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From the Editor:

Well, it's early June, so it must be about time for the May issue of the AAFTA News. Sheesh!

Quite a few match reports inside, include one from the new Central Texas club.

The MAFTA May was held in what can only be described as perfect field target conditions, and our scores reflect those conditions. I'd sure take a whole summer's worth of shoots like that!

Just a reminder to everyone to check their address labels for their expiration date. I will purge the list before the next issue, so if your membership has expired, get your renewal in to Cliff as soon as possible.

Shoot straight and enjoy the issue.

Jay

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AAFTA Member Clubs

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| BAC: | Bayou Airgun Club; Baton Rouge, LA Jack Kirkendoll 225-755-1715 | NMAC: Northern Mississippi Airgun Club; Hernando, MS Style Edwards 662-429-5794 |
| BAGA: | Badgerland Air Gun Association; Bristol, WI Alex Modic 262-895-7251 modic@execpc.com http://www.bagaclub.com | NOCASA: Northern California Airgun Shooters Association San Francisco, CA Mike McKeown 707-253-8029 |
| BEC: | Bulls Eye Club; St. Martinsville, LA Roland Robichaux 318-394-3611 | OAFSTA: Ohio Airgun & Field Target Shooters Association; Vienna OH Rick Smelco 330-637-9442 |
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| CAC: | Carolina Airgun Club; Winston-Salem, NC Jeff Miller 336-764-4734 | PA: Phoenix Airgunners; Phoenix, AZ Bobby L. Cocorran 5325 W. Pierson Phoenix, AZ 95031 |
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| COPS: | Charter Oaks Pelleteers; Beacon Falls, CT Peter Morris 203-723-2098 pmorris@mail.fairfield.edu | PFTAC: Pennsylvania Field Target & Airgun Club Lt. Joseph J. Koslop 717-454-7456 |
| CTAC: | Central Texas Airgun Club; Dripping Springs, TX Ron Robinson 512-894-0777 | PMRPC: Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club; Port Malabar, FL Steve Minner 407-728-7850 stevemnr@earthlink.net |
| DAFTC: | Dominion Airgun Field Target Club; Harrisonburg, VA Claude Phillipy 540-434-2416 cphillipy@planetcomm.net | PSC: Pearland Sportsman's Club; Pearland, TX Bob Zimmerman 713-436-1794 |
| DIFTA: | Damascus Maryland Chapter of the Isaak Walton League of America Steve Schultz 301-365-0291 | RCA: River City Airgunners; Spokane, WA Tom Price 509-535-7993 |
| DJMC: | Delran Junior Marksman; Delran, NJ John Quiter 732-269-3303 | SSG: Single Shot Group; South Lyon, MI Bill Erwin 313-437-3132 |
| EFTCC: | Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club Wappingers Falls, NY Ray Apelles 845-896-9792 http://www.bestweb.net/~ateamray | TBA: Tampa Bay Airgunners; Odessa, FL Cliff Smith 813-884-0507 |
| ENAF: | Eastern Nebraska Airgunner Field Target; Springfield, NE Rick Kristof 402-253-8230 | TRRFTC: Tacoma Rifle & Revolver Field Target Club Tacoma, WA Kyle McCormack 253-905-1807 |
| PR | 1st Prairie Rifles; Olathe KS Richard Keeney 913-780-9937 | TVA: Tennessee Valley Airgunners; Huntsville, AL Brad Troyer 256-882-2811 |
| GIFT: | Grand Isle Field Target; Grand Isle, VT Brian S. Johnson 802-372-4173 GrandIsleFT@hotmail.com | WPAA: Western Pennsylvania Airgun Association; Homer City, PA Mark Troxell 412-256-3163 |
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| MCFG: | Marion County Fish & Game Association Indianapolis, IN Anthony Storey 317-925-5544 | Associate Member Clubs |
| MSTS: | Mid South Tri-State Airgunners Association Memphis, TN Tom Itterly 901-872-0488 | WFTA: Waterloo Field Target Association Waterloo, Ontario, Canada Hans Bormann 519-745-3244 |
| MSFTA: | Mountain State Field Target Association | CMPT: Club Mexico de Tiro Pneumatico S. de R. L. Y. C. V.; Mexico Hector J. Medina Hacienda De La Punta 129 Bosques De Echeagaray Naucalpa Edo. De Mexico 53310 |

2003 Match Schedule

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

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

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| Precision Airgun Ltd. | 562-430-9138 |
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Ballistic Programs

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

Chronograph

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

Cleaning Kits

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

Field Targets

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| 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 | AfterHoursTargetCo@att.net |

Gas Rams

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

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

Pellets

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| 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

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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

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

Repair & Tuning

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| 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

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

Scope Knobs and/or Levels

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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

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 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

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

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| Wade Sutherland | 662-429-4663 |
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Wind Flags

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

Airgun Videos

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| Pellethead | 800-213-2088 |
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Awards and Trophies

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| Bob Zimmerman | 713-680-1329 |
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2003 U.S. Field Target National Championship

