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## *2001 AAFTA Nationals*

In the past few months there has been a few problems within the *Mid South Tri-State Airgunners Association*. Any of you that read the last newsletter are aware of this fact. The club has fractured and many of the members left to form a new club. While AAFTA officially has no part in this club matter, the events that occurred caused the Board of Governors to revisit the bid submitted by MSTS that landed them the *2001 AAFTA Nationals*.

After discussing the bid and a few other factors for several weeks, all the governors felt it was prudent to rescind the awarding of the *AAFTA Nationals* to MSTS and call for new bids for the *Nationals*. Several factors played a roll in our decision. The main factor was that the original bid from MSTS included materials and manpower that are no longer accessible by the club as well as the plan for execution was compromised by the recent fracture. We felt that this invalidated the original bid submitted by MSTS. The Governors, in a 5-0 vote (with Wade Sutherland abstaining), decided it was best to restart the bidding process and allow all clubs to resubmit bids for the *Nationals*. All bids will be reviewed and the awarding will be based on the merits of the bids.

We have several clubs that have expressed an interest in holding the *Nationals* this year. One requirement that we are placing on all bidding clubs is that the original dates for the match, October 5-7, remain unchanged. So if you have already set aside vacation time for these dates you won't have to worry about changing your plans.

It is a shame that this has occurred but things like this do happen from time to time. We can only deal with it, move on and hope that with time the differences that have caused this can be reconciled. There is a silver lining in all that has happened and that is this; AAFTA has gained a new club, *Northern Mississippi Airgun Club (NMAC)*, with a new venue to shoot at.

- Brad Troyer  
AAFTA Chairman

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# Match Calendar

**March**

Sun. 25th CASA

**April**

Sat. 7th EFTCC  
 Sat. 14th AA, CASA  
 Sun. 22nd CASA, MAFTA

**May**

Sat. 19th BAGA  
 Sat. 12th AA, CASA  
 Sun. 20th CASA, MAFTA

**June**

Sat. 2nd EFTCC  
 Sat. 9th AA, BAGA, CASA  
 Sun. 17th MAFTA  
 Sun. 24th CASA

**July**

Sat. 14th BAGA, CASA

Sun. 15th MAFTA

Sun. 22nd CASA

Sun 29th BAGA

**August**

Sat. 4th EFTCC  
 Sat. 11th CASA  
 Sat. 18th BAGA  
 Sun. 19th MAFTA  
 Sun. 26th CASA

**September**

Sat. 8th BAGA (2nd Annual Regionals)  
 Sat. 15th CASA  
 Sun. 16th MAFTA  
 Sun. 23rd CASA

Sun. 30th EFTCC

**October**

Sat. 13th CASA  
 Sun. 14th MAFTA (Minn. State Championships)

Sun. 28th CASA

**November**

Sat. 10th CASA  
 Sun. 18th CASA, EFTCC (New York State Championship.)

**December**

Sat. 8th CASA  
 Sun. 16th CASA

# AIRGUNNING ATLANTA

January – February 2001

## AA Field Target Match

*Match Results, February 10, 2001*

Pre-Spring Turn Out  
by David Still

It was a clear, slightly windy, cool day for the four competitors that came to Airgunning Atlanta's Saturday match. AA welcomes our new visitor, O. J. Adams, using David Still's Air-Arms TX-200.

Doug Vinson has fine-tuned his Pro-Target adding a sliding barrel weight and lead material in his stock to counter balance his new NightForce 8-40x scope and Joe Korick barrel shroud. Doug won the AA match with a score of 51 of 60 (85%). Ken Hughes took First Place in the Pre-charged Class scoring 44 of 56 (79%). Ken's scorecard did not reflect any shots on Lane 2; therefore his score shows 56 shots and not 60 shots total.

