



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

### **June 25, 2017 Match Report**

After a rocky start to the year with two match cancellations due to weather, we were finally able to get an FT match underway in Northeast Ohio! The weather was perfect for the 22 shooters that made the match. With temps hovering around 70\* F, the only thing that spoiled the perfect day was a fierce wind that was whipping through the course. In three years of shooting at Crooked Creek, I think this was the first time where there was a noticeable wind through the bulk of the match.

The course was set at a 31T, with 11 targets over 40 yards. The average target distance was 32 yards. In terms of multipliers, wind was added to the targets over 45 yards and a low light multiplier was added to about 40% of the targets as our course is very dark with only small spots of sunlight getting through. We try and combat the low light by painting many of the targets brighter colors so they don't get lost in the dense woods. This brought the course to a 35T. So it was a challenging course for everyone.

We had a great mix of shooters turn out with 5 of the 6 AAFTA classes represented and 4 junior shooters taking on our Special Junior class which features targets at 10 and 20 yards only. We did have an intrepid traveler join us all the way from New York, Jerry LaRocca! Jerry shot his TX200 SR in WFTF Piston and was certainly a welcome face, hopefully Jerry had a great time and will join us again in the future. WFTF piston was also shot by Jeff Paddock, who turned in an impressive 55/60! Jeff had his HW97K dialed in and kept knocking down targets all day. Way to go Jeff!

His 55 was equaled by Tyler Patner, shooting his Steyr LG100 in WFTF PCP. We had a great turn out in WFTF PCP with 6 shooters participating. Bill Rabbitt put in a solid 53 with his trusty EV2, he's been practicing and it's definitely showing folks! I think Tyler is getting a bit lonely though, shooting his Steyr amongst a full roster of Air Arms PCP's. With Bill, Dave, Bruce, Larry and Kristen all shooting Air Arms guns, it looks like a UK invasion on the firing line!

Rick Smelko held strong with his .20 cal Marauder for top honors in Hunter PCP. Joe Tricomi also posted a good score of 37 which is a big improvement over his scores from the end of last season! Between the difficulty of the course, the dark woods and the wind, many of the Hunter shooters came away with lower scores than usual. Being the first match of the year, I would think the rust was shaking off, but only time will tell.

Mark Evans returned with his trusty R9 to take the Hunter Piston win for the match. Congrats Mark. Looks like that west coast shooting you were doing earlier this year has kept you sharp.

Roger Barker came away with the high score in Open PCP. I know he wasn't very pleased with his score, so maybe this will spur him to start shooting his Air Arms Pro Target that he scored last season. Skip Tenney had some gun issues, he just received it back from AZ, so he is still getting it set back up. We are all sure he's going to be knocking more targets down at the next match.

In the Special Junior class, Spencer Bach delivered a stellar performance with a 38! Way to go Spencer. I know he made his Dad (Cory) very proud and they had a great time shooting the course together. Hopefully his big sister Allison Bach will be at the July match for a full family affair! Not far behind was Demitry Navarro, good shooting to him and the rest of the Juniors that joined us for the match.

After the match, we enjoyed a great meal that consisted of pulled pork, mac n cheese, pasta salad and a regular salad all made by Kristen. It was all excellent! And Roger's wife made an awesome red velvet cake for desert that was to die for! An awesome meal and if the lack of left overs was any indication, everyone enjoyed it.

Thanks to everyone that stuck around after the awards to help clean up and tear down the course. We will be back on July 16th for our monthly match and hope to see everyone then. We've got some new targets that will be debuting next month and are working on some more tree stands to keep things interesting!

## MATCH RESULTS

	Rifle	Scope	Pellets	Score /60
<b>Hunter PCP</b>				
Rick Smelko	Benjamin Marauder	UTG 3-12X	H&N Baracuda	41
Joe Tricomi	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke	JSB 18.13	37
Sue Tenney	Daystate Huntsman	Hawke	H&N Baracuda	36
Cory Bach	AA HFT 510 US	Hawke	JSB 10.3	34
Don Ellsworth	Benjamin Marauder	UTG 3-12X	AA 8.4	21
<b>Hunter Piston</b>				
Mark Evans	Beeman R9	Hawke Airmax	H&N FTT(.22)	28
Bill Sizemore	RWS 34	Bushnell 4-12X	CPL 7.9	9
<b>Open PCP</b>				
Roger Barker	Benjamin Marauder	Aeon 8-32X	JSB 10.3	26
Skip Tenney	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50X	JSB Monster	24
Mark Oehlberg	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50X	H&N Baracuda	7
<b>WFTF PCP</b>				
Tyler Patner	Steyr LG100 HR	March 10-60X	AA 7.9	55
Bill Rabbitt	Air Arms EV2	Nikko 10-50X	JSB 7.9	53
Bruce Scott	Air Arms EV2	Nikko 10-50X	JSB 8.4	41
Larry Justinus	Air Arms EV2	Leupold Comp 40X	JSB 7.9	33
Dave Hitchcock	Air Arms FTP900	Hawke 10-50X	JSB 8.4	31
Kristen Coss	Air Arms MPR FT	Bushnell 8-32X	AA 8.4	28
<b>WFTF Piston</b>				
Jeff Paddock	HW97	Leupold Comp 35X	CPL 7.9	55
Jerry LaRocca	Air Arms TX200SR	Bushnell 8-32X	CPL 7.9	41
<b>Novice/Special Jr.</b>				
Spencer Bach	AA S200	Leapers 3-12X	AA 8.4	38
Demitry Navarro	RWS 34	Bushnell 4-12X	CPH 10.5	33
Brandon Navarro	Beeman R7	Beeman SS2 4X	Crosman 7.9	27
Camille Sizemore	Beeman R7	Beeman SS2 4X	Crosman 7.9	19