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From the Editor

Hey All,

Lots of stuff this month—check it out!

Ron Gill is back with another story—you'll find it on page 11

Tom Itterly submitted a description of a game they're shooting at his club: Junior Field Target. You can find that on page 8.

There are three seats on the AAFTA board of governors to be filled at the elections in August. Inside, you'll find statements from each of the six persons who are contending for those three seats. I'd ask that each associate member consider the candidates' histories and visions for the future and let your club representative know how you feel about them. I'd also ask that club representatives listen carefully to their members and cast their votes accordingly.

See you in Tacoma!

Jay

Worlds Update (2006) from Roz Sumter

AAFTA and the Good Ole Boy club have withdrawn our bid for the 2006 World FT match. We have been told by a number of World FT Federation members that many bureaucratic obstacles hinder foreign visitors to the U.S., and foreign visitors bringing any type of 'arm' are hindered even more. There are quotas on visas from some countries and others need 'biometric' visas. Steps are already in motion to alleviate this problem in the future. However, as we all know, the wheels grind slowly in our system of government. Frankly folks, we are out of time in

Reminder: As we will be changing over to e-mail presentation of the AAFTA Newsletter, if you would like to receive your Newsletter electronically, please send your e-mail address to csmith57@tampabay.rr.com so we can begin to build the database needed. Thanks.

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AAFTA Member Clubs

AA:	Airgunning Atlanta: Atlanta GA Ken Hughes 770-445-0789 mbmedic@techie.com http://www.airgunningatlanta.com	NOCASA:	Northern California Airgun Shooters Association; San Francisco, CA Mike McKeown 707-253-8029 http://www.californiafieldtarget.com
AOA:	Airgunners of Arizona; Mesa, AZ Robert Buchanan 480-461-1113	OASA:	Ohio Airgun Shooters Association; Mansfield, OH Bruce Perathaner 419-756-7813
BAC:	Bayou Airgun Club; Baton Rouge, LA Jack Kirkendoll 225-755-1715	PEL:	Peltican Airgunners; Dade City, FL Don Vanderwerker 813-621-1509
BAGA:	Badgerland Air Gun Association; Bristol, WI Alex Modic 262-895-7251 modic@execpc.com http://www.bagaclub.com	TBA:	Tampa Bay Airgunners; Odessa, FL Cliff Smith 813-884-0507
BGAC:	Bluegrass Airgun Club; Lexington, KY Steve Cox 859-263-8378 coxclark@email.msn.com	TRRFTC:	Tacoma Rifle & Revolver Field Target Club Tacoma, WA Jim Benson alf911@webtv.net
CARS:	California Accurate Rifle Shooters; Long Beach, CA Bob Winer 562-430-9185 rtwiner@yahoo.com	TVA:	Tennessee Valley Airgunners; Huntsville, AL Brad Troyer 256-882-2811
CASA:	California Airgun Shooters Association; Los Angeles, CA Richard Shimizu 562-427-1403	WFTC:	Woodland Field Target Club; Woodland, WA Craig Taylor dibzter@aol.com
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DIFTA:	Damascus Maryland Chapter of the Isaak Walton League of America Joe McDaniels mcdanieljr@earthlink.net Tim Berlett teber@earthlink.net	WSC:	Westfield Sportsman's Club; Westfield, MA Robb White RobbW@comcast.net http://members.cox.net/wsc_field_target/index.html
DJMC:	Delran Junior Marksman; Delran, NJ John Quiter 732-269-3303	WWCCA:	Western Wayne County Conservation Association; Plymouth, MI Rick Stoutenberg 734-261-1683 http://www.wvcca.com/clubs/air_gun.htm
EFTCC:	Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club Wappingers Falls, NY Ray Apelles 845-896-9792 http://www.bestweb.net/~ateamray	YAGC:	Yegua Air Gun Club; Somerville, TX Scott York 979-596-2404
GOB:	Good Ole Boys' Airgun Club; Pulaski TN Roz Sumpter 931-424-5314	Associate Member Clubs	
IAFTC:	Idaho Airgun Field Target Club; Pocatello, ID George Gardner 208-522-3825 Home 208-201-1188 Cell srolmo@cableone.net	ARFTRCC:	Air Rifle Field Target Riley Conservation Club; Terra Haute, IN Robert Hargis Jr. 812-466-7306
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MSFTA:	Mountain State Field Target Association St. Albans, WV Rick McAllister 304-549-5409 rick.mcallister@att.net		
NMAC:	Northern Mississippi Airgun Club; Hernando, MS Stylie Edwards 662-429-5794		

2005 Match Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
9: WSC 15: AA 29: AA	5-6: TBA/PEL 2005 Super Bowl / 2004 FL State Championship 12: AA, WSC 26: AA	5: IAFTC 6: WFTC 12: AA, MSTs 13: WSC 19: TVA, TRRFTC, DIFTA, MSTs 26: AA	2: IAFTC 9: AA, WSC, CASA, NMAC 16: MAFTA, TVA, TRRFTC, DIFTA, MSTs 17: WWCCA, CASA 23: AA 23-24: Id's Temecula Challenge 30: NMAC, MSTs	7: AA, IAFTC, WSC 8: WFTC 14: CASA, NMAC, MSTs 15: WFTA, WWCCA 21: MAFTA, TVA, TRRFTC, AA, DIFTA 22: WSC, CASA 28: MSTs	4: CCFTC, AA, IAFTC 5: WWCCA 11: CASA, NMAC 11-12: 2005 Good Ole Boys at GOB 12: WFTA 18: MAFTA, TRRFTC, AA, DIFTA 19: BGAC 25: MSTs 26: MAFTA, WWCCA, WSC, CASA
July	August	September	October	November	December
2: IAFTC 3: WFTC 9: NMAC 16: MAFTA, TVA, TRRFTC, AA, DIFTA 17: WFTA, BGAC 23-24: WWCCA Great Lakes 100, MSTs 24: MAFTA 30: AA, NMAC 31: WSC	6: IAFTC, DIFTA, MSTs 13: MAFTA, CCFTC, AA, NMAC 14: WWCCA 19-21: 2005 AAFTA US Nationals at TRRFTC 20-21: WFTA Canadian Championships, TVA 21: BGAC 27: AA, WSC 28: MAFTA, WWCCA	3: IAFTC, MSTs 4: WFTC 10: MAFTA MN State Championships, AA, NMAC 10-11: BGAC Bluegrass 100 16-18 WFTF World Championships - Weston Park, England 17: TVA, TRRFTC, WSC 17-18: MSTs Regional Championships 18: WFTA, WWCCA 24: AA, DIFTA	1: CCFTC WA State Championships, WSC, MSTs 8: MAFTA, AA, NMAC 8-9: DIFTA MD State Championships 15: TVA, TRRFTC, MSTs 16: WFTA, WWCCA, BGAC 22: AA 23: WSC MA State Championships 29: DIFTA, NMAC MS State Championships 29-30: MSTs Junior Regional Championships	5: TVA AL State Championships, AA 9: WSC 12: NMAC, MSTs 13: WWCCA 19: AA 20: BGAC 26: MSTs	3: AA 17: AA, WSC

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 www.FieldTargets.com	239-772-3588

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 and AAFTA "Club & Shooters Handbook"	813-884-0507
Airgun Digest 3rd Edition Airgun Illustrated	800-247-4876

Regulators

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

Scope Knobs and/or Levels

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

Scope Wheels

Lake Precision Machine, Inc	lpm@lakepm.com
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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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NORTHWEST FIELD TARGET



NWFT CONTACT:

JIM BENSON 7502 JOHN DOWER RD. W. LAKEWOOD, WA. 98499
HOME & FAX 253-582-1691 CELL 253-881-0904

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2005 AAFTA NATIONAL FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ AGE _____

AIR RIFLE: _____ CLASS: PCP PISTON (CIRCLE ONE)

SCOPE: _____ PELLET: _____

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION \$75 (\$90 AFTER JULY 15) \$ _____

ENTRIES LIMITED TO THE FIRST 90 SHOOTERS.