Sponsored by the Western Wayne County Conservation Association Airgun Club

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Date: | September 20th-21 st , 2003. | | |
| 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 Sept. 19th from 9:00 am to 5:00pm, and 8:30 am on match days. | | |
| Course of Fire: | 120 shots on two courses, one 60 shot match each day. Timers will be used on both courses. Match starts at 11:00 AM on the 20 th and 10:00 AM on the 21 st . Shooters meeting prior to each match. | | |
| Club Teams: | Five shooter club teams, top 4 four for score. Teams will be composed of of regular club members. | | |
| Awards/Classes: <i>Note: Any person qualifying, regardless of country of origin will be eligible for any WWCCA awards</i> | AAFTA Awards: | National Champion Open Division | |
| | | National Champion Piston Division | |
| | WWCCA awards: | Open | (1 st thru 5 th place) |
| | | PCP | (1 st thru 5 th place) |
| | | Piston Unlimited | (1 st thru 5 th place) |
| | | Piston | (1 st thru 5 th place) |
| High Senior | | (65 years or older) | |
| | High Junior | (16 years or younger) | |
| | 1 st place Club Team | | |
| Other Classes: | WWCCA will consider forming other classes, (chair, offhand, etc), with a minimum of five competitors. Information must be provided by the August 30th deadline in order to procure awards. | | |
| Tie Breakers: | All ties for awards will be decided by shoot off. | | |
| Entry Fees: | \$75 per shooter, \$90 for registrations postmarked after August 30 th . No guarantee of dinners if registration postmarked after August 30 th . Entries are limited to 90 competitors | | |
| Club Team Fees: | \$25.00 per team fee due on September 20th during registration. | | |
| Meals: | Dinner will be provided on Sat. & Sun. for competitors. Non-competitor meals are \$8.00. | | |
| 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: | Air tanks will be provided at the match for \$20.00 each for the duration of the match. | | |
| 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@foxberry.net

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Registration form for the 2003 U.S. National Field Target Championship

(Please print **clearly** and include all information)

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Country** _____
Email: _____ **Email Registration Package: Yes** ___ **No** ___ ?
Air Rifle: _____ **Scope:** _____
Pellet: _____ **Lube:** _____ Include me in **Senior** ___ **Junior** ___ Class

****Please note:** Any shooter using AAFTA approved supports will be in the Open Class/Piston Unlimited Class. The PCP class and Piston class do not allow the use of body straps, harness and/or shooting jackets. The use of gloves, knee/elbow/arm pads, and rifles slings is allowed in any class. Shooters not using artificial support, (shooting jacket, body straps, harness, etc.), may chose to be in any class in their division.

Division (circle one) **OPEN/ PCP / PISTON UNLIMITED/ Piston**

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| Individual Registration \$75 (\$90 after Aug 30 th) | \$ |
| Air Tank Rental, \$20 for the weekend | \$ |
| Non-Competitor Meals, \$8.00 per meal, Saturday? Sunday? | \$ |
| Total Enclosed: | \$ |

For more information or questions, contact Jim Everett at 734-242-8845

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

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
AIRGUN E MAIL NEWSLETTER
APRIL 28, 2003

What a great day for the season opener!! Granted, it was a cool 39 when we arrived at the practice range but the temperatures quickly rose into the low 70's, coupled with an absolutely cloudless blue sky and very light breezes made a perfect field target day.

James Sumpter, my personal nemesis, had a good day proving that his third place at Baton Rouge wasn't a fluke. He used the TX200 SR for both occasions. I do hope he goes back to the HW77, at least I could stay close to him most of the time. Phil Herman was much below his usual level of shooting. He had to return his regular scope to Hakko for repair and slapped on another but wasn't able to get his numbers before match time. Steve Sibal left his NJR100 at home today and used his RWS 54. His comment to me was something like I forgot how tough it was shooting a piston rifle. Jim Sarnacki used a Shamal from the past and did as well as when he shoots his NJR100. Not much slows down Jim...unless you don't call him for lunch. Ken Reeves's trigger on his TX200 took a dump with 4 lanes remaining. I extrapolated that his score, if he could have completed the match, would have been in the low 50's. This has happened to him twice in the past, once at the old Bluegrass venue and once here several years ago.

Chuck Martin shot as a non-competitor and had a very nice 42 for his effort. He probably would have placed first in the B Flight had he elected to shoot as a competitor but he prefers to do it this way. Two new shooters, Gary Moore and Dennis Galan joined us today. Both shot offhanded while Dennis used a .22 with open sights. Dennis is slated for an operation on his other knee today. It was good to see Lee McCormick and Roger Ososki from the western and the mid Michigan area. Bob Duncan came up on Saturday night and brought a bitch with him for companionship. Ginger, a Rat Terrier is a very nice dog! Bob you had me concerned for a while when you mentioned in an e-mail that you were bringing a bitch without telling me it was a dog!! I guess never assume anything!!

Thanks to Chuck Martin, Rick Stoutenburg, and Ken Reeves for the help on Saturday setting the range and the course. Ken volunteered to trailer his ATV both on Saturday and Sunday. We used the Kawasaki and trailer to move things between the storage shed and the range and course. OUR golf cart we usually use was grabbed off by the precision shooters, again!!!!

We passed around the shooting glasses that were donated to us by Rick McAllister and Airgas. I think everyone is impressed with the looks and clarity of the glasses. We touched on the US Nationals and what needs to be done and what has been done to date. What has been accomplished, though it doesn't sound like a lot is that we have been able to come to a definitive agreement as to procedures for the Nationals with AAFTA. Virtually all of this was done by e-mail. Now we proceed with the nuts and bolts of making a great US Nationals for WWCCA! Be ready if we need you and your talent.

