

# MGM Ironman Competition Final Results

With winds gusting up to 20 mile an hour, this year's MGM Ironman Competition added a degree of difficulty to an already arduous match. Ten stages, hundreds of targets, difficult barriers, zip lines, breach doors, barrels and a 30' playground slide pushed competitors to the edge of fatigue and mental gaffes. The shooters were pressed to finish all the stages with high winds and an occasional rain storm. "This added a degree of difficulty to the match that only Mother Nature could supply," stated Mike Gibson, host of the event that was held at the Parma, ID Rod and Gun Club.

MGM has sponsored this event for eleven years and sportsmen and women from all over the country come to participate. Some from as far away as France and Australia. One exhausted competitor said, "I'm tired, but I love it. There is no match that I compete in that is anything like the Ironman. It is a standalone match. I love the camaraderie, the stiff competition, and the toughness of the stages. Mike and Travis (Gibson) are such great hosts. They take great care in developing the different stages and they always surprise us."

To the delight of the crowd food and drink were served. Buffalo Burgers, potato salad, beans and drinks were provided all day Saturday to the hungry throng supplied by Terry Lowinger with Tac Latch [http://www.techwearusa.com/product\\_details.asp?id=68](http://www.techwearusa.com/product_details.asp?id=68) . A tent had been raised to provide relief from the wind and rain but it was not necessary on the final day as the weather was absolutely beautiful in Southwest Idaho. 70 degrees welcomed the contestants back with wonderful blue skies and only an occasional bluster of wind.

To add to the excitement of the match 3-Gun Nation came with a crew of 5 to film the match which will eventually be telecast on the Versus Channel and is expected to be shown sometime in July. For more details check out [www.3gunnation.com](http://www.3gunnation.com).

It was a long three days for hosts and competitors alike but at the end of the day on Saturday they crowned their winners. First time shooter at the Ironman but long time 3 gunner and USPSA president Mike Voigt took top honors in Open division ending Matt Burkett's seven year winning streak.

For the first time ever a division was won by a junior shooter. 17 year old Kyle Jamison out of Walla Walla, Washington finished first in the Limited division beating his father by a narrow margin.

Chuck Anderson out of Portland was able to pull off the win over Iain Harrison by just 45 match points in trooper division. Iain is also one of the contestants on the newest shooting related reality show "Top Shots".

In the Heavy Optics class which requires the shooter to use a .30 caliber rifle or larger, Surefire sponsored shooter Barry Dueck crushed the rest of the competition by winning 8 out of 10 stages.



Finally, in Tactical Optics, Dave Neth once again received the overall champion plaque, as well as Top Military/LE shooter. Dave took home the \$5000.00 check for the victory in the shoot off courtesy of Warne Scope Mounts. Dave was accompanied in victory by his son Riley and his father Tom.

Major match sponsors for the match were MGM, FNH, Premier sponsors Primary Weapons Systems, Patriot Ordnance Factory and Cavalry Manufacturing.

A hearty thank you was sent out to all the sponsors when Mike Gibson said, “They are such a terrific group of match sponsors. We are fortunate to have the support from these guys. We wouldn’t be able to put on this spectacular event without their contribution.” MGM is already making plans for next year’s action including a couple of new wrinkles for the contestants.