



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

May 15, 2016 Match Report

The Ohio Airgun and Field Target Association held its first field target match for the 2016 season. If you have lived even a few years in northeast Ohio, one knows that May weather can be very unpredictable. Earlier in the week and up to the day before the match weather called for 45-50 degree temperatures with a 50 percent chance of rain that decreased to about 30 percent by the end of the week. Well, that brisk forecast would have been welcomed compared to what shooters faced as they arrived at the range in the morning.

As shooters arrived, stories of rain and snow encountered during their travels to Crooked Creek Conservation Club were shared. Temperatures started in the mid 30's as the sight in range opened at 8:00am and by the time we were ready to start our shooters meeting, a healthy dose of rain was falling. During the shooters meeting, the rain decided to change to snow and before long the ground and our FT lanes had a dusting of snow. Throughout the day the strange weather continued as one minute it would snow then the next it might rain and then switch back to snow and full sunshine. Even though our course is under a canopy of trees, enough precipitation slipped through to make the match somewhat miserable considering we were dealing with temperatures in the upper 30's and low 40's.

Eighteen brave souls made it through the match including four new shooters who we hope to see again even though they had a rude introduction to the FT game. Tim Baylor came with a Marauder Pistol that he outfitted with his own custom carbine stock. Dave Hitchcock had a FX Royale while Bruce Scott shot an Air Arms S200 and Gary Wildner brought a Marauder. We had some regulars back as well including Joe Tricomi who had a valve leak on his Marauder so he borrowed his squad-mate's rifle for the match.

Bill Rabbitt switched over to WFTF PCP shooting his Air Arms EV2 while handing over his Marauder to Kristen Coss for this match. We had shooters Brandon Navarro, Camille Sizemore, and Natalie Putz participate in our Special Junior class shooting reduced distanced targets for all four shots in each lane.

Tyler Patner designed the course using many of our new targets that we recently acquired. The overall Troyer was 34 but it was probably a bit higher once the weather was factored. There were fewer full sized kill zones and more small kill zones for this

match but the mix was well balanced. We utilized our two tree target stands for some elevated shots and hope to add some more in the future.

After the match, we assembled under the picnic pavilion and enjoyed a lunch of brats and hot dogs which Bill Rabbitt grilled and then stewed in a crock pot all day with beer, onions and green peppers. Kristen Coss made a great mac and cheese as well as some tasty cobbler for dessert. Roger Barker's wife made some terrific brownies as well.

Despite the weather we had a great turn out for our first match of the season and all of our new shooters did well and we hope to see them and everyone else back for our June match.

MATCH RESULTS				
	Rifle	Scope	Pellets	Score /60
Hunter PCP				
Rick Smelko	AA Pro Target	Tasco CS 10-60	CPH	46
Dave Hitchcock	FX Royale 400	Elite 3200 7-21	JSB 10.3	34
Alan Barker	Marauder	Hawke 3-12	JSB 10.3	31
Bruce Scott	AA S200	UTG 3-12	JSB 8.4	30
Joe Tricomi	Marauder	UTG 4-16	C-HP 7.9	26
Gary Wildner	Marauder	UTG 4-16	C-HP 7.9	26
Tim Baylor	Marauder Pistol	Nikon 3-9	H&N FTT	22
Hunter Piston				
Dan Putz	Walther LGU	Aeon 3-12	JSB 7.9	41
Keith Walters	HW97K	Optisan 4-16	H&N FTT	38
Open PCP				
Kristen Coss	Marauder	Hawke 6.5-20	JSB 10.3	20
Roger Barker	Marauder	Aeon 8-32	JSB 10.3	20
Mark Oehlberg	FWB P-70	Falcon T50	AA FT HVY	8
WFTF PCP				
Tyler Patner	Steyr LG100HR	March 10-60	AA 7.9	52
Bill Rabbitt	Air Arms EV2	Niko 10-50	JSB 7.9	44
Jeff Paddock	Air Arms EV2	Leupold 35X	JSB 7.9	43
Novice/Special Jr. PCP				
Brandon Navarro	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon 3-9	JSB 10.3	39
Camille Sizemore	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon 3-9	JSB 10.3	28
Novice/Special Jr. Piston				
Natalie Putz	HW 30S	Hawke 2-7	JSB 7.9	17