O.J. Adams and David Still did not finish the course within the allotted time. Even without completing the course, David captured First Place in the Spring Piston Class with a score of 23 of 42 (55%) shots. O.J. took Second Place with a 13 of 42 (31%) score. Not bad at all for O.J.'s first time at shooting a field target airgun. Hope to see O.J. again for our next AA match.

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## 2001 Southern Spring Nationals

*Match Date – May 5 and 6, 2001*

The North Mississippi Airgun Club (NMAC) is hosting the 2001 Southern Spring Nationals on May 5th and 6th. Wade Sutherland has secured property just South of Hernando on a 225-acre farm owned by Dr. Mike Foster. Wade states, "This place is BEAUTIFUL, to say the least, with very similar terrain to the old venue. Dr. Foster has 3 boys who are into paintball and has built a very large paintball facility on his property where literally hundreds come to play every weekend. He has designated about 40 acres for our use and has given NMAC the go ahead to hold at least 2 MAJOR matches there this year."

Since there will be no 2001 Baton Rouge Nationals this year, Wade comments, "We will begin club activities in about a month and will have the place ready for a full blown Southern Spring Shoot to fill the void left by one of the greatest venues on the planet - Baton Rouge!"

### MATCH RESULTS, February 10, 2001

Shooter	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
<b>Match Winner:</b>				
Doug Vinson	51/60 (85.03%)	Pro-Target	NightForce 8-40x	Premier 10.5
<b>Precharged:</b>				
Ken Hughes 1st	54/56 (78.6%)	NJR 100	NightForce 36x	Premier 10.5
<b>Non-Precharged (Spring):</b>				
David Still 1st	23/42 (55.0%)	TX-200	B&L 8-32x	Premier 7.9
O.J. Adams * 2nd	13/42 (31.0%)	TX-200	B&L 8-32x	Premier 7.9

\* new shooter

The Airgunning Atlanta Club has developed a web site on the World Wide Web. Information about our AAFTA Club is now available through the Internet to prospective and current members. The site includes schedules for our local matches as well as dates for national tournaments and airgun shows. Results from our monthly field target matches are posted within 48 hours of match completion. Links to many popular airgun sites have been incorporated into our site.

The web site can be found at <http://www.gajobs.com/airguns>. You should visit our web site often to plan ahead on which tournaments you wish to attend. Each tournament and airgun show page provides a convenient link to more information about the upcoming tournament or airgun event. Your comments are welcome and should be directed to [airgun@gajobs.com](mailto:airgun@gajobs.com).

## CASA FIELD TARGET MATCH NOVEMBER 11TH, 2000

The Prado course was cleaned in November but the groundskeeper had nothing to do with it. David Slade shot a perfect 32/32. Nobody else came close, so, it couldn't have been the result of an easy course. (I'm only a little bit defensive here.) Vince Pacheco hit his first 27 shots but then dropped 3 of the last 5 to finish with a score of 29 and first place in the open class.

We were fortunate to have enough modified and standard spring gunners to separate the classes. George Gardner made the long

drive south with his Whiscombe and took the modified class with a score of 25.

Joe Haddad played around with a scuba gun during the sight in (Say it ain't so, Joe!) but reverted to his trusty HW 97 for the match. Joe won the standard class in a shoot off with Ed Curry. Both shooters missed the first shot, a full sized kill zone at about 52 yards. From there we went to an off-hand shot at about 40 yards. Ed missed and Joe hit it to end the drama.

### Match Winner

David Slade	32/32	FWB P70 HP	B&L 4000 6-24x	Premier 10.5
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### Open Class

Vince Pacheco	29/32	NJR 100	Hakko 8-34x	Premier 10.5
Bob Winer	25/32	FWB P70 ZM	Nightforce 36x	Premier 10.5
Peter Maxfield	20/32	AA ProTarget	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
Phil Lindberg	19/32	S300	B&L 6-24x	Premier.22

### Modified Spring Piston Class

George Gardner	25/32	Whiscombe JW50	Leupold 8-25x	Premier 7.9
Vince Lopez	21/32	HW97	Bushnell 6-18x.	Premier 7.9
Seaton Thomas	19/ 32	TX200	BSA 10-50x	Kodiak Match

