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From the Editor:

Well, the field target season has come to an end for those of us up here on the tundra. We shoot vicariously through our friends to the south, so be sure to send in those match reports!

An apology to NMAC—Wade sent in your 2003 match schedule information a long time ago and I just discovered the email today so your match dates never got printed in the News. One more issue this year and we'll try it again—OK?

Thanks a bunch to our friend Hector Medina from Mexico for a great article on setting up and running Clinics and Practice shoots 'South-of-the-Border' style. After many attempts, the article and accompanying photos finally made it to my inbox.

Shoot straight and enjoy the issue!
Jay

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2003 Match Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
11: CASA Prado 19: WWCCA 25-26: TBA/PEL FL Superbowl 26 CASA Angeles, EFTCC	8: CASA Prado 16: WWCCA 22: WFTA 23: CASA Angeles	8: CASA Prado 15: ENAFT, TRRFTC 16: WWCCA 23: CASA Angeles, ENAFT 29: DIFTA 29-30: Id Temecula FT match	5; ENAFT 12: CASA Prado, DIFTA 13: DAFTC, EFTCC 19: ENAFT, MAFTA, TRRFTC 26: TVA 27: WWCCA, CASA Angeles	4: DAFTC 10: BAGA, CASA Prado, ENAFT 17: ENAFT, MAFTA, TRRFTC 17-18: DIFTA Mid-Atlantic Regionals 18: WWCCA 24: TVA 25: CASA Angeles, ENAFT, WFTA	1: DAFTC, EFTCC 7: ENAFT 7-8: Tennessee 'Good Ole Boy' 14: BAGA, CASA Prado, DIFTA, ENAFT, MSTs 21: MAFTA, TRRFTC 22: WWCCA, CASA Angeles, ENAFT, WFTA 28: TVA, MSTs
July	August	September	October	November	December
12: BAGA, CASA Prado, DIFTA, ENAFT, MSTs 18-20: TRRFTC NW Regionals 19: ENAFT, MAFTA 19-20: DAFTC Western Virginia Regional 20: WWCCA, WFTA 26: TVA, MSTs 27: CASA Angeles, ENAFT	1-3: World Championships, Northern Ireland 2-3: AOA AZ State Championships 3: MAFTA 9: BAGA, CASA Prado, ENAFT, MSTs 9-10: EFTCC NE Regionals 10: DJMC 16: ENAFT, MAFTA, TRRFTC 16-17: DAFTC VA State Championships, WFTA Canadian Championships 17: WWCCA 22-23 BAGA Badgerland Regionals 23: TVA, MSTs 24: CASA Angeles, ENAFT	6: DIFTA, ENAFT, MSTs 7: DAFTC 13: BAGA, CASA Prado 14: DJMC, WFTA 19-21 AAFTA National Championships at WWCCA 20: ENAFT, TRRFTC 27: MAFTA MN State Championships, TVA 28: CASA Angeles, ENAFT	4: Frost-Bite, MSTs 11: BAGA AZ Monster Match, CASA Prado, ENAFT 12: DJMC, WSC CT State Championships 18: DIFTA MD State Championships, ENAFT, TRRFTC, MAFTA, MSTs Mini FT 19: WWCCA, WFTA 25: TVA 26: CASA Angeles, ENAFT	1: MSTs 8: CASA Prado, DIFTA, ENAFT 9: DJMC, WSC MA State Championships 15: ENAFT 16: EFTCC NY State Championships 22: TVA AL State Championships, MSTs 23: CASA Angeles, ENAFT	6: ENAFT 13: CASA Prado, ENAFT 14: WFTA 28: CASA Angeles, ENAFT

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FT Air Rifles

Airgun Express(Mako/HW, TX200)	800-896-4867
Airguns Alaska	907-522-5900
Airguns of Arizona (Daystate, Beeman)	480-461-1113
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

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Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

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Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
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Pellets

Airgun Express (Crosman Premier)	900-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
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Publications

AAFTA News	813-884-0507
and AAFTA "Club & Shooters Handbook	
Airgun Digest 3rd Edition	800-247-4876
Airgun Illustrated	
U.S. Airgun Magazine	800-247-4876
<u>Airgun Odyssey</u> by Steve Hanson	860-645-8776

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Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
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Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
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Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
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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Wind Flags

Direct Wind Flags/Stylie Edwards	662-429-5794
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Clinics and Practice Shoots

by Héctor Medina.- President CMTF

Introduction.-

Being that THE main focus of AAFTA is to promote FT shooting, it has always struck me as strange that the common practices of other sports like, Golf and Tennis are not followed. I am referring to Clinics and Practice Matches.