RESULTS

MATCH WINNER

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|--------------|----|--------|---------|------|-------------|
| Eric Sanders | 52 | 86.67% | LG100ZM | .177 | BSA 10 x 50 |
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A FLIGHT

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|-------------------|----|-------|---------|------|------------------|
| Jim Sarnacki | 49 | 81.67 | Shamal | .177 | Leupold 40 x |
| James Sumpter* | 48 | 80.00 | TX200SR | .177 | Tasco 8 x 40 |
| Rick Stoutenburg* | 48 | 80.00 | TX200SR | .177 | Leupold 6.5 x 20 |
| Roger Ososki | 46 | 76.67 | ZM2002 | .177 | BSA 10 x 50 |

B FLIGHT

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|----------------|----|-------|-----------|------|-------------------|
| Lee McCormick* | 41 | 68.33 | TX200SR | .177 | Simmons 6 x 20 |
| Bob Duncan* | 41 | 68.33 | ProTarget | .177 | Hakko 36 x |
| Jim Everett | 36 | 60.00 | TX200SR | .177 | Elite 4200 6 x 24 |
| Phil Herman | 33 | 55.00 | CRX | .177 | Hakko 5 x 20 |

C FLIGHT

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|---------------|----|-------|--------|------|------------------|
| Steve Sibal* | 24 | 40.00 | RWS54 | .177 | Bushnell 6 x 18 |
| Rick Stewart* | 24 | 40.00 | HW97K | .177 | Simmons 6.5x 20 |
| Fritz Sanders | 23 | 38.33 | RWS 94 | .177 | Simmons 6.5 x 20 |
| Gary Moore | 4 | 6.67 | Gamo | .177 | BSA |
| Dennis Galan | 1 | 1.66 | RWS 48 | ..22 | Open Sight |

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| Ken Reeves | DNF | | | | |
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NON COMPETITOR

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| Chuck Martin | 42 | 70.00 | Harrier | .20 | Simmons 6 x 18 |
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*Denotes position after longest string of hits

CASA Field Target Match @ Prado- April 12, 2003

Open Class

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| Leo Hwong | 31/32 | Daystate CRX-ST` | Bushnell 8-32x | Premier 10.5 |
| John Spencer | 28/32 | Anschutz 2002 ZM | Burris 8-32x | Premier 10.5 |
| Bob Winer | 26/32 | NJR 100 TG | Bushnell 8-32x | Premier 10.5 |
| Richard Shimizu | 18/32 | NJR 100 | Nightforce 8-40 | Premier 10.5 |
| Peter Maxfield | 14/32 | AA ProTarget | Burris 8-32x | FTS |
| Ron Marcoe | 13/32 | Mako | Bushnell 8-32x | Premier 10.5 |
| Phil Lindberg* | 26/32 | Air Arms S300 | B & L 6-24x | Premier .22 |
| Bettina Klee | DNF | Anschutz 2025 | | Kodiak Match |

*Disqualified; used bipod

Spring Piston Class

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| Argen Wong | 24/32 | HW97 | | premier 7.9 |
| George Gardener** | 20/32 | SLR 98 | Leupold 20-50x | FTS .22 |
| Vince Pacheco** | 20/32 | TX200 Mki | Burris 8-32x | FTS |
| Rob Wild | 18/32 | TX200 | Bushnell 8-32x | FTS |
| Larry Durham | 18/32 | JW60 | Burris 8-32x | JSB |
| Ed Curry | 16/32 | RX-1 | B&L 6-24x | Kodiak Match |
| Cindy Wild | 15/32 | TX200 | Bushnell 8-32x | FTS |

** Results after shoot-off

In April, we had one of the biggest turn-outs we've had at Prado in quite awhile: 15 shooters. The field included new shooters Bettina Klee, a friend of Argen Wong, and Cindy Wild, Rob's wife. Leo Hwong won the open class by a decisive margin of 3 shots over John Spencer in second place. Bob Winer was third in the class, 2 more shots behind John. Argen Wong switched from the open class to spring guns for this match. The change worked out well for Argen because he won the class, finishing 4 shots ahead of his nearest competitors. George Gardner and Vince Pacheco tied for second. In the ensuing shoot-off, George shot first and hit the selected target twice. Vince missed the first of his two shots, giving George the victory.
Ed Curry

CASA Field Target Match @ Angeles- April 27, 2003

This was a day that explains the reason I live in Calif. My drive this morning from the Big Valley to the north was rewarded with the most beautiful sunrise in a long time. The hills just out side of Gorman were a blaze of Gold, Yellow & Blue flowers. I know it will not last long but you need to see this at least once. It was a perfect day for F/T shooting also with temperature in the mid 70 . We had a total of 21 shooters. Four were new shooters. Welcome Michael Marcelli, Eric Lover, Eric Lover II & Leo Auclair. I sure hope you enjoyed today's fun and will return often. Top honors go to John Spencer in OPEN class with an excellent score of 48/52 & After a coin toss Joe Haddad won the Piston class with a 39/52. Excellent shooting guys on a very difficult course set up Joe Haddad. Bob Winer brought a little fun to the match today. I have never seen off-hand shooting like he did. I said off-hand but in fact it was off the hip. Using a green laser as an aim point. The fact that he did not hit a single one may not be as bad as the score shows because it turned out that that the laser was not sited in correctly. Maybe next time it will be and he will hit them all. For the shooters who are approaching senior status like me, this maybe the help I need. I would like to thank Richard for bring the food, water & Photo's & taking up the money. For you that may not know Richard S. is one of the original driving forces behind the CASA club. Thanks you Richard for your continued support.
George Gardner

Open Class

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|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| John Spencer | 48/52 | Anschutz | Burris 8-32 | CPH |
| Lawrence Weisdorn* | 47 | ZMLG100 | BSA 10-50 | CPH |
| Leo Hwong* | 47 | CRX- | Bushnell 8-32 | CPH |
| Doug Miller | 44 | STEYR DM LG 100 | Leupold Comp 40x | CPH |
| Robert D. Mijares | 41 | Dominator | Tasco 8-40 | Kodiak |
| Richard Shimizu | 40 | NJR100 | Hakko | |
| Michael Marcelli | 39 | ZMLG100 | BSA 10-50 | CPH |

CASA Field Target Match @ Angeles- April 27, 2003 cont.

