

Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) May 18, 2025 Match Report

(Match Report by Tyler Patner)

As is typical of Ohio in April and May, our match this month was subject to some meddling by good old Mother Nature. Temps in the high 50's to low 60's greeted shooters on Sunday morning as they arrived at the Twin Oaks Air Rifle Range. With the Sherwood Grand Prix coming up in a few weeks, it was no surprise that 33 shooters showed up to get some practice in. What they may not have been anticipating was the WIND!

I should mention that we were also shooting the field course, and while it was quite as difficult as we have made it in the past, it was no cake walk. The troyer was a 31.7T before wind was factored in, and featured 14 of 30 targets over 40 yards. Of those 14, 11 were over 45 yards and I would say around 75% of the targets could have required some level of wind compensation depending upon when you shot it. The forecast called for gusts in the 15-20mph range, and while I don't think we got that, there were times when the wind was blowing hard enough to push the rifles around.

I can tell you that from the 12 FPE perspective, there was a great deal of hold off on the left or right sides of the kill zone being done throughout the day. One of the more head scratching moments was in our second field section, the wind was definitely moving but I couldn't quite tell which direction it was going down range. So, I picked up the string, gave it a little flick, and watched the string bend like an S! Needless to say, I held in the middle on that one and thankfully it worked out!

We had a few protests through the day, but no major stoppages, and despite the conditions, everyone seemed to be having a good time. Shooters were greeted with a pizza lunch as the scores were tallied up. In Hunter PCP, Jeff Swartz took top honors with a 51/60 with Greg Vaughan and Ryan Spanagel right on his heels with 50s. In Hunter Piston, Al Duster shot a great 41 for the day with his Diana 56. And a special shout out to a new shooter, Jim Nemeckay, who came and shot in Hunter Piston for his first match with us. It sounds like he had a great time and is sure to be back!

Keith Walters posted a solid 52 in Open PCP with his Blue Beast RAW. Jeff Paddock broke out his HW77 and ended up in a dead heat with Matt Uhler for the day, both shooting 44's! There was no shoot off for this one. And in WFTF PCP, Tyler Patner shot the match high score of a 55. We also saw two wiley vets square off in our Unlimited division, with Rick Smelko edging out Tim Baylor by a few shots, ending up on a 52.

Place	Name	Class	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/6
1	Jeff Swartz	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Kahles	JSB 13.4	51
2	Greg Vaughan	Hunter PCP	RAW TM1000	March	JSB 13.4	50*
3	Ryan Spanagel	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke Sidewinder 6-24	Benjamin 10.5	50
4	Doug Cunningham	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Sightron SIII FT 10-50x60	JSB 13.43	49
5	Brandon Michaud	Hunter PCP	AA S500	Hawke	JSB 10.34	46
6	Kelsie Michaud	Hunter PCP	Marauder	Hawke	Benjamin 10.5	46
7	Craig Clark	Hunter PCP	FX Impact M3	Element Helix	FX 13.4	43
8	Lou Jimenez	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Crimson Trace	FX 13.4	43
9	Cam Armstrong	Hunter PCP	Daystate	Falcon	AA 10.3	42
10	Dale Prulhiere	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Heras	AA 10.3	42
11	Paul Nickerson	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Heras	JSB 177 10.3	42
12	Erik Anderson	Hunter PCP	Brocock	Sightron	JSB 13	41
13	Conrad Griffith	Hunter PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Midas Tac	HN 10.65	40
14	Jamie Marusiak	Hunter PCP	Air Arms s500	Hawke Airmax 4-16x50	AA 10.3	40
	David Hitchcock	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Nightforce	JSB 10.34	38
16	Steve Hockenberry		Crosman Challenger	Hawke	JTS 10.4	37
17	Adam Donnett	Hunter PCP	Daystate	Hawke	JSB 10.34	35
18	Rick Mueller	Hunter PCP	FX Impact M3	Vortex	FX 13.4	6
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1	Al Duster	Hunter Piston	Diana 56 TH	Sightron S3 FT	JSB 10.34	41
2	Jim Nemeckay	Hunter Piston	761.0	BSA 3-9×40	CPHP 7.9	5
_	Jill Nemeckay	Trained Fiocon	KWOOT	DOA'S SAIG	0.111.713	
1	Keith Walters	Open PCP	Raw	March 8-80	JSB 13.7	52
2	Larry Justinus	Open PCP	Raw	Nightforce	JSB 10.34	37
3	Roger Barker	Open PCP	Air Arms ProTarget	Sightron III 10-50X60	Air Arms 10.34	30
1	Tyler Patner	WFTF PCP	Thomas	Falcon X60i	AA 8.4	55
2	Bill Rabbitt	WFTF PCP	Thomas Carbine	March HM 10-60	JSB 8.4	47
3	Dan Putz	WFTF PCP	Thomas	Sightron S6	JTS 10.4	47
4	Lucas Marusiak	WFTF PCP	Thomas FT	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	JSB 8.4	45
5	Ted Andro	WFTF PCP	Thomas	Falcon	AA 8.4	44
6	Briquelle March	WFTF PCP	AA MPRFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50	JSB 8.4	29
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1	Matt Uhler	WFTF Piston	AA TX200	Hawke Sidewinder	JSB 8.4	44
2	Jeff Paddock	WFTF Piston	HW 77	Trijicon	CPL 7.9	44
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1	Rick Smelko	Unlimited	Daystate Wolverine	Athlon Argos BTR 6-24	JSB 13.43	52
2	Tim Baylor	Unlimited	Thomas	NF 4-32	JSB 13.43	49
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3 total					* Tie decided by po	sitionals

Thanks to everyone that came out and shot with us this month. For those attending the Sherwood GP in a few weeks, good luck and we hope to see you there. If not, we will see you in June for our next monthly match!

Until then, shoot safe and we will see you on the lanes.