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From the Editor:

Hi all. Lots of match results to report this month, including a report and complete results from the thirteenth annual Cajun Spring Nationals. It sounds like the Louisiana Club put on a great match again—really sorry I missed it.

We have an article by Brad Troyer explaining his Course Difficulty Rating System, And Rodney Boyce is back to stir up the poop bucket with a new twist on everyone's favorite: standing shots.

Rodney, The Governors and I have discussed the idea of having a question and answer column in the AAFTA News. I see it as maybe working two ways: Technical questions that could be responded to by a knowledgeable individual, or issue-related questions that could be responded to by one or more governors. Rodney has volunteered to help me direct technical questions to the individuals who might best be able to answer them. I'm willing to give it a try, and I'll figure out a name for the column after we see what sorts of questions we receive.

Shoot straight and enjoy the issue.

Jay

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2002 Match Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
12:AOA 27:EFTCC	2-3: Superbowl match 9: AOA	9: AOA, DIFTA, NMAC 23: DAFTC, IRA, NMAC	6: DIFTA 6-7:Cajun Spring Nationals 7: EFTCC 13: AOA 20: MAFTA 21: WWCCA 27: NMAC 28: DAFTC	11: AOA, IRA 18: BAGA, DIFTA, MAFTA 19: WWCCA 26: DAFTC	2: EFTCC 8-9: TVA Tennes- see Valley Open 15: BAGA, DIFTA, IRA, MAFTA 15-16: AOA 22: NMAC 22-23: Shenan- doah Valley Championship 23: WWCCA 30: BAGA
July	August	September	October	November	December
13: NMAC 13-14: IRA (Florida 100 Fahr- enheit) 14: DAFTC 20: BAGA, DIFTA, MAFTA 20-21: AOA 21: WWCCA 27: NMAC	4:EFTCC 10: NMAC 17: BAGA, MAFTA 17-18: AOA 18: DAFTC, WWCCA 24: IRA, NMAC	14: NMAC 14-15: BAGA Badgerland Re- gionals, DAFTC VA State Champi- onship 15: WWCCA MI State Champion- ship 21: DIFTA, IRA, MAFTA MN State Championships 21-22: AOA 29: EFTCC	4-6: AAFTA Na- tional Champion- ship 5: DIFTA 12: AOA, MAFTA 19: BAGA 20: DAFTC, WWCCA 26: IRA	2: NMAC 9: AOA, DIFTA MD State Champi- onship 16: NMAC 17: EFTCC NY State Champion- ship 23: IRA	7-8: IRA FL State Championship 14: AOA

Where to find it

FT Air Rifles

Airgun Express(Mako/HW, TX200)	800-896-4867
Airguns Alaska	907-522-5900
Airguns of Arizona (Daystate, Beeman)	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns (Mako/HW77 & 97)	800-227-2744
Benson Airgun Options	888-952-1231
Burroughs International (Career)	310-457-5932
Ken's Airsports (TX200)	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Steyr)	310-327-3581
Storey "Custom Shop"	317-925-5544
Wade Sutherland	622-429-4663
W.W. Mann International	317-241-6011

Airgun Accessories

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9138
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Ballistic Programs

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
Air Rifle Ballistics	813-634-6507
Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183

Chronograph

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Storey "Custom Shop"	317-925-5544

Cleaning Kits

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

Field Targets

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
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Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-376-6981
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Lubricants

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

Pellets

Airgun Express (Crosman Premier)	900-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1	310-327-3581

Publications

AAFTA News	662-429-4663
and AAFTA "Club & Shooters Handbook"	
Airgun Digest 3rd Edition	800-247-4876
Airgun Letter	410-730-5496
Airgun Revue	410-730-5496
U.S. Airgun Magazine	800-247-4876

Regulators

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
	and/or
Joe Korick	914-277-4309
	360-576-8643

Repair & Tuning

Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Bob Bliss Tuning	602-834-7290
Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-376-6981
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Crosman/Benjamin/Sheridan)	310-327-3581

Scopes

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

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The "A" Team	845-896-9792
	and/or
	914-277-4309
Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
Long-Shot Products, Ltd.	513-683-4999