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|--------------------|----|----------------|------------------|---------|
| Daniel Moscaritolo | 39 | ZMLG100 | Leupold comp 45x | CPH |
| Vince Pacheco | 39 | Steyr LD-LG-!P | Hakko 10-40 | CPH |
| Bob Winer | 38 | Steyr ZMLG100 | Bushnell 8-32 | CPH |
| Tim McMurray | 38 | Steyr 1PFT | Bushnell 8-32 | CPH |
| Ron Marcoe | 38 | Mako | B&L 8-32 | CPH |
| Vipha Miller | 34 | Steyr FT LG100 | Leupold comp 35x | CPH |
| Brent Bennett | 33 | Falcon Hawk | Bushnell 6-24 | CPH |
| Larry Durham | 29 | Steyr 91 | Hakko 20x | .22 cal |
| Eric Lover | 23 | FWB P70 JR | Bushnell 8-32 | FTS |
| Eric Lover II | 10 | FWB P70 JR | Bushnell 8-32 | FTS |

Piston class-

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|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Joe Haddad* | 39/52 | Venom 97 | B&L 6-24 | CPL |
| George Gardner* | 39 | SLR-98 | Leupold 30-50 | FTS .22 |
| Joe Salamanca | 22 | No equipment listed on Card | | |
| Leo Auclair | 18 | Marksman 61 | Bushnell 6-18 | CPL |

*Coin toss

CASA Field Target Match @ Prado- May 10, 2003

Open Class

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|-----------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Leo Hwong | 30/32 | Daystate CRX-ST | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| John Spencer | 28/32 | Anschutz 2002 ZM | Burriss 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| Bob Winer | 26/32 | Steyr ZMLG100 | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| Scott Winslow | 25/32 | AA ProTarget | BSA 10-50 | Premier 10.5 |
| Richard Shimizu | 20/32 | NJR 100 | Night Force 8-40 | Premier 10.5 |
| Peter Maxfield | 19/32 | AA ProTarget | Burriss 8-32 | FTS |

Spring Piston Class

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|------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| Rob Wild | 15/32 | TX200 | Bushnell 8-32 | FTS |
| Ed Curry | 14/32 | RX-1 | B&L 6-24 | Kodiak Match |
| Paul Stubb | 10/32 | TX200 | Simmons 4-12 | FTS |

We only had 7 shooters at Prado for the May match. The fact that it was Mothers' Day weekend probably had something to do with it. The field included Scott Winslow, who hasn't shot with us for a while, and new shooter Paul Stubb.

The grass had not been cut in the running game range we've been using recently so we were back in the larger small bore range to the east. The top of the finishing order in the open class was exactly the same as last month; Leo Hwong 1st, John Spencer 2nd, and Bob Winer 3rd. John and Bob even shot the same scores as last month.

Rob Wild had some problems with his rifle (preliminary diagnosis was a broken spring) but he was able to compensate for the shifted point of impact in time to win the spring the gun class by 1 shot.

Ed Curry

CASA Field Target Match @ Angeles- May 25, 2003

On my long drive to Pasadena from the big Valley to the north, I keep thinking "this is Race day" and no body is going to show up to shoot. Well how wrong one can be. Twenty one (21) shooters came to play on a very overcast day. Top honors in Open class went to Leo Hwong with at 48/50. Top Honors in Piston Class went to Argen Wong with a 40/50. Well done guys and keep up the practice.

I will not be at the next Angeles match. I will be in Idaho Falls, Idaho doing some single tracking. This is bicycling stuff for those of you that do not know. I will be thinking of you all as you make those perfect shoots.

George Gardner

Open Class

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|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Leo Hwong | 48/50 | CRX-ST | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| Lawrence Weisdorn | 47 | ZMLG100 | BSA 10-50 | Premier 10.5 |
| *Bob Winer | 44 | Steyr ZMLG | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| *John Spencer | 44 | Anschutz | Burris 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| Daniel Moscaritolo | 42 | No data listed | | |
| Tim McMurray | 42 | No data listed on card | | |
| Michael Marcelli | 39 | ZMLG | BSA 10-50 | Premier 10.5 |
| Larry Durham | 39 | Larry custom made toy | | |
| Doug Miller | 39 | CRX | Leup comp 40x | Premier 10.5 |
| Bettina Wong | 38 | Anschutz | Bushnell 6-24 | FTS |
| Vipha Miller | 36 | No data listed | | |
| Tom Olivieri | 35 | P70 FT | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| Ron Marcoe | 33 | Mako | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 |
| Richard Shimizu | 29 | NJR 100 | Nightforce 8-40 | Premier 10.5 |
| Brent Bennett | 26 | No data on card | | |

Piston class

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|----------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| Argen Wong | 40/50 | HW97 Mk3 | Bushnell 8-32 | FTS |
| Vince Pachaco | 38 | TX200 Mk1 | Burris 8-32 | FTS |
| George Gardner | 35 | SLR-98 | Leupold 30-50 | .22 FTS |
| Joe Haddad | 32 | Venom 97K | B&L 6-24 | CPL |
| Ron Jobbes | 31 | No data on Card | | |
| Joe Salamanca | 28 | Venom 77 | Bush 8-32 | Lazapell |

