

Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) July 18, 2021 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

After a week of seemingly endless rain, Northeast Ohio was granted a day of reprieve on Sunday July 18th. Thankfully, coinciding with the Northeast Ohio Airgunners July Field Target match. A rainy week meant we were relegated to shoot the field course, as the woods were soaked. As usual, the field did not disappoint as there was some truly treacherous wind, unyielding sun and a challenging course for the 25 shooters that attended.

The course was a 31.75 Troyer, with 12 targets over 40 yards and an average target distance of 36.2 yards. Now of course, that troyer rating is before wind is factored in, and let me tell you all, it was an exceptionally tricky wind day. When you hear the guys shooting 20 FPE saying they had to hold outside of the kill, that's saying a lot. What was most confounding (as a 12 FPE shooter) was the lack of consistency the wind produced. You may have been lucky to get your first shot on a long target to go right down the center, but the second shot required you to be outside of the kill. Or on your first shot, you had to hold just outside of the edge, but the second shot appeared to have the same movement downrange, and goes dead on your crosshairs. Calling it frustrating would be putting it mildly, but nonetheless, it was a great challenge.

We had a number of shooters changing up their equipment this week. Keith Walters broke out the Thomas/March combo, Bill Rabbitt brought back the National Championship winning Marauder/Hawke setup, Ted Andro broke out a new .177 RAW and Falcon X50, Dan Putz moved from WFTF Piston to WFTF PCP, and Tyler Patner shot an Air Arms NJR 100 and March scope.

In WFTF PCP, Jeff Paddock managed the wind the best, coming in on a 45/60 with his trusty custom stocked Air Arms EV2 and Vortex Golden Eagle. Keith Walters turned in the match high score with a 54. Very nicely done Keith! And in Hunter PCP, we found ourselves with a tie at the top as Bill Rabbitt and Dennis Himes both shot 53's. So yes, a shoot-off was had!

Both shooters agreed to take on a 55 yard, 1.5" kill zone OFFHAND! No sitting, no kneeling, straight to standing...and I've gotta say, much respect to both of them. Bill went first, and was unable to find the kill, then Dennis, and back and forth it went for

about 5 rounds, until Dennis was finally able to lace a pellet through the kill zone and knock the target over. Well done Dennis, a well-deserved victory.

As always, thanks to everyone that came out and shot with us, we appreciate the fellowship and continued support. For those that helped set up the course in the rain, a very big THANK YOU for your dedication and assistance. We are looking forward to our August match, which will be on Sunday the 29th. In addition, we are pleased to announce that the Burning River Grand Prix match will be making its return in September! The dates are set for the 24th to the 26th. We will have a registration page up on our website shortly for those that are looking to make the trip.

As always, stay safe, and see you on the lanes!

	NOA Match Results Match Date: 7/18/2021					
#	Shooters Name	Class 🔹	Rifle	Scope	Pellets 🔹	Score/60 -
1	Dennis Himes	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Sightron SIII	DS 10.3	53 *
2	Bill Rabbitt	Hunter PCP	Marauder	Hawke 6-20	JSB 10.34	53
3	The Taco Man	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine R	Sightron SIII	JSB 13.43 Redesigned	49
4	Jeff Little	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Sightron 10-50x60 F/T	JSB 13.43 Redesigned	46
5	Tom Himes	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke ED 10-50X60	DS 10.3	46
6	Doug Cunningham	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Sightron 10-50 SIII	JSB 13.43 Redesigned	45
7	Jim Donahue	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke 8-24	JSB 10.34	41
8	Joe Tricomi	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Hawk sidewinder 6-24	Jsb 10.34	41
9	Tim Baylor	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Athlon Midas Tac	JSB 13.4 Redesigned	41
10	Jamie Marusiak	Hunter PCP	Air Arms S500	Hawke Air Max 4-16x50	AA .177 10.34	38
11	Jeff Craft	Hunter PCP	Dreamline Classic	Athlon Midas 6-24	JSB 10.34	38
12	Mark Belmont	Hunter PCP	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke 10-16	JSB 10.34	36
13	Dave Hitchcock	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Element Nexus 5-20	JSB 10.34	34
14	Alan Barker	Hunter PCP	Brocock Sniper	Optisan Viper 4-16x50	AA .177 8.44	31
15	Conrad Griffith	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Argos 6-24	HN 10.65	28
16	Maddex Belmont	Hunter PCP	Benjamin Marauder	UTG SWAT 4-16x44	JSB 10.34	27
17	Paul Nickerson	Hunter PCP	AA S510	Hawke Airmax 30	AA 10.34	20
	Bill McCracken	Hunter PCP	FX Crown	Athlon 24x50	JSB 13.43	18
19	Keith Walters	Open PCP	Thomas	March 10-60	JSB 13.3	54
20	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms Pro Target	Sightron 10-50x60 F/T	AA 10.34	38
21	Ted Andro	Open PCP	AA S510	Athlon Argos 6-24	AA 10.34	34
22	Jeff Paddock	WFTF PCP	EV2	Vortex Diamondback 10-60	JSB 8.4	45
	Tyler Patner	WFTF PCP	Air Arms NJR 100	March 8-80x	AA 8.4	43
	Lucas Marusiak	WFTF PCP	Anshutz 9003	MTC Viper Pro 5-30x50	JSB 8.44	42
25	Dan Putz	WFTF PCP	RAW TM1000	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.34	33

*decided by shoot-off