



Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) May 12, 2024 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

I'll start this report on Saturday May 11th. As we typically do, we set our courses on Saturday and shoot Sunday. Occasionally, our Saturday course building coincides with some not so nice weather, this was one of those Saturday's. A handful of us arrived at Twin Oaks Air Rifle Range and were greeted with clouds, rain and fairly chilly temps around 45 degrees. We muddled our way through setting up a 15-lane course in the woods. Around lane 4, Jeff encountered a newborn fawn that was very inquisitive. It walked right up to Jeff and I like a dog would and hung out there while we set up the lane. It was a very neat experience.

Anyway, we finished setting up, attempting to keep as many lanes close together as we could. Of the 30 targets we set, 18 of them were over 40 yards. The course was more technical than we typically set, but as shooters begin to prepare for the Sherwood Grand Prix next month, this practice is sure to come in handy. The Troyer factor before wind worked out to a 33.79T. I will say, I don't think the course shot as hard as the Troyer might make you think, but there were a lot of long targets and a number of mid-range reduced targets that kept everyone on their toes.

When Sunday rolled around, the skies looked clear but the sun hadn't quite decided it wanted to come out yet. So as we started the match it was still fairly cold, around 50 degrees. Thankfully, as the day went on, the sun poked through and warmed things up comfortably into the 60s. We had 28 shooters join us, which was a great turnout considering the previous day's weather and the fact that it was Mother's Day. Of the 28, we have two new shooters join us which is always great to see.

On the course, there were a few noteworthy shots that many shooters pointed out. A long kneeling shot, at 44 yards. I heard a solid cheer or two when shooters hit it, but looking over the target at the end of the day, it was definitely peppered with pellet marks. A few dark targets as well seemed to give many shooters fits, but that is part of the game and what keeps it interesting. We only had one cold line for a protest, and one target that had a spring break, so that got replaced quickly, but it was on one of the course's isolated lanes, so no cold line was needed to swap that out.

As scores came in, there were some tight finishes. In WFTF PCP, Tyler Patner edged out Jeff Paddock by just one shot, with a 53/60. WFTF Piston featured just one shooter, John Cerne, who came down from New York to shoot with us. He posted a very solid 45 for the day. To round out the bum bag shooters, Larry Gromacki posted a 41 in Open PCP to take the top spot for the day there.

Al Duster was the lone Hunter Piston shooter, and had came out shooting quite well, but something shifted as the match wore on and he was unable to sort it out as the match continued. Despite losing his zero, he finished with a 23. In Hunter PCP, it was very tight at the top of the leaderboard with a tie for second and third. Jeff Swartz and Doug Cunningham both posted 53s, and after a coin flip, Jeff came out on top, claiming second. But better than both of them, was Dale Prulhiere who posted an impressive 54 on the day. Great shooting Dale!

And in our unlimited class, Tim Baylor topped the field with his new Thomas and Nightforce combo, shooting a 55. He was followed by Rick Smelko on a 53. I also want to highlight two new shooters, Dan Clark and Cam Armstrong. Dan's brother Craig came out and shot with us in April, and brought Dan along for the May match, and it seemed like he had a great time. And Cam came out to his first ever match and posted a very impressive 44/60. Word on the street is that both of these guys have new guns coming their way, and plan to return!

N.O.A. May 12, 2024 Match Results

Place	Name	Class	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/60
1	Dale Prulhiere	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Heras	AA 10.3	54
2	Jeff Swartz	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Kahles 10-50 FT	JSB 13.4	53*
3	Doug Cunningham	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Sightron SIII FT 10-50x60	JSB 13.43 (old)	53
4	Ryan Spanagel	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke Sidewinder	Benjamin 10.5	51
5	Conrad Griffith	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Midas Tac	H&N 10.6	49
6	Eric Jones	Hunter PCP	Crosman Challenger	Hawke Sidewinder	AA 10.3	48
7	Cam Armstrong	Hunter PCP	Marauder	SWFA 15x	Benjamin 10.5	44
8	Erik Anderson	Hunter PCP	Brocock Sniper XR	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.4	42
9	John Loeffler	Hunter PCP	Daystate Pulsar	Kahles 10-50 FT	AA 10.3	36
10	Lou Jimenez	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Athlon	FX 10.3	35
11	Paul Nickerson	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Sightron Siii 10-50	JSB 13.4	29
12	Craig Clark	Hunter PCP	FX M3	Element Helix	FX 13.4	27
13	Dan Clark	Hunter PCP	FX M3	Element Helix	FX 13.4	25
14	Rick Mueller	Hunter PCP	Air Venturi Avenge-X	Arken EPL-4 6-24x50 (16X)	FX 13.4	13
1	Al Duster	Hunter Piston	Diana 56	Sightron S3 10-50x60 FT	JSB 10.3	23
1	Larry Gromacki	Open PCP	Thomas	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.4	41
2	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms ProTarget	Sightron III 10-50X60	AA 10.34	38
3	Larry Justinus	Open PCP	Anschutz 8001	Leupold 35x	JSB 10.34	33
1	Tyler Patner	WFTF PCP	Thomas Carbine	March	AA 8.4	53
2	Jeff Paddock	WFTF PCP	Air Arms EV2	Vortex GE 15-60x52	JSB 8.4	52
3	Keith Walters	WFTF PCP	AA Xti50	March Majesta 80x	JSB 8.4	48
4	Dan Putz	WFTF PCP	Air Arms Xti 50	Trijicon 5-50x	JSB 10.34	44
5	Ted Andro	WFTF PCP	Thomas	Sightron SIII	AA 8.4	31
1	John Cerne	WFTF Piston	Air Arms TX200	Sightron S3 10-50x60 FT	AA 8.4	45
1	Tim Baylor	Unlimited	Thomas	Nightforce	JSB 13.43	55
2	Rick Smelko	Unlimited	Brocock Sniper XR	Athlon Argos BTR 6-24	Benjamin 10.5	53
3	David Hitchcock	Unlimited	Thomas	Nightforce	JSB 10.34	50
4	Dave Kovach	Unlimited	Daystate Wolverine	Riton 5-25	JSB 10.34	48
28 total						

* Tie decided by coin toss
R.M. = redesigned Monster

We had our usual pizza lunch, and then we had plenty of help tearing down the course. Thank you everyone who stuck around and assisted, and further, thanks to everyone who showed up in terrible weather to help set up. We are very fortunate to have a lot of help that keeps NOA running. To everyone who attended, thank you for coming and we will look forward to seeing you back in June.

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