NON-COMPETITOR MEALS, \$10 PER MEAL, SAT. ___ SUN: ___ \$ _____

AIR RENTAL \$15 FOR THE WEEKEND \$ _____

POLO SHIRTS: \$30 EACH, INDICATE SIZE, COLOR AND QUANTITY. \$ _____

SM: ___ MED: ___ LG: ___ XLG: ___ XXL: ___ BURGANDY ___ TAN ___

TOTAL \$ _____

SEND REGISTRATION AND CHECKS PAYABLE TO: JIM BENSON 7502 JOHN DOWER RD. W. LAKEWOOD, WA. 98499

DATE: AUGUST 20 & 21, 2005. THIS WILL BE A TWO DAY MATCH. HELD AT TR&R FT CLUB, UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA.

PRACTICE: RANGE WILL BE OPEN AUGUST 19 FROM 9AM TO 4PM AND 9AM ON MATCH DAYS.

DIRECTIONS: A MAP AND ADDITIONAL MATCH INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO ALL REGISTRANTS.

RULES: ALL AAFTA AND TR&R RULES WILL BE ENFORCED. AIRGUNS MUST CHRONOGRAPH AT 20 FT. LBS. OR LESS.

COURSE OF FIRE: 120 SHOTS ON 2 COURSES, ONE MATCH EACH DAY CONSISTING OF 60 SHOTS EACH. 15 LANES, EACH COURSE. TIMERS WILL BE USED ON ALL LANES. (5 MINUTES)

TEAMS: FIVE SHOOTER CLUB TEAMS, TOP FOUR FOR SCORE. TEAMS MUST BE COMPOSED OF REGULAR CLUB MEMBERS. \$25 ENTRY FEE, PER TEAM, DUE BY START OF THE MATCH ON AUGUST 20.

AWARDS: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PCP AND PISTON, 2ND-5TH IN PCP/PISTON, 1ST HIGH SENIOR, 1ST HIGH LADY, 1ST HIGH JR. AND 1ST PLACE TEAM. HIGHEST US SCORES IN OPEN AND PISTON CLASS WILL BE CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPION FOR THEIR CLASS. ADDITIONAL TROPHIES MAY BE ADDED AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

TIE BREAKERS: 1ST PLACE TIES IN PCP AND PISTON WILL BE DECIDED BY SHOOT OFF. OTHER TIES WILL BE DECIDED BY PREDETERMINED LANES.

MEALS: LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON SAT. & SUN. FOR COMPETITORS. NON-COMPETITOR MEALS ARE \$10.

LODGING: LODGING INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION PACKET.

AIR: AIR RENTALS \$15 FOR THE WEEKEND, AVAILABLE AT THE MATCH, BUT MUST BE RESERVED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

AIR TRAVEL: SEATAC INT. AIRPORT, WA (35 MILES FROM MATCH) OR PORTLAND AIRPORT, OR (140 MILES FROM MATCH)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT JIM BENSON AT ALF911@WEBTV.NET

GREAT LAKES 100

Hosted by Western Wayne County Conservation Association Airgun Club

Date:	July 23 & 24, 2005												
Site:	Western Wayne County Conservation Association, Plymouth, Michigan												
Directions:	A map and additional match information will be sent to all registrants												
Rules & Safety:	AAFTA rules & WWCCA safety regulations will be enforced; Air rifles must chronograph at 20 ft. lbs. or less WWCCA rules require the use of safety glasses while at any range or course of fire.												
Practice Range:	Open July 22 from noon to 5:00pm, and 8:00 AM on match days.												
Course of Fire:	100 shots on two courses, one 50 shot match each day. Timers will be used on both courses. Match starts at 11:00 AM on the July 23 and 9:00 AM on July 24. A shooter's meeting prior to each match will be conducted.												
Awards/Classes:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Piston</td> <td>(1st thru 5th place)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCP</td> <td>(1st thru 5th place)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hunter Class</td> <td>(1st thru 5th place)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Senior</td> <td>(65 years or older)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Lady</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Junior</td> <td>(16 years or younger)</td> </tr> </table>	Piston	(1 st thru 5 th place)	PCP	(1 st thru 5 th place)	Hunter Class	(1 st thru 5 th place)	High Senior	(65 years or older)	High Lady		High Junior	(16 years or younger)
Piston	(1 st thru 5 th place)												
PCP	(1 st thru 5 th place)												
Hunter Class	(1 st thru 5 th place)												
High Senior	(65 years or older)												
High Lady													
High Junior	(16 years or younger)												
Tie Breakers:	All ties for awards will be decided by shoot off.												
Entry Fees:	\$50.00 per shooter, \$65.00 for registrations postmarked after June 30th. No guarantee of dinners if registration is postmarked after June 30.												
Meals:	Dinner will be provided on Sat. & Sun. for competitors. Non-competitor meals are \$10.00.												
Handicap Facilities:	WWCCA facilities meet all state and federal requirements.												
Lodging/Camping:	Details will be included in the information pack sent to all registrants.												
Air Tanks:	Please call Sea The World Scuba Center at 248-478-6400 to make rental arrangements for an air tank.												
Air Travel:	Detroit Metro Airport. Please do not make early afternoon flight arrangements.												

For more information or questions, contact Jim Everett at 734-242-8845 or jimeverett@comcast.net
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Registration form for the 2005 Great Lakes 100

(Please print clearly and include all information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Age as of July 23, 2005** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email Registration Package?: Yes__ No__ **Rifle:** _____

Scope: _____ **Pellet:** _____ **Lube:** _____

Individual Registration \$50.00 (\$65.00 after June 30th) \$ _____

Non-Competitor Meals, \$10.00 per meal: **Saturday?** **Sunday?** \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

For more information or questions, contact Jim Everett at 734-242-8845 or jimeverett@comcast.net

Make Check Payable to: **WWCCA**
Send Entries to: Steve Sibal
4909 Stoddard Drive
Troy, MI 48085-3539

MID-SOUTH TRI/STATE
REGIONAL FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS
SEPTEMBER 17TH & 18TH 2005

AND

JUNIOR AIRGUN
FIELD TARGET
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
OCTOBER 29TH & 30TH 2005

ATTENTION ALL SHOOTERS: Both of these major matches are coming up fast and we look forward to seeing all of you.

Our club just put in a bid for the next U.S. Nationals in 2006. Our new location at Valentine Regional Park is one beautiful site with shot positions you must see to believe. We have a 100 yard wide sight-in range and our entire course is in the woods. We have plenty of benches to sit on and even have gun racks at each lane, and plenty of parking for everyone.

You owe it to yourself to visit with us and shoot on our beautiful range.

See you soon!!!

Sincerely,

Thomas Itterly

“JUNIOR” FIELD TARGET

The name Junior might imply for Junior aged shooters only, but, that is not the case. Junior here really means for new shooters to the game young and old alike. Now, lets back track a little. You might remember “Mini” Field Target a couple of years ago. Mini F/T was played mostly with solid silhouette targets with no kill zone hole, just a blank aiming spot of 1.5 “ hit it or not the target will still fall. We mixed in a few real F/ T’s just to offer a bit more of a challenge. This worked out nicely if you had a good number of new shooters. But it required the club to make new targets and this was the only downside.

Junior Field Target on the other hand uses the same Traditional Field Targets, that we all know and love; but the distances that the targets are shot at are the same as “mini” F/T which would be 10-25 yards. Now, since we are all using regular F/T’s with all kill zones the distances also have to be reduced for kill zone size which is exactly half the suggested shot distance for Field Target. Max suggested Junior F/T set up is as follows (3/8” @10 yards, 1/2” @15 yards, 3/4” @ 20 yards, 1”@ 25 yards). Remember to set the course according to the type of competitors at the match. National level or just a club shoot.

Try it out and do as we do, set up 2 courses one Field Target and one Junior F/T. Our club is open to all ages 6 years old and up.

Classes are: Youth 6-11yrs. Junior 12-17yrs. Adult 18 & up.

Please give it a try. You have the targets, now you have the rules. I promise you will win more people over to Field Target shooting because they will have more fun when they knock more targets down, It’s that simple!