BAGA - Badgerland AirGun Association

Field Target Match

May 10, 2003

Our third season began with another great day at BAGA and another Season Opener is now in the record books. Although there were threats of severe weather and it had rained most of the week, the day turned out to be just picture perfect. For this first match, we shot the Front Course. This is comprised of 12 wooded lanes with a total of 48 shots. This year the targets were placed with elevation differential as the main focus. Many of the new targets were located high up in the trees. This made some of the targets higher in difficulty but we had plenty of balance to make the course fairly diversified. The tree shots will give us experience at elevated shooting positions even without having a hilly terrain.

The scores reflect the diversity of our new course layout. They are also tightly bunched, which reflects the benefits of this winter's Indoor IFP League. The league certainly kept us in good shooting form and we look forward to keeping up practice with more summertime IFP shoots. The culmination of all these factors is that we had a three-way tie at the end of the match and additional three shooters within 2 points of the lead. The tiebreaker was settled per standard BAGA shoot-off practice, 5-shots at a small KZ on the sight-in range. Results being that Brandon cleaned all five shots and Allen and Frank had to go a second round to determine second and third placing. It certainly was exciting to watch the shoot-off, as the winds would swirl severely in the open range. Again, congrats to Brandon Carrol and all the other shooters for a good match.

The match awards were presented at the conclusion of the event and preceded our IFP awards banquet. Plenty of food and drink were served and a good time was had by all. In addition to the FT and IFP league awards, a framed and matted World Record IFP Target was presented to Vlad Berchanskiy for his world record accomplishment which he completed last year. Thanks again to all the members for their help and contributions. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next match on June 14.

Reported by Alex Modic - BAGA

| Pos. | Name | Total/48 | Gun | Scope |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Brandon Carrol | 37*** | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 2 | Allen Zasadny | 37 *** | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 3 | Frank Barreca | 37*** | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 4 | Greg Sauve | 36 | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 5 | Bill Howarth | 36 | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 6 | Vlad Berchanskiy | 35 | ZM 2002 Alu | BSA 10x50 |
| 7 | Alex Modic | 31 | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 8 | Dennis Taki | 26 | ZM Steyr LG-100 | BSA 10x50 |
| 9 | Don Fong | 24 | CRX | BSA 10x50 |

Notes: Course Difficulty = 41.7 Avg. Yardage = 37.6 Avg. KZ = 0.99
 *** Decided by Shoot-Off

Central Texas Airgun Club field target results for May, 10 2003

high humidity, 90 degrees, mild to gusty winds, overcast
 33 shots

Open

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|------------------|----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Steve Ridings | 32 | Ridings/Falcon | Swift 8-32 x 50 | Baracuda Match |
| 2. Bob Zimmerman | 29 | NJR | Tasco 8-40 X 56 | CPH |
| 3. John Hall | 24 | Daystate CRX | BSA 10-50 x 56 | CPH |

Piston

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|----------------------|----|----------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Leo Duran | 18 | HW97 | Bushnell 6-24 x 40 | CPL |
| 2. Ron Robinson | 15 | Theoben Fenman | Marksman 4-12 | CPL |
| 3. Charles Mistretta | 7 | TX200 | Swift 8-32 x 50 | CPL |

"Another great day at MSTs!"

March 26, 2003

The crowd was less than our first match, but we had a great match never the less. Our 2nd match had to be cancelled due to a medical condition with my wife Susan. She had to undergo three major operations inside a weeks time! Our stay in the hospital lasted 2 weeks and a day. She is still having a hard time of it, but I'm hoping that in a week or two, she will be back to her old self again. Please, everyone, remember Susan in your prayers.

I felt that this second match was better than our first. Two of our mini-field target shooters got to try out real field target shooting, and now I think they have gotten the bug. This is what it is all about...getting hooked on field target. I can't think of a better family sport than this. It's a perfect way to have fun doing something with your family! How much better can it get?

Once again, our mini-field target was a real success, with the kid's still wanting to shoot after the match was over and done. Scores went up dramatically from our first match as everyone now is starting to learn field target and their equipment. Jackie Damien shot a 19 out of 20 all from the standing position. She was using her new, improved FWB P-70 F/T. Ann Rettig and Marc Martin, two of our up and coming shooters, tied with a 17/20. Allen Rettig shot 16/20 for third. Bob Ray, our open sight champion, shot a very nice 16/20. Not bad at all Bob! Kevin Itterly was 1st place champion in the Junior class with a 16/20. Chris Gareau was hot on his heels with a 14/20 for second place. Our youth class winner, using a peep sight, was Zach Ray with a 10/20. Our other youth class winner was none other than Joey Gareau, using a 4 x 16 power tech force scope. Great shooting! You are all making great progress.

Our regular field target match started after our lunch break, with two of our mini-field target shooters trying out real field target for the first time. Both did really well and learned that the real game is much harder than mini-field target! Jackie Damien and myself tied with a 19/20, but Jackie got the nod for 1st since this was a ladies versus mens match, with my son Kevin almost there turning 13 today! Happy birthday son, I love you! Yes, the women beat the men, and boy did we hear it! Wait till next time. June Curry, our secretary/treasurer, shot 15/20 for 3rd place. Just wait until next time Jackie. June will have a big surprise waiting for you! A small hint...it starts with a "D" and ends with a "R". All the letters will become clear at the next match...Surprise! Ann Rettig and Marc Martin also tied with a 11/20. Good shooting! Kevin finished with a 9/20 shooting a borrowed gun.