Scope Mounts

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1 (Droopers)	310-327-3581
Precision Airgun Ltd. (BKL)	562-430-9183

Silhouette Targets

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Stocks

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Pellethead	800-213-2088
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Cajun Spring Nationals

The thirteenth Cajun Spring Nationals was held on the weekend of April 6-7 at the Jean Lafitte Airgun Range in Baton Rouge, La. The event was jointly hosted by the Bayou Airgun Club and the Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission. The match weekend was blessed with pleasant temperatures and fair skies, following a week of rainy weather. The lush greenery of the south La. Live oaks provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend of shooting fun, Cajun food, and the renewal of friendships among the competitors. There were 60 shooters present, most of them having participated in previous CSN matches, a couple of rookie shooters, and a number of experienced FT shooters who were first timers to Baton Rouge.

Targets were placed in the woods on 2 courses, Belle Terre, ("good earth") and Lagniappe ("something extra"). Competitors were squadded in groups of 3. They shot a 50 shot match on Saturday on one course, and another 50 shot match on Sunday on the other course. Timers were used to keep things moving smoothly. Each of the courses had one unique double kill zone target, in which each hit counted for a half point. This explains some shooters' final score ending with a half point. Saturday's match went smoothly, with only a few quick delays. Everyone walked out of the woods with a big appetite after having smelled the chicken and sausage jambalaya being cooked on site. Scores were bunched up on the high end after the first days scores were posted. However, Robert Crocker was the only shooter to ace the course. One high scoring competitor thought the course was set too easy, another commented that the level of competitors made it seem difficult. One thing was sure. There were many top competitors "in the hunt" at the end of the first day, and the rest of the shooters seemed satisfied that they had knocked down a bunch of La. Swamp critters.

A change in daylight savings time brought shooters to the range an hour earlier on Sunday morning, some of them a bit bleary eyed. After a short safety meeting, shooters met their fellow squad members on the other course. The skies were partly cloudy, temps were mild, and there was a noticeable breeze early in the day. Once again, the match went smoothly, with only 3 very short delays due to broken reset strings. Match director Jack Kirkendoll and his brother Terry pondered the possibility of there being many tied scores that would need to be resolved in order to determine awards. The match ended with smells of crawfish etouffee wafting over the sight in range. Shooters gathered quietly and watched as Linda Juneau and Mary Kirkendoll posted the second day's scores. Steve Schulz emerged as winner of the Open class with a score of 99, while Brad Troyer took top honors in the Piston gun class with a score of 93.5 There were a number of ties for second and third place, which were quickly settled by a timed shootoff at spinners placed at extended range in the wind. Other award winners, other shooters, and their scores and equipment are shown in the accompanying statistics chart.

A donated target was raffled off with the entire \$178 proceeds going to AAFTA. \$200 was also donated by the Shimizu supper club. Bob Winer recognized the top Junior shooter, Craig Daste, with a \$25 gift certificate, a set of BKL scope mounts, and a certificate.

I would like to thank all who attended and participated in our match. Special thanks go to our loyal and devoted club members, and to my loving wife Linda, who did the bulk of the work behind the scenes. Finally, thanks to all of you who helped cleanup and take down the targets. May God bless America, and our sport.

