



Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) April 14, 2024 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

The 2024 Field Target season is finally underway here in Ohio, with the first match of the season taking place at Twin Oaks Air Rifle Range in Chagrin Falls. Mid-April is usually a little early for the season to kick off for us, but we were blessed with some fantastic weather. Fantastic minus the wind of course! On match day, 22 shooters were greeted with temps that pushed just over 80 degrees, sunny skies and WIND! It was gusting, switching, spinning...doing all the things that strike fear into an FT shooter's heart.

Knowing the wind was coming, the course set up in the Field (as the woods were a bit soggy from the prior week's rainfall) was a bit more technical than it usually is. A number of mid-20 yard targets, in the $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" range were set, knowing this would test the wind calling abilities of everyone shooting. And of course, there were a number of long targets as well. 13 of 30 targets were over 40 yards, with 8 of those being over 45. The troyer before wind is factored in, worked out to a 29.8T. Just for grins, I added the wind factor to every target with the exception of a few close ones, and that bumped the Troyer to 35.7T. Which is much more in line with how the course shot in my opinion, particularly for those shooting 12 FPE.

Thankfully, the match ran smoothly with no cold lines or issues. Everyone seemed to enjoy shaking the winter rust off, and even though the scores were lower than they usually are, I think it was an enjoyable day for all. We had our usual pizza lunch after the match concluded, and we tallied up the scores for awards. In WFTF Piston, John Cerne came down from New York and posted a solid 39/60 to best Matt Uhler. In WFTF PCP, Keith Walters topped the division with a 50, followed by Jeff Paddock just one shot behind.

In Hunter PCP, Bill Rabbitt posted a fantastic 55. Besting his next closest competitor by 11 shots! We also had a few new shooters in Hunter PCP, Craig Clark and Rick Mueller, and I hope they enjoyed themselves on the course. We hope you'll both be back next month (hopefully with less wind). In Unlimited, Rick Smelko took the top spot with a 52. Honorable mentions to Roger Barker as the lone Open PCP shooter with a 46 and Al Duster as the lone Hunter Piston shooter with a 23.

N.O.A. April 14, 2024 Match Results						
Place	Name	Class	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/60
1	Bill Rabbitt	Hunter PCP	Thomas Carbine	NightForce NX8	JSB 13.43	55
2	Dale Prulhiere	Hunter PCP	Crosman Challenger	Athlon Heras	Benjamin 10.5	44
3	Jamie Marusiak	Hunter PCP	Air Arms s500	Hawke Airmax 4-16x50	Benjamin 10.5	41
4	Conrad Griffith	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Midas Tac	H&N 10.6	40
5	Doug Cunningham	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Sightron SIII FT 10-50x60	JSB 13.43	40
6	Paul Nickerson	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Sightron Siii 10-50	JSB 13.4	39
7	Craig Clark	Hunter PCP	FX M3	Arken EPL-4 6-24x50	FX 13.4	37
8	Rick Mueller	Hunter PCP	FX M3	Arken EPL-4 6-24x50	FX 13.4	22
1	Al Duster	Hunter Piston	Diana 56	Sightron 10x50 FT	JSB 10.34	23
1	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms ProTarget	Sightron III 10-50X60	Air Arms 10.34	46
1	Keith Walters	WFTF PCP	AA Xti500	March Majesta 80x	JSB 8.4	50
2	Jeff Paddock	WFTF PCP	Air Arms EV2	Vortex	JSB 8.4	49
3	Lucas Marusiak	WFTF PCP	Thomas FT	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	JSB 8.4	47
4	Tyler Patner	WFTF PCP	Thomas Carbine	March	AA 8.4	45
5	Ted Andro	WFTF PCP	Thomas	Sightron SIII	AA 8.4	24
6	Briquelle March	WFTF PCP	Air Arms MPRFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50x60	JSB 8.4	22
1	John Cerne	WFTF Piston	Air Arms TX200	Sightron S3 10-50x60 FT	AA 8.4	39
2	Matt Uhler	WFTF Piston	Air Arms TX200	Hawke Sidewinder 8-32	AA 8.4	29
1	Rick Smelko	Unlimited	Brocock Sniper Sahara	Athlon Argos BTR 6-24x50	JSB 13.43	52
2	David Hitchcock	Unlimited	Thomas	Nightforce	JSB 10.34	47
3	Alan Barker	Unlimited	Brocock Bantom Sniper	Athlon Argos BTR 6-24x50	JSB 18.13 (.22)	46
4	Tim Baylor	Unlimited	Daystate Redwolf	Athlon	JSB 13.43	39
22 total						
						* Tie decided by coin toss
						R.M. = redesigned Monster

Thanks to everyone that came out for our first match of the year. We hope to see you back again in May!

Until then, stay safe and we will see you on the lanes.