



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

### **June 21, 2015 Match Report**

On June 21 the Ohio Airgun and Field Target Association held its inaugural match at the Crooked Creek Conservation Club in Hartsgrove Ohio just east of Cleveland. The club has been planning and working diligently throughout the late winter and spring to hold its first official match, and with a little luck it became a reality.

During the week leading up to the match, a sharp eye was on the weather as the forecast called for showers and thunderstorms for the weekend. Late in the week the call was made to hold the match even though there was a roughly 50 percent chance of showers. Saturday was spent placing the targets in the lanes and running the reset strings as well as setting up the sight in range and registration area.

Early Sunday the club members met at the range lead by Roger Barker to finish last minute preparations and to greet the shooters as they arrived. Roger invited his brother Alan to help out with various tasks as well as to lay out the food that would be offered at the completion of the match. Roger somehow convinced his brother to actually shoot the match using a piston rifle with 12 power scope, laser range finder, and some shooting sticks. We were happy to have another shooter as well as an extra hand to help out. Rick Smelko, the club member who originally founded the club several years ago in another location was there as well but did not shoot due to equipment problems. Rick helped out as another lane officer and took some photos.

We had a few shooters from out of state and some that traveled a good distance from in the state to be a part of this first match. It really was exciting to see the effort and commitment people showed to make this match a success. Husband and wife team of Sue and Skip Tenney traveled up from West Virginia and Dennis Himes made the trip from Pennsylvania. Mike Clark and Chad Kentner from the Columbus Ohio area joined us and camped locally. We had two junior shooters Camille Sizemore and Brandon Navarro, accompanied by their grandfather, who shot using a borrowed rifle from Roger. We implemented a junior class scoring with 1 point for face plate hit and 2 points for paddle hit. Ironically Camille and Brandon ended up with tie score.

After the sight in, registration, and a short shooters meeting, everyone headed to the course. The course at CCCC is under an extensive tree canopy with an open field located about 30 yards away at the shooters back. It was evident to the club members who set the course that this was going to be a challenging course mainly due to the potential dark lanes as well as the tricky winds that meander through the lanes especially with the proximity of the open field. The risky weather we were dealing with played a role on course difficulty as early morning cloud cover and threat of rain made the lanes dark and target ranging a challenge. Eventually a few light showers did fall but in the shelter of the tree canopy it never was an issue. And somewhere around the middle of the match the sun appeared and the targets had a little better lighting.

Tyler Patner set the course with an overall Troyer rating of 28 and with partial wind and lighting modifiers that number was bumped to about 33. The wind started out gradually with a left to right direction that eventually changed to a wind at our backs that was more intense and shifted at times from slight left to slight right. We included two elevated targets about 15' up in stands attached to trees which I'm sure everyone enjoyed, except maybe not Roger. Everything seemed to go fairly well although we had a couple of target malfunctions and ultimately some cold lines but once those targets were replaced, the match continued without a hitch.

At the completion of the match, everyone headed to the nearby pavilion to have some lunch which included hot dogs, beans, chips and cookies as well as some drinks. We presented a few awards for first place finishes as long as there were at least two shooters making up the class. As mentioned earlier Camille and Brando were awarded Junior honors and tied with a score of 33/60. Skip Tenney won Open PCP with a score of 30/60 although we mistakenly gave first place to Mark Oehlberg. Hopefully we'll get these rookie mistakes out of the way and do a better job next time. Bill Rabbitt took the Hunter PCP honors with a great score of 56/60 and Tyler Patner shot the best score of the day winning WFTF PCP with an impressive score of 57/60.

Our next match is scheduled for July 19 with a match time starting at 10:30am. If you are interested in one of our matches please visit our website at <http://1.ohioairgunners.com/>. We hope to see you out on our lanes.

<b>MATCH RESULTS</b>				
	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellets</b>	<b>Score /60</b>
<b>Hunter PCP</b>				
Bill Rabbitt	Marauder	Hawke	JSB 10.3	56
Dennis Himes	FX Royale	Hawke	JSB	51
Sue Tenney	Daystate Air Wolf	Nikko Sterling		43
Mike Clark	AA HFT 500	UTG 3-12	JSB 8.4	35
John Barcik	Kalibre Cricket	Hawke	JSB 8.4	35
<b>Hunter Piston</b>				
Chad Kentner	RWS 54	UTG 3-12	FT Trophy	35
<b>Hunter Piston (Unlimited)</b>				
Alan Barker	BSA Supersport	Simmons 3-12	CP (.22)	14
<b>Open PCP</b>				
Skip Tenney	Daystate Panther	Nikko Sterling		30
Mark Oehlberg	Steyr LG 110	Falcon T50	AA FT 10.3	24
Roger Barker	FX Royale 400	Elite 3200 7-21	JSB 10.3	24
<b>WFTF PCP</b>				
Tyler Patner	Steyr LG110 ZM	Leupold 40X	JSB 7.9	57
Jeff Paddock	AA MPRFT	Leupold 35X	JSB 7.9	51
<b>Novice/Special Jr. Piston</b>				
Camille Sizemore	HW-30	Tasco 2.5X	CPL	33
Brandon Navarro	IZH-60	Tasco 2.5X	CPL	33