



Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) April 30, 2022 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

An odd Saturday match for the Northeast Ohio Airgunners kicked off the 2022 season at the Twin Oaks Air Rifle Range in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. After a last minute schedule change due to some gloomy weather on Sunday, 27 shooters made the trip to test their skills at NOA's first match of the year. They were greeted with beautiful weather in the high 60s and clear skies.

The course was set in the woods, which has historically been too muddy this time of year, but a relatively dry week allowed for some newly cut lanes to be used in conjunction with the existing woods course. Since the leaves are just starting to pop, the normal protection from the wind that shooters enjoy on our woods course was all but gone. Coupled with a nearly 34T difficulty on the course, well over half of the targets being over 40 yards, and some tricky winds, this was no cake walk for the shooters.

We had a few new shooters join us, Joe Edwards and Ken Santo. Joe was running a .22 FX Maverick, tuned down to sub 20 FPE and Ken was running a .22 Benjamin Armada tuned down as well. Both shooters did quite well for their first times out, and are looking to change up their equipment to better suit their FT needs. Looking forward to seeing them both again as the season progresses.

Coming off of the course, there were a number of shooters left puzzled by the wind. In some cases (I can personally attest to this), winds were far more significant than they appeared to be down the lanes. On a few occasions, what looked to be a left edge of the kill zone hold, turned out to require holding 1" out of the kill. Or, what appeared to be enough wind to require holding outside of the kill zone, turned into a dead-on faceplate strike right on your crosshairs. Tricky, tough, challenging, frustrating are all words I heard used to describe it.

In Hunter PCP, Dennis Himes and Bill Rabbitt both posted match high scores of 54/60 to tie for the top spot. They decided to let a coin flip settle things, and Dennis came away the victor. Just one shot behind with a 53 was Keith Walters in Open PCP shooting his new Thomas. In WFTF PCP, Chris Oldfield came up from Kentucky and shot a solid 47, matched by Tyler Patner in WFTF Piston and his TX200. In Hunter Piston, Dan Putz took top honors with his own TX200 shooting a 41. And our lone Unlimited shooter, Tim Baylor knocked down 51 targets on the day. Very solid scores across the board.

N.O.A. April 30, 2022 Match Results						
Place	Name	Class	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/60
1	Dennis Himes	Hunter PCP	Daystate	Sightron SIII	JSB .177 13.4	*54
2	Bill Rabbitt	Hunter PCP	Thomas Carbine	Nightforce NX8 4-32	JSB 13.43	54
3	David Hitchcock	Hunter PCP	Thomas 177	Nightforce	JSB 10.3	52
4	Tom Himes	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke ED 10-50x60	JSB 10.3	50
5	Jeff Little	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Sightron 10-50x60 F/T	JSB 13.34 R.M.	49
6	Mike Gann	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine R	Aztec 5.5-25x50 FFP	JSB 13.43 R.M.	49
7	Doug Cunningham	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.43 R.M.	47
8	Jamie Marusiak	Hunter PCP	Air Arms S500	Hawke Airmax 4-16x50	AA .177 10.34	45
9	Rob Lewandowski	Hunter PCP	Steyr Ig110	Hawke 4.5x20 SF	AA .177 10.3	43
10	Dave Kovach	Hunter PCP	Daystate Woverine R	Riton X5 Conquer 5 -25x50	AA .177 10.3	42
11	Ron Heckathorne	Hunter PCP	FWB P70FT	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB 8.44	38
12	Donnie Reed	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine R	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	JSB 13.43 R.M.	37
13	Joe Tricoli	Hunter PCP	Wolverine	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.4	37
14	Scott Collins	Hunter PCP	Daystate Delta Wolf	Sightron MOA-H SII	JSB .177 10.3	34
15	Ken Santo	Hunter PCP	Benjamin Armada 22	Monstrom 4-16	CP .22 14.3	29
16	Joe Edwards	Hunter PCP	FX Maverick	Athalon Argus 6-24	Fx .22 18.1	24
1	Dan Putz	Hunter Piston	TX200	Athlon MidasTac	AA 8.44	41
2	Al Duster	Hunter Piston	Walther LGU	Hawke 8-32	JSB 10.34	34
1	Keith Walters	Open PCP	Thomas	March 10x60	JSB 13.4	53
2	Ted Andro	Open PCP	RAW HM1000	Falcon 10-50	JSB 13.4	45
3	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms ProTarget	Sightron 10-50X60	AA .177 10.3	44
4	Larry Gromacki	Open PCP	RAW HM1000	Falcon	JSB 13.4	42
1	Chris Oldfield	WTF PCP	TM1000	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.34	47
2	Lucas Marusiak	WTF PCP	Anschutz 9003	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	JSB .177 8.44	39
1	Tyler Patner	WTF Piston	Air Arms TX200	Nightforce ATACR	JSB 8.4	47
2	Jeff Paddock	WTF Piston	HW97	Leupold Comp 35	QYS 8.4	37
1	Tim Baylor	Unlimited	Steyr	Meopta Optika6	JSB 13.4	51
27 total						
					* Tie decided by coin toss R.M. = redesigned Monster	

Thanks to everyone that came out despite the schedule change, we hope to see everyone at our next match, on June 12th. Between now and then, make sure you are attending as many matches here in Ohio as possible. Baker Airguns and Pyramyd Air have teamed up to sponsor the 2022 Buckeye Field Target Series with some amazing gift card prizes that will extend beyond just the division winners if there are enough shooters that participate. Post a score at four of the five Ohio clubs during the year in as many divisions as you want to qualify for your chance to earn some gift cards! It's going to be an awesome year! Thanks to both Pyramyd Air and Baker Airguns for their continued support of Field Target in Ohio.

See you all next month, until then, stay safe and shoot straight!