Sincerely,

Thomas Itterly
MSTS

**JUNIOR AIRGUN
FIELD TARGET
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

DATE: October 29th & 30th, 2005

SITE: Mid-South Tri/State Range

LOCATION: Valentine Regional Park, Munford, Tn.

RANGE DIRECTIONS: A Map & Conformation Letter will be sent to all registrants

RULES: MSTs/AAFTA Safety Rules will apply

AIRGUN/POWER: Pellet Rifles must chronograph at 20ft/lbs or less

RANGE: Opens October 28th from 10am to 5pm & 7am on match da

COURSE OF FIRE: 100 shots (a shooters meeting will precede each match)

MATCH START: 12 noon on October 29th & 8:30am on October 30th

CLASSES: PCP/Piston (NO BODY SUPPORT AIDS)

AWARDS: NOTE: Classes & Awards Based on pre/entries

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 for Adults & \$20.00 for Juniors/Youth
(NOTE: Junior: 12-17 Yrs. Youth 6-11 Yrs)

PRE/ENTRY DEADLINE: October 14th, 2005

MEALS: Lunch will be provided on Sunday. Non-Competitor mea
\$5.00 ea.

HOTEL: Best Western, 7726 N. Hwy 51 N. Millington, Tn.
(901)873-2222 or 1-800-528-1234

PLEASE CALL: Thomas Itterly at 901-872-0488 for further information

REGISTRATION FOR THE JUNIOR FIELD TARGET REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHI

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Club _____
Air Rifle _____ Scope/Open Sight _____
Class: PCP, Piston (circle each that applies) Adult Junior Youth Scope Open Sight
Make check payable to: MSTs Airgun Assoc.
Mail to: Thomas Itterly 7861 Hickory Meadow Millington, Tn. 38053

**MID-SOUTH TRI/STATE
AIRGUN FIELD TARGET
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

DATES: September 17th & 18th, 2005
SITE: Mid-South Tri/State Range
LOCATION: Valentine Regional Park, Munford, Tn.
Range Directions: A map & conformation letter will be sent to all registrants
SAFETY: MSTs/ AAFTA safety rules will apply
PRACTICE RANGE: Range will open September 16th @ 10am till 5pm
 7am on match day
Course of Fire: 100 shots (a shooters meeting will precede each match)
 Match #1 noon September 17th -----50 shots
 Match #2 8:30 am September 18th ----- 50 shots

CLASSES: PCP/ Piston
NOTE: No Equipment Restrictions (AAFTA Rules Apply)
Teams: Up to 6 persons to a team (top 4 count for score) 1st place only
 \$20 fee per/team prior to match

AWARDS: PCP/Class up to 10th place
 Piston up to 5th place
 High Jr. 12 –17 yrs, High Sr. 65+ yrs and High Lady
(ALL AWARDS BASED ON PRE/ENTRYS)
PRE/ENTRYS: POST DATED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 2ND
ENTRY FEE: \$45 for adults & \$20 for Juniors
LUNCH: Lunch will be provided on Sunday September 18th.

AIR TANKS: Contact the Dive Shop (901-769-Dive)

MATCH HOTEL: Best Western 7726 N.Hwy. 51 N Millington, Tn.
 (901) 873-2222 or 1-800-528-1234

Re/Zero Lane: one Re/Zero Lane per course (3 min. per competitor, must contact marshall)

CONTACT: Thomas Itterly (901) 872-0488 or email at: mustangsusan55@yahoo.com

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REGISTRATION FOR THE MSTs REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
 September 17th & 18th 2005

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Home Club _____ Air Rifle _____
 Scope _____ Pellet _____
 Class (Circle each that applies) PCP Piston Senior Junior Lady
 Competitor \$45ea _____ Junior \$20ea _____ Guest Lunch \$7ea _____
 Total Remittance \$ _____ (Pre/enter by September 2nd)
 Make Checks payable to: MSTs Airgunners Assoc.
 Mail to: Thomas Itterly 7861 Hickory Meadow Millington, Tn. 38053

A Field Target Mystery

By Ron Gill

"Tongue of toad, and blood of bat,
Send my bullet where the crosshair's at."

Jim Carmichael

The most mysterious thing to me about Field Target was figuring out where to aim at any given range. Everything I read was filled with complex calculations and precise measurements to two or three decimals. Could I simplify this to something my Jurassic, reptilian brain could process during a match?

Last October, I got hooked on Field Target shooting at a CASA match at the Prado range near Las Angeles. Back home in Idaho, George Gardner, Ron Roberts and I started the Idaho Field Target Club. In March, I agreed to go to the Nationals in Tacoma. One little hitch: I needed to get a gun ready. This proved to be a much taller order than I could have imagined.

In April, my beloved FWB124's trigger died. In May, my excellent Career 707 would not shoot below 31 foot pounds. In June, my reliable Air Force Talon rebelled at shooting .22 pellets below 800 feet per second. I was trying to bail out a canoe with my shoe. With two more local matches and 10 weeks until the Nationals, I took desperate action. The Monday after my disastrous June match, I ordered an Air Arms S-400 Extra FAC and a BSA 6-24X mill dot scope. I would to use the mill dots rather than click the elevation setting for each change in range. I wanted to be ready for the next shoot in 4 weeks, and after that, the Nationals. I was risking plenty, especially since I already sent in my match fees and reserved a motel room. Was I changing horses in mid stream? No, I was changing horses while I was still on the near bank.

The S-400 Extra FAC has a power adjuster between the firing valve and the barrel. With it set one notch above the middle mark the velocity was 914 FPS. At this setting, I found it had enough air for a 60 shot match. I used ten meter, ten bull targets. The 1.2-inch aiming black is a good imitation of a KZ, especially for us beginners. Bull's-eye targets are the ultimate feed back system. As George says, "Paper does not lie".

Armed with a 100-foot cloth tape and several ten-meter targets, I shot a target at ten yards. Then, I moved the target out at five-yard intervals. Paper targets and a measuring tape are a low-tech way to plot the trajectory by shooting while gaining experience with my new scope and rifle. I refocused the scope for each distance and noted the distanced engraved on the objective bell. If a cross wind blew the group out into a horizontal, ragged line of shot holes extending down wind, I could still measure the drop on that target. I also noted where the group appeared in relation to the dots in the scope's reticule. I didn't know how useful this would be until later.

I constructed a table of the pellet's path, and every other value I could think of. The table was doubtful; it had 7 columns. I had shot in a tail wind between 10 to 20 MPH. Later that week, on a windless afternoon, I re-shot the settings, and they were right on out to 40 yards, and only needed minor corrections to 55 yards. This time I didn't use the tape. I stepped off approximate yardage and focused on the target. Using my table, I selected an aiming point from the column of my observations through the scope. I still was unsure that my chart would be invalidated by the differences in light and wind on match day.

The chart was too busy. All I really needed was the range, and the aiming point. The aiming point was drawn from incidental observations of the location of the group against the mill dots on by my scopes reticule. So now my chart has two columns. With a good focus, knowing the exact displacement on the target to two decimals was not as important as knowing the aiming point in mills.

I took my preliminary chart to the July FT match and it worked. My score went from 12 out of 40 to 18 out of 30.

Working up to the Nationals, Ron Gill

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2005 AAFTA Governor Candidate's Statements.

Statement from KEVIN ALLEN

Hi everyone. I started shooting Field Target with the Airgunning Atlanta club in February of 2001 and was pretty well hooked from the get go. That year Ken Hughes and I traveled to England to compete in the 2001 Worlds. I also assisted our club in putting on the 2001 Nationals. The next years found myself back in England for the 2002 Anglo American Match and in Northern Ireland for the 2003 Worlds. Since 2002 I have traveled to the Superbowl Match and State Championships in FL, the Good Ole Boys Match in TN, and the Cajuns in LA, as well as the Nationals each year. I'm quite active in local, regional, national and international matches. I feel that kind of perspective can help me as a governor.