Sincerely,
Ron Juneau

2002 Cajun Spring Nationals Open Division

Name	State Team	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Match 1	Match 2	Total	Award
Schulz, Stephan	Md	LD Simple Simon #2	BSA 10-50x 60	CP 10.5	49.00	50.00	99.00	1st. Open
Roller, Walter	Ga	Air Arms Pro Target	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5	48.00	49.00	97.00	2nd Open
Garland, Tommy	Ga	Air Arms Pro-Target	Burris 8-32/44	CP 10.5	49.00	48.00	97.00	4th Open
White, James A.	Ar	Anschutz 2	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5	49.00	48.00	97.00	3rd Open
Slater, William	Wi	CR 94	Nightforce 36 X 56	CP 10.5	47.00	49.00	96.00	
Bialecki, David	Fl	Daystate CRX	Nightforce 36FT	CP 10.5	48.00	48.00	96.00	5th Open
Isaac, William	Fl	Daystate 97	Burris 8 X 32	CP 10.5	48.00	48.00	96.00	High Senior
Crocker, Robert	S.C.	CRX	Nightforce 36X	CP 10.5	50.00	46.00	96.00	
Slade, David	Ca	FWB P70 HP	B & L 6-24	CP 10.5	45.50	50.00	95.50	
Hamilton, George	.FL	Ripley AR-5	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	47.00	48.00	95.00	
Williamson, Warren	Oh	Anschutz 2002 ZM	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	49.50	45.50	95.00	
Otsuka, Alan	Ca	Sportmatch GC2	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	46.00	48.00	94.00	
Sutherland, Wade	Ms	LD Simple Simon	Hakko 8-40	CP 10.5	47.00	47.00	94.00	
Bomke, Mel	Fl	Titan	BSA 10-50x 60	CP 10.5	48.00	46.00	94.00	
Hughes, Ken	Ga	NJR100	Weaver T-36X	AA 8.4	45.00	48.00	93.00	
Sutherland, Karin	Ms	Daystate CR 97SE	Nightforce 36X	CP 10.5	45.00	48.00	93.00	High Woman
Zimmerer, Larry P.	Tx	Daystate CRX	Hakko 8-32	CP 10.5	47.00	45.00	92.00	
Korick, Joe	Wa	CRX	BSA 10-50x 60	CP 10.5	48.00	44.00	92.00	
Winer, Robert	Ca	Steyr ZMLG100	Bushnell 8-32	CP 10.5	48.00	44.00	92.00	
Spencer, John	Ca	Anschutz 2002 ZM	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5	47.00	44.50	91.50	
Boyce, Rodney	Fl	Daystate Harrier	BSA 10-50x 60	CP 10.5	46.00	45.00	91.00	
VanDewerker, Don	Fl	Daystate CRX	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	47.00	43.50	90.50	
Pipkin, Tom	Ms	Steyr ZM100	BSA 10X50	CP 10.5	43.00	46.00	89.00	
Daste, Barry	La	Ripley	Leupold 18 X 40	CP 10.5	44.00	44.00	88.00	High Score La.
Zimmerman, R.L.	Tx	NJR100	BSA 10-50	CP 10.5	45.00	41.50	86.50	
Shimizu, Richard	Ca	Air Arms NJR 100	Nightforce 8-40X	CP 10.5	42.50	42.00	84.50	
Babin, Perry	La	Daystate Sportsman MKI	B & L 6-24	CP 14.3	40.00	44.00	84.00	
Nada, Bill	Ca	FWB P70 HP	Bushnell 8-32	Kodiak	42.00	42.00	84.00	
Winslow, Scott	Ca	Air Arms Pro Target	BSA 10-50x 60	CP 10.5	39.00	41.00	80.00	
Allen, Kevin	Ga	NJR100	Night Force 36FT	JSB Exa	38.00	41.50	79.50	
Hartsfield, Henry	Fl	Daystate Huntsman	Tasco 10-40	CP 10.5	32.50	39.50	72.00	
Sanders, Gary	Uk	Daystate CRX-ST	Bushnell 8 X 32	Daystate	36.00	34.50	70.50	
Miller, Doug	Ca	CR 97	Simmons 6.5 X 20	CP 10.5	37.00	32.50	69.50	
McCormack, Kyle	Wa	P70 Jr Korek	BSA 10-50X 60	CP 10.5	37.00	29.00	66.00	
Northrup, Bert	Oh	Falcon	Leupold 17 X 35	CP 10.5	30.00	35.50	65.50	
Morris, Les	Uk	Daystate PH6-SE22	Bushnell 6 X 24	Daystate	33.00	22.00	55.00	
Miller, Vipha	Ca	FWB P70 Jr	B & L 6-24	CP 10.5	22.00	32.00	54.00	
Benson, Jim	Wa	P 70 Korek	Burris 8-32	Beeman	19.50	31.00	50.50	
Shimizu, Robert	Ca	Air Arms Pro-Target	Leupold 20x50	Baracu	21.50	28.50	50.00	
Robichaux, Roland	La	Career 707	B & L 6 X 18	CP 10.5	36.50	0.00	36.50	
Broker, Richard		Anschutz 2002 ZM	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	16.50	0.00	16.50	