Sure it is nice to enjoy the pressure, the tension and the nerves associated with formal Matches, but those “tidbits” that are enjoyable to a seasoned shooter might be too much for a newbie.

So, in the Mexican Club, we decided to implement a routine of clinics and practice matches, the routine has been going on for almost a semester and now, we can say that most members are interested in FT. But let us take it by steps:

Clinics

A clinic by definition as well as by habit is a session where the people that know explain things to people that do not know. Most of the times in sports, clinics also represent a degree of physical, practical application of what the sport is about, what are the fine points, as well as the rough ones and most of all, what is needed to win. It is quite astonishing to find out and see that in most sports, people practice the sport with a general idea of what is needed to play, but not what is needed to WIN. And let’s face it, sports only grow for real when they develop real winners. So, if we want our sport to grow, we need to make most people into winners, elevate the level of play and make the sport much more enjoyable to all.



To host a clinic, probably the single most important tool you will need is a set of spinners. Spinners are self resetting, they provide immediate feedback to the shooter and the coach and are generally fun. If properly made, the spinners will be in the exact same regulation size of the FT targets: 1/2", 3/4", 1", 1 1/2". Also, if properly made, they will last almost indefinitely. Very little maintenance is needed on spinners, so costs are one time only and perhaps a can of your preferred paint for the centre circle.

TechTalk

Next, you need people that know how to play and win in FT. Some persons are generous and donate their time freely, others are not so, but in every club you will find a few willing to pitch in for the fun of sharing. Sharing knowledge, sharing a nice day out in the open, sharing lunch afterwards, make it so it is a fun and enjoyable day for everyone, the students and the mentors. It is also important to go over some Tech-Stuff, the local gun-tinkerer can have a go at explaining these things to everyone that wants to listen.

Next, make sure that everyone brings a pen and paper, this will often be overlooked items and it behoves the organizer to tell everyone to bring a pen and paper. This simple fact will make everyone think that important things are to be said and should be jotted down, making the session a more “serious” occasion (don’t overdo it, however).



Different Positions

We usually start at around 10:00 hrs. and dedicate a few minutes to explaining how a field target works. If by the time everyone

arrives, the targets are already in place, some people will not understand the concept of a “blocked” target caused by a “shaved” pellet. Bringing forth protests and other discomfitures. Seeing a target up close will enable everyone to realize how they work, the difficulty of the game and what is needed to win.

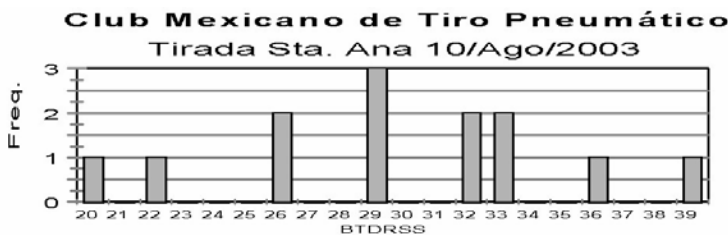
We then proceed with some exercises, flexibility ones. It is not uncommon for modern man (and woman) to be too stiff to adopt a suitable FT position that will be comfortable, stable and consistent. This is the funniest part. When you get to coach a 280 pound guy that is 6’6” and you tell him to sit down and bend his knees to his chest you need to have real self control some times, others, you are amazed at how someone can bend and twist. Anyway, respect the basic “architecture” of every person, but do instill in them that whatever position they choose, they have to ensure that the proper balance, comfort, consistency, stability and repeatability can be achieved.

We then dedicate a few minutes to clarifying what is meant by “Range Etiquette”, in reality just a fancy name for the safety rules. But if you tell people you are going to lay down the safety rules, they will immediately put on a negative reaction to the “rules” part. If, however, you tell them that there is a certain Range Etiquette that needs to be followed so that everyone feels comfortable, they will be more open towards it.

