



THE DELTA DISPATCH

November 2021

The 4th Louisiana made the journey to Winchester for the October 2021 Fall Nationals. They found a home as pickups with the 2nd US Sharp Shooters for both Musket and Carbine, and brought home gold medals for Carbine and bronze medals for Musket! They also fielded a Revolver team. Great job Delta Rifles!



Steve Wells, Tracie Stevens, and Bruce Stevens with the 1st US Sharp Shooters!

A large contingent of the 4th Louisiana Delta Rifles trekked to Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park the first weekend of November, with 9 members making the trip! This was the final skirmish of the 2021 Deep South Region, and was hosted by Forrest's Escort Company, as usual. Beautiful fall weather greeted the shooters who showed up for Individual Competition on Friday at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park.

Forrest's cavalymen fixed up vittles in the main lodge Saturday morning for the troops. When they ventured forth onto the skirmish field they found the target frames shrouded in fog, so individuals did not really kick off until the sun rose and burned it off. But burn off it did and revealed a perfect clear blue sky and a bright sun. Skirmishers enjoyed a brilliant fall morning of leisurely individual shooting.



The Delta Rifles flag, and Delta Rifles skirmishers!

Delta Rifles skirmishers Steve Sheldon and Steve Wells took home individual medals. Steve Sheldon got first place in 50 yard Carbine, and Steve Wells took 1st in 25 yard, 50 yard, and Aggregate Revolver! A clean sweep for Mr. Wells! Lethrenn Sheldon took home the Junior Skirmisher award.

The Delta rifles did not fare well against the stiff competition in team events.

As the noon hour passed team competitions got underway with the Carbine match. 10 teams took the field, including 2 B teams. The Yankees trounced the Confederates, with the 46th Illinois taking first place, followed by the 6th Kentucky in second, and the 14th Mississippi in third. 14th Mississippi's B team came in first in the B-team competition, over the 4th Louisiana's B-team.

Next up was the Smoothbore match. There were 9 smoothbore teams vying for the prizes, and in the end, 110th OVI took first, followed by 44th Georgia for second place, and 14th Mississippi for third.

Sunday morning was another fog soup, but there was no waiting for it to burn off, and the 11 musket teams on the field had to contend with both fog and black powder smoke. Those on the right end of the firing line had the worst of it as the left-to-right wind made sure their targets were perpetually invisible. It took about 2 courses of fire before the fog lifted. But when it was finally gone, the rest of the match was held in another brilliant fall morning. At the end of the match the 110th OVI came in first, followed by 46th Illinois, with 6th Kentucky In third. The 14th Mississippi B team came out on top of the 4th Louisiana's B team.

This concluded the skirmish, and the 2021 Deep South Regional season.

The Delta Rifles will be hosting the first skirmish of the 2022 season February 11-13, 2022, at Brierfield Ironworks State Park.





Team Event Results

	Smoothbore A	Smoothbore B	Carbine A	Carbine B	Musket A	Musket B
1 st	110 th OVI	14 th MS	46 th Illinois	14 th MS	110 th OVI	14 th MS
2 nd	44 th Georgia		6 th Kentucky		46 th Illinois	
3 rd	14 th Mississippi		14 th Mississippi		6 th Kentucky	

Individual Event Results

Revolver	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Steve Wells	39	Steve Wells	36	Steve Wells	75

Smoothbore	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Steve Neese	46X	Lani Harrison	45X	Lani Harrison	90X
2 nd	Jim Cox	45	Jerry Smith	44X	Steve Neese	90X
3 rd	Lani Harrison	45	Steve Neese	44	Jerry Smith	8X

Carbine	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Steve Sheldon	43	Jerry Smith	43	Brian Tucker	81
2 nd	Alan Lindstrom	43	Brian Tucker	39	Jerry Smith	79X
3 rd	Brian Tucker	42	Steve Neese	39	Lani Harrison	79X

Musket	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Alan Lindstrom	44X	Steve Neese	42	Alan Lindstrom	85XX
2 nd	Steve Neese	43	Alan Lindstrom	41X	Steve Neese	85
3 rd	Larry Baird	43	Lani Harrison	39	Larry Baird	81

Breechloader	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 st	Lani Harrison	42X	Lani Harrison	33	Lani Harrison	76X
2 nd	Larry Baird	42	Larry Baird	32	Larry Baird	74
3 rd	Barry McMaster	32				

Grand Agg		
1 st	Steve Neese	252X
2 nd	Lani Harrison	247XX
3 rd	Larry baird	242

5-gun Agg: Lani Harrison 395XXX

Senior Skirmisher: Larry Baird

Junior Skirmisher: Lethrenn Sheldon 4th Louisiana

Best Uniform: Morgan Jasper 6th Kentucky