2002 Cajun Spring nationals Piston Division

Name	State Team	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Match 1	Match 2	Total
Troyer, Brad	Al	HW 97	Bushnell 6-24	CP 7.9	48.00	45.50	93.50
Smith, Clifford	Fl	Air Arms TX 200	B & L 6-24	CP 7.9	43.50	43.50	87.00
Bradley, Roderick	Al	Whiscombe	Cabela's 6.5 X 20	CP 7.9	40.50	45.50	86.00
Sumpter, Roz	Tn	Whiscombe JW 50	Burris 8-32	AA 4.52	45.00	41.00	86.00
Duncan, Bob	Oh	Air Arms TX 200	Nightforce FT 36	CP 7.9	41.00	41.50	82.50
Gardner, George	Ca	SLR-98	Leupold 14 X 35	FTS .22	43.50	36.50	80.00
Pacheco, Vicente	Ca	Air Arms TX 200 Mark 1	Leupold 15 X 35	CP 7.9	32.50	45.50	78.00
Cox, Steve	Ky	JW 65	Burris 8-32	JSB Exact	37.00	38.00	75.00
Holt, Stan	La	Air Arms TX 200	B & L 6-24	CP 7.9	40.00	34.50	74.50
Harris, Jeff	Ky	HW90	Bushnell Trophy 6-18	CP 7.9	33.50	30.50	64.00
Otten, Richard	Fl	Air Arms TX 200	CMO/Hakko 6-20	CP 7.9	26.00	29.50	55.50
Sumpter, James	Mi	HW 77	Tasco 8-40	CP 7.9	33.00	18.50	51.50
Luecke, David	La	Beeman R7	Simmons 4 X 12	CP 7.9	21.00	29.50	50.50
Daste, Craig	La	Air Arms TX 200	Bushnell 6-24	CP 7.9	22.00	15.00	37.00
Luecke, Jonathan	La	Air Arms TX 200	Bushnell Trophy 6-18	CP 7.9	19.00	17.50	36.50
Watts, Paul	Tn	Air Arms Pro Sport	B & L 6-24	CP 7.9	30.50	0.00	30.50
Schulz, Michael	Md	Air Arms TX 200	Tasco CS 8-40	CP 7.9	15.50	11.00	26.50
Perathaner, Bruce	Oh	Air Arms TX 200	Storey Custom 20X	CP 7.9	15.00	11.00	26.00
Watner, Fred	Ky	HW 77	Simmons 6 X 18	CP 7.9	9.50	7.00	16.50

INDIAN RIVER AIRGUNNERS

The 60 shot IRA Inaugural Match was held 12 dozen hours after St.Patrick's Day but belatedly wearing green couldn't stop open class shooter Dead Eye David Bialecki's onslaught of 54 hits, the only score in the 50's. However, Cliff Smith won the Piston Class with a runaway exceptional score of 42 which makes him Uno Numero Pistonero.

The course layout that Henry Hartsfield and Bill Isaac put together was no place for sissies which was compounded by changeable winds with no thanks to that erratic woman, Mother Nature. Half the total misses were attributable to long shots as "Wind Doping" turned into another Florida lottery (or voting ballot?).

The course consisted of ten lanes, three (2 shot) targets each - near, mid and far. The reset string spools were color coded Red, White and Blue to correspond with near, mid and far targets. This little nicety served to avoid the too often aggravation of yanking on the wrong string.

AAFTA rules prevailed and shooters were informed that they could shoot as many targets standing as they desired to their heart's content but there were no takers.

This first IRA match was certainly a success if the absence of moans, groans and grumbles is a yardstick. Special thanks to Dick Otten's donation of one of his well made targets: a grizzly bear. It was pressed into service on the course replacing a tired vintage target and it behaved flawlessly.

