



Ohio Airgun and Field Target Shooters Association (O.A.F.T.S.A)

August 28, 2016 Match Report

25 shooters gathered on the 28th of August at Crooked Creek Conservation Club for the monthly OAFTSA match. It was a hot day, just south of 90 degrees with the threat of rain looming. This made it very humid, as we saw a record amount of water consumed over the course of the match. That aside, it was a very pleasant day in the woods, as any ambient sun was blocked by the heavy tree canopy. This made the course very dark and made some of the black and grey targets almost invisible to the naked eye!

There were plenty of small kill zones out and plenty that made yours truly tighten up just a bit. Having just come back from the World Championships in Portugal, I was kind of used to seeing 1" targets at 25-35 yards. The crazy course designer (guilty as charged LOL) decided to have a few out at 40 yards. And some $\frac{3}{4}$ " targets in that 30-35 range. It certainly gets you focused a bit better when you pull up on a small kill zone at a decent distance. It snapped me back to the US style of FT real quick! Lucky for all of the shooters attending the PA Cup next month, I laid out the courses before I left for Worlds and I was in a much better frame of mind then!

Jeff Paddock and I decided to add a little bonus target for the match. A $\frac{1}{2}$ " blue bird target at 55 yards. Shooters got two chances at it, just like any other shot on the course. Any hits were added to the overall score. Three shooters hit it one time each. Dennis Himes, Roger Barker and I all were able to take it down once.

We had two shooters in Hunter Piston class, Dan Putz and newcomer Mark Evans. Mark shot a Beeman R9 in .22 cal and posted a very respectable 33/60. I sure hope Mark keeps coming back, because with shooting like that, he's going to be very good! Dan was able to hold on and take the class with a 35. His trusty Walther LGU proved to be good enough for the win.

In our Special Junior class, Demitry Navarro again took home the win on the PCP side. He posted a 39/60 on the modified course, which is his highest yet. Thanks to Roger for providing the BSA Buccaneer that he shot. Brandon Navarro put up a 26, but had some gun issues early on. Thankfully, regular Joe Tricomi was nice enough to let Brandon shoot his gun for the duration of the match. On the Jr. Class Spring side, Natalie Putz took top honors on the day with a 24. She followed in Dad's footsteps, way to go Natalie!

In Hunter PCP, there was a ton of competition. Bill Rabbitt was back shooting his tried and true Marauder in preparation for the Pyramyd Air Cup. It was rumored that the notorious Himes brothers were not going to make it, but from the shadows of Pennsylvania, Dennis Himes appeared to challenge the Hunter PCP field. Dennis posted an impressive 56 plus his one bonus shot for a total of 57/60. Bill was a few shots back with a 53. And Rick Smelko posted an excellent 47 with a newly assembled .20 cal Marauder build.

In Open PCP, Roger Barker took top honors again with a 43. Skip Tenney came back with his Daystate Mk4 and posted a 32. Mark Oehlberg is still getting his gun set up but is making strides. I expect we will see a pretty steady improvement from Mark as the season comes to a close. Congrats to Roger on another Open Class title. A little bird tells me that Roger even has a new gun and scope waiting in the wings...but word has it he will not be unveiling anything until 2017. What a bummer! Maybe with a little prodding we can get him to bring it out for one of these next matches.

In WFTF PCP, the spots were tight at the top. After some initial struggles with his windage adjustment, Tyler managed to pull it together. He nailed the bonus target once to shoot a 57/60. He has shot the same score for all of our matches this year. Jeff Paddock had Tyler on the ropes for the entire match, but could not hold on at the end as the long targets on lanes 13 and 14 proved tough for him. Still, an impressive 53 should give him confidence before the Cup. Bruce Scott was back again and posted a solid 41. Bruce has made major strides in the last two matches, especially considering this is just his 3rd match with his Air Arms EV2 and second match with his Nikko Targetmaster. Well done Bruce!

After the match, we were treated to a phenomenal meal by Kristen Coss. She cut her shooting short to finish up an awesome Jambalaya that everyone raved about. Her banana pudding desert was phenomenal and left everyone so stuffed that none of us wanted to tear the course down! Thanks Kristen!

I'm glad the match got postponed so I could attend. Thankfully the rain held off and we were able to enjoy the match and great fellowship. We will see everyone at the Pyramyd Cup, running September 9-11th. It's going to be a fun filled weekend, so be there!

MATCH RESULTS				
	Rifle	Scope	Pellets	Score /60
Hunter PCP				
Dennis Himes	Marauder	Hawke 4-16	AA 10.3	57
Bill Rabbitt	Marauder	Hawke 6.5-20	JSB 10.3	53
Rick Smelko	Marauder (.20)	Unknown	JSB .20	47
Tim Baylor	Steyr LG110	Hawke 4-16	JSB 10.3	42
Alan Barker	Marauder	Centerpoint 4-16	JSB 10.3	38
Sue Tenney	Daystate Huntsman	Hawke	Baracuda	34
Dave Hitchcock	Daystate Regal	Hawke 3-12	JSB 10.3	39
Bill Sizemore	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon 3-9	JSB 10.3	25
Joe Tricoli	Marauder (.22)	UTG	JSB 18.13	19
Don Ellsworth	Marauder	UTG 3-12	G. Hunter	18
Ted Andro	Marauder	Hawke	H&N FTT	11
Hunter Piston				
Dan Putz	Walther LGU	Aeon 3-12	JSB 7.9	35
Mark Evans	Beeman R9 (.22)	Hawke Airmax	H&N FTT	33
Open PCP				
Roger Barker	Marauder	Aeon 8-32	JSB 10.3	43
Skip Tenney	Daystate Panther	Nikko 10-50	JSB Monster	32
Mark Oehlberg	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.3	9
WFTF PCP				
Tyler Patner	Steyr LG100 HR	March 10-60	AA 7.9	57
Jeff Paddock	Air Arms EV2	Leupold Comp 35X	JSB 7.9	53
Bruce Scott	Air Arms EV2	Nikko 10-50 TM	JSB 8.4	41
Kristen Coss	AA MPRFT	Bushnell 8-32x40	AA 8.4	10
WFTF Piston				
Larry Justinus	HW95	Leupold Comp 40X	JSB 7.9	4
Novice/Special Jr. PCP				
Demetry Navarro	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon	JSB 10.3	39
Brandon Navarro	Marauder	UTG 4-16	JSB 18.13	26
Novice/Special Jr. Piston				
Natalie Putz	HW 30S	Hawke 3-9	JSB 7.9	24
Camille Sizemore	Beeman R7	Beeman SS2L 4X	Benj. 7.9	15