I have been a match director at Airgunning Atlanta (shared duties with Ken Hughes) for the past two years and I've designed, maintained and hosted the Airgunning Atlanta website for that same time period. I was asked by Brad Troyer to take over the AAFTA website duties and hosting and have redesigned and updated the site to the present day. I've been trying to use the AAFTA website as a host of historical and statistical data as well as opening it up as a store of educational information for Field Target in the United States. I feel the web is an area for AAFTA to not only show how rich our sport is in history and character, but also to be used as an educational tool for new and prospective shooters. I also see it as an excellent marketing tool for clubs to help bring in new shooters and grow our sport.

What directions do I wish to see AAFTA taking in the future? I'd like to see greater communication on the whole. I'd like to see a visible Board of Governors available for communication in all forms (i.e. email, phone, forum, and face to face). I'd like to see some balance of newbie enthusiasm to go along with the wealth of veteran knowledge. I'd like to see technology being used as a tool to increase visibility and awareness of our sport. I'd like to see a move to changing the basic structure of printing and distributing the newsletter that would dramatically decrease the financial burden it now places on AAFTA. I'd like to see those recovered funds targeted towards marketing AAFTA, and the sport of Field Target to the public with the goal being to increase awareness of the sport and the Association. AAFTA and Field Target should become a brand name we can own and leverage in the media and in the shooting community.

I'd like to foster greater communication to the Member clubs, and through them, to the individual Associate members as well. I'd like to see a bi-monthly editorial column in the newsletter from the Board on topics they are discussing throughout the year. I'd like to see the AAFTA Handbook & Guidelines updated and ratified in time to ship new versions to the member clubs at the beginning of the calendar year. I'm in favor of methods to increase the casual FT shooters awareness of what AAFTA is doing for them and the sport as well as how they can help. Basically the theme I'm going for is expansion of the awareness of Field Target and AAFTA. Growth is an achievable goal, but one we can only achieve through greater active communication of who and what we are.

Kevin Allen

Statement from RAY APELLES

To My Fellow AAFTA members:

Hello, my name is Ray Apelles. Many people know me as one of those guys at the Field Target Matches dressed in all white with the words "The 'A' Team" embroidered on their back.

I have actively contributed to the sport of Field Target for a decade. I started shooting 1995, and am currently President of the Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC). I organized and ran 28 FT matches over the past years. I participated in every US FT Nationals from 1998 through 2004. I also participated in the World FT Championships in 1997 (Michigan), 2000 (Minnesota), 2001 (England), and 2004 (Germany). As of this writing I have participated in 172 FT matches. The main point I am trying to make is that I am actively involved in the sport and travel extensively to shoot and to learn. As a Governor, this commitment will put me in a prime position to keep my ear to the ground concerning shooters' needs, and better represent shooters and their clubs.

I am newly married as of a year and a half ago. Although I thought my Field Target participation would wane, my wife Laura (who also enjoys shooting FT) has encouraged me not only to participate in more matches, but also to become active in AAFTA leadership. With the possibility of the Worlds being held in the US in the next few years, I feel it is an exciting time to govern.

I would like to see uniform Hunter Class FT rules established. I want to base Hunter Class rules on the practical experience of what works for

those hosting the Hunter Class. I would like these rules added to the AAFTA Handbook so that Hunter Class shooters will know what to expect no matter where they go to shoot Hunter FT.

As far as straps and jackets are concerned, I am for anything that keeps the aging shooter in the sport. I do not want to see our more senior shooters not participate due to their age. At the Worlds in Germany last year I didn't see many older shooters. I believe this is a major loss for our sport.

Over the years I have tried to better the sport on an individual basis (assisting new and experienced shooters set up equipment correctly and troubleshoot problems) and on an organizational level (developing ballistics software for airgunners and helping Brad Troyer fine tune his target rating system). Anyone who has ever seen me at a match knows I am passionate about FT and will do everything possible to help others for the love of the sport.

Before accepting the nomination for AAFTA governor, I contacted 5 clubs that shoot FT in our region. They expressed a wish to see a representative in our area so it is with their support that I accepted the nomination. I live in New York and would be the closest available Governor to most of the AAFTA member clubs in the North East.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ray Apelles
from "The "A" Team"

Statement from DON CARKHUFF

I think the toughest job for a member of the Board of Governors is to put aside his personal opinion and be impartial for the welfare of the AAFTA entity. I will strive to do this when making decisions that affect us all.

I also feel that a governor should not "fix what is not broken." Yet , in the same breath, I will listen intently to all desires and concerns any member has to offer and to relay your concerns to the board.

I will do my best to contribute to the growth of our wonderful sport for all ages and to accommodate any and all interested participants that may have special physical concerns. Our treasury should have adequate funds and I will do my part to insure that it is always solvent. I have some good ideas to contribute toward this goal.

The bottom line is.....I will adopt a conscientious attitude and work ethic to this important position of my FAVORITE sport.
As far as history goes....

I became involved in Field Target in Illinois in 1995 with Joe Taylor as our match director. Unfortunately Joe died 3 years later while still in his forties. He got me hooked and I took over his position as match director for 4 seasons at the same Illinois location. I am such a one dimensional type of guy, every time I have spare time, all I wanna do is go shoot knockdowns at my new club in Bristol, Wisconsin and to travel out of state to meet all the fellas and gals in our sport.

When I arrive at a major event I'm always excited to be away from the regular routine. I try to bring some "homemade" woodshop objects to be auctioned off so the treasury can get a few bucks. It's a labor of love and I plan my woodshop time to accommodate the event date.

The joy I receive from this sport can never be repaid. I'm honored to be considered for the governor's position.
Don

Statement from TOM ITTERLY

Hi! I'm Thomas Itterly, President and Founder of the Mid-South Tri/State Airgunners Association. I am applying for a spot as an AAFTA Governor.

For those that truly don't know me, I'm a caring and compassionate person who wants people to just have fun! I'm a leader, not a follower. That's why I started up the MSTS Club in April, 1992. I have been shooting Field Target since April of 1991. I truly love this game of ours and want it to be "Fun" and "Fair" for all. I got into Field Target with encouragement from a good friend of mine named Ron Juneau, who is one of our governors. Bob Peiser said at the 1993 Worlds that AAFTA was all about keeping Field Target fun and fair for all. Ron Carlson wrote, "Why are we losing so many people? How can we encourage more families and young people into Field Target?" I'll say it like I heard it said before; "I'll play this game as long as it remains fun and when that changes I'll find something else to do!" Are we taking the fun out of this great game and trying to make it just like all the rest—Pure competition?

I remember back at the 2001 U.S. Nationals where laughter and telling jokes was the norm and where the camaraderie was the best. I had a blast! This game of ours was different; not all competition and no fun like everything else. Please, let's not go there.

If you want to know what a person would do as a governor, see what they did before. My club, MSTS, has held many major matches. The largest being the 1998 U.S. Nationals where I was the match director and have been since. This was the largest U.S. Nationals ever with 103

registered shooters and a final number of 94 at the match. We had shooters come from England, Canada and 23 U.S. states.

Our club is now in Munford, TN in the Valentine Regional Park, where I encourage fun! Our club is all about Families; half of our membership is Kids. At our last match in June, we had 11 shooters. Six of those were kids and we just signed up another one. We play two games, Field Target and Junior Field Target, aimed at getting more families into the game. Our club has one of the largest number of junior shooters out there. With my son, Kevin Itterly being the Junior Champion at our club and winning his last two “away” matches.

Before you choose your next governor, think of this—Did they start their own club or are they a major helper at their club? Do they support other clubs? Are they leaders or followers? Are you happy where AAFTA is taking the U.S. or do you want change? Keeping it Fun and Fair for all is what I’m all about. If you want the same then vote for me!