Then and only then we start shooting at spinners. Set at different ranges, they allow everyone to understand the trajectory of their guns. It is easier to set the spinners as follows: ½” at 20 yards, then the ¾” ones at 30 yards, the 1” ones at 40 yards and the 1 ½” ones at 50 yards. After everyone has zeroed in on those distances, and jotted down their findings, you move the firing line 5 yards forward and have another shoot, and then another 5 yards forward for the last shoot; the system of distances is then complete for every 5 yards increment. You will have had everyone shoot at 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 yards. They will also understand the difference between an FT with a KZ of ¾” at its minimum distance of 20 yards and an FT with a ½” KZ at its maximum of 20 yards. Making the shoot in this order will also allow everyone to score more clean hits towards the end of the session, keeping the interest up.

You can then set up a few targets (the battered ones we all have) and let them fling some lead at real targets. A few hits will get everyone’s attention and will spice up the meeting. Keep it fun, fast and amusing, but keep it SAFE.

Practice Matches



If time permits, perhaps a short course with an average BTDRS of about 30, but with an almost Gaussian distribution with 12-15 targets shot under the golf system is fun.

DR’s distribution along Practice Match

The golf system is simple, you shoot at the targets till you have accumulated 4 shots or the target has dropped, whatever happens first. “Par for the course” will be around 20-25 shots. Some will shoot considerably better (15 shots for all 13 targets) and others considerably worse (41 shots), it does not matter, it is a practice match! Have fun! Explore possibilities! Try different positions or techniques! Encourage your “students” to think, concentrate and shoot well.

By the end of the day, you should have several new “addicts”. And that is the name of the game, to get as many new addicts as possible. Bye!

Un abrazo from Old México!

For Spinners, you can contact Fabián Centeno in Argentina, E-Mail: southern-cross_airguns@yahoo.com A full set of 4 will cost you US\$160 delivered to anywhere in the US.



WESTERN WAYNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION AIRGUN NEWSLETTER

Jim Everett
October 20, 2003

We had a nice day for a match, warming up to about 60 from an early morning low of about 43 degrees, sunny although the sun would eventually end up working against us during the match.

We shot the Blackpowder range (Green) course of the US Nationals. Most of us did better the second time around than when we actually competed in the Nationals—probably because of familiarity with the course and the relaxed atmosphere of this match compared to the Nationals. I suspect most of the pressure we feel at a major match is of our own making, not all of it, but most of it!!

Time has a way of creeping up on us...this was the last official match of 2003! With a bit of luck and some decent weather maybe, just maybe, we can get in one last shoot in November. It would be a pick-up match so stand by your computer and/or your phone...you may get a message or call to come to one!!

We shot the match without the use of timers and looking in retrospect that was an error on my part. You will see the results look a bit different than usual in that the squad that did not finish had their scores extrapolated by the author. Most of the two man squads completed the course by 1:30 or 2:45 PM. but the lone three man squad still had three lanes to go at 3:15 when it was decided to end the match at that point.

I was once again squadded with James Sumpter as he had Eric Sanders add a replacement sidewheel to his Tasco Custom scope and he didn't have time to mount it to his rifle. (Eric does nice work!). As a result, we both used my TX. Since I use CPL's and flare the skirt for increased performance and velocity the CPL's he had for use would work they just wouldn't work as well as flared skirted CPL. So, in addition to lending him the use of my rifle I also supplied him with the pellets to shoot with. Thank heavens I was able to come away with a slightly better score than James! It would have been very difficult to live with him being able to say he beat me with my own rifle and pellets!!

The disadvantage to a nice sunny day is the sunlight streaming in either from the back of your scope or in some cases, from the front of the scope. Such was the case today as lanes three thru, I believe, lane seven looked absolutely beautiful with the light streaming down thru the trees, brush and the gorgeous colored leaves of a autumn day except when one put the scope to the eye and your sight picture is washed out or nearly so. You squint, twist, turn anything to pick up the KZ. Sometimes you really don't have time to range the target properly but use the Mark I Optic to do so. Once you pick up the KZ, take your shot and hope that all is well. Most of the time this seemed to work although time was used up in accomplishing all this.

Eric Sanders had his best score this season with a 57x60. Eric wishes he had done that well in the Nationals but I think Eric learned a lot from his first major match and will be a competitor to contend with on a national level if he will make the trips to various venues in the future. Others of note, Steve Sibal with his season best and Rick Stewart and Dan Del Proposto with their season best! Both have new rifles and their investments are paying off for them though Dan has moved to the "dark side" by acquiring a Harrier. Just kidding Dan!! Dan has the dreaded carpal tunnel syndrome in both right and left hand and by using a PCP he is still able to remain a competitor rather than a spectator!! Blake Licht keeps returning for more after his 12 year hiatus from field target. He is improving rapidly and I expect to see him moving upwards in his game!

