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From the Editor:

Another year come and gone.

Thanks to Tom Itterly for the article on Mini Field Target. This seems to be working well for their club and it might work for some others too.

I received Steve Hanson's new book 'Airgun Odyssey' and enjoyed it very much. I'll publish a full review next issue.

Don't forget to submit your schedules for next season for inclusion in the match calendar.

Shoot straight and enjoy the issue!  
Jay

\$ State of the Finances \$  
and a New Year's resolution  
by Secretary/Treasurer Cliff Smith

As of 12/18/03, after paying the printer for AAFTA Newsletter Vol.13, issue #8, the balance of AAFTA's bank account is \$3284.68.

The major cost to AAFTA is the printing and mailing costs of the newsletter. Over the year this averages around \$500 per issue. So although our account balance looks good at the moment, it shrinks pretty rapidly. At present there are some 30 associate members whose membership has expired in the last five months, and several whose membership is about to expire. Make the following New Year's resolution: Take a look at the top line of the label on your newsletter. That is your renewal date. Don't be shy. Fill out the form and keep those checks coming.

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# 2004 Match Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
31-1: TBA/PEL 2004 Super- bowl/2003 FL State Championships			3-4: BAC Cajun Spring Classic  17: MAFTA  18: EFTCC  25: WWCCA	2: EFTCC  15: MAFTA  16: WWCCA	6: EFTCC, MAFTA  13: WWCCA  19: MAFTA  27: WWCCA
July	August	September	October	November	December
4: MAFTA  17: MAFTA  17-18 WWCCA Great Lakes 100  23-25: World FT Championships— Ebern, Germany	1: MAFTA  7-8: EFTCC North- east Regionals  16: WWCCA  21: MAFTA  29: WWCCA	18: MAFTA MN State Championships  19: WWCCA	3: EFTCC  9: MAFTA  17 : WWCCA	21: EFTCC NY State Championships	

# 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)	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

## Cleaning Kits

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

## Field Targets

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
Rick Stoutenberg	734-261-1683
Ron Juneau's Cajun Targets juneaur@bellsouth.net	225-261-7435
After Hours Target Company	<a href="mailto:AfterHoursTargetCo@att.net">AfterHoursTargetCo@att.net</a>

## Gas Rams

Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-724-6169
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## Lubricants

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

## Pellets

Airgun Express (Crosman Premier)	900-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1	310-327-3581

## 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

## 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
Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-724-6169
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	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1 (Droopers)	310-327-3581
Precision Airgun Ltd. (BKL)	562-430-9183

## Silhouette Targets

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
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## Stocks

Wade Sutherland	662-429-4663
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## Wind Flags

Direct Wind Flags/Stylie Edwards	662-429-5794
	and/or
	901-603-7107

## Airgun Videos

Pellethead	800-213-2088
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## Awards and Trophies

Bob Zimmerman	713-680-1329
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**BAC & BREC jointly host the 15th CAJUN SPRING CLASSIC**

**\*\*\* 2004 \*\*\***

**Dates: April 3rd, and 4th, 2004**

**Site: Jean Lafitte Airgun Range**

**Location: 17200 Airline Hwy., US HWY 61, (Old State Fairgrounds) Baton Rouge, La.**

**Directions to range: A map will be sent to all registrants**

**Rules: AAFTA Rules will be enforced (shoot, safety, classification)**

**NOTE: Timers will be used at the shooting lanes allowing 5 min. for 4 shots**

**Safety: AAFTA Safety rules will be enforced. Airguns must chronograph at 20 ft.lbs. or less**

**Practice Range: Practice range open April 2nd, from 8 AM to 5 PM and 7 AM on match days**

**Course of Fire: 100 shots (a shooter's meeting will precede each match)**

**Match #1 8:30 AM, April 3rd---50 shots**

**Match #2 8:30 AM, April 4th---50 shots**

**Classes: PCP and PISTON GUN**

**Teams: Four-man Teams; 1st Place only (\$20 fee to be collected prior to shooting)**

**Awards: PCP----1ST thru 5TH, PISTON GUN----1ST thru 5TH  
HIGH JR., HIGH SR., HIGH WOMAN, and HIGH LA. SHOOTER**

**Entry Fee: \$50.00 (includes lunch both days) MATCH IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 78 ENTRIES**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: March 6, 2004**