Sincerely,
Thomas Itterly

Statement from RICHARD SHIMIZU

Hello, my name is Richard Shimizu and I’m a candidate for a position on the Board of Governors. For those who don’t know me I’ll start at the beginning where I was introduced to field target at the 1990 Nationals at Prado Park in California. After buying my one and only field target rifle from Rodney Boyce I was off and running. Along the way there were two terms on the AAFTA board and somehow I ended up as Chairman twice. Fortunately most of those that can pin me down over that period have gone on to other things. In the overall scheme of things I tend toward moderation in things. Politically, most ground tends to be old ground with new faces. Sometimes it’s like a dog chasing its tail, emotionally satisfying but pointless. What one really needs is clarity of thought to overcome the short-sighted thinking that bogs down most political interactions. It is the duty of the Governors to lead the overall state of the game and not quibble excessively over technicalities. Anyway, enough soapbox, I would be honored to be allowed to serve.
Richard Shimizu, President of the California Airgun Shooters Association
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Statement from ANTHONY STOREY

Hi, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Anthony Storey from Indianapolis, Indiana, and I would like to ask for your vote in my becoming an AAFTA Governor.

I have been involved with Field Target since its inception in the US, and I have run the FT matches in Indy since 1997 as match director of the Marion County Fish and Game Field Target Club. I have competed in both PCP and Piston gun classes. I know the pains and rewards associated with both classes.

I have shot in several US National Championships and also in 4 World Championship matches held here in the US.

As an AAFTA Governor I will listen to and deal with the concerns of any FT shooter that wants to make our sport better.

I am available by phone 1-317-925-5544 or e-mail selectivesalessrvc@sbcglobal.net .
Thanks for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Anthony Storey

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Jim Everett

This was one tough course of fire today. Dan Delproposto said he wanted to test us for the upcoming Great Lakes 100 in July. He did accomplish his goal. Along the way something happened that I never really thought I would ever see: the top gun for the day turned out to be a spring rifle man. Congratulations to Jeff Paddock. He shot a 64 today taking top honors. Others that did well today include, Rick Nowak, Tim Engelhardt, Dave Rebman, Rick Stewart and Brad Orr.

Jeff and Dave came up from the Cleveland area while Phil Herman came from the Coldwater area. Lou Van Koevering came though he was unable to participate bringing two friends with him that had never seen or heard of field target though they are both familiar with airguns and powder rifles. Jim Smith recently completed an airgun course at Colorado Springs qualifying him as an airgun instructor and Bill Parker who is a friendly man. Speaking with Lou (via e-mail) he said both were contemplating getting a TX and giving field target a go!

Today's weather was a bit much for us northern types. We went from 60 degrees and low humidity one day to 93 degrees and high humidity the next day and shot an 80 shot match! A bit much, maybe! Later that evening the tornados and storms struck many in our area. I was lucky as we lost power for less than 24 hours and while the house got warm it never got overbearing and the trees needed pruning anyway. Just got that cleaned up. Which is why the newsletter is a bit later than usual.

The lane clean up project on Saturday was a success. The lanes were cleared of the winter debris, cut out and cut back and in some cases lengthened to provide more opportunity for the Rangemaster to create some additional challenging lanes. Thanks, to all the guys assisting Dan Delproposto and Rick Stoutenburg. They are brothers, Tim and Joe Engelhardt, Ken Reeves, Rick Stewart, Dan Kleiner, Steve Sibal and Brad Orr. A big nasty job that needed doing!

The Great Lakes 100 is coming up soon (July 24 & 25th) and we are hoping to see a few more of you at the match. We have a few registrations at this point and a number of inquiries about the match. We had 25 shooters in attendance last year and would like to increase that number this year to about 35 to 40 competitors. Two days of matches, two full meals, swap tables and a lot of camaraderie. The cost of registration after June 30 increases significantly though we will gladly accept those registrations. Friday, the 23rd will be a sight in day. The ranges will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Jim

RESULTS

PISTON

Jeff Paddock	64	80.00%	HW97	.177	CPL	Bush 6x24
Rick Stoutenburg	60	75.00	TX200SR.177	CPL	Leup 6.5x20	
Ken Reeves	59	73.75	TX200	.177	CPL	Burriss 8x32
Tim Engelhardt	49	61.25	TX200	.177	CPL	Bush 6x24
Rick Stewart	44	55.00	HW97K	.177	CPL	Swift 8x32
James Sumpter	42	52.50	TX200SR.177	JSB	BSA 10x50	
Dan Kleiner	40	50.00	TX200	.177	CPL	BSA 10x50
Dave Rebman	38	47.50	TX200	.177	JSB	Simm 6.5x20
Brad Orr	37	46.25	TX200	.177	JSB	Simm 6.5x20
Jim Everett	36	45.00	TX200SR.177	CPH	Bush 6x24	
Fritz Sanders	17	21.25	RWS 94	.177	JSB	Simm 6.5x20
Joe Engelhardt	11	13.75	ProHunter	.177	CPL	Simm 6.5x 20
Karen Engelhardt	4	05.00	RWS 34	.177	JSB	Simm 6.5x20

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Rick Nowak	63	78.75	NJR100	.177	Barr	Ntfrce 8x40
Rick Broughton	61	76.25	LG100	.177	JSB	Ntfrce 36
Steve Sibal	59	73.75	NJR100	.177	CPH	Tasco 8x40
Dan Delproposto	49	61.25	Dyst X2R.177	CPH	Bush 8x32	
Phil Herman	39	48.75	USFT	.177	Cph	Hakko 8x32

2005 Good Ole Boys Match

June 11-12, 2005

PCP Division Champion

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	38	40	78	Robert Ray	USFT	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5

PCP Division Awards

* = determined by tie-breaker lanes

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
2nd	38	37	75	Bill Howarth	Steyr LG100 ZM	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5
3rd	39	35	74	Kevin Allen *	USFT	Leupold 35x	JSB Exact 10.2
4th	38	36	74	George Hamilton *	Air Arms Pro Target	Leupold 13-40x	Premier 10.5
5th	38	35	73	Jim Stannis *	Steyr LG100 ZM	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5

Piston Division Champion

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	35	33	68	Ken Hughes	Air Arms TX-200	Leupold 35x	JSB Exact 8.4

Piston Division Awards

* = determined by coin toss

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
2nd	34	30	64	Roz Sumpter	Whiscomb JW50	Bushnell 8-32x	JSB Exact 8.4
3rd	31	31	62	Wade Sutherland *	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 6-24x	Premier 7.9
4th	31	31	62	Brad Troyer *	Beeman HW-97	Bushnell 6-24x	Premier 7.9
5th	34	25	59	Cliff Smith	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4

High Team Award

227 points

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	38	40	78	Robert Ray	USFT	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5
1st	38	35	73	Jim Stannis	Steyr LG100 ZM	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5
1st	25	20	45	Donnie Ross	Whiscomb JW60	Bushnell 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4
1st	31	DNF	31	John Falk	USFT	Leupold 35x	Premier 10.5

High Lady Award

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	32	37	69	Jackie Damien	FWB P-70 FT	Bushnell 8-32x	Barracuda 10.6

High Junior Award

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	22	22	44	Kevin Itterly	Air Arms S400	Tasco 6-24x	Premier 10.5

PCP Division

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
6th	36	37	73	Doug Miller	FWB P-70 OM	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5
6th	37	36	73	Stylie Edwards	Ripley AR5s	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5
8th	40	31	71	Will Thibaut	USFT	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5
9th	37	33	70	Mark Scott	FWB P-70 FT	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5
9th	38	32	70	Don Matzeder	USFT	Hakko 8-34x	Premier 10.5
9th	40	30	70	Bill Issac	Daystate CR-97	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
12th	32	37	69	Jackie Damien	FWB P-70 FT	Bushnell 8-32x	Barracuda 10.6
13th	35	33	68	Vipha Miller	FWB P-70 OM	Leupold 35x	Premier 10.5
14th	38	28	66	Dave Slade	Theoben MFR	Bushnell 6-24x	Premier 10.5
15th	32	33	65	Tom Itterly	Ripley Custom Ti	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5
15th	35	30	65	Don Hyfield	Air Arms Pro Target	Tasco 8-40x	JSB Exact 10.2
17th	32	29	61	Raschel York	Steyr LG100 ZM	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5
18th	36	24	60	Jamie Piotrowski	Anschutz 2025	Leupold 40x	Kodiak 10.6
19th	33	25	58	Bob Kelley	USFT	Hakko 8-32x	Premier 10.5
20th	29	26	55	Rick Broughton	Steyr LG100 ZM	Nightforce FT 36x	JSB Exact 10.2