-----Rodney Boyce

OPEN CLASS:

1) David Bialecki	Daystate CRX	Nightforce 36x	54
2) Mel Bomke	Titan Custom	BSA 10-50x	49
3) Rodney Boyce	Daystate Harrier	BSA 10-50x	47
4) Mike Cooper	Daystate LR 90	unknown scope	46
5) John Draper	Daystate CRX	Nightforce 36x	45
6) Bill Isaac	Daystate CR97	Burriss 8-32x	40
6) Don Vanderwerker	Daystate CRX	Nightforce 36x	40
7) Henry Hartsfield	Daystate Huntsman	Tasco 8-40x	36

PISTON CLASS:

1) Cliff Smith	TX 200	B&L 6-24x	42
2) Ron Zeman	TX 200 SR	Burriss 8-32x	27
3) Dick Otten	TX 200	Hakko 6-20x	25
4) George Hamilton	TX 200	Leupold 13-38x	12

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

April 21, 2002

Jim Everett

The weather was more like a winter shoot than the first field target match of the season. A cold, brisk east wind at about 10 to 15 mph was in our face throughout the match coupled with the cold. The ever threatening snow, sleet and rain combination lead us to shoot in the old airgun range with a shortened course as we had but 6 shooters show up.

The 4 shooters that came along with Rick Stoutenburg and myself were all newer shooters, with new equipment and a lot of questions. They are full of enthusiasm for the sport and despite today's tribulations, all appeared to have a good time. It is really wonderful to see these people and their reactions to a knockdown. It brings back pleasant memories of when I got started and the veterans were there to teach and encourage me. I hope that we so called veterans could get back some of their enthusiasm and sense of fun at hitting a KZ. Isn't this refreshing? So, I probably got as much out of today as they did and I sincerely hope to see them back again and again.

The course was 10 lanes with 2 shots per target shot at the old airgun range. Most of the targets were 18 to 30 yards (that's the maximum). Lane 9 was a ½ inch at 29 yards and nobody touched it. That's how tough the wind was just off the berm. We noted that the new airgun range building roof and sidewalls are nearly complete after being lost in the snowstorm of not too long ago. Perhaps the concrete will be poured for the floor and the storage shed will be moved by the time of the next match. The match date is May 19th. So mark your calendars, please.

RESULTS

Rick Stoutenburg	15	75.00%	ProTarget	.177 CP 7.9	Leupold 6.5x20
Jim Everett	14	70.00	TX200SR	.177 CP 7.9	Simmons 6.5x209
Paul Pouch	7	35.00	TX200	.177	Simmons 6.5x20
Gordon Finlay	6	30.00	TX200SR	.177 CP 7.9	Simmons 6.5x20
Rick Stewart	4	20.00	Gamo 220	.177 CP 10.5	Simmons 6.5x20
Mark Kelley	2	10.00	Gamo 220	.177 CP	BSA 4x32

ABOUT STANDING SHOTS

If you are overjoyed when confronted with a standing shot at a Field Target match, do not bother to read any further. Field Target emerged as a freestyle airgun shooting game that was a viable alternative to other existing disciplines at the time: namely Silhouette and 10 Meter, both of which mandate the standing shooting position. Originally, Field Target was shot from a sitting position as it was far more accurate than the standing shot. Keep in mind that precision accuracy is the pinnacle attainment that all FT shooters seek to attain. This explains the ever present question about an airgun - "How does it group?". A clean kill, you might say, is desirable.

Some years passed and somehow one standing shot was occasionally incorporated in some matches, ostensibly to serve as a tie breaker. More and more standing shots came into the game as it was welcomed and promoted by proficient off-hand marksman.

The situation today, I feel, is that "standers" bias the game toward the younger and fit shooters which is discriminatory. The ironic thing is that the vast majority of shooters of all ages and shapes that I have come into contact with dislike and dread the "standers". One has to conclude that standing shots make our game less enjoyable for many, many shooters.

My proposal is not to eliminate standing shots but to relegate them to a different but nevertheless vital and important category. By far, most shots (90 to 95%) are "sitters" which reflects the heart of the game. These hits would constitute your score. The standing shots (SS), 5 to 10% of the course, would serve as the important function of tie breakers. I'll use my shooting at the Cajun Spring Nationals as an example. Of the 94 sitting shots I managed to hit 90. Not too shabby for one who has three quarters of a century under his belt. But when it came to the 6 "standers" I maimed 5 of the critters for a final score of 90 -- 1 SS. If J.Doe hit 90 "sitters" and 2 SS, he would rank ahead of me. However, if his score was 87 "sitters" and 5 SS, I would rank above him as our basic scores reflecting the vast majority of classic field target challenges would be 90 to his 87. Since there was no tie in basic scoring the SS shots would not come into play.

