



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

### **October 4, 2015 Match Report**

The Ohio Airgun and Field Target Association held its final field target match for the 2015 season and had a strong turnout with twenty four shooters. In stark contrast to the nonstop rain we had on Saturday for course setup, the weather for match time started cloudy but ended in sunshine and blue skies with temperatures in the 70's. With some of the leaves falling off the trees on the course, a bit more sunlight filtered onto the lanes giving us a bit more visibility to the targets. In the end it turned out to be a beautiful early fall day for our last match of the season.

Since the US Field target Nationals is coming up in about a week and a couple of our shooters are planning to attend, Tyler increased the Troyer rating for this match to help those traveling to North Carolina prepare for a more difficult course. Without modifiers the Troyer rating for this course was 32T and with light, wind, and angle modifiers it was a 35.5T. Even with advanced warning, the more difficult course did not scare anyone off and several shooters even had their best scores to date.

Many of our regular shooters attended but unfortunately we were without Skip and Sue Tenney who made it all the way from West Virginia to Mentor but their GPS stopped working and were unable to make it to the club in time for the match. Chip Rabbitt, Bill's father, shot Hunter Piston while new shooter Ted Andro and Patrick Milligan from Pyramyd Air shot in Hunter PCP. Founding member Rick Smelko was able to get away and shoot Open PCP but had to switch to Hunter PCP mid-match as a result of some discomfort getting into a seated position.

Roger Barker, our match director this month, added a couple of new classes for this match. Novice Class and Special Junior Class for adults and children under fifteen use mostly full size kill zone targets set at either 10 yards or 20 yards. One designated target, sitting on a white painted concrete block, is added to each of our regular lanes. Novice/Special Junior shooters take four shots at this target for a total of 60 shots over 15 lanes. Scoring is the same as regular field target with a knock down scored as one point and a face hit as zero. These classes attracted a couple of new shooters including Ronda Himes in Novice and Natalie Putz and Demitry Navarro in Special Junior. Brandon Navarro and Camille Sizemore gave Special Junior class a try as well.

Taking top score in Hunter PCP was Tom Himes with a score of 51. Hunter Piston was won again by Keith Walters with a score of 44 although Dan Putz showed great improvement from last match and came close to Keith with a score of 41.

Match Director Roger Barker brought his Marauder out and brought his score up in Open PCP taking first place with a score of 41. Jeff Paddock won WFTF PCP with a score of 57. Dan Putz's daughter, Natalie, shot her first match and took first place in Special Junior with a score of 29.

After the match we were treated to an excellent lunch compliments of Bill Rabbitt who made an awesome chili. Roger's wife, Betsy, chipped in with some delicious corn bread and Kristen Coss treated us to some wonderful apple cobbler. Tom Himes decided to donate a Remington Express XP air rifle to the club and we agreed to use a raffle to decide who would be the lucky new owner. Mark Oehlberg was the fortunate winner of the raffle. Congratulations to Mark!

It has been a fairly successful first season at Crooked Creek Conservation Club for OAFTSA and we look forward to next season and strive to make the matches and our facilities even better. We would like to thank all the shooters who came out and supported us and hope to see all of you for the 2016 field target season.

<b>MATCH RESULTS</b>				
	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellets</b>	<b>Score /60</b>
<b>Hunter PCP</b>				
Thomas Himes	FX Royale	Hawke 3-12	JSB	51
Bill Rabbitt	Marauder	Hawke 6.5-20	JSB 10.3	48
Dennis Himes	FX Royale	Hawke	JSB	47
Cory Bach	Air Arms S510	Hawke 4.5-14	AA 10.34	40
Mike Clark	AA HFT 500	Aeon 8-32	JSB 8.4	31
Patrick Milligan	BSA Goldstar (.22)	Hawke Sport HD 4-12	JSB 15.89	28
Kristen Coss	Walther Rotek	Hawke Airmax 3-12	JSB 10.34	20
Joe Tricomi	Marauder	Unknown	CP 14.3	17
Ted Andro	BSA Super10	Centerpoint	H&N FTT	13
<b>Hunter Piston</b>				
Keith Walters	WH97K	Optisan 4-16	H&N FTT	44
Dan Putz	Walther LGU	Aeon 3-12	H&N FTT	41
William Sizemore	RWS 34	Centerpoint 4-16	CP 14.3	11
Chip Rabbitt	Walther Terrus	Leapers 3-12	JSB 8.4	10
<b>Open PCP</b>				
Roger Barker	Marauder	Aeon 8-32	JSB 10.3	41
Rick Smelko	AA Pro Target	Unknown	Unknown	29
Mark Oehlberg	Steyr LG110	Falcon T50	JSB 10.3	13
<b>WFTF PCP</b>				
Jeff Paddock	Air Arms EV2	Leupold 35X	JSB 7.9	57
Tyler Patner	Steyr LG110 ZM	March 10-60	JSB 7.9	52
<b>WFTF Piston</b>				
Larry Justinus	HW95	Leupold 6.5-20	JSB 7.9	13
<b>Novice/Special Jr. Piston</b>				
Natalie Putz	HW35S	Hawke 2-7	JSB 7.4	29
Brandon Navarro	IZH-60	Tasco 2.5X	CPL 7.9	10
Camille Sizemore	HW-30	Tasco 2.5X	CPL 7.9	7
Demetry Navarro	IZH-60	Tasco 2.5X	CPL 7.9	0
<b>Novice/Special Jr.</b>				
Ronda Himes	Marauder	Unknown	Unknown	56