At a meeting after the match, with most of the shooters present, we decided to have Rick Stoutenburg, the clubs Airgun Chairman, schedule our matches for 2004 for the third Sunday of each month as it is now. In addition, we are asking for the Saturday and Sunday in June 2004 be set aside as a date(s) for a major match. More on that later! We also decided to really seriously look at providing plaques once again for the local matches now that the attendance has improved somewhat. While a free lunch is nice you can't bring it home to hang on the wall or more importantly show your wife that your time and money is well spent by virtue of the awards you are accumulating.

WESTERN WAYNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

October 20, 2003

RESULTS

MATCH WINNER

Eric Sanders	57	95.00%	LG100	.177	CPH	BSA 10X50
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A Flight

Steve Sibal	52	86.67	NJR100	.177	CPH	Tasco 8x40
Phil Herman	45	75.00	CRX	.177	CPH	Hakko 10x50
Dan Del Proposto	39	65.00	Harrier SE	.177	CPH	B&L 6x24

B FLIGHT

Rick Stewart	37	61.67	HW97	.177	CPL	Sim 6.5x20
Jim Everett	36	60.00	TX200SR	.177	CPL	B&L 6x24
Blake Licht*	34	56.67	TX200	.177	CPL	Bush 6x18
James Sumpter*	34	56.67	TX200SR	.177	CPL	B&L 6x24

DID NOT FINISH

(Completed 12 Lanes Extrapolated Scores)

Bob Duncan	49	81.75				
Rick Stoutenburg	41	68.75	ProTarget	.177	CPL	Leup 6.5x20
Fritz Sanders	13	20.83	B21	.177	CPL	Sim 6.5x20

*Position determined by string of hits

Bluegrass 100 Match Comments
by Roz Sumpter

On the day prior to his planned departure for the AAFTA U.S. Nationals in Michigan, Steve Cox suffered a crippling injury to one of his heels. Though his doctor informed Steve that the healing prognosis was months, and, with no hope of full recovery, Steve made a momentous decision to continue with his plans for a regional match two weeks hence.

At close of proceedings at this year's National championship match, it was announced by a Bluegrass Air-gun Club member that there'd be a 100 shot match held in Lexington, Kentucky over the weekend of October 4th & 5th. Talk about short notice! Many shook their heads in wonderment. Yet a hardy handful smiled with glee.

As events unfolded, eighteen dedicated field target shooters were rewarded with an absolutely delightful match. The weather during both match days could not have cooperated more. And that infamous Kentucky wind took a brief sabbatical, allowing some good scores to be posted.

For those old timers among us who remember the days of matches held in Steve's "backyard", welcome to the Matrix! The new BGAC venue has moved to world class status. It is on the grounds of a full service-shooting club comprised of thousands of acres. The set-aside airgun portion is comprised of woods that offer 100% shade for every shooting lane. And lane potential could easily stretch to high double digits. Steve Cox and his crew did a fantastic job in constructing their sheltered practice range, and with forethought towards future expansion. They even included several wooded field target lanes as part of the otherwise open practice grounds. I believe this is the first time a practice facility has incorporated such a novel idea. That is, at a range open to the public.

As has become traditional for a Bluegrass Match, we were rewarded with a delightful version of a hog roast. And for those of you who have never sampled the fare at a B.G.A.C. gathering., it alone is worth the trip.

If my description of the Bluegrass Shootin' Range and Field Target course sounds National level to you, those are my sentiments exactly. In fact, I've already begun whispering in Steve's ear regarding a bid for a future AAFTA U.S. National event to be held on the B.G.A.C. grounds. It would be a shame not to expose such a beautiful location to our greater Field Target community.

Some of you may not be aware of, or fully appreciate, how blessed the Field Target community has been this year of 2003. Not only have we been fortunate enough to maintain the programs of our existing premier clubs but growth and expansion is underway. Witness if you will: Tom Itterly's M.S.T.S. Club has landed a gold mine of a location near Memphis, Tennessee. Alex Modic has expanded the B.A.G.A. championship match to a 2-day format. The guidance of Rick Stoutenburg has led W.W.C.C.A. to a bright new image. Brad Troyer and Roz Sumpter have committed T.V.A. to a new level of U.S. National proportion. Ray Apelles is trying new things to bring E.F.T.C.C. in from the "cold". And now Steve Cox has B.G.A.C. poised to take a leading position among the Field Target Clubs on our circuit. -No slight intended towards other clubs I failed to mention. Hit your knees fellow shooters and be thankful that the foreseeable future looks bright indeed for the continuation and enjoyment of this great sport of ours.