### Standard Spring Piston Class

Joe Haddad	18/32	HW97	B&L 6-24x	Premier 7.9	
Ed Curry	18/ 32	RX-1	Bushnell 6-18x	Kodiak Match	
Ron Jobbes	15/32	TX200	Tasco 5-20x	Premier 7.9	Ed Curry

## CASA FIELD TARGET MATCH NOVEMBER 19TH, 2000

### Match Winner

David Slade	36/40	FWB P70 HP	B&L 4200 6-24x	Premier 10.5
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### Open Class

Richard Shimizu*	35/40	NJR100	Nightforce 8-40	Premier 10.5
Bob Winer*	35/40	CR94	Bushnell 8-32	Premier 10.5
Bill Nada	34/40	FWB P-70 ZM	Bushnell 8-32	Kodiak Match
Vince Pacheco	31/40	NJR100	Hakko 8-34	Premier 10.5
Don Walker	29/40	FWB P-70 HP	Leupold 32x	Kodiak Match

### Modified Class

Tim Mc Murray	29/40	Venom HW77	Leupold 14.5-35	Beeman FTS
Chris Porter	25/40	RWS RA800	Leupold 16x	Beeman FTS.20
Vince Lopez	24/40	HW97	Bushnell 6-18	Premier 7.9
George Gardner	24/40	JW50	B&L 6-24	Premier 7.9
Marco Valadez	23/40	HW97	B&L 6-24	Premier 7.9
Mike Bohman	22/40	Park RH93W	B&L 6-24	Premier 7.9

### Spring Piston Class

RonJobbes	20/40	TX200	Tasco 5-20x	Premier 7.9
Bob Gonzales	16/40	TX200	Leupold 6.5-20	Premier 10.5
Joe Haddad	DNF	HW97K	B&L 4000 6-24	Premier 7.9

\*After shoot-off

Wow, Joe really has been possessed by some sadistic evil demon, this match saw fifty yard 7/8 inch kills, and the return of the evil running rabbit at forty yards, not to mention a very significant number of longer range targets! Unfortunately after all Joe's hard work he had a problem with this rifle and was unable to complete the course.

Results, as you can see were very close, not quite like Florida, we managed to decide the winners in less than an half an hour, even though it did mean Bob and Richard had to shoot six different lanes to decide the outcome of the match! Tim, now with his wrist in usable condition, made a notable return using his spring gun, winning modified class.  
DS

## CASA FIELD TARGET MATCH DECEMBER 9TH, 2000

This was our annual combination field target match, Christmas Party, and Swap Meet. The 24 shot course must have been one big Christmas present because 3 shooters cleaned it! The Perfect scores belonged to Richard Shimizu, Peter Maxfield, and Bob Winer. Richard won the ensuing shoot off, and the match, in the third round. Bob missed in the first round of the shoot off and had to settle for second in the open class. Peter survived until the third

round and took first in the open class. If I'm not mistaken, this was Peter's first class win. Congratulations!

Seaton Thomas won the modified spring piston class with a score of 20. Seaton only dropped one shot in the first 5 of the 6 lanes but then missed his last 3 shots so the rest of us wouldn't feel so bad, another example of the Christmas spirit. Ed Curry won the standard spring class with a score of 19. - Ed Curry

### Match Winner

Richard Shimizu	24/24	Daystate CR94	Tasco 8-40x	Premier 10.5
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### Open Class

Peter Maxfield	24/24	AA ProTarget	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
Bob Winer	24/24	FWB P70 ZM	Nightforce 36x	Premier 10.5
Bill Nada	21/24	P70 HP	Hakko 8-36x	Kodiak Match
David Slade*	18/24	P70 FT	Bushnell 8-32x	Beeman FTS
Vince Pacheco	16/24	NJR 100	Hakko 8-34x	Premier 10.5