20th	30	25	55	Scott York	Steyr LG100 ZM	BSA 10-50x	Premier 10.5
22nd	33	21	54	Tim McMurray	USFT	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 10.5
23rd	22	30	52	Tom Pipkin	Air Arms RN10 Ti	Nightforce 8-40x	Premier 10.5
23rd	35	17	52	Nikki Doriot	Steyr LG100 HP	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
25th	22	22	44	Kevin Itterly	Air Arms S400	Tasco 6-24x	Premier 10.5
26th	22	18	40	Phil Herman	USFT	Hakko 8-32x	Premier 10.5
27th	20	17	37	Don Miller	Steyr LG100 ZM	Nikko 10-50x	Premier 10.5
28th	17	18	35	Alan Otsuka	Sportmatch GC2	Nightforce 8-40x	Premier 10.5
29th	33	DNF	33	Rick Thompson	FWB P-70 FT	Hakko 8-34x	Premier 10.5
30th	DNF	32	32	Don VanDewerker	Daystate CR-X	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5
31st	31	DNF	31	John Falk	USFT	Leupold 35x	Premier 10.5
32nd	DNF	DNF	DNF	Anthony Storey	Air Arms Pro Target	Bushnell 6-24x	Premier 10.5

Piston Division

Place	Score			Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
6th	26	32	58	Ron Juneau	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4
7th	29	28	57	James Sumpter	Air Arms TX-200SR	BSA 10-50x	JSB Exact 8.4
8th	29	27	56	Joe DuBoulay	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4
9th	26	26	52	Rick Stoutenburg	Air Arms TX-200SR	Leupold 6.5-20x	Premier 7.9
10th	23	26	49	Greg Garner	Beeman R11	Hawke 8-34x	JSB Exact 8.4
11th	25	20	45	Donnie Ross	Whiscomb JW60	Bushnell 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4
12th	19	24	43	Tom Lykins	Whiscomb JW70	Leupold 6.5-20x	JSB Exact 8.4
13th	22	20	42	Robert Frederick	Air Arms TX-200	Weaver V24x	Premier 7.9
14th	18	22	40	Jim Geddes	Air Arms TX-200	Swift 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4
15th	18	12	30	Richard Shimizu	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40x	Premier 7.9
16th	16	6	22	James Warhorse	Marksman 61	BSA 8-32x	Premier 7.9
17th	9	11	20	Sheila Warhorse	Air Arms TX-200	BSA 6-24x	JSB Exact 8.4
18th	7	7	14	Fred Watner	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 7.9

by Roz Sumpter

“Resistance is futile” say the Borg on Star Trek. More to my way of thinking is, “play the hand that’s dealt you.” Well, at the 2005 ‘Good Ole Boy’ Championship Match, held in Pulaski, Tennessee, fifty one field target shooters were dealt a wet hand.

The initial weather forecast in the days leading up to the match was typical for this time of year: hot and muggy with chance of pop-up thundershowers. However, that was before tropical storm Arlene picked up speed in the Gulf region; then made a mad dash northward to influence our little gathering.

When it became increasingly evident that two days of dry shooting was not in our fortune, it was hastily decided Saturday morning to notify all competitors that a change to an early start and abbreviated match was in order. So instead of the 120 shots over two days, we squeezed in 84 shots in one day. This was accomplished by shooting a 42 shot course in the morning, break for lunch, then the other 42 shot course afterward. What’s the old adage we use? “When given lemons, make lemonade!” Thus we tried to make it so.

Though it never came to a real downpour during the match, it rained enough to influence a few shooters to discreetly withdraw. No disgrace in that. Some mighty valuable equipment was being subjected to conditions for which it was not designed. Fortunately for all, the match committee had provided 10’ x 10’ shelter canopies at all but one lane on the open white course. It was originally intended that the canopies provide relief from the sun, but relief from liquid precipitation was just as welcome.

During the afternoon hours I couldn’t help but feel a bit of empathy for those shooters engaged on the creekside red course. Not only were they contending with heavy moisture, but it was getting fairly difficult to acquire the targets in the densely wooded hillside foliage. Surely this must have caused some negative impact on scores. Bless their persevering hearts.

So much for the endurance part of this match. We switch now to the real reason most of us were in attendance. FUN!! It was great to see all of the familiar faces, and new ones as well. New equipment was shown with pride, new strategies for winning discussed, new techniques for performance enhancement debated; even new grandchildren declared. Just a lot of all around good natured banter filling the air, with laughter and good will towards all.

We were treated to the added bonus of having Diana Steelman, our Giles County Tourism Coordinator, spend most of Saturday and half of that night with our group. Diana is trying to get an accurate feel for the needs and requirements of the touring Field Target competitor. So, she decided to dive right in and become one of us as best she could. We all thoroughly enjoyed Diana’s presence, bubbly personality, questions, insight and, primarily her sincere desire to do whatever she can to cater to the needs of visitors to this area.

Regardless of those things not within our control, we never the less managed to have a goood time. Friday’s dinner at Lilli’s chinese restaurant was a success as usual. And the live band country music jamboree immediately following was a hit. And let’s not forget the Saturday evening awards dinner at Country Kitchen bar and grill.

Bill and Heike Moss of McKay Small Engines graciously loaned us a Cub Cadet, Big Country, utility vehicle to assist in running about. And John Patel of Richland Inn provided invaluable support with his time, energy, material and professional expertise. I consider myself very fortunate to reside in a community that harbors such charitable people.

The match committee for this event consisted of Cliff Smith, Ron and Linda Juneau, Don Matzeder and myself, Roz Sumpter. Others voluntarily dove in to help as things progressed. I would surely forget someone if I attempted to name them all. Suffice it to say that a big Thank You of appreciation is extended to all.

By the way: Congratulations to Robert Ray in PCP division, and Ken Hughes in Piston division as our two champions at this years G.O.B. match. Also a hand to Jackie Damien as high woman shooter. All three individuals exhibited some outstanding shooting in a very competitive field. Well earned indeed.

Thanks again to all who came out to make this a joyous and memorable event. And thanks to those who could only be with us in spirit. Everything that goes into the mix is appreciated. Y’all come back to visit us again next year, y’hear!

Northwest Field Target Capital City Rifle & Pistol

We had a good turnout of an even dozen shooters for the first match held this year in Olympia.

With a Troyer Rating of 32.7, the match was a challenge for everyone. Since we shoot on the Archer Range Walk Thru', there are several angled shots as well as several "across canyon" targets. Lane #8 looks to be at least 50 yards but is only 38 yds. Funny how a little canyon can screw up your range estimating capabilities.

Here's the good news -

Spring Class -	PCP Class -
Doug Hartley 28/40	Dave Whitman 32/40
Craig Taylor 27/40	Dave Gere 32/40
Jason Constantine 22/40	Noel Vaughn 26/40
Steve Hanson 15/40	Lloyd Marquardt 26/40
Dom Lee 13/40	Jim Poh 25/40
Alan Hanson 13/40	John Mickel 17/40

Hunter Class - (1 pt for hit, 2 pts for knockdown)

Dave Whitman 64/40
Jim Benson 49/40

The day was overcast with a "gentle" wind that increased as the day wore on. This is a really fun course as it's on our archery "walk thru" range so there is an endurance factor that most ranges don't offer. Try an offhand 12 yd shot after walking up 20 steps on the side of the hill!! OUCH!

John Mickel

Waterloo Field Target Club Match II – June 12, 2005

We had ten shooters show up to enjoy a day of Field Target shooting. In the forecast, there was a chance of thunder showers, but they never materialized and we had a great day. It was hot and humid, with gusty winds, but after the winter, I'm not complaining.

