

The 7th Long-Range World Championships were held 24-27, 2009 September at Camp Butner, North Carolina, USA. Shooters from seven nations competed at distances between 300 and 1,000 yards, turning in performances worthy of the best modern target rifles. But these were not modern high-velocity rifles, but the percussion target rifles of the 19th century, when long-range shooting was in its infancy. Typically between .40 and .50 caliber, weighing around fifteen pounds, these rifles represented the apogee of mid-1800s firearm technology.

American competitors excelled in the original-arms division of the matches. Firing 150-year-old antiques, Karl Kuehn took gold in the 1,000-yard match and silver in the 900-yard match, carrying him to triumph in the overall long-range aggregate and earning a bronze medal in the grand aggregate. Nor was Kuehn the only medalist. Al Roberts won the original division of the 600-yard match, while Mon Yee took bronze at 300 and 500 yards - scores which would earn him bronze in the mid-range aggregate as well. Meanwhile, Dave Munch and Rick Weber took bronze medals in the reproduction and original divisions of the 1,000-yard event.

300 Yards – Reproduction

First Wolfgang Wehle Ger 45.3v
Second Roland Juranek Ger 44.3v
Third Guenter Kunz Ger 44.3v
Fourth Dieter Hausmann Ger 43.2v
Fifth Dave Gullo USA 43.1v
Sixth Josef Ruoss Swi 43.1v

300 Yards -- Original

First John Whittaker UK 43.2v
Second Johann de Villiers SA 42.1v
Third Mon Yee USA 42
Fourth Adrian Booth UK 39.2v
Fifth Al Roberts, III USA 39
Sixth Rick Weber USA 37.1v

500 Yards -- Reproduction

First Josef Ruoss Swi 46.4v
Second Eugene Kuisis SA 46.3v
Third Roland Juranek Ger 45.3v
Fourth Petra Leonhardt Ger 44.3v
Fifth Gavin James SA 44.3v
Sixth M. Van Rensberg SA 44.3v

500 Yards -- Original

First John Whittaker UK 45.3v
Second Johann de Villiers SA 43.1v
Third Mon Yee USA 41.2v
Fourth Karl Kuehn USA 41.1v
Fifth Al Roberts, III USA 39
Sixth Rick Weber USA 38.1v

600 Yards -- Reproduction

First Andrew Burgess UK 45.4v
Second Petra Leonhardt Ger 45.3v
Third Christoffel Smit SA 45.3v
Fourth Wolfgang Wehle Ger 45.2v
Fifth Eugene Kuisis SA 43.4v
Sixth Guy Huchelmann Fra 43.2v

600 Yards -- Original

First Al Roberts, III USA 42
Second John Whittaker UK 39.3v
Third Johann de Villiers SA 38.2v
Fourth Mon Yee USA 38.1v
Fifth Kark Kuehn USA 37.2v
Sixth Rick Weber USA 31.2v

Mid Range Aggregate -- Reproduction

First Wolfgang Wehle Ger 133.8v
(GOLD MEDAL ONLY)
Second Eugene Kuisis SA 130.9v
Third Christoffel Smit SA 130.6v
Fourth Josef Ruoss Swi 129.7v
Fifth Petra Leonhardt Ger 128.9v
Sixth Frank Monikowski USA 127.6v

Mid Range Aggregate -- Original

First John Whittaker UK 127.8v *PLATE**
Second Johann de Villiers SA 123.4v
Third Mon Yee USA 121.3v
Fourth Al Roberts USA 120
Fifth Karl Kuehn USA 115.3v
Sixth Rick Weber USA 106.4v

* Mid Range Aggregate Champion – Original
Class Presented in Memory of Bill Roberts,
Gunmaker, 1934-2004

Mid Range Team -- Reproduction

First Germany 501.25v **TROPHY (cup)**
Diethelm Dufert
Guenter Kunz
Petra Leonhardt
Wolfgang Wehle
Second S. Africa 499.26v
Gavin James
Eugene Kuisis
Christoffel Smith
M. Van Rensberg
Third U.S.A. 493.16v
Kenn Heismann
Frank Monikowski
Lee Shaver
Mon Yee

900 Yards -- Reproduction

First Christoffel Smit SA 67.2v
Second Eugene Kuisis SA 65.4v
Third M. Van Rensberg SA 65.3v
Fourth Raymond Hopkins USA 64.2v
Fifth Jacques Malarne Fra 63.2v
Sixth Guenter Kunz Ger 62.2v

900 Yards -- Original

First John Whittaker UK 59.5v
Second Karl Kuehn USA 57.3v
Third Johann de Villiers SA 57.1v
Fourth Howard Markham USA 54.2v
Fifth Al Roberts, III USA 51.2v
Sixth Rick Weber USA 50.1v

1000 Yards -- Reproduction

First Eugene Kuisis SA 62.3v
Second Guenter Kunz Ger 62
Third Dave Munch USA 60.3v
Fourth Johann de Villiers SA 59.4v
Fifth Wayne Adams USA 59.4v
Sixth Wolfgang Wehle Ger 58.3v

1000 Yards -- Original

First Karl Kuehn USA 59.2v
Second Johann de Villiers SA 59
Third Rick Weber USA 57.1v
Fourth Mike Alexander UK 56.3v
Fifth Mon Yee USA 52.2v
Sixth Adrian Booth UK 51

Long Range Aggregate -- Reproduction

First Eugene Kuisis SA 127.7v
Second Merve Van Rensberg SA 124.7v
Third Guenter Kunz Ger 124.2v
Fourth Christoffel Smit SA 118.3v
Fifth David Washington UK 118.3v
Sixth Wayne Adams USA 117.4v

Long Range Aggregate -- Original

First Karl Kuehn USA 116.5v
Second Johann de Villiers SA 116.1v
Third John Whittaker UK 107.5v
Fourth Rick Weber USA 107.2v
Fifth Mike Alexander UK 102.5v
Sixth Howard Markham USA 96.3v

Long Range Team

First South Africa 477.18v
Ronald Blake
Eugene Kuisis
Christoffel Smit
Merve Van Rensberg
Second Great Britain 427.1v
Andrew Burgess
David Minshall
David Washington
John Whittaker
Third USA 405.11v
Arthur Fleenor
David Munch
Lee Shaver
Mon Yee

Team Aggregate

First South Africa 976.44v
Gavin James
Eugene Kuisis
Christoffel Smit
Merve Van Rensberg
Ronald Blake
Second U.S.A. 898.27v
Arthur Fleenor
Kenn Heismann
Frank Monikowski
Dave Munch
Lee Shaver
Mon Yee
Third Germany 888.31v
Diethelm Duefert
Guenter Kunz
Petra Leonhardt
Wolfgang Wehle
Georg Suiter

Grand Aggregate -- Reproduction

First Eugene Kuisis SA 257.16v
Second Guenter Kunz Ger 250.8v
Third Wolfgang Wehle Ger 248.13v
Fourth Christoffel Smit SA 248.9v

Grand Aggregate -- Original

First Johann de Villiers SA 239.5v
Second John Whittaker UK 234.13v
Third Karl Kuehn USA 231.8v
Fourth Rick Weber USA 213.6v