**Meals: Lunch will be provided on Sat. and Sun.. Non-competitor meals are \$5.00 each**

**Air Tanks: Prepaid tank rental (\$15) - delivered to range.**

**Hotel: Holiday Inn East, I-10 @ Siegen, Bt. Ru. Mention Cajun Spring Classic Airgun  
Club for \$51 rate prior to March 14, 2004 Ph. (225) 293-6880**

**For more information contact Ron Juneau, by email at, [juneaur@bellsouth.net](mailto:juneaur@bellsouth.net)  
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**Registration for the 2004 CAJUN SPRING CLASSIC  
April 3rd, and 4th, 2004 in Baton Rouge, La.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age(on April 4th) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_**

**City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club \_\_\_\_\_**

**Air Rifle \_\_\_\_\_ Scope \_\_\_\_\_ Pellet \_\_\_\_\_**

**Class (PCP, Piston) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Individual: \$50.00; Prepaid Tank rental \$15 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Guest lunch(s) @\$5 Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Guest lunch(s) @\$5 Sun. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY DEADLINE March 6, 2004 Match Limited to 78 Entries**

**Make check payable to: Bayou Airgun Club  
and mail to:  
Linda Juneau  
5164 Universal Ave.  
Greenwell Springs, La. 70739**

The game of Mini Field Target has been written about in the AAFTA News now for the full 2003 season, but most of you probably don't have a clue as to how the game is played, the type of targets that are used, nor the distances at which the targets are placed. This article will shed some light on this very exciting new game that was solely designed to bring more people into the game of Field Target.

How would you like to triple your membership? Think of Mini Field Target as a stepping-stone into real Field Target. As most of you already know, most of the airgunners out there are back yard shooters and squirrel hunters using cheap, or should I say inexpensive, air-guns to shoot with. The majority of people who buy airguns use them to rid their back yards of squirrels or buy them as a stepping-stone into the world of "real guns." They don't realize that airguns are the best training tool to practice with to improve their shooting prowess.

Field Target as it is now played is a wonderful game, but here again, you must invest a hefty sum of money just to get into it! Mini Field Target eliminates a lot of the drawbacks that stop the average airgun shooter from entering into Field Target. A stepping stone, if you will, an easy way to experience Field Target without all the shock of see what is needed to compete: the cost, the difficulty, and the experience necessary to compete.

It all started as a training exercise for the NJROTC unit at Millington Central High School where I was the shooting coach for some 4 years or so. I used field targets to help make the shooting exercises more fun! It was a big success. On December 5th, 2000 my team and the Craigmont team competed at the 1st official Mini Field Target match ever. Even though it was indoors and the distance was only ten yards, the kill zones were small enough to offer a real challenge to those ten-meter paper-punchers. When the game was moved outdoors, the target distance moved to 20 yards and now finally to 100 to 25 yards maximum.

Shooting with low-powered airguns in Mini Field Target can really help to move airgun shooters into the real game of Field Target. The challenge is making and setting up the targets correctly. These mini field targets come in several variations from as large as eight to ten inches tall to small size minis of only two to five inches tall plus regular field targets with kill zones. We typically don't use regular field targets with kill zones smaller than one inch, but on special occasions, such as our Halloween Shoot, we can go very small, but remember to keep it fun for all.

The Mid-South Tri/State Airgunners Association uses eight lanes with four targets per lane and two shots per target. Two of the targets are mini field targets and the other two are regular field targets. The left sides of the lane uprights are where we place the mini field target reset strings, and the right sides are for the regular target strings. We have at least one adult per lane and we use gun racks at each lane to help keep things safe. This 32 shot course for both mini and regular field target really brings it all together.

Since both classes of shooters use the same lane, they both get an opportunity to see what the other class has to shoot at. A broad mix of minis would be 70% large size, 20% medium size, and 10% regular kill zone field targets. 85 to 90% of the targets used are just targets hinged at the base with no real kill zone - just a 1-1/2" black aiming spot set against a white target background with black details on the target face. These targets must be set so light that the wind almost knocks them over - if not, the mass of these 1/8" large steel targets won't fall with the lightest pellet strikes.