### Modified Spring Piston Class

Seaton Thomas	20/24	TX200	BSA 10-50x	Kodiak Match
George Gardner*	19/24	JW50	Leupold 8-25x	Premier 7.9
Vince Lopez	18/24	HW97	B&L 6-24x	Premier 7.9
Larry Durham	16/24	JW60	BSA 50X	Premier 10.5

### Standard Spring Piston Class

Ed Curry	19/24	RX-1	Bushnell 6-18x	Kodiak Match
Joe Haddad	14/24	TX200	Bushnell 6-18x	Premier 7.9
Marco Valadez	13/24	Marksman 61	Bushnell 6-18x	Premier 7.9
Ron Jobbes	12/24	TX200	Tasco 5-20x	Premier 7.9
Karen Curry	5/24	HW77	Bushnell 6-18x	Kodiak Match

\*12 ft. lbs

## CASA FIELD TARGET MATCH DECEMBER 17TH, 2000

Joe really went mad setting the course this time, - he deserves the title, "Crazy Joe" his toughest layout yet, including a fifty yard off-hand target, maybe one of the hardest seen at CASA.

It was one of the new longer courses (OK both myself and Joe can't count, it was SUPPOSED to be a fifty shot course) decided

on at our annual meeting, speeded up by the new stopwatches that worked for the majority of people, although the "usual suspects" held up the proceedings somewhat...

A three way shoot-off for Spring Class! I don't believe that has happened in the history of CASA FT before either! DS

### Match Winner

David Slade	45/52	FWB P70 HP	B&L 4200 6-24x	Premier 10.5
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### Open Class

Bob Winer	41/ 52	FWB P-70 ZM	Nightforce 36x	Premier 10.5
Scott Winslow	39/52	Pro Target	BSA 10-50	Premier 10.5
Richard Shimizu*	37/52	NJR100	Nightforce 8.40	Premier 10.5
Don Walker*	37/52	FWB P-70 ZM	Leupold 32x	Kodiak Match
Bill Nada	34/52	FWB P-70 ZM	Beeman 8-32	Kodiak Match

### Modified Class

George Gardner**	36/52	JW50	Leupold 8-25	Kodiak Match
Vince Pacheco**	33/52	HW77 Custom	BSA 5-20	Premier 7.9
Tim Mc Murray**	30/52	Venom HW77	Leupold 14.5-35	Beeman FTS
Seaton Thomas	26/52	TX200	BSA 10-50	Kodiak Match
Marco Valadez	19/52	HW97	B&L 6-24	Premier 7.9

### Spring Piston Class

Robert Mijares*	23/52	TX200	Simmons 4-12	Air Arms 8.5
Joe Haddad*	23/52	HW97K	B&L 4000 6-24	Premier 7.9
Ron Jobbes*	23/52	TX200	Tasco 5-20x	Premier 7.9

\*After shoot-off

\*\*12ft. lbs

## CASA FIELD TARGET MATCH JANUARY 13TH, 2001

We didn't have much of a turnout, only seven shooters. I think the rain during the previous week had something to do with it, but it turned out to be nice on Saturday except for being a little cold. It was my usual 32 shot match. There was a suggestion that we increase it to 40 but there was also a suggestion that we set up and shoot some silhouettes afterward and I don't think there's time for both.

Since three people cleaned the course in December and one in November, I tried to make it a little more challenging by putting

smaller kill zones further out. David Slade won the match with a score of 30. (At least he didn't clean, it.) Vince Pacheco was next, and first in the open class, with 28. Peter Maxfield finished second and last in the class with 25.

