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From the Editor

Hey All,

Since the last issue was about twice as large as most issues, we are going to call that a double issue (June/July.) This issue will be the August issue, and we'll now be back in sync with the submission deadlines.

The entry form for the 2004 US Nationals is on page 5—don't miss your chance to attend. Same goes for the 2004 Badgerland Regional.

The 2004 Great Lakes 100 was a big success. The write-up and results start on page 9.

Mark Catlin is back with a write-up on He and Ron Carlson's trip to the 2004 World Championships in Ebern, Germany. I pasted a few of his many wonderful photos in there too.

Shoot straight and enjoy the issue.

Jay

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2004 Match Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
31-1: TBA/PEL 2004 Superbowl/2003 FL State Championships 10: CASA 17: AA 25: CASA	7: CASA 22: CASA 28: AA, WSC	7: WFT 13: AA, WSC, CASA, TVA 20: TRRFTC, MSTs, DIFTA 28: CASA	3: CCRP, WSC 3-4: BAC Cajun Spring Classic 10: AA, CASA, TVA, DIFTA 15: WFTA 17: MAFTA, TRRFTC, MSTs, DAFTC 18: EFTCC, BGAC, NOCASA 25: WWCCA, CASA	1: MSTs, DAFTC 2: EFTCC, WFT 8: CASA, TVA 15-16: MSTs US Mini FT Championships 15: Frost-Bite Open, TRRFTC 16: WWCCA, WSC, WFTA, BGAC 22: AA, DAFTC, BAGA 23: CASA, MAFTA 29: MSTs, WSC 30: NOCASA	5: AA, DAFTC 6: EFTCC, MAFTA 12: CCRP, WSC, CASA, DIFTA, BAGA 12-13: TVA Good Ole Boy 13: WWCCA 19: MAFTA, TRRFTC 20: WSC, BGAC, NO-CASA 26: MSTs 26-27: MSFTA WV State Championship 27: WWCCA, CASA, WFTA
July	August	September	October	November	December
4: MAFTA, WFT 10: MSTs, CASA, TVA, BAGA 11: WSC, WFTA 17: MAFTA, TRRFTC, AA, DIFTA, NOCASA 17-18 WWCCA Great Lakes 100 18: BGAC 24-25: DAFTC 23-25: World FT Championships—Ebern, Germany 24: MSTs 25: CASA	1: MAFTA 7: CCRP, MSTs 8: EFTCC Northeast Regionals 14: AA, CASA, TVA, DIFTA, BAGA 15: NOCASA 14-15: WFTA Canadian Championships 16: WWCCA 20-22: TRRFTC NW Regionals 21: MAFTA, MSTs, WSC 21-22: DAFTC VA State Championship, BGAC Bluegrass 100 22: CASA 28-29: BAGA Badgerland, MSTs Regionals 29: WWCCA	4: MSTs 5: WFT, NOCASA 11: AA, CASA, TVA, BAGA 12: WSC, WFTA 18: MAFTA MN State Championships, TRRFTC, MSTs 18-19: DAFTC Shenandoah Valley Regional 19: WWCCA, BGAC 25: DIFTA 26: CASA	2-3: US Nationals at TVA 9: MAFTA, AA, WSC, CASA, DIFTA 16: TRRFTC, MSTs, BAGA AZ Monster 17: WWCCA, WