



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

### **July 16, 2017 Match Report**

It never ceases to amaze me how our club continues to grow. When we started OAFTSA in 2015, we figured we would be lucky to get 15-20 people per match. Last year, we started to see attendance over 20...and now in July, we have hit another milestone for the club. 31 competitors turned out for our July 16th match! Fortunately, after a week of rain, the weekend came with nothing but sunshine and moderate temps in the low 80s.

Bill Rabbitt and Jeff Paddock were given control of the course layout for this match after having built 6 more tree-stands since our last match. I must say, they were not kind as many targets were pushed out further and kill zone sizes shrank on many targets. We got creative with some new target placements that really made for a completely different feel on the course. The Troyer ended up at 33T without wind and lighting. After those factors were applied, the Troyer stood at a 36T, making it the toughest match I can recall us putting on. While the wind wasn't very harsh during the match, there were a few times where holding off was required but the lighting is the real difficulty on the course. With some targets painted brown and black, they become nearly invisible against the dark backdrop of the woods, which makes ranging a real challenge.

A special thanks to Larry Justinus for setting up his camera with a remote on lane 8 to get pictures of all of the shooters. We really have a great group that go above and beyond to make the matches top quality. The extra effort is greatly appreciated.

In WFTF PCP, we had 4 competitors as Dan Putz came out with an Air Arms S510 in a very cool FT stock to shoot 12 FPE. Tyler took top honors in the class with a 54/60 using his Steyr LG100 and March 10-60. A special shout out to Bruce Scott, who put up a great score and personal best of 48/60 with his EV2. He was neck and neck with Tyler until the last few lanes and has shown he is ready to make some moves in the class. We look forward to seeing what he can do at the PA Cup next month.

With Crosman's annual Grand Prix match coming up, Hunter PCP saw a ton of participants with 13 shooters. The Himes brothers made the match and it was great to see them. Tom posted an impressive 55/60 but that wasn't quite enough to beat reigning national champ, Bill Rabbitt. He tied our course high score record with a 57/60. Great shooting Bill! Tim Baylor shot a very impressive 50/60 which is his personal best with his Steyr. It was great to see Tim put up such a good score,

especially since he brought a few friends along to impress! Dave and Steve Kovoch came out with Tim for their first FT match and shot very good scores of 27 and 31 respectively. We also had a few new guys from PA show up; Jeff Little, Carl Lucas and Ken Gilcrest all came out sporting Air Arms S500/510's and posted very good scores! Jeff posted a 48, and this was just his second FT match as far as I know. Awesome shooting guys.

In Open PCP, Roger Barker had a tough challenge from Dave Hitchcock who was only shooting 12 FPE. This was Roger's first match using his new Air Arms Pro Target and it did him good! He shot a very respectable 42 with Dave just one shot behind on 41. Mark Oehlberg also showed some improvement with a 14.

WFTF Piston was a class of one, with Jeff Paddock shooting an impressive 51. Looks like he has some good preparation for the Crosman match. I'm excited to see how he does!

Hunter Piston was a tight battle as well. Eric Jones came up from Columbus having just shot an FT match the day before at their club. I know he wasn't super pleased with his score, but he seemed to enjoy the match and it is always great to get him out in the woods! Mark Evans continued his dominance in the class though, taking out Paul Manktelow by just one shot with a 34/60. Paul came all the way from New York to shoot with us, and we appreciate him and his wife coming such a long way.

In the special Junior class, we saw Natalie and Gwen Putz return with a new 1720T set up that seems to be doing great! Gwen shot an impressive 55 and Natalie shot a stellar 50. Great shooting ladies! Using springers, Demitry Navarro was very good with a 28. Brandon and Camille were not too far behind though, shooting 23 and 21 respectively.

Last but not least, I do want to mention one new shooter, Jim Donahue. He gets the man of the match award from me. He brought out a Benjamin 397 multi-pump gun and shot the novice course. He posted a respectable 32 for his first time out, but just watching him pump up that gun.....well he's a better man than I. Good to have you out Jim and we hope to see you back again next month.

It was a record setting day for us at OAFTSA and it seemed that the course changes were enjoyed by most everyone. Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to seeing everyone back on August 6th for our monthly match before the PA Cup.

<b>MATCH RESULTS</b>				
	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellets</b>	<b>Score /60</b>
<b>Hunter PCP</b>				
Bill Rabbitt	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke 6.5-20X	JSB 10.3	57
Tom Himes	Daystate Air Wolf	Hawke 10-50X	Air Arms 10.3	55
Tim Baylor	Steyr LG110	Hawke 4-16X	JSB 10.3	50
Jeff Little	Air Arms S500	Hawke	JSB 10.3	48
Dennis Himes	Daystate	Hawke 4-16X		47
Ken Gilcrest	Air Arms S510	Hawke		35
Joe Tricomi	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke	JSB 18.1 (.22)	34
Alan Barker	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke 4-12X	JSB 10.3	32
Carl Lucas	Air Arms S500	Hawke		32
Steve Kovach	Benjamin Marauder			31
Dave Kovich	Benjamin Marauder			27
Don Ellsworth	Benjamin Marauder	UTG 4-12X	AA 8.4	18
Ted Andro	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke	JSB 10.3	DNF
<b>Hunter Piston</b>				
Mark Evans	Beeman R9	Hawke Airmax	H&N FTT(.22)	34
Paul Manktelow	AA TX200	Hawke 3-12X	H&N Sniper 8.5	33
Eric Jones	Diana 54	UTG 10x50	AA 10.3	25
Bill Sizemore	RWS 34	Bushnell 4-12X	CPH 10.5	5
<b>Open PCP</b>				
Roger Barker	AA Pro Target	Sightron 10-50X	Air Arms 10.3	42
Dave Hitchcock	AA FTP 900	Hawke 10-50X	JSB 8.4	41
Mark Oehlberg	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50X	H&N Baracuda	14
<b>WFTF PCP</b>				
Tyler Patner	Steyr LG100 HR	March 10-60X	Air Arms 7.9	54
Bruce Scott	Air Arms EV2	Nikko 10-50X	JSB 8.4	48
Larry Justinus	Air Arms EV2	Leupold Comp 40X	JSB 7.9	32
Dan Putz	Air Arms S510	Hawke 6-24X	JSB 10.3	28
<b>WFTF Piston</b>				
Jeff Paddock	HW97	Leupold Comp 35X	CPL 7.9	51