This scoring procedure introduces a more level playing field for most of the competitors but the edge in tied scores would be in favor of the better standing shooters. There is another plus for this scoring procedure as it will relieve practically all of the match director's onerous chore of resolving ties. By the way, it should be mentioned that this procedure does not entail any changes in the AAFTA Shoot Rules. I would appreciate your thoughts on all this, preferably by e-mail. Thanks

-----Rodney Boyce (rrrboyce@webtv.net)

PS: The Indian River Airgunners will incorporate this procedure when hosting the Florida 100 Fahrenheit Match on July 13th & 14th.

FT Course Difficulty Rating System

Years ago I developed a simple method for estimating the difficulty of the courses I was designing. It gave me an idea of how easy or hard the individual target and overall course would be for an upcoming match. There have been some questions about the system recently so I thought it would be a good time to write about it again.

When I first developed the rating system, I played with some factors and equations until I settled on using the distance (in yards) divided by the kill zone size to give a difficulty rating for each target. For example, a ½" kill zone Squirrel placed in a tree at 21 yards would have a difficulty rating of 42 while a 1" skunk at 32 would be rated at 32. Once the individual difficulty rating for each target is known the overall course rating can be determined by averaging all the individual target difficulty ratings.

After a few years of using the system and input from other users, the following difficulty rating charts were developed. The chart on the left relates the difficulty factor to a degree of hardness for individual targets while the chart on the right does the same of the overall course difficulty. Two charts were developed since there can be different factors involved when figuring the overall course difficulty. A single target with a DF of 37 is considered Hard, but if you string a whole bunch of them together on a course then there are fatigue and concentration factors that come into play during the match which puts the course on the Expert level.

Individual Target Difficulty Ratings		Overall Course Difficulty Ratings	
Ratings	Yards	Ratings	Yards
Easy	0-19	Easy	0-24
Moderate	20-29	Moderate	25-29
Hard	30-39	Hard	30-35
Expert	40+	Expert	36+

As others used the system it was pointed out to me that some another factor needed to be added to the system for shots that were more difficult than others like standing, kneeling or extra windy shots. So a difficulty factor was added to the equation making the difficulty rating equation:

$$\text{Difficulty Rating} = (\text{Distance} / \text{Kill Zone Size}) * \text{Difficulty Factor}$$

With a bit of testing and tweaking of the difficulty factors, the following difficulty factors have been developed:

Type of Shot	Difficulty Factor
Standing	2
Kneeling	1.5
Windy Shot	1.25
Extreme Up/Down	1.25
Extreme Light/Dark	1.125
Shots Past 40 Yards	1.125

This system has worked really well for accurate course planning and it allows for better comparisons between matches from different venues. The system can be teamed up with a spreadsheet program to facilitate match planning. A sample of the course planning spreadsheet I use (in Microsoft Excel) has been posted on the AAFTA website (www.aafta.org) under the "Free Downloads" link. The website also has this difficulty rating system posted on it for future reference. I would encourage all clubs to use the rating system when planning their courses and report the course difficulty in their write-ups. That will allow the rest of the Field Target community to more accurately compare match results. If there are any questions about the difficulty rating system, please feel free to contact me about it.

Brad Troyer
AAFTA Chairman

Minnesota Airgun Field Target Association

Results April 2002

April 20, 2002

Conditions

Temp: 40F

Precipitation: none

Wind: 2-8 mph E-NE

48X possible

Open Division

Ron Carlson	Air Arms Custom 100	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	39
Mark Catlin	Anschutz 2025	Leupold 20-50	Premier 7.9	31
Ben Fok	Daystate Huntsman PH6	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	20
Karen Skogen	Air Arms NJR 100	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	20
Jay Olson-Goude	Steyr LG-100ZM	Leupold 20-50	Premier 7.9	19
Tony Devich	Air Arms TM-100	Tasco CS 8-40	Premier 7.9	18
Bryan Chripich	Air Force Talon SS	Tasco CS 10-50	Premier 14.3	15