Mini Field Target is for everyone, and any type of pellet rifle or pistol shooting as slow as 400 FPS can be used. The regular field targets also need to be set very light to fall with a hit to the paddle as low as one to two foot-pounds of energy. Again, setup is very important to a successful match.

Note: Even though you set the targets as light as possible, they usually won't fall if a shot is placed much lower than the center of the target. I usually mention to aim center to high for a successful kill, because just like in regular Field Target, the target must fall to be scored as a kill.

Our club motto is, "An airgun club for the entire family." If you really want your club to grow, then try Mini Field Target as a stepping-stone into real Field Target.

For complete rules or any questions please call me.

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## DIFTA match, September 6, 2003

### OPEN CLASS

Steve Schulz	IdSimpleSimon #2	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	69	1
Guy Omictin	FWB P70jr	Nikko 10-50	Kodiak Match	65	2
Werner Wicha	Walther LG300DM	BSA 10-50	CP 10.5	60	3
Joe McDaniel	Steyr LG100ZM	Tasco 8-40	Kodiak Match	59	
Roger Feddon	Falcon FN19	Simmons 6.5-20	Kodiak Match	59	
Thomas Jones	ProTarget	Nikko 10-50		57	
Earl Brooks	NJR100	BSA 20	CP 10.5	56	
Helge Krambeck	ZM2002	BSA 10-50	CP 10.5	48	

### PISTON CLASS

Ray Apelles	TX200	Nightforce 36	JSB 8.4	65	1
Albert Otter	TX200SR	Leupold 25-50	FTS	56	2
Rex Gori	TX200	Leupold 6.5-20	CP 7.9	55	3
Stan Lipinski	TX200SR	Leupold 6.5-20	CP 7.9	54	
Melvin Fox	TX200	Simmons 6.5-20	FTS	43	
Tim Berlett	TX200	Simmons 6-18	H&N Trophy	37	

### STANDING CLASS

Dale Benson	RWS 94	Swift 8-32	CP 7.9	34	1
Hans Apelles	NJR100	B&L 8-32	CP 10.5	34	1
Franklin Turner	R-9	Peep	CP 7.9	21	2

### JUNIOR CLASS

Derek Andes	HW-97	Simmons 8-32	CP 7.9	111	
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### HUNTER CLASS

Sam Ventura	R-10	Leupold 6-20	CP 7.9	56	
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Due to popular request, a hunter class was offered in this match. Sam Ventura with his shooting sticks showed all of us what can be achieved, even when scope power is limited to 12x. The hunter class will also be offered at the MD State Championship match next month here at DIFTA. The weather for this 72 shot match was beautiful with occasional light wind.

Steve Schulz

## MD FT State Championship at DIFTA, October 18, 2003

### OPEN CLASS

<b>Joe McDaniel</b>	<b>Steyr LG100ZM</b>	<b>Tasco 8-40</b>	<b>Kodiak Match</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>
Thomas Jones	Steyr LG100ZM	Nikko 10-50	Kodiak Match	56	2
Claude Phillippy	FX2000	Nikko 10-50	Kodiak Match	53	3
Dennis Verhagen	S200	Burriss 8-32	CP 10.5	50	
Tom Watters	Watters FT2	Swift 8-32	Kodiak Match	48	
Bill Woycik	Falcon FN19	Nikko 10-50		44	

### PISTON CLASS

<b>Ray Apelles</b>	<b>TX200</b>	<b>Nightforce 36</b>	<b>JSB 8.4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>
Guy Omictin	TX200	Hakko 10-50	JSB 8.4	61	2
Paul Bishop	TX200	B&L 8-32	FTS	58	3
Albert Otter	TX200SR	Leupold 25-50	FTS	51	
Melvin Fox	TX200	Simmons 6.5-20	FTS	42	
Phil Dean	TX200	Tasco 8-40	CP 7.9	42	
Stan Lipinski	TX200SR	Leupold 6.5-20	CP 7.9	39	
Karl Krchma	TX200	Trophy 6-18	CP 7.9	39	
Tim Berlett	TX200	Simmons 6-18	H&N FTT	25	
Rex Gori	TX200	Leupold 6.5-20	CP 7.9	DNF	

