

Stalingrad Match Information

The first Stalingrad Match was held Jan. 29, 2006. It was started by Dan Huss and has prevailed as the "match that begins a new shooting season." The match commemorates the siege of Stalingrad during WW2. The well supplied Germans were attempting to take Stalingrad from the starving and ill-supplied Russians. The Russians prevailed by sheer determination and sacrifice.

The theme of the match is to shoot either a German or a Russian rifle of the period. If you don't have one that is OK as you can shoot as a mercenary but try to bring a period rifle. The match is about shooting and camaraderie more than about winning.

We will shoot the match no matter what the weather is like and there will be some food provided to keep us from freezing to death--like the Russians were at Stalingrad.

Only military rifles from WW2 and back are allowed (no AR's, SKS's, AK's and the like). I would prefer Russian or German rifles IF YOU HAVE THEM, but if you don't, you can shoot as Mercenaries as long as the rifle is WW2 or older. If you don't have a rifle that old, get a hold of me and I think I can round one up for you.

The course of fire will be 4 targets with 10 rounds each (my choice of distances but be prepared to shoot beyond 600 yards).

We will provide soup, water, heat, and lots of BS in the boxcar. Bring along something to share for the meal if you want but it is not required. We just want to shoot the old rifles, enjoy some camaraderie and have a good time. I will have a few prizes to give away. The range opens at 8:30, signup at 9:30 and the match starts promptly at 10:00. Don't be late.

Chris Ford, Match Director

No Snow for the 2012 Stalingrad Match

Right: Steve Henkel, in uniform, firing his pistol.

Below: On the Firing Line



Stalingrad 2010

Shooters on the firing line at Hoffland Range.

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