saturday, and surprisingly even cool enough for a coat. Teams formed on the 25 yard line for Opening Ceremonies. Afterwards, everyone formed along the firing line for a group photograph to commemorate Memorial Day and honor the sacrifices of all Americans who have fought and died for their country.







7 Musket teams took to the field, including Forrest Escort's B team. When the weekend's shooting came to an end, the 4th Louisiana Delta Rifles came in first, followed by the 14th Mississippi, with Forrest Escort's A team taking 3rd.



Musket shooting Sunday morning.



The Deep South Region will be on hiatus for the summer, lest shooters start bursting into flames during skirmishes. The next Deep South Skirmish will be August 27-29 at [Brierfield Ironworks State Park](#), hosted by the 3rd Georgia and the 44th Georgia.

Team Event Results

	Smoothbore	Carbine	Musket	Revolver
1 st	4 th Louisiana	Forrest's Escort A	4 th Louisiana	4 th Louisiana
2 nd	Forrest's Escort	3 rd Georgia	14 th Mississippi	44 th Georgia
3 rd	3 rd Georgia	44 th Georgia	Forrest's Escort	<i>Slackers!!!</i>

Individual Event Results

Revolver	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Steve Sheldon	42X	Steve Sheldon	40	Steve Sheldon	82X
2 nd	Steve Wells	39	Lannie Harrison	39	Lannie Harrison	76
3 rd	Lannie Harrison	37				

Smoothbore	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Rod Harbin	47XX	Rod Harbin	46XX	Rod Harbin	93XXXX
2 nd	Josh Sasser	47XX	Lannie Harrison	45X	Josh Sasser	91XXXX
3 rd	Lannie Harrison	46X	Josh Sasser	44XX	Lannie Harrison	91XX

Carbine	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Lannie Harrison	45	William Noize	42X	William Noize	86X
2 nd	William Noize	44	Lannie Harrison	41	Lannie Harrison	86
3 rd	Rod Harbin	40X	Rod Harbin	35	Rod Harbin	75X

Musket	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	William Noize	48	Jim Koch	47	Jim Koch	93
2 nd	Rod Harbin	47XX	Charlie Bondurant	46XX	Charlie Bondurant	92XXX
3 rd	Lannie Harrison	46X	William Noize	44X	William Noize	92X

Musket / Carbine Agg		
1 st	William Noize	178XXX
2 nd	Lannie Harrison	174
3 rd	Rod Harbin	162XXX

Breechloader	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	William Noize	42	Larry Kershner	41	Larry Kershner	83
2 nd	Larry Kershner	42	William Noize	41	William Noize	83

Grand Agg		
1 st	Lannie Harrison	265XXX
2 nd	Rod Harbin	255 (9X)