### STANDING CLASS

<b>Hans Apelles</b>	<b>NJR100</b>	<b>B&amp;L 8-32</b>	<b>CP 10.5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>
Jim Wilcox	FX	B&L 6-24	CP 7.9	36	2
Dale Benson	RWS 94	Swift 8-32	CP 7.9	26	3
Franklin Turner	Falcon FN19	Tasco 6-24	CP 7.9	22	

### JUNIOR CLASS

<b>Derek Andes</b>	<b>HW-97</b>	<b>Simmons 6.5-20</b>	<b>CP 7.9</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1</b>
Michael Schulz	TX200	Tasco 8-40	CP 7.9	101	2
Bevin Watters	Falcon FN19	BSA 8-32	CP 10.5	99	3
Alan Berlett	TX200	Simmons 6-18	H&N FTT	84	
Andrew McGee	Watters FT1	Simmons 6-18		67	
Matt Berlett	TX200	Simmons 6-18	H&N FTT	64	

### HUNTER CLASS

<b>Sam Ventura</b>	<b>R-10</b>	<b>Leupold 6-20</b>	<b>CP 7.9</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>
Ed Canoles	R-9 .20	Trophy 4-12	FTS .20	45	2
David Dudley	Falcon FN19	B&L 8-32	Kodiak Match	37	3
Henry Canoles	R-9	Trophy 4-12	CP 10.5	32	
Steve Schulz	Walther LG53	Peep	Daisy WC	3	

This was one of the rare matches where the top score in the piston class was higher than in open class. The new hunter class appears to be quite popular and I was pleasantly surprised to see six juniors shooting with us! In piston class Guy Omictin and Ray Apelles were tied for first place, which was resolved by shoot-off at our beloved Long Tom turkey target with a 1" kill zone at about 50 yards. Congratulations to the new Maryland State FT Champions!

After holding FT matches at DIFTA for over three years now, I have decided to retire from the match director's position, since I do not have the time to give this task all the attention it deserves. Joe McDaniel and Tim Berlett will be holding the DIFTA matches from now on and I wish both much success and the best of luck.

A big Thank You! to all the shooters who have participated in our FT matches over the years - you made shooting here always fun!

Steve Schulz



**Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC) At Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)  
 NY State Field Target Championships ~ EFTCC @ DCPA - 11/16/2003**

**New York State Open Champion**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Bob Ford	44	85%	1000	P70FT	Leupold 6.5-20x40	10.5 CP	875	17.9	1X(standing)

**Open Class**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
John Way *	41	79%	932	RN10	Leupold 14.5-35	10.5 CP	875	17.9	1X
Dennis Verhagen *	41	79%	932	AAS200	Burris 8-32	7.9 CP	860	13.0	
Tom Watters	39	75%	886	Watters FT 2	Swift 8-32	10.5 CP	860	17.2	
Joe Dennis	37	71%	841	Falcon 19W	BSA 10-50	8.4 JSB	900	15.1	
Tom Diorio	37	71%	841	AAS200	Blazer 6-24x50	8.4 JSB	904	15.2	
Laura Mendez	26	50%	591	Daystate Mirage	Trophy 6-18x40	7.9 CP	805	11.4	1X

**New York State Spring Gun Champion**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Paul Bishop	45	87%	1000	TX200	B&L 8-32 Elite	8.6 FTS	880	14.8	

**Spring Gun Class**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Paul Cray *	36	69%	800	TX200	B&L 8-32 Elite	8.4 JSB	823	12.6	
Mike Cohen *	36	69%	800	TX200	B&L 8-32 Elite	8.4 JSB	920	15.8	1X
Tom Owen	21	40%	467	TX200	B&L 8-32 Elite	8.6 FTS	830	13.2	
Bill Pratt	15	29%	333	HW97K	BSA8.5-34	7.9 CP	845	12.5	
Ray Apelles	36DNC	69%	800	TX200	Nightforce 36FT	8.4 JSB	805	12.1	1X

**New York State Junior Champion**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Danielle Diorio	92		1000	AAS200	Blazer 6-24x50	8.4 JSB	904	15.2	

