



Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) July 23, 2023 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

The July match at Northeast Ohio Airgunners was held on Sunday the 23rd and was highlighted by a beautiful day for some open field shooting. Temps were in the mid-80s, with mostly sun but some occasional cloud cover through the day. Bill and Jeff set up our field course for the first time this year, and it certainly delivered some interesting challenges for everyone. Pop up tents provided some shade between lanes, and plenty of water was on hand to keep all 31 shooters hydrated. Aside from the temps and sun, there was definitely some sporadic and shifting wind through the day, as is normal in the field.

Nestled into old vine rows, about a third of the lanes are well shielded from the wind. But there are two treacherous open field sections with 3-4 lanes each that can be a true challenge to shoot well. On the 15 lane course, 10 of 30 targets were over 40 yards, less than is normal for our matches. The troyer before wind was factored in was 31.8T, and with wind just under 33T. While the numbers don't sound too tough, there was a good mix of shorter range, technical shots along with the longer ones. Both require shooters to factor the wind, especially mid-range (30-40yd) 1" kill zones.

There were two cold lines for target protests, and one for a shot string. Both protests were splits, so no target issues to speak of. We did have a new shooter, Tyler Cellini, who was shooting his first match with a Seneca Dragonfly Mk2 multi-pump rifle. This is noteworthy for two reasons, 1) he was using a scope that did not have a parallax adjustment or marked reticle and 2) he was varying the number of pumps based on his estimated distance to target. Considering that, his 20/60 score was very impressive and he seemed to have a great time. Hopefully he will be back with a more appropriate scope and continue to improve.

In Hunter PCP, birthday boy Bill Rabbitt delivered a commanding 59/60, missing just one positional shot. His nearest competitor was Mike Gann on a 53. I did want to give special mention to Steve Hockenberry, who is shooting in just his second or third match and posted a 51. Great shooting Steve! In Hunter Piston, Dan Putz threw down an impressive 47 to take the top spot. All three Hunter Piston shooters were running Air Arms TX200's this match with Eric Jones recently making the switch and I think it worked out well for him. In Unlimited, Rick Smelko shot a 56 to take the top spot there.

On the ground in Open PCP, Larry Gromacki took first with a 51. Interestingly, we had 8 shooters in WFTF PCP, which may be our highest count at a monthly match to date. Both Ted Andro and Chris Oldfield had their new Air Arms XTi-50s on display, which got a lot of attention, and many tried them out on the sight in line before and after the match. Tyler Patner posted a 59 of his own with his Thomas, followed by Keith Walters on 53 with his RAW HM1000.

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Place	Name	Class	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/60
1	Bill Rabbitt	Hunter PCP	Thomas Carbine	NightForce NX8	JSB 13.43	59
2	Mike Gann	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Sightron S3 10-50x60	JSB 13.43	53
3	Jeff Swartz	Hunter PCP	Thomas Carbine	Kahles 1050i FT 10-50	JSB 13.43	52
4	Doug Cunningham	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Sightron 10-50x 60	JSB 13.43	51
5	Ryan Spanagel	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke Sidewinder	JSB 10.34	51
6	Steve Hockenberry	Hunter PCP	Wolverine	Sightron	JSB 13.43	51
7	Dale Prulhiere	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.4	46
8	Jamie Marusiak	Hunter PCP	Air Arms s500	Hawke Airmax 4-16x50	AA 8.44	46
9	Conrad Griffith	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Sightron	JSB 13.4	45
10	Erik Anderson	Hunter PCP	Brocock Sniper SR	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	JSB 13.43	45
11	Paul Nickerson	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Sightron Siii	FX 13.4	42
12	John Loeffler	Hunter PCP	Daystate Pulsar	Kahles 1050i FT 10-50	JSB 13.4	41
13	Terre Torok	Hunter PCP	Wyrock Hw100	Sightron STac 3-16x42	Jsb 10.34	37
14	Tyler Cellini	Hunter PCP	Seneca Dragonfly MKII	Barska 3-9x32mm	AA .22 16 gr.	20
1	Dan Putz	Hunter Piston	TX 200	Trijicon	JSB 8.4	47
2	Eric Jones	Hunter Piston	TX200	Hawke Sidewinder	AA 8.44	41
3	Nick Lawrence	Hunter Piston	AA TX200	Hawke Airmax 4-16x50	JSB 8.44	38
4	Al Duster	Hunter Piston	Diana 56	Sightron 10x50x FT	JSB 10.34	DNF
1	Larry Gromacki	Open PCP	Raw Hm1000	Sightron 10-50	Jsb 13.4	51
2	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms ProTarget	Sightron III 10-50X60	AA 10.34	44
1	Tyler Patner	WFTF PCP	Thomas	March	AA 8.4	59
2	Keith Walters	WFTF PCP	Rapid Air HM1000	Sightron SIII	JSB 8.4	53
3	Jeff Paddock	WFTF PCP	EV2	Vortex 15-60x52	JSB 8.4	51
4	Gary Palinkas	WFTF PCP	Thomas	March Highmaster 10-60	JSB 8.4	48
5	Lucas Marusiak	WFTF PCP	Thomas FT	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	JSB 8.44	48
6	Chris Oldfield	WFTF PCP	Air Arms XT150	Sightron LRP 10-50x60	Jsb 10.34	45
7	Ted Andro	WFTF PCP	AA XT150	Falcon	AA 8.4	41
8	Briquelle March	WFTF PCP	Air Arms MPRFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50x60	JSB 8.4	29
1	Rick Smelko	Unlimited	Wolverine	Athlon Argos BTR 6-24	JSB 13.43	56
2	Alan Barker	Unlimited	Brocock Sniper	Athlon 6x24 50mm	JSB 13.83	50
3	Tim Baylor	Unlimited	Daystate Redwolf	Athlon	JSB 13.43	50
31 total						

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

Thanks to everyone that came out, and to all of those that helped out with setup and tear down of the course. We appreciate your help! We have one more match before the Pyramyd Air Cup next month and hope to see you there. And don't forget to sign up for AAFTA Nationals, which will be held at NOA on October 14-16th. You can find the sign-up info on our website; you're not going to want to miss this one!

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