



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

### **October 23, 2016 Match Report**

Thankfully we were blessed with some nice October weather on the 23rd for our final match of the 2016 season. Temps were in the mid 50's to 60's range with some nice sun overhead. The leaves were falling and it made the lanes very colorful...a really nice fall day for field target. We had 22 shooters come out, sadly Rick Smelko had an equipment issue during sight in and was unable to shoot the match.

The course was set to a pre-light/wind Troyer of 28.5 with some wind added in and lighting, it was bumped to a 30T overall. This was probably our first match of the season with truly noticeable wind on more than one or two lanes. Funny thing is, the last two or three Saturday's that we have come to set up, the winds HOWL. And then Sunday rolls around and things are as still as can be. So the wind was a nice change of pace. I should also mention that there were two or three illegal targets by AAFTA standards, as we had a few vindictive course setters that put sub 1.5" KZ's at over 45 yards. It certainly made things more interesting, and very satisfying when they went over. The average distance for the course was 32 yards with 11 of the 30 targets being over 40 (36%).

We had a few new junior shooters join us today as Cory Bach brought out his son Spencer and his daughter Allison. He bought them a nice Air Arms S200 that was set up for our special junior class, although I doubt they will be shooting that class next season as both knocked over their fair share of targets. And speaking of Cory, he spent some time since our last match fine tuning his AA S510 Ultimate Sporter and came out to smoke the field! He posted a personal best, and Hunter PCP high score of 50/60! Way to go Cory! And thanks for bringing the kids to join us. We hope they had a great time and that we will see them again next season.

Natalie Putz returned from her Nationals experience as the High Junior shooter to put on a clinic with her HW30 in the Special Junior class. She shot an impressive 45/60. On the PCP side, Brandon Navarro continued his winning ways with a 53/60. Seems to many of us like both of them are ready to shoot the real course with the rest of us. Especially since Natalie's father, Dan, just got her an S200 that he is already tinkering with for the 2017 season. Allison Bach came out with a phenomenal 46/60 for her first time shooting. She's going to do very well next year.

In Open PCP, Roger Barker cleaned house for the year with another win, shooting a 43/60. I know Roger has a new gun and scope in the works for 2017, and it seems to me like he is going to dedicate some time this winter to honing his game with his new set up. I am excited to see what 2017 holds for him. We also saw some more improvement out of Mark Oehlberg, posting a 24. Mark has been putting in a lot of time practicing and it is paying off as his scores continue to improve. Way to go Mark!

Dan Putz was the only Hunter Piston shooter this time around, but posted a solid 42/60 fresh off his National Championship performance. Big Congrats to Dan on his win in Michigan. We are super proud of you and Natalie for your accomplishments there. Speaking of champions, Bill Rabbitt (fresh off of winning the Hunter title at Nats) is getting into WFTF PCP and gave my Steyr a try as his rig is having some issues. He and Jeff shared the gun, but it seems that Bill didn't get along with it too well compared to Jeff. Jeff posted the high in WFTF PCP with a match high score of 55/60. Good Job Jeff! I also want to shout out Mike MacPhail (who I had the pleasure of shooting with). He was shooting in only his second match, borrowing my Ataman M2 FT rifle and Hawke Scope to post an excellent 49/60. Mike is leaving us though, as he and his wife are relocating to Maine. But we know Mike has caught the bug and expect him to get his own rig very soon.

Last but not least, we had one lone shooter in WFTF Piston. Jeff was kind enough to lend me his HW97k for the match as I had the itch to try something new. I was very surprised and pleased to post a 52/60. The gun and I get along really well and it's got me thinking about a piston rig to tinker with in the future. Thanks Jeff, I hope I did the rifle justice. You've got one hell of a shooter there!

We've been blessed with some phenomenal turn outs this year at the club and are really pleased with our growth. It is amazing to see how many people we have brought together for a little field target fun and we truly appreciate the support and fellowship of our fellow shooters. We should have a schedule for 2017 later this winter, and I for one am very excited for the 2017 season. I want to personally thank all of our members for their dedication and help this season and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year!

<b>MATCH RESULTS</b>				
	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellets</b>	<b>Score /60</b>
<b>Hunter PCP</b>				
Cory Bach	AA S510	Hawke	JSB 10.3	50
Mike Clark	AA HFT500	Aeon 8-32	AA 8.4	43
Tim Baylor	Steyr LG110	Hawke 4-16	JSB 10.3	40
Joe Tricomi	Marauder	UTG	JSB 18.13	37
Ted Andro	Marauder	Hawke	JSB 10.3	36
Bill Sizemore	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon	JSB 10.3	33
Dave Hitchcock	AA MPRFT	Bushnell 8-32x40	JSB 8.4	31
Don Ellsworth	Marauder	UTG 3-12	AA 8.4	29
<b>Hunter Piston</b>				
Dan Putz	HW 97K	Athlon 4-14	H&N FTT	42
<b>Open PCP</b>				
Roger Barker	Marauder	Aeon 8-32	JSB 10.3	43
Mark Oehlberg	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.3	24
<b>WFTF PCP</b>				
Jeff Paddock	Steyr LG100	March 10-60	AA 7.9	55
Mike MacPhail	Atamon M2 FT	Hawke 10-50	JSB 8.4	49
Bill Rabbitt	Steyr LG100	March 10-60	AA 7.9	47
Bruce Scott	Air Arms EV2	Nikko 10-50	JSB 8.4	43
Kristen Coss	AA MPRFT	Bushnell 8-32x40	AA 8.4	31
<b>WFTF Piston</b>				
Tyler Patner	HW 97K	Bushnell 8-32x40	CPL 7.9	52
<b>Novice/Special Jr. PCP</b>				
Brandon Navarro	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon	CPH	53
Allison Bach	Air Arms S200	UTG 3-12	JSB 8.4	46
Demetry Navarro	BSA Buccaneer	Nikon	CPH	42
Spencer Bach	Air Arms S200	UTG 3-12	JSB 8.4	38
<b>Novice/Special Jr. Piston</b>				
Natalie Putz	HW 30S	Hawke 3-9	JSB 7.9	45