Seaton Thomas won the combined spring gun class handily with a score of 26. Bob Winer (Yes! Bob Winer with a springer!) finished second at 21. - Ed Curry

### **Match Winner**

David Slade	30/32	P70FT	B&L 6-24x	Premier 10.5
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### **Open Class**

Vince Pacheco*	28/32	CR94	B&L 6-24x	Beeman FTS
Peter Maxfield	25/32	ProTarget	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5

### **Spring Piston Class**

Seaton Thomas (Mod)	26/32	TX2W	BSA10-50x	Kodiak Match
Bob Winer (Mod)	21/32	TX200	Bushnell 8-32x	FTS 8.8
Ron Jobbes	20/32	TX200	Tasco 9-20x	Premier 7.9
Ed Curry	17/32	RX-1	Bushnell 6-18x	Kodiak Match

\*12ft lbs.

## CASA FIELD TARGET MATCH JANUARY 28TH, 2001

The Super bowl, and the previous weeks downpours caused a smaller turnout but this didn't stop Joe from creating a tough course, with lower than average scores!

### **Match Winner**

David Slade	43/48	FWB P70	HP B&L 4200 6-24x	Premier 10.5
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### **Open Class**

Don Walker	42/48	FWB P-70 HP	Leupold 20-50	Kodiak Match
Bob Winer*	40/48	FWB P-70 ZM	Nightforce 36x	Premier 10.5
John Spencer*	40/48	2002 ZM	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5
Vince Pacheco**	33/48	CR94	Bushnell 8-32	Beeman FTS

### **Spring Piston Class**

Joe Haddad*	36/48	TX200	B&L 4000 6-24	Premier 7.9
Seaton Thomas*	36/48	TX200	BSA 10-50	Kodiak Match
Robert Mijares	34/48	TX200	Leupold 6.5-20	Air Arms 8.5
George Gardner	29/48	JW50	Bushnell 8-32	Kodiak Match
Tim McMurray	28/48	'77 Lazaglide	Leupold 14.5-35	Kodiak
Ron Jobbes	13/48	TX200	Tasco 5-20	Premier 7.9

\*After shoot-off

\*\*12 ft. lbs.

## SOMETIMES ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HELPS

By *Roz Sumpter*

As one who has been a participant in American Field Target Shooting since its conception, I have occasionally taken pause to absorb the atmosphere. It sometimes helps to step back from the clatter and tumult of our lives. Allow yourself a few moments to luxuriate in some refreshing, mind clearing, air. After all, you can get so close to the forest that it inhibits the view.

One question I have often asked myself is: Why do I continue involvement with the sport of field target? My goodness, there have been people I've met through this sport I would consider strange bedfellows indeed. Many of them, were it not for the encounter offered by our game, I would never have sought to know or befriend.

Over time and exposure I have actually become quite fond of some individuals. They are people I would normally dismiss after a brief glance and, mental classification on pre-conceived notions. Surely some of you readers who know me can chuckle at recalling your first impression. That is to say, we have this human affliction that needs doctoring.

Please don't feel as if I've lost track of addressing my original question. Quite the contrary. All questions are not necessarily answered in a direct manner.

I have lost count of all the "shoots" I have attended throughout the years. They include those before the formation of "AAFTA" as we know it now. Before the term "field target" became the accepted description of our sport.

Know what? I've never attended a match that I was 100% satisfied with. Even prior to attendance there were sometimes issues contrary to what I consider correct or fair.

This is not to say that I was an unhappy camper at these functions. No sir! In fact I occasionally submitted rather glowing reports as to the proceedings. Rarely would I inject anything remotely construed to be criticism.

Getting a little confused? Don't be. You see, I merely prefer to focus on the positive. I feel an appreciation for anyone or any group of individuals willing to extend themselves for my possible enjoyment. Why should I become upset and point fingers because imperfect things resulted from the good efforts of imperfect people? By all means, please introduce me to a perfect living person!

It's amazing how our very best efforts can go astray. In deference to generic or gender considerations, we try to make allowance. In deference to physique or a person's economic status, we try to make allowance. Even in deference to skill level and equip-



## SOMETIMES ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HELPS (continued) by Roz Sumpter

ment, we try to make allowance. So if you please, do enlighten this ignorant pilgrim as to why we've achieved no formula for peace and contentment among our members?

