

Deep South August 24-26, 2018 Skirmish Results

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Georgia was on our mind this weekend as the 44th and 3rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry companies hosted another great skirmish at Brierfield Ironworks State Park. Summer was still in full swing, and things were hot and humid. But there was a reasonable breeze much of the time and no rain, so really you couldn't ask for better weather in August in Alabama.

Shooting started off on Friday afternoon with perhaps 8 or so individuals punching holes in paper and cardboard.

Saturday morning started off what has become a Deep South specialty – the 15 yard Revolver Match. With this event, all revolver targets are shot at a distance of only 15 yards. This has had a tremendous impact on the turnout for revolver matches. In years past, revolver matches had all but stopped. When they were scheduled, they were usually scheduled last on Saturday, after Individuals, Carbine, and Smoothbore matches. By that time, people were just worn out. On top of this, few people were actually hitting any targets at 25 and 50 yards, and so the usual consensus was to just cancel the match. Eventually, teams stopped even scheduling a revolver match. Since we started the new 15-yard match, we have had revolver matches at nearly every skirmish for the last year and a half. The new format has rescued the revolver match in these parts from the grave.

This weekend three 3-man teams took up their positions on the firing line with their six-shooters. At the end of it all the Forrest Escort took first, the 44th Georgia took second, and the 4th Louisiana took third.

After the revolver match was finished, individual shooting resumed until about 1pm. The host team's cooks kept everyone's thirst and hunger at bay with drinks and food at the snack shack.

Next on the agenda was the Carbine match. Five teams toed the line, with the Forrest Escort, 4th Louisiana, 14th Mississippi, and the 44th Georgia fielding a team. In the end the Forrest Escort took first, the 14th Mississippi took second, and the 4th Louisiana came in with 3rd.

After the smoke from the carbines had cleared, the field was set up for Smoothbore shooting. Again five teams took the field, and when the last of the round balls were sunk into the backstop the Forrest Escort again came out on top, followed by the 4th Louisiana in 2nd, and finally the 44th Georgia taking 3rd.

Sunday morning started off cooler but still muggy with a brief Opening Ceremonies, and then the Musket match began. Five teams again took the field. The skirmish came to an end with Forrest Escort again on top, followed by the 14th Mississippi, and finally with the 4th Louisiana taking 3rd.



The next Deep South Region skirmish will be held at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, November 2-4, 2018, hosted by the Forrest Escort.

Team Event Results

	Smoothbore	Carbine	Musket	Revolver
1 st	Forrest Escort	Forrest Escort	Forrest Escort	Forrest Escort
2 nd	4 th Louisiana	14 th Mississippi	14 th Mississippi	44 th Georgia
3 rd	44 th Georgia	4 th Louisiana	4 th Louisiana	4 th Louisiana

Individual Event Results

Smoothbore	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Rod Harbin	46	Jim Koch	45X	Jim Koch	91
2 nd	Jim Koch	46	Charlie Bondurant	45	Charlie Bondurant	90
3 rd	Kenny Carmichael	44	Steve Sheldon	44	Rod Harbin	89

Carbine	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Charlie Bondurant	44	Charlie Bondurant	39X	Charlie Bondurant	83X
2 nd	Jim Koch	42	Terry Lingenfelter	35	Steve Sheldon	67
3 rd	Larry Kershner	41X	Steve Sheldon	29	Jim Koch	42

Musket	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Eddye Lawley	42X	Charlie Bondurant	44	Eddye Lawley	88X
2 nd	Jim Koch	42	Eddye Lawley	43	Charlie Bondurant	86
3 rd	Charlie Bondurant	42	Jim Koch	42	Jim Koch	84

BLR	50 Yard		100 Yard	
1 st	Kenny Carmichael	42	Kenny Carmichael	42

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1 st	Charlie Bondurant	287X