I conclude by thanking Steve Cox for his determination, and perseverance through great adversity, in order to pull off the successful match it proved to be. And to also thank all of the match directors out there who continually sacrifice time and energy in efforts to provide for the enjoyment and comfort of those among us who desire to play the game of Field Target.

Heal fast and well Steve! And Congratulations to Warren Williamson for his winning performance of 96/100. Great shooting Warren.

Bluegrass 100 Results

October 4-5 2003

On the first weekend of October, the Bluegrass Airgun Club hosted its inaugural regional match at our new site near Wilmore, KY. Due to a lack of advertising the field was small but enthusiastic with competitors from seven states.

Facilities included a large covered firing range and four wooded FT practice lanes (including one stander). There were two separate courses and shooters were divided into two groups. Each group shot different courses on Saturday and Sunday.

While there were many top competitors and challenging lanes, this was a relaxed, “fun” shoot without timers and plenty of time to socialize during the shoot.

Awards were presented after the traditional pig roast on Sunday. Results are set forth below.

* shoot off.

OPEN

96	Warren Williamson	ZM Styer	Leu. 35x	CP 10.5
94	Dave Slade	P 70 HP	Bush. 6-24x	CP 10.5
93	Bill Howarth	ZM Styer	Nikko 10-50x	CP 10.5
92	Jackie Damien	P 70	Bush 4200	CP 10.5
91	D. VanDerwerker	CRX	NF 36x	CP 10.5
79	Bob Duncan	ProTarget	NF 36x	CP 10.5
56	Chris Oldfield	Rapid 12	Tasco 3-9x	CP .20

PISTON

72*	Roz Sumpter	TX-SR	Bush. 6-24x	JSB
72*	Tom Lykins	JW-70	BSA 8-32x	CP 7.9
71	Anthony Storey	TX-200	Bush. 6-24x	CP 7.9
57	Robert Frederic	TX-200	Weav. V-24	JSB
46	James Sumpter	TX-SR	Tasco 8-40x	CP 7.9
38	James Warhouse	HW-77	various	JSB
35	Shela Warhorse	TX-200		JSB
19	Fred Watner	TX 200	B&L 8-32x	CP 7.9
14	Chuck Huddleston	FWB 124	Simm. 6-18x	JSB

Special thanks are due Roz Sumpter who spent two days setting up excellent courses while other club members were stuck behind their desks. Roz is a true gentleman as well as a champion shooter.

MAFTA Results October 2003

October 18, 2003

Conditions
 Temp: 50-60F
 Precipitation: None
 Wind: 0-2 mph SW
 60X possible

Open Division

Ben Fok	Daystate PH6	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	54
Neil Younggren	Steyr ZM 100	BSA 10-50	Premier 10.5	51
Rod Skogen	Air Arms NJR-100	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	49
Dave Ahrenholz	Air Arms NJR-100	Nikko-Sterling 10-50	Premier 10.5	49
Jay Olson-Goude	FWB P70FT	Burris 8-32	JSB 8.4	48
Karen Skogen	Air Arms NJR-100	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	47

Piston Division

Dan Burt	Beeman R-9	Bushnell 4-12	Kodiak 10.6	28
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A decent fall day for the last match of the season in Minnesota—certainly could have been a lot worse!

Ben, who has been steadily improving all season, put together a great round for the win. Dan, who has also been improving over the course of the season, shot unopposed in the piston division and finished with a season high of 28.

After the match, the targets and strings were all packed away in the clubhouse for winter.

Twenty minutes before we leave, my dog Madison, who had been perfectly behaved all day, turned into a beast and rolled in fresh wild turkey doo. The ride home was unpleasant to say the least. Ugh.

Madison, looking cute and non-beasty —————>



October 9, 2003

Dear friends of airgunning,

At the 2003 Cajun Spring Nationals, we all signed a large greeting card for Champ Sutherland. Our group card was much appreciated and acknowledged .