We all had a really fun day, and look forward to our next match. I love this sport!

Thanks much,

Tom Itterly

FIELD TARGET MATCH RESULTS

Pre/charge Adult Class

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Gun</u> | <u>Scope</u> | <u>Score (out of 20)</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st (tie) | Jackie Damien | FWB P-70 | Bushnell 8-32 x 40 | 19 |
| 2nd (tie) | Thomas Itterly | Ripley | Nightforce 36 x 56 | 19 |
| 3rd | June Curry | AA S400E | Tech Force 8 x 32 | 15 |
| 4th (tie) | Ann Rettig | AA S400E | Tech Force 8 x 32 | 11 |
| 5th (tie) | Marc Martin | Ripley | Nightforce 36 x 56 | 11 |

Pre/charge Junior Class (12 - 17 yrs)

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|-----|---------------|----------|-------------------|---|
| 1st | Kevin Itterly | AA S400E | Tech Force 8 x 32 | 9 |
|-----|---------------|----------|-------------------|---|

MINI-FIELD TARGET MATCH RESULTS

Pre/charge Adult Class

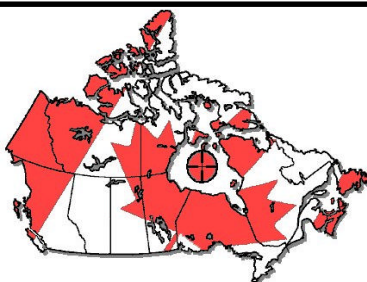
| <u>Place</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Gun</u> | <u>Scope</u> | <u>Score (out of 20)</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st (standing) | Jackie Damien | FWB P-70 | Bushnell 4-32 x 40 | 19 |
| 1st | Ann Rettig | TF 78 | Tech Force 4 x 16 | 17 |
| 2nd | Marc Martin | TF 79 | Tech Force 4 x 16 | 17 |
| 3rd | Alan Rettig | TF 78 | Tech Force 4 x 16 | 16 |
| 1st (open site) | Bob Ray | TF 79 | open sight | 16 |

Pre/charge Junior Class (12 - 17 yrs)

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|-----|---------------|----------|-------------------|----|
| 1st | Kevin Itterly | AA S400E | Tech Force 8 x 32 | 16 |
| 2nd | Chris Gareau | TF 78 | Tech Force 4 x 16 | 14 |

Pre/charge Youth Class (6 - 11 yrs)

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|------------------|-------------|-------|-------------------|----|
| 1st | Joey Gareau | TF 78 | Tech Force 4 x 16 | 9 |
| 1st (open sight) | Zach Ray | TF 79 | open sight | 10 |



Waterloo Field Target Club Spring Match - May 25, 2003

The forecast for the day was rain, rain and more rain. Hans and I had talked on Saturday and were pretty sure we would have to set up the course on the 100 and 200-meter ranges and shoot from under the roof. Well the rain just never came and thankfully we were able to set up on the bush lanes as usual. With the new spring growth and mosquitoes not making an appearance yet, it was close to an ideal day for the match. The temperature was from high fifties to low sixties and the wind was light and variable.

We were very glad to see Don Irvine and Dr. Magdy Hassouna join us for their first FT match. Both fit in well and are knowledgeable shooters. Magdy was using a .22 rifle and 20X scope and did very well for himself. Don had his Steyr set up well and shot extremely well for a first outing. My first FT match result was not near as good as either one of these two new shooters. We hope to see them on a regular basis.

We were fortunate enough to have a junior shooter as well; Zack Harde shot his Diana 24 and achieved impressive results. He hit the metal on all but a few targets that were at extreme ranges for a gun that shoots in the 600 fps range. As his experience grows and his equipment changes, he will be an excellent shooter. His dad, George, is already considering an upgrade in the rifle department for his next match.

During the match I think everyone had a bit of rust to knock off from the long winter layoff. I had the classic, did not change the scope for a 47-yard target and planted one beautifully at six o'clock. Others had misses that they laugh at now, but well into the season, they will not miss that same shot.

Dennis, Mike and myself were fairly close all day, but with some luck and good guesses I was able to record a 56/60 to place first. Dennis was close behind with a 54 after having dropped a few targets due to a leaky valve that led to low air in the gun. Mike had some trouble on the long lanes with that unpredictable wind and recorded a 51 for third place. Three shooters, Hans, Don and Bert, were tied for fourth with scores of 48.

I was very happy to be out shooting again and catching up with the news from everyone. Having two new shooters was the icing on the cake. There are a couple more new shooters who could not make this match, but have their rigs just about ready for the June match. I am hoping this is a breakout year for Canadian Field Target as far as numbers go, if all the regulars continue to shoot and the number of new shooters continues to grow.

We'll have it again on June 22nd and I'm sure it will be a great time as usual. Have fun; shoot lots.