**Junior Class**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Bevin Watters	62		674	Falcon	BSA8-32	10.5 CP	870	17.7	1X
Andrew McGee	61		663	Watters FT 1	Simmons 6-18	7.9 CP	750	9.9	
Venkat Jambavat	29		315	Diana 70	none				

**New York State Off-Hand Champion**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Gopal Jambavat	44	85%	1000	Walther LG300	Walther 10-40	10.6 HN	830	16.2	1X(standing)

**Off-Hand (Standing) Class**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Jim Wilcox	35	67%	795	Axsor FX	B&L 6-24x40	7.9 CP	825	11.9	
Joe Giunti	27	52%	614	Falcon FN12	B&L 6-24x40	10.6 BK	820	15.8	
Krishniah Gambavat	25	48%	568	Talon	Bushnell 6-18	10.6 HN	865	17.6	
Hans Apelles	31DNC	60%	705	NJR100	B&L 8-32	10.5 CP	910	19.3	

**New York State Hunter Champion**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
George Blass *	31	60%	1000	AAS200	Banner 6-18x50	8.4 JSB	790	11.6	

**Hunter Class**

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs	75 YD
Eve Sturdevant *	31	55%	1000	AAS200	Banner 6-18x50	8.4 JSB	790	11.6	
Rob Barnshaw	22	43%	710	RWS94	BSA 12X	7.9 CP	908	14.5	

\* tie resolved via shoot-off

Troyer Difficulty Factors (TDF)	Target Difficulty	Match Notables:
Easy 0 to 19 30.8%	Hardest target was a 51 TDF	Match Troyer Difficulty Factors (TDF) = 26 Longest target was 51.7 yards
Moderate 20 to 29 34.6%	There were only 4 targets beyond 40 yards (3 beyond 45) and yet no one cleaned the course or came close to it. The wind was negligible for most of the day & the drizzle was short, light and intermittent.	
Hard 30 to 39 23.1%		
Expert 40 + 11.5%		

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## NY State FT Championships ~ Field Target Match Review EFTCC @ DCPA 11/16/2003

Sunday morning was here. Up at zero dark thirty to meet Dennis Verhagen for the 3 hour trek to participate in the NY State FT Championships being held by the Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club at the Dutchess County Pistol Association range. Yes, say that five times real fast... Weather forecast was looking good, sunny with estimated temps in the high 40's, and most importantly little wind expected. It was 44 already when I left the house. Not too shabby for mid-November. Meet Dennis at his home and as we're getting ready to leave we look out and happen to notice that it's raining. Hmmmmm. OK, it's going to pass, weather report mentioned nothing about this. After an uneventful ride, although we did see a dead wolf on the side of the road (yes it was a wolf I tell you, that's my story and I'm sticking to it) we arrive in NY, car thermometer says 33 degrees. Light rain had been intermittent for the whole trip. The sight-in range was already bustling with activity when we arrived. Ray Apelles was mired in paperwork in the shack and got us registered. Once back outside to sight in and warm up, Hans Apelles explained the safety rules to me as it was my first time there and only the fourth match I had ever participated in. Fourth match in three weekends, but I'm hooked now and see many more in the future. Take a few 35 – 40 yard shots with my trusty RWS 94 and see that I'm at least capable of hitting an 8.5x11 sheet of paper and figure all is well, that's some fine shooting for me. Looking down the firing line I see a guy shooting a monster spring gun, it's the legendary Paul Bishop. Tom Watters and his sharp shooting junior crew were hard at it. A total of 25 people came out to participate in the match and there were several spectators as well. It was certainly going to be a great day.

About 9:45 we packed up and headed up to the FT range. The course was made up of 13 lanes, 2 targets per lane, and 2 shots per target for a total of 52 shots. There was a lane (or maybe 2, it's a week later now...) designated for standing offhand shooting only and one for kneeling. Also the 75 yard bonus target which counted for bragging rights only. Very nicely laid out. There were also a few handicapped targets that could be shot as an option in Hunter and Offhand Class. Still nippy, but no wind and so far it's staying dry. Ray worked on making up the squads and Hans held the Shooters Meeting. Light rain now and it starts getting muddy. I got squaddled up with George Blass and Eve Sturdevant who were both shooting Eve's new S200, and the three of us comprised the Hunter Class.