Today, as I think about your thoughtfulness, I am reminded of the Sutherland Family. Daily, they give unselfishly to their family. Many of us are Christians and believe in the power of prayer, regardless of our church affiliation. I am writing to all of you, asking that we remember our friends (Wade, Karin, Champ and his brother) daily. If Daily is not possible, how about remembering them whenever we do something air rifle / air pistol related? Please give this some thought.

Thanks,

Linda Juneau
Bayou Airgun Club
Baton Rouge, LA

CASA Field Target Match @ Angles August 25, 2003 Results

It was a beautiful day but it was a tad warm. The breezes and thermometer may have said other wise however it felt hot. Leo Hwong only dropped two for the victory. Vipha Miller was in second in spite of executing a tree twice. Hopefully the greens won't hear about this. Daniel Moscaritolo survived the heat this time. Last months heat exhaustion gave us a scare. In the manly man spring class Joe Haddad took first place with his usual 3-sighter shots. It's always humbling to try to make a spring gun behave.

OPEN CLASS 52 Shot Course

50	Leo Hwong	CRX	Bushnell 8-32	Crosman Premier 10.5
44	Vipha Miller	P70	Bushnell 8-32	Crosman Premier 10.5
44	Daniel Moscaritolo			
43	Robert Mijares	Dominator	Tasco 8-40	Beeman Kodiak Match
43	John Spenser	Anschutz 2002	Burris 8-32	Crosman Premier 10.5
42	Vince Pacheco	Air Arms 100	NF 8-32	Crosman Premier 10.5
40	Tom Olivieri	P70 FT	Burris 8-32	Crosman Premier 10.5
40	Laurence Weisdorn	ZMLG	BSA 10-50	Crosman Premier 10.5
40	Michael Marcelli	ZMLG	Nikko 10-50	Crosman Premier 10.5
39	Ron Marco	Beeman Mako	Bushnell 8-32	Crosman Premier 10.5
37	Larry Durham	Simple Simon #1	Hakko 10-50	Crosman Premier 10.5
37	Doug Miller	Daystate CRX	Leupold 40x	Crosman Premier 10.5
29	Tim McMurray	Simple Simon #7	Hakko 10-50	Crosman Premier 10.5

Laurence Weisdorn and friends are an amazing bunch of shooters. Very similar gear. They would make a great team if the major events had a team class. Tim McMurray was sorting out a brand new gun. A little adjustment and it should be a winner.

SPRING GUN : REAL MEN EAT QUICHE OR WHATEVER THEY WANT

35	Joe Haddad	VENOM 97	B&L 6-24	Crosman Premier 7.9
32	Ron Jobbes	AA PRO SPORT	Tasco 520	Crosman Premier 7.9
20	Rich Shimizu	Marksman 61	Bushnell 6-18	Crosman Premier 10.5
18	David Fredrick	Gamo 440	Bushnell 6-18	Crosman Premier 7.9

David Fredrick was able to tune his Gamo's trigger to make it more manageable. As always small steps.

R. Shimizu

2003 CALIFORNIA STATE FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP

CALIFORNIA STATE OPEN CLASS CHAMPION

69 Leo Hwong CRX-S7 Bushnell 8-32 Crosman 10.5

High Score out of State

67 Bobby Corcoran Huntsman Bushnell 8-32 Crosman 10.5

OPEN CLASS (78 shot course)

67 Doug Miller** Steyr Bushnell 8-32 Crosman 10.5
63 Marvin Tannahill Steyr Hakko 6-34 Crosman 10.5
59 Larry Durham SS LD FT Hakko 12-50 JSB 10.2
59 Michael Marcelli ZM LG100 Nikko 10-50 Crosman 10.5
57 Tom Olivieri FWB P70FT Bushnell 8-32 Crosman 10.5
57 Dan Moscaritolo
55 Carlos Garza Air Arms 400 Bushnell 8-32 Crosman 10.5
55 Tim McMurray US-FT Proto Hakko 10-50 JSB 10.2
54 Bob Winer Steyr ZM LG Bushnell 8-32 Crosman 10.5
53 Robert Mijares *Left the range and will be sorely missed.*
53 Laurence Weisdorn ZM LG100 BSA 10-50 Crosman 10.5
51 Vipha Miller
29 Jennifer Valadez Mako
27 Bill Courington FWB P70 Bushnell 6-24 Kodiak Match
25 Bruce Cleveland ZM LG 100 BSA 10-50 Crosman 10.5
21 Brandy Tannahill Steyr Hakko 8-32 Crosman 10.5

