

Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) June 7, 2020 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

During these most unusual times, I have found it very important to continue to maintain some sense of normalcy where I can. Most of us (without realizing it) crave some level of social interaction, and that is absolutely something that has suffered over the last two or three months of "quarantine." In an effort to get back to something that resembles normal, the Northeast Ohio Airgunners held their first match of the year on a beautiful summer Sunday, June 7th. With temps in the low 70s, sun in the sky with some moderate cloud cover, 24 shooters made the trip to break off the winter/spring rust!

We did our best to hold to social distancing recommendations set out by the state of Ohio, and thankfully our shooters did their part as well. We shot the woods course, which was considerably darker than the rest of the property with the tree canopy providing shade for the shooters, and a number of targets. We set up 15 lanes, for a 60 shot match with a few new target placements to create a challenging course with some easier targets mixed in for our newer shooters. The course was a 31.5T on the troyer scale before wind and lighting was factored in. While there wasn't a ton of wind, there was certainly enough to keep shooters in all divisions on their toes. 13 targets were over 40 yards, with 8 of those over 45.

A number of shooters were still working out the kinks that the colder months usually leave us with, but a few definitely showed that they've been practicing as the weather has warmed up. In Hunter PCP, Bill Rabbitt put up a dominant 56/60 with his Thomas and new Nightforce NX8 scope. Rick Smelko and Eric Ohlin were right on his heels with 52's respectively. Great scores on a tricky day for sure, and especially for Eric who (I believe) was shooting just his second or third FT match ever! Way to go! In Hunter Piston, Dan Putz showed up in solid form, posting a 46 for top score. Young airgunner, Lucas Marusiak ran a Diana 48, and from talking with Lucas, it sounds like he will be back again but is looking to break into PCP next time. We look forward to having him back out.

We had four shooters sitting on bum bags this match, two in Open PCP and two in WFTF PCP. Keith Walters and his Thomas/Leupold Comp 35x combo posted a strong 53. And Tyler Patner posted an impressive 59/60 for the high score in WFTF, with his Thomas/Nightforce ATACR 7-35x. Great shooting!

We want to thank everyone for coming out and appreciate those that did for adhering to the new guidelines as best as possible. We know it's not ideal, but it's what we have to do for the time being. Our next match will be July 19th, and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

MATCH RESULTS				
	Rifle	Scope	Pellets	Score/60
Hunter PCP		-		-
Bill Rabbitt	Thomas FT Carbine	Nightforce Nx8	JSB 13.4	56
Rick Smelko	Daystate Wolverine	Aztec FFP 5.5-25x	JSB 13.43	52
Eric Ohlin	Tiapan Veteran	Athlon Midas	JSB 13.3	52
David Hitchcock	Thomas	Night Force	JSB 10.34	47
Donnie Reed	Daystate Wolverine R	Sightron SIII FT 10-50x60	JSB 10.34	47
Doug Cunningham	Daystate Redwolf	Sightron SIII SS 10-50x60	JSB 13.43	46
Tim Baylor	Daystate Redwolf	Athlon Midas Tac	JSB 13.4	46
Ted Andro	Air Arms S 500	Athlon 6-24x50	JSB 10.34	45
Dave Kovach	Air Arms S 500	Bushnell 6 x 24x 50	JSB 13.43	40
Jim Donahue	Daystate Red Wolf	Hawke Sidewinder 6-24	JSB 10.34	38
Alan Barker	brocock bantam viper	Optisan Viper 4x16-50	AA 8.44	35
Kristin Putz	FX Streamline 177	Athlon Midas 2.5-15x50	JSB 10.34	33
Mark Belmont	Benjamin Marauder	UTG SWAT 4-16x44	JSB 10.34	32
Jeff Craft	Thomas FT Carbine	Nightforce Nx8	JSB 13.4	29
James Miller	FX Storm	Hawke	JSB 15.89	24
Maddex Belmont	Benjamin Marauder	UTG SWAT 4-16x44	JSB 10.34	22
Jason Andro				21
Bill McCracken	FX Crown	Althlon Midas Tech 6x24	JSB 13.34	17
Hunter Piston				
Dan Putz	Walther LGV	Bushnell Nitro 6-24x50	JSB 10.34	46
Lucas Marusiak	Diana Model 48	Hawke 4-12	JSB 8.4	14
Open PCP				
Keith Walters	Thompson FT carbine	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB 13.4	53
Roger Barker	Benjamin Marauder	Nikko Stirling 10-50X60	JSB 10.34	30
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WFTF PCP				
Tyler Patner	Thomas FT Carbine	NightForce ATACR 7-35x	AA 8.44	59
Jeff Paddock	Air Arms EV2	Vortex G.E. HD 15-60x	JSB 8.44	51
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