Freedom of speech and expression is what I'm exercising in this article. It is also freedom of expression that a match director exercises when he lays out a course of fire. He is, by his very labor, providing his interpretation of difficulty and overall desired effect that he wishes to achieve.

Need we be reminded that our basic liberties were founded on a premise that freedom is granted to those who do not encroach on the freedom of others. This topic can greatly be expanded on and taken to a multitude of directions, I'll keep it close to home. Now let me mention a by-product of freedom, which is choice.

We all have the choice as to whether or not to attend a certain field target match. If we determine it financially feasible to do so, we're then presented with a menu of other considerations:

- A. Do I really want to spend precious free time traveling to this match?
- B. Do I believe that I'll enjoy the venue and the camaraderie of those in attendance?
- C. Is my equipment and skill at a level where I consider myself competitive?
- D. Do I possibly have an edge in the quest for a trophy?
- E. At the end of the day, regardless of outcome, how do I think I'll feel about the overall experience?

Of course there are other things to consider as well. Things that influence your final decision to go or not to go. However, that which you place the most emphasis will reveal your true motive and character.

Oftentimes I've sat around wrestling with the question of whether or not to attend such & such a match. Then, WHAMMO!! It hits me.... I REALLY LOVE BEING AROUND THESE GUYS!

It comes to mind a question that Jack Kirkendoll would always ask me before I departed one of the Cajun competitions: DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME?

# AAFTA Swap Shop

(Deadline for input to the newsletter is in the editor's hand by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month!)

**Note: The 2001 World Field Target Championships will be held August 24<sup>th</sup> thru the 26<sup>th</sup> in Newbury, England.**

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# 2001 Southern Spring Nationals



Sponsored by: *North Mississippi Airgun Club*

- Date:** May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001.
- Site:** Cedar Hill Farm, Hernando Mississippi.
- Directions:** A map and additional match information will be sent to all registrants.
- Rules:** AAFTA rules will be enforced.
- Safety:** AAFTA safety rules will be enforced, airguns must chronograph at 20 ft. lbs. or less.
- Practice Range:** Open May 4th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and 7 am on match days.
- Course of Fire:** 100 shots on 2 courses, one match on Saturday, one match on Sunday.
- Classes:** Open, Unlimited Piston, and Standard Piston
- Teams:** Five shooter club teams, top four for score. Teams must be composed of regular club members.
- Awards:** Champion, 2nd & 3rd in each class, High Standard Piston Gun, High Senior, High Lady, High Junior, 1st place Team.
- Ties Breaker:** All ties will be decided by shoot off.
- Entry Fees:** \$50 per shooter, \$60 after entry deadline. Entries limited to the first 78 shooters.
- Team Fees:** \$15 per team, due during registration.
- Entry Deadline:** April 20, 2001.
- Meals:** Lunch will be provided on Sat. & Sun. for competitors. Non-competitor meals are \$6.
- Lodging:** (Mention *North MS Airgun Club* when reserving rooms). *Days Inn* – Hernando (662) 429-0000 - \$42.50 per night, 2 full size beds, Cont. Breakfast. *Super 8 Motel* - (662) 429-5334 - \$49.50 per night, 2 Queen size beds, Cont. Breakfast.
- Air Tanks:** \$15 upon request
- Air Travel:** Memphis International Airport – 20 miles from venue

**For more information or questions, contact Wade Sutherland at 662-429-4663 or Brad Troyer at 256-882-2811.**

## Registration form for the 2001 Southern Spring Nationals

(please print clearly and include all information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Rifle: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: **OPEN PISTON** (circle one)

Scope: \_\_\_\_\_ Pellet: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Registration \$50 (\$60 after April. 20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Air Tank Rental - \$15 for the weekend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Competitor Meals, \$6 per meal, Number of meals: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable and send entries to:

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