Piston Division

Greg Giacomini	Air Arms TX200	Tasco 8-24	Premier 7.9	15
Doug West	Beeman R10	Tasco 3-9	Silver Sting 10.5	9
Andy Keogan (First match)	Air Arms TX200	Burris 8-32	Premier 7.9	8

Grand Isle Field Target

Grand Isle, Vermont

April 21, 2002

The Weather was perfect for the first match of the season. Perfect, if you don't mind 15+ mph winds and temperatures in the 40's!

The average difficulty for this 40 shot match was 30, average distance 22.4 yards and the average KZ was .77 inches.

Thanks to everyone that made the long drives to shoot, with special thanks to Paul who provided the award certificates and frames. Brian S. Johnson

Open Class

Shooter	Score	Gun	Scope	Pellet
Brian S. Johnson	35	LG100FT	BSA 10-50x	CPH
Robert Barton	33	ZMLG100	B&L 8-32x	CPH

Piston Class

Shooter	Score	Gun	Scope	Pellet
Paul Bishop	28	TX200FTD	B&L 8-31x	JSB
Joe Dennis	18	TX200SR	Trophy 6-18x	CPL

Junior Class

Shooter	Score	Gun	Scope	Pellet
Billy Savaria	29	AA S400E	Trophy 4-15x	CPH

International Class

Shooter	Score	Gun	Scope	Pellet
Ray Apelles	36	AA NJR	Nightforce	JSB
Han Apelles	31	AA NJR	B&L 8-32x	JSB

*After Shoot-off

**First time FT Shooters

<http://communities.msn.com/GrandIsleFT>

Waterloo Field Target Association

Waterloo, Canada Match Results from April 21, 2002

The clouds were already rolling in at 8:30 AM and the temperature was a brisk 32°F. By the time the match started at 10:00 AM, the temperature was up to 35° and there was a considerable crosswind on the first 11 lanes. After we turned the corner the wind was coming from behind for the last 4 lanes. As the day continued, it actually made it up to a balmy 40-41°F and the somewhat unpredictable wind persisted for the entire match.

After the first 32 shots before lunch, there were a few shooter vying for the lead who had dropped 5 or 6 shots due to the wind and small kill zones. There were 5 targets, 10 shots, on kill zones less than .5". The difficulty rating for the course was 33.5, average kill zone .8" and the average distance was 25.2 yards. The afternoon consisted of 28 shots and most shooters stayed on the pace they had set in the morning. I was fortunate enough to drop only one more shot on the day, ending up with the high score of 54/60. We had a shoot off for third, which was offhand at 25 yards. It took 3 rounds and my buddy, Dennis took third. Although conditions were not ideal, it felt great to be out shooting with the guys again.

Results

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score/60
1) Tim MacSweyn	Rapid 17FT	Bushnell 8-32X	CP 10.5	54
2) Mike Ferrara	NJR 100	Leupold 18-40X	Baracuda	49
3) Dennis Eden	Rapid 17FT	Leupold 35X	CP 10.5	*46
4) Will Kwan	NJR 100	Leupold 18-40X	Baracuda	*46
5) Danny Reginato	AA TX200	Tasco 8-40X	FT Trophy	36
6) George Harde	AA TX200	Bushnell 8-32X FT	Trophy	33
7) Noel Seadman	Huntsman	Bushnell 6-18X	CP 10.5	27
8) Hans Bormann	Pro Target	Leupold 18-40X	Baracuda	22

* Shootoff

Tim MacSweyn

AAFTA Swap Shop

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Rodney Boyce - Tel: 561-655-5427, e-mail: rrrboyce@webtv.net

FOR SALE: Custom Daystate Harrier action with Korick Regulator, CR97 Match Trigger, Korick bolt block support for the free floating barrel. Hose and gauge included. I get 40 shots at 865fps with Premier 10.5 pellets at a fill pressure of 3100psi. At the Cajun Spring Nationals 2002, I scored 90 hits out of 94 shots in the sitting position with this action. Price: \$749.95

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