A siren goes off beside us caused by Cpt Bob Ford hitting the 75 yard bonus target standing and shooting offhand and he ended up winning the Open Class competition. And the 50/50 drawing... Gopal Jambavat also hit the 75 yard target standing, and went on to take 1<sup>st</sup> in the Offhand Class. John Way, Laura Mendez, Mike Cohen, Ray Apelles, and Junior Class sensation Bevin Watters also had no problems hitting that killzone way out there at 75 yards.

Superman with a Spring Gun Paul Bishop shot his way to another 1<sup>st</sup> place victory as well as having the overall match high score of 45. A tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> went to Paul Cray, shooting it out with Mike Cohen. Both of them scored a 36.

As mentioned previously, Cpt Bob Ford took 1<sup>st</sup> in Open Class with a score of 44, followed by a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> won by John Way in a shootout with Dennis Verhagen. Their scores were tied at 41.

Also mentioned previously Gopal Jambavat captured 1<sup>st</sup> in the Offhand Class with a 44, followed by Jim Wilcox with a 35, and Joe Giunti with a 27.

Hunter Class turned out to be a heated competition between George Blass and Eve Sturdevant with George taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in a shoot off, their scores a 31. I brought up the rear with a 22.

Junior Class was won by Danielle Diorio with the outstanding score of 92. If scored on the regular adult scoring system her score would have been a 40. Absolutely incredible, this girl can shoot! 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Bevin Watters with a score of 62 and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Andrew McGee with a 61. Venkat Jambavat also was a delight to watch shooting a Diana 70 with open sights. This little guy scored a fantastic 29.

Eventually the rain stopped and it warmed up a bit and it was indeed a fine day. After the awards were handed out and the targets brought in a large group went to the Hometown Buffet to enjoy some good food and lively conversation. Many thanks to the "A" Team for their hard work putting this match together and bringing it off without a hitch. I for one feel honored to have the opportunity to shoot with such a fine group of people and look forward to many more events in the future. Thanks!

Match review written by Rob Barnshaw (Rob in PA)

The Junior Club Championship was won by Danielle Diorio and the Runner up was Michael Proscher. Danielle received her pick of 2 of the 3 Junior Targets and the Championship Plaque. Michael received the remaining target as his prize. These Targets are too pretty to shoot according to Danielle and hers will be kept with all of her other awards. Congratulations all. Full match results, pictures of the shooters and awards can be found on the "A" Team's Web Site: (<http://www.bestweb.net/~ateamray/EFTCC Match Library.htm>). The EFTCC Photo albums can be found at the following URL: <http://community.webshots.com/user/eftcc>. Info regarding the FREE AIR RIFLE RAFFLE can be found on the "A" Team's website.

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## AAFTA Rule Changes

The following rule changes/clarifications were discussed and adopted at the 2003 AAFTA Meeting in Detroit. As promised, here is the official wording as adopted by the AAFTA Governors:

Discharge rule:

5. Scoring:

- A) Same
- B) Same
- C) When the gun is shouldered, any discharge of air down the barrel and/or disengagement of the sears shall be recorded as a miss if the target does not fall. A shooter may announce their intention to discharge the gun into the ground without the penalty of a miss.

Time Per Shot

11) Time per shot:

- A) The match director and/or marshal may impose a time limit per lane or per target either before or during a match. Match directors should note the use and limits of timers in the match announcement, if possible. Timers should be of the countdown type with an audible alarm when time runs out. Typical time allowed is 1 minute per shot with 1 minute set up time per lane, ex: 4 shots on a lane equals 5 minutes of time for that lane.
- B) The timer can be started by a squad member or the shooter, and can be placed so the shooter can monitor his or her own time. Timers are to be started when the shooter 1) sits down for a sitting shot or 2) shoulders the rifle for the first time for kneeling / standing shot or 3) lays down for a prone shot.
- C) If a "cold" line/ cease-fire is called while the timer is active, stop the timer and add an additional 15 seconds to the time remaining and restart the timer when "hot" line/ resume-fire is called.
- D) Any shots taken after the alarm sounds will be counted as a miss. In case of a tie with the alarm, and the squad members agree on the tie, then the shot is given to the shooter. A marshal or the match director will handle any disputes.

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