** *Winner of shoot-off*

CALIFORNIA STATE SPRING CLASS CHAMPION

49 Mike Wann* HW-97 Bushnell 6-18 Crosman 7.9

46 Joe Haddad 97 Venom B&L 6-24 Crosman 7.9
46 Scott Rich* TX200 Simmons 8-20 JSB
42 Joe Salamanca 77 Venom Bushnell 8-32 FTS
41 Vince Pacheco TX200 Bushnell 8-32 Lazadome
33 Steve Gibbons 77 Venom Leupold 3-9 Crosman 10.5
30 Ron Jobbes Prosport Tasco 5-20 Crosman 7.9
19 Sean Gibbons 77 Venom Leupold 3-9 Crosman 10.5
12 Marco Valadez HW97 Bushnell 6-24 Crosman 7.9
10 Dave Farabuell 97 Venom B&L 6-18 FTS
8 Richard Shimizu Marksman 61 Leupold 18-40 JSB

We regret to note the passing of Robert Mijares. Our condolences go out to his family. The world needs more people with his gentlemanly demeanor and sense of humor. Also he was a damn fine shot.

Another year older, and deeper in debt. Still it could be worse. The bad news is I intend to seek the office of President again. I always was a slow learner. As always there seems to be a need for change and yet the lessons learned for Jack Kirkendoll always lean toward temperance. Issues that burn with white-hot intensity seem to turn to ashes inside of six months to be replaced by this month's issue. The State Championships seem to have had a favorable response. The two-day format had both fans and detractors we will see. The feedbag was over budget but the Missouri style BBQ seemed to be favorably received. . It was pleasant to have visitors from Northern California and Arizona though it was disconcerting seeing Carlos Garza lying by the side of the road early Saturday morning.

Look forward to the December potluck swap meet and shoot. If you can't cook bring chips. If your budgets flat just bring a smile - we never turn anyone away. We used to try to plan for dishes but things tend to work themselves out just fine. Do bring an appetite.

I would also like to thank Tim McMurray of MAC-1 and Robert Buchanan of Airguns of Arizona for their generous donations of prizes for the raffle.

Richard Shimizu, President CASA

CASA STANDARD PISTON CLASS MATCH: PRADO 10/11/03

The day was perfect for a match with mild temperature for the Chino area. The field was smaller then anticipated with ten participants. Possibly the expectation of an easy course kept the exotics at bay. From the threats of bodily harm I received it couldn't have been that easy. The illegal sixty-yard berm shot drew howls of anguish. Lovely. The ridiculously long reduced shots were another point of contention. I must apologize for the long reduced offhand shot. It was originally a normal position until I realized there were no offhand shots. Visual clutter was introduced by means of strategically placed stakes, chicken buckets and water jugs. Kill zones were unobstructed. Prizes were awarded to top, bottom and average shooter. CASA alumnus Gary Barnes made a visit from Texas. With the aid of my un-zeroed HW77 and taking all shots offhand Gary took the top prize of one of Ron Marcos custom gun carriers. Persistence has its rewards. Top score went to Argen Wong. Leo Hwong took one look at the course and broke out the heavy artillery. No hunting rifle for him. Le menu consisted of shrimp cocktail, California roll, grapes, rhubarb pie, chips and dip and cherry pie. We wanted to keep things simple. R. Shimizu, President

OPEN CLASS 36 SHOT COURSE

29	Leo Hwong	Daystate CRX	Bushnell 8-32	Crosman 10.5
28	Phil Lindberg	Air Arms 300	B&L 6-24	Crosman 22
24	Ron Marco	FX	BSA 8-32	FTS 22

STANDARD PISTON CLASS

25	Argen Wong	HW 97	Elite	FTS
22	Ron Jobbes	PROSPORT	Tasco	Crosman 7.9
19	Mike Wann	HW 97	Bushnell 6-18	Crosman 7.9
17	David Frederick	HW97	B&L 6-18	FTS
8	Russ Lattime	GAMO 220	Bushnell 4X	Copperhead pointed
3	Rich Shimizu	Marksman 59	Simmons 6-20	JSB
2	Gary Barnes	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40	JSB

The club would like to welcome new shooter Russ Lattime who had the grave misfortune of shooting with me. This cruel and unusual punishment is generally reserved for the thick-skinned.. Gary Barnes had the double handicap of using an untested batch of pellets. In the end it's all entertainment. Richard Shimizu

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