We set up ten lanes, with three targets in each lane for a total of sixty shots. All the targets functioned well and the Troyer difficulty rating was 29.1, with all difficulty levels represented. Lane eight had an average difficulty rating of 49.7, but was balanced by a lane with an average difficulty of seventeen. It was good for veterans and beginners.

Chris Daniel was a new shooter who managed to knock down a very respectable sixteen targets with a .22 QB and a 6-9 power scope. That's almost double my score for my first match.

Some shooters had obligations after the match and shot straight through and others took a break half way through, so I had no idea how people were doing until the match was done. I felt pretty steady all day and managed to miss just two and post the high score for the day. The next three shooters were lined up with just one point separating each shooter. Dennis took second with a 56, Don took third with a 55 and Bert shot a 54 for fourth place. James shot a very impressive 48 with his HW97K and as he put it, won the spring class. Magdy started out very strong, but some accuracy issues in the second half pulled down what would have been an excellent score. Hans shot his HW100 for the first time and did well and Josh continues to improve with each match. Will had just put his TX200 back together before the match after replacing a bad spring, so as it smoothes out, I hope his scores will rise.

I am hoping that in July all the regulars will be able to make it and the new shooters will come again out to enjoy this great sport with us. Hope to see all of you on the 17th of July.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60
T-Diff 29.1				
1) Tim M ^{ac} Sweyn**	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	58
2) Dennis Eden**	Anshutz 2025	Leupold 35 Baracuda	56	
3) Don Irine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda	55
4) Bert Babitcher	AA s300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda	54
5) James Jackson**	HW97K	Hawke 8.5 - 34	JSB Exact	48
6) Magdy Hassouna**	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda	39
7) Hans Bormann**	HW100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	30
8) Josh Jackson	HW97K	Hawke Varmint	JSB	28
9) Will Kwan	TX200HC	Burris 8-32	CPL	26
10) Chris Daniel	QB78	Xisco 6-9	Chinese .22	16

Port Colborne Field Target Club - Inaugural Match

June 25, 2005

Dennis and I had been discussing the possibility of hosting Field Target in Port Colborne for a few years. The Port Colborne and District Conservation Club had a very nice facility where both skeet and 3d archery are shot. We decided to get involved in the club and investigate the possibility of shooting field target on the 3d archery course. We asked about hosting a match and put on a demonstration of the sport for the members. They were impressed by the accuracy of the rifles and shortly after we were given permission to proceed and a date was set.

We immediately informed all of the shooters we knew and provided them with the date and directions to the club. A week before, Dennis and I went in and cleared ten lanes of weeds and fallen branches. We raked some of the gravel on the path into nice level shooting areas and hoped that Mother Nature would not take any drastic action to spoil the course. We were lucky and the course was dry and clear on the morning of the match.

We set up five lanes each, with three targets per lane for a full sixty shot match. We were a little apprehensive as only a couple of shooters showed up while we were setting up. The guys continued to show up and we ended up with nine shooters. Dennis and I were very pleased with the turnout and grateful to the shooters for making the trip to Port.

From the match director's point of view, the match was a great success. The course was challenging and yet all the scores were very good. Nine lanes were set up in the forested area that provided good cover from too much exposure to the sun, but let enough light through so that target visibility was not an issue. The last lane had one target on the edge of the drained pond, one target on a dried area on the bed of the pond and the last target was on the far side of the pond. Some tricky swirling winds made that an interesting lane. The Troyer rating on the course was 32, but eight targets were rated over 40, and of those, one was 49, two were 50 and one was 62. They were balanced off well with some difficult, medium and easy shots.

Dennis was solid all day and posted an impressive high score of 58, to win the first ever match in Port Colborne. Mike was only down two shots at the break, while I was down four, but the second half targets were not kind to Mike. I managed to drop only two more shots to post a 54 for second place and Mike rounded out the top three with a 49/60. Don, Bert and Doug were all close, posting scores of 48, 46 and 45 respectively. Chris, who has been practicing with his s300 for quite some time, was finally able to attend his first match and his practice definitely paid off. He was disappointed with some of his missed shots, but a 43 on a first outing is most impressive. We will have to watch out for this guy in the future. Danny posted a good score and I was pleased to see him after about nine months since his last match. James was the lone spring gun shooter and did well on a difficult course.

Many thanks go to the Port Colborne Conservation Club for allowing us to use their facility. The clubhouse, grounds and match course are topnotch. We are hoping to host one more match this Fall and then decide what to do about a schedule for next season.

Thanks again to the shooters who made this match a success and keep an eye out for the announcement of future events.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60
T-Diff 32				
1) Dennis Eden	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	58
2) Tim M ^{ac} Sweyn	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	54
3) Mike Ferarra	AA NJR	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	49
4) Don Irine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda	48
5) Bert Babitcher	AA s300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda	46
6) Doug Diver	Walther Dom.	Leupold 14-35	BaracudaM	45
7) Chris Nicholson	AA s300	Tasco 6-24	JSB	43
8) Danny Reginato	AA s300	Bushnell 8-32	Air Arms	40
9) James Jackson	HW97K	Hawke 8.5 - 34	JSB Exact	39

EFTCC at DCPA 5/1/2005 Field Target Match**Open Class**

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Laura Apelles	36	72%	30	Daystate Mirage	B&L 8-32	JSB	8.4	900	15.1	
Derek Turndahl	34	68%	27	AA S200-B	B&L 8-32	CPL	7.9	880	13.6	1X
Joe Dennis	26	52%	21	Falcon FN19W	10-40x56 Tasco	CPH	10.5	905	19.1	1X
Mark Turndahl	10	20%	10	QB78 PCP	Trophy 6-18	JSB	8.4	785	11.5	

Spring Gun Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Paul Cray	40	80%	34	TX200	NS10-50x56	JSB	8.4	805	12.1	
Paul Bishop	40	80%	34	TX200	B&L 8-32	FTS	8.6	805	12.4	
Ray Apelles	39	78%	34	FWB300	Storey 36X	JSB	8.4	570	6.1	

Junior Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Mack Elliott	49	49%	10	R7	9X	Daisy	8	629	7.0	
Chris Kammerer	40	40%	7	R7	9X	CPL	7.9	604	6.4	

Off-Hand (Standing) Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Hans Apelles	21	42%	27	NJR100	B&L 8-32	CPH	10.5	895	18.7	

Hunter Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Jock Elliott	24	48%	20	R1	Peep Sights	CPL	7.9	931	15.2	
Kyle Kammerer	19	38%	17	R7	9x	Daisy	8	629	7.0	

EFTCC @ DCPA 1/30/2005 Traditional Indoor Outdoor Off-Hand Only Match**Open Class**

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Joe Napillilo	28	70%	29	Falcon FN12	Leupold 6.5-20	CPL	7.9	855	12.8
Carl Johnson	18	45%	24	EV2	Tasco 10x50	JSB	8.4	800	11.9
Bob Diamico	14	35%	22	Falcon FN19	Fitco 4-12x40	CPL	7.9	840	12.4

Spring Gun Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Paul Bishop	32	80%	35	TX200	B&L 8-32 Elite	FTS	8.6	850	13.8
Dave Bingham	26	65%	28	TX200	B&L 6-24	FTS	8.6	865	14.3
Larry Bowne	21	53%	25	HW77	B&L 6-24	FTS	8.6	875	14.6
Tom Owen	10	25%	20	HW97	B&L 8-32 Elite	CPH	10.5	760	13.5

Junior Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Derek Turndahl	68	85%	29	S200	B&L 8-32 Elite	CPL	7.9	880	13.6
Bridget Bowne	56	70%	24	R9	Trophy 6-18	FTS	11.2	740	13.6

Hunter Class

Name	Score	%	Rating	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Jack Journey	34	85%	20	S200	Fitco 4-12x40	JSB	8.4	840	13.2
Jock Elliott	31	78%	20	R1	Peep Sights	CPL	7.9	931	15.2
Joe Dennis	30	75%	18	R9	FM 3-12CPL	7.9	840	12.4	
Kyle Kammerer	12	30%	12	R7	BSA 4-12	CPL	7.9	600	6.3
Ray Apelles DNC	31	78%	20	Techstar B3 UL	Bushnell 3-9x32	JSB	8.4	640	7.6

MID-SOUTH TRI/STATE
AIRGUNNERS ASSOCIATION
JUNE 25, 2005 MATCH REPORT

The members of the Mid-South Tri/State Airgunners Association finally had another great shoot after about a 2 month hiatus from either rainy days or away matches. We all had a great time and the course was set up by all.