Tim MacSweyn

| Shooter | Gun | Scope | Pellet | Total /60 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| T-Diff 30 | | | | |
| 1) Tim MacSweyn | Ld/SS #4 | Bushnell 8-32 | CP 10.5 | 56 |
| 2) Dennis Eden | NJC100 | Nightforce 8-40 | Baracuda | 54 |
| 3) Mike Ferrara | NJR100 | Leup. 18-40 | Baracuda | 51 |
| 4) Hans Bormann | Pro Target | Leup. 18-40 | Baracuda | 48* |
| 4) Don Irvine | Steyr FT | Deben 8.5-34 | CP 10.5 | 48* |
| 4) Bert Habitcher | AA 300s | Simmons 6.5-20 | Baracuda | 48* |
| 7) George Harde | TX200 | Bushnell 8-32 | Baracuda | 46 |
| 8) Will Kwan | TX200HC | Burris 8-32 | Baracuda | 41 |
| 9) Magdy Hassouna | Daystate PH6 .22 cal | Bushnell 4-20 | Webley Mosquito | 29 |
| Junior | | | | |
| Zack Harde | Diana 24 | BSA 2-7 | CP 7.9 | 30.5** |

*Ties were just left as ties

** One point for a target down and a half point for hitting the metal target

MAFTA Results May 2003

May 17, 2003

Conditions

Temp: 60F

Precipitation: None

Wind: 0-2 mph E

60X possible

Open Division

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|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----|
| Dale Montbriand | Anschutz ZM2002 | NiteForce 36 | Premier 10.5 | 58 |
| Ron Carlson | Air Arms Custom 100 | BSA 10-50 | Premier 10.5 | 55 |
| Mark Catlin | Walther LG300 Dominator | BSA 10-50 | Premier 10.5 | 54 |
| Fran Hufnagel | Steyr ZM 100 | Bushnell 8-32 | Premier 10.5 | 51 |
| Karen Skogen | Beeman Mako | Burris 8-32 | Premier 10.5 | 51 |
| Neil Younggren | Steyr ZM 100 | BSA 10-50 | Premier 10.5 | 51 |
| Ben Fok | Daystate PH6 | Burris 8-32 | Premier 10.5 | 45 |
| Amy Montbriand | Daystate LR 90 | Burris 8-32 | Premier 10.5 | 45 |
| Dave Ahrenholz | Air Arms NJR 100 | Nikko-Sterling 10-50 | Premier 10.5 | 39 |

Piston Division

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|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|----|
| Jay Olson-Goude | Air Arms TX-200 | Burris 8-32 | Kodiak Match 10.6 | 41 |
| Doug West | Beeman R-10 | Tasco 3-9 | Beeman Silver Bear .20 | 19 |

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC)

At Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA) - EFTCC @ DCPA 4/13/2003

Open Class

| Name | Score | % | Gun | Optics | Pellet | Velocity | FTLBS | 75 YD |
|----------------|-------|----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Robert Barton | 56 | 93 | Steyer ZM LG100FT | B&L 8-32 | 10.5 Premiers | 915 | 19.5 | 1X |
| Bob Ford | 44 | 73 | CRX | Hakko5-20 | 10.5 Premiers | 870 | 17.7 | 1X |
| Paul Bishop | 42 | 70 | P70JR | Elite 4200 6-24 | 8.6gr FTS | 565 | 6.1 | |
| Roy Ruppert | 41 | 68 | CRX | Burris 8-32 | 10.5 Premiers | 860 | 17.2 | |
| David Hatlee | 34 | 57 | Harrier SE | ScopeChief 6-20 | 10.5 Premiers | 875 | 17.9 | 1X |
| Jock Elliott | 31 | 52 | Daisy Valiant | BSA 4-16 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 565 | 6.0 | |
| Tom Diorio | 20 | 33 | QB78 PCP "A" Team | Blazer 8-32 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 790 | 11.6 | 2X |
| Steve Proscher | 12 | 20 | QB78 | Tasco 10-40 | 7.9gr Premiers | 713 | 8.9 | |
| Hans Apelles | 53DNC | 88 | NJR100 | B&L 8-32 | 10.5 Premiers | 910 | 19.3 | 1X |

Spring Gun Class

| Name | Score | % | Gun | Optics | Pellet | Velocity | FTLBS | 75 YD |
|---------------|-------|----|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Paul Cray | 48 | 80 | TX200 | B&L 8-32 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 865 | 14.0 | 1X |
| Joe Dennis | 34 | 57 | TX200SR | B&L 8-32 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 812 | 12.3 | |
| Tom Owen | 31 | 52 | R9 - 20 cal | 6-12x40 | 14.3gr FTS | 625 | 12.4 | |
| Mike Cohen | 30 | 50 | R9 | Elite 4200 6-24 | 7.9gr Premiers | 820 | 11.8 | |
| Kyle Kammerer | 18 | 30 | R7 | BSA 2-7 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 571 | 6.1 | |
| Ray Apelles | 49DNC | 82 | FWB300 | Trophy 6-18 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 570 | 6.1 | |

Junior Class

| Name | Score | % | Gun | Optics | Pellet | Velocity | FTLBS | 75 YD |
|------------------|-------|----|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Daniel Diorio | | 72 | QB78 PCP "A" Team | Blazer 8-32 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 790 | 11.6 | |
| Timothy Szlaski | | 46 | QB78 | RWS 3-9 | 8.4gr JSB Exact | 690 | 8.9 | |
| Michael Proscher | | 43 | QB78 | Tasco 10-40 | 7.9gr Premiers | 713 | 8.9 | |
| Venkat Jambavat | | 37 | Crossman 760 | Open Sights | | 450 | 3.6 | |

