



Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) August 28, 2022 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

31 shooters joined us for our last match before the Burning River 120 Grand Prix next month. We had some wonderful weather, mid 80's and sunny made things a little muggy on the woods course. A variety of new target positions and some tweaks to existing lanes were made for this match, as we are working on finalizing the layout for the BR120. It was a long course (as usual) but with some very difficult mid range targets thrown in that were definitely the difference maker for many shooters.

While the troyer rating worked out to a 33.6T without modifiers for wind and lighting, I believe the course shot much harder than that. With over half the course past 45 yards, and 5 targets between 37-42 yards with $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $1\frac{1}{8}$ " kill zones, whether shooters realized it or not, the wind was a major factor. These mid range shots at smaller kills really test your wind reading abilities, and even for the higher power shooters, a mistimed wobble and a little wind can lead to tough misses. While it was not consistent through the day, I noticed a number of shots that moved more than I could account for with the visual aids I was seeing. On top of that, dark targets in a few shady spots were quite tricky to range, and in some cases, finding the kill zones (particularly for the hunter shooters) was a real challenge.

In Hunter PCP, things were tight at the top. Jeff Little and Mike Gann made a strong push for the win, shooting 52 and 54 respectively, but Bill Rabbitt was able to handle the course conditions the best and led the way with a 55. Al Duster was the lone Hunter Piston shooter this match, and posted a 39/60.

In Open PCP, Gary Palinkas shot a 55 of his own, dominating the field. Joe Edwards and Keith Walters both put up 50's, so we decided 2nd and 3rd via coin flip, with the coin falling in Joe's favor. Just behind them, were Larry Gromacki and Roger Barker that tied with 49's. No tie breaker needed there, but definitely noteworthy to see how tight the scores were. Dan Putz was all alone in Open Piston, shooting a 34.

In WFTF PCP, Tyler Patner posted a 56 to take the top spot. And Jeff Paddock laid down an impressive 48 in WFTF Piston. It seems he's getting his act together before the Burning River 120. Unlimited PCP had 5 shooters participate, with Rick Smelko dropping just one shot on the day for a 59.

Awards were handed out, pizza was enjoyed and the course was torn down. Thanks to everyone that came out to assist with setup and those that stayed to help with the tear down. And even more thanks to all of the shooters that came to join us. The participation this year has been great and we are glad to have all of you shooting with us.

N.O.A. August 28, 2022 Match Results

Place	Name	Class	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/60
1	Bill Rabbitt	Hunter PCP	Thomas Carbine	NightForce NX8	JSB 13.43	55
2	Mike Gann	Hunter PCP	Wolverine	Sightron SIII 10-50X60	JSB 13.43 R.M.	54
3	Jeff Little	Hunter PCP	Red Wolf	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB 13.43 R.M.	52
4	Dale Prulhiere	Hunter PCP	Wolverine	Sightron	JSB 13.43	48
5	Jamie Marusiak	Hunter PCP	Air Arms s500	Hawke Airmax 4-16x50	AA 10.34	47
6	Conrad Griffith	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Midas 6-24	H&N Bar. 10.65	46
7	Ron Heckathorn	Hunter PCP	USFT Hunter	Nightforce NX8	JSB 10.34	41
8	Jeff Swartz	Hunter PCP	Steyr Challenge	Falcon x50	JSB 13.43	40
9	Eric Jones	Hunter PCP	USFT Hunter	Element Helix	AA 10.3	38
10	Erik Anderson	Hunter PCP	Brocock Sniper XR	Hawke 4-16 Sidewinder	JSB 13.43 R.M.	33
11	Paul Nickerson	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Hawke Sidewinder 6x24	JSB 13.43	26
12	Bill Gardner	Hunter PCP	Marauder	SWFA	JSB 10.34	25
13	Dean Momeyere	Hunter PCP	FX Impact 3	Vortex Strike Eagle	Crosman 10.3	12
1	Al Duster	Hunter Piston	Diana 56	Sightron 10x50x60	JSB 10.34	39
1	Gary Palinkas	Open PCP	RAW HM1000	Delta Stryker 5-50	AA 10.3	55
2	Joe Edwards	Open PCP	Thomas	March 10-60x56	JSB 13.43	50*
3	Keith Walters	Open PCP	RAW	Leupold Comp	JSB 13.7	50
4	Larry Gromacki	Open PCP	Raw hw1000	Falcon x50	JSB 13.43	49
5	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms ProTarget	Sightron SIII 10-50X60	AA 10.34	49
6	Ted Andro	Open PCP	RAW HM1000	Swift Falcon 10-50x60	JSB 13.43	30
1	Dan Putz	Open Piston	TX200 w/Tony Leech Kit	Trijicon Tenmile 5-50	AA 8.44	34
1	Tyler Patner	WFTF PCP	Thomas	March 10-60x56	JSB 10.3	56
2	Larry Justinus	WFTF PCP	Anschutz 9015	Leupolds 40x	AA 8.4	37
3	Briquelle March	WFTF PCP	Benjamin Fortitude	Leupold Competition 35X	JSB 7.9	32
4	Randall Hoppert	WFTF PCP	Air Arms s500	Falcon x50	JSB 10.34	28
1	Jeff Paddock	WFTF Piston	HW97K	Leupold Competition 35X	Qiang Yuan 8.5	48
1	Rick Smelko	Unlimited	Wolverine	Athlon Argos	JSB 13.4	59
2	Lucas Marusiak	Unlimited	Daystate Huntsman	Hawke Vantage 4-16x50	JSB .177 10.34	55
3	Tim Baylor	Unlimited	Steyr Lg110	Meopta	JSB 13.43	49
4	Alan Barker	Unlimited	Brocock Bantom Sniper	Athlon 6x24 50mm	JSB 13.43	46
5	Jim Miller	Unlimited	Air Venturi Avenger 22 cal	Aeon 8-32	JSB 13.73	39
31 total						

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

For those that are not signed up for the Burning River 120 yet, it's sure to be a great time with 3 days of FT action! Friday will be the pistol match, and for those that don't want to shoot pistol, bring out a 10 meter rifle and shoot the course alongside the pistol guys! Saturday and Sunday will feature a 60 shot match per day, one course in the field, and one in the woods. Don't miss it!

Until next time, stay safe, shoot straight and we will see you on the lanes.