The course of fire was our traditional 32 shots of both Junior Field Target and Traditional Field Target. We ended up having many a challenging shot. Even though this was a challenging course, both Mark Scott and Robert Ray ended up in a tie with only one miss each. I was also right there with only one miss until the last target, which really wasn't that hard of a shot and I dropped my last two shots. I was shooting with my son Kevin, which he also had dropped 3 shots previously in Junior Field Target. I guess it was sympathy pains for Kevin that I missed those last two shots. Oh well, that goes to show you got to focus and keep it together until the very end.

We also had a brief meeting and I brought up the issue of the next U.S. Nationals, which I said I would like our club to host, if I had all the help that was needed. Everyone was in agreement and Dominic Brownlow said "let's do it." I also raised the issue of myself applying for a spot as one of the next governors. I told everyone there about my feelings on Field Target and the changes that I would propose to AAFTA and the other board of governors. For one, I feel there should be a Class for All Shooters and that we should strive to bring more fun back into the sport. If you too feel as I do then I would welcome your vote.

Oh yes, the Junior Class was won by Kevin Itterly with a score of 29/32 and he also won the last two away matches. One Baton Rouge Classic and the other at the Good Ol Boys in Pulaski, Tn. I'm one proud papa!!!

Thanks again for everyone that helped set up and take down the course.

Sincerely,
Thomas Itterly
President/Founder
MSTS Airgunners

MATCH RESULTS

FIELD TARGET
(POSSIBLE 32)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AIR RIFLE</u>	<u>SCOPE</u>	<u>PELLET</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Mark Scott	FWB P-70	NIKKO 10-50X60	10.5	31/32
Robert Ray	US FT	NIKKO 10-50X60	10.5	31/32
Tom Itterly	Ripley TI	N/F 36X56	10.5	29/32
Mark Martin	FWB P-70	NIKKO 10-50X60	10.5	24/32
Dominic Brownlow	Steyr Lg100	BSA 8-32X50	10.5	18/32

"JUNIOR" FIELD TARGET
(POSSIBLE 32)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AIR RIFLE</u>	<u>SCOPE</u>	<u>PELLET</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Kevin Itterly	A/A 400E	TASCO 6-24X50	10.5	29/32
Cory Martin	S 200	TECH/F.8-32X50	7.9	24/32
Brandon Martin	S 200	TECH/F.8-32X50	7.9	23/32
Russell Beard	S 200	BSA 8-32X50	7.9	22/32
Zach Ray	Dominator	BUSHNELL 8-32X50	8.4	21/32
Josh Ray	S 200	BSA 8-322X40	7.9	8/32

WESTFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB FIELD TARGET MATCH JUNE 26th. 2005

This was our first true 'Summer' match of 2005. Temperatures hitting 90F and high humidity playing games with gun/scope calibrations. Fifteen shooters endured the heat in the shady woods of Westfield and targets fell with satisfying frequency on the 30Troyer layout.

OPEN CLASS

NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
HANS APELLES	46(92%)	NJR-100	ELITE 8-32X	CPH	885
JOHN WAY	43(86%)	RN-10	LEUP. 35	CPH	875
BOB FORD	42(84%)	P-70FT	LEUP. 6.5-20X	JSB 8.4	886
JOE DENNIS	41(82%)	US-FT	BSA 10-50X	CPH	905
DAVID DAY	40(80%)	P-70FT	NIKKO 10-50X	JSB 8.4	860
ROY RUPERT	32(64%)	PRO-TARGET	TASCO 10-40X	JSB 8.4	800
MATT BINGHAM	31(62%)	CRX	NIKKO 10-50X	CPH	880
FRED BINGHAM	30(60%)	WALTHER LG300	ELITE 8-32X	CPH	875
MIKE BARONE	8(16%)	CRX	LEUP.	JSB 8.4	860

PISTON CLASS

RAY APELLES	45(90%)	TX200SR	NIGHTFORCE 36FT	JSB 8.4	800
PAUL BISHOP	42(84%)	TX200 CUSTOM	ELITE 8-32X40	JSB 8.4	805
DAVE BINGHAM	32(64%)	TX200	ELITE 6-24X40	CPL	850
GERRY LEMPICKY	21(42%)	HW-97	BUSHNELL	CPL	?
JED ESTES	HIGH JUNIOR	HW-30	BANNER 4-12X	JSB 8.4	?

HUNTER CLASS

ROBIN LEMPICKY Sole competitor with an R-7 a Bushnell Scope and FTS pellets.

DIFTA June 2005

Yet another beautiful day for FT in Damascus, MD! Almost no breeze (but that would have made it a bit more "interesting"), no bugs, no sweating, just perfect. Eighteen shooters with four new shooters. Two wives whose husbands are regular Hunter shooters also shot Hunter and did remarkably well with one finishing second (ahead of out perennial second finisher, in fact). We had two new Open shooters -- one who finished third.

After a discussion on the "Yellow Forum" on expected group sizes with a formula based on distance*distance being the primary variable (other than ballistic coefficient), I tried a similar computation for course difficulty normalized so that a 30-yard, 1" target (a 30Troyer) would equal a 30 (DIFTA?) in the new system. The new "D" system eliminates a multiplier for over 45 yards and has a minimum killzone of 1.5*.177" or .266" (assuming that a 25% split or less will be required to get a "kill"). The final formula is $D = \text{dist} * \text{dist} * 1/40.844 / (kz - 0.266)$. [The 1/40.844 factor is used to normalize the rating at 30 yards.]

Using this rating, the average difficulty for this match was 24.2D with the most difficult target being a 53D (was a 43T) and the easiest a 10D (was 17T). The scores were very similar to the last match which had a 29.5T average rating (although the design was completely different) so, presumably, the D's are a bit harder than the T's. The comments from the shooters were positive with fewer comments about the extremely difficult targets.

Another request was that we shorten the matches since they take approximately 5.5 hours for 72 shots. We will try having a 60-shot match for the next couple of times to see how that works out.

The next matches are July 16, and August 6 -- all 60-shot, one-day matches. The range opens about 8am with the match starting about 9:30am. . Check the DIFTA host web site (Izaak Walton, Damascus, MD) for information on schedules. Feel free to contact Joe McDaniel for more information.

Open Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Joe McDaniel	68	Steyr LG100ZM	Sightron 36X42	JSB EH
R. Thomas Jones	65	P700M	Nikko 10-50	CPH
Ron Sweet	48	AA S400E	Bushnell 6-24X40	CPH
Mike Langois	42	P70FT	Nikko 8-24	Kodiak Match
Chip Gibbs	37	Huntsman	Banner 6-18X50	CPH

Piston Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Rex Gori	62	TX-200	Leupold 6.5-20	CPL
Stan Lupinski	48	TX-200	Leupold 6.5-20	FTS
Al Otter	46	TX-200	Leupold	FTS
Michael Tinsley	41	HW-77	Bushnell 8-32	CPL
Karl Krmcha	40	TX-200	Bushnell 6-18X40	CPL
Bill Gazdik	38	TX-200	Bushnell 6-18X40	FTS
Phil Dean	32	TX-200	Tasco 8-40X56	CPL
Paolol Amedo	29	RWS 54	BSA 2-7	H&N FT
Dale Benson	29	RWS 46	Tasco 5-20	CPL

Dale Benson's score was really remarkable since he shot the course all off-hand!

Hunter Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Henry Canoles	58	R9	Bushnell 3200 5-15X	CPL
Joy Canoles	40	R9	Bushnell 3200 4-16X	CPL
Ed Canoles	36	R9	Bushnell 3200 5-15X	CPL
Darlene Canoles	29	R9	Bushnell 3200 5-15X	CPL

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