Off-Hand (Standing) Class

| Name | Score | % | Gun | Optics | Pellet | Velocity | FTLBS | 75 YD |
|----------------|-------|----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Gopal Jambavat | 39 | 65 | Walther Dominator | Walther | 10.6 gr Barracuda | 800 | 15.1 | |
| John Way | 36 | 60 | RN10 | Leupold 14.5-35 | 10.5 Premiers | 875 | 17.9 | |
| Joe Giunti | 29 | 48 | Falcon FN12 | Elite 4200 6-24 | 10.6 gr Kodiak | 820 | 15.8 | |
| Doug Taylor | 15 | 25 | Diana 36 | 4.2 Weaver | 10.6 gr Kodiak | 725 | 12.4 | |

Field Target Match Review EFTCC@DCPA 4/13/2003

Match review written by Paul Bishop

It is unbelievable how one person can get addicted to a sport like Field Target. I had been looking forward to the first FT match of the year with a bittersweet anticipation. The winter was long and I hadn't done much shooting over the past 5 months, so even though I couldn't wait for the match to begin, I also had my doubts as to how well I would do. The question kept coming into my mind, "did I loose my edge over the winter"?

April 13th had finally arrived and I asked my future Son in Law to join me at the match since he fancies himself a good shot and he has never tried this sport. I am always eager to get someone interested in this sport and supply them with the help that they need to get started. We had drove the 3 hours to get to the match, but the drive seemed much shorter since I had someone there to talk to, or maybe it was because I was looking forward to the match more than usual since I had not shot since January. We arrived at the range about 8:00 am and we were the first ones there. The weather had blessed us with a bright sunny day and there were no leaves on the trees so not being able to see the targets should not pose a problem this time. The wind was dead calm and we couldn't have had better conditions, as it was not that cold either. Ray Apelles had asked me to shoot my FWB P70Jr in the handicap class, instead of my usual spring gun, so that he may be able to tell if the amount of handicap targets were correct to even out the disadvantage that the guys shooting in the sub-9 ft/lbs division faced. I reluctantly agreed to do so. I had just spent the past few weeks getting my gun built up and making a stock for it. This year I am going with a TX 200 mkIII in one of my custom FT stocks. I really wanted to shoot the TX to see what it was capable of, but agreed to help Ray with fine tuning his handicap class. The key to the handicap class is to have targets that will reliable trip with a low power hit. All targets are tested with a low power 2-3 ft/lb pistol once the target is placed in the

lane. I knew that if I hit the KZ, with my pellet coming out of my P70jr at just over 560 fps, it would trip the target. Also in the handicap class, if you have a scope below or keep your scope below 12 power, you have the ability to use a cheat sheet giving you the specific distances. I chose to use my Elite 6-24 at full power and range find the targets. Ray, who was also shooting in the handicap class, chose to use a cheat sheet since his scope was not as good at range finding. It would be interesting to see the difference in my score and his score to see if having the set ranges really is an advantage.

My future son in law and I proceeded to the sight in range and after a quick demonstration and a 10 minute talk about what he needed to do to operate the rifle that he borrowed from me, we began practicing. I only needed several shots to see that my gun was dead on from the last time that I used it. My confidence was increased as I was able to hit the small spinners out at 40 yards. Shouldn't be a problem for me to knock over the targets in today's match unless.....yep, I had to go and put that little sliver of doubt in my mind.....the wind could pick up once the sun rose and heated the ground as it usually does.

Now I can't wait to get the match started before the wind picks up. I know that even a slight breeze will play havoc with the path of a pellet traveling at 560 fps and I am not as good in judging for the wind as I should be or as others are. The registration for the match took a bit longer than normal because of the fact that some new EFTCC safety rules were introduced to comply with the already in place rules of the DCPA range. Shooters were required to read the rules to be followed and verify their reading with a signature. The number of shooters came one short of tying the all time attendance for a single match at EFTCC, so we had an excellent turn out for the first match of the year.

Once the sight in range was closed and everyone proceeded to the firing line we all noticed that some things had changed. There were some new lanes cut and spaced to bring the previous total of 10 up to 13. According to Ray, this was done in anticipation of the increased turnout for the up and coming North East Regional match to be held in August. We then had the shooters meeting and proceeded to the lanes. It seemed that as soon as we were up at the firing line, the wind did indeed pick up and proceed to get worse as the morning progressed. At times it seemed we were getting 20-25 mph gusts, but it could have been less than that and it seemed more because I was more worried about it than usual, do to the fact that I was shooting with "Team Wimp". That is what we call the shooters in the handicap class that show up with the 10 meter guns and the R7's.

When all was said and done, I ended up with third place. Not too bad considering the conditions and how shaky I was from excitement for finally being able to shoot after a several month hiatus. I do feel that Ray had an advantage using the cheat sheet. Even though my scope range finds well, at the longer distances, the pellet from a low powered gun really starts to drop off. On a 18 ft/lb gun the vertical difference in 50 yards and 51 yards may only be a quarter of an inch, but on a 6 ft/lb gun the difference is more like a half inch so you have a higher margin of error. So between the cheat sheet and the fact that Ray can gauge the wind better he ended up a few shots higher than I did shooting handicap. A special note and congratulations to: Robert Barton - for his fine shooting and getting a 93 percent. Paul Cray - as I would have been hard pressed to top his score even if I did shoot in the spring class. Ray Apelles for shooting a 10 meter spring gun and shooting a score that beat most of the PCP guys even though he had to use a cheat sheet to do it. ☺ Gopal Jambavant – for this only being his second FT match and shooting a new gun and wining the standing class. Also, I would like to thank all the Juniors for showing up and shooting, for when they get old enough to compete with us old farts, they will already have a jump start on their skill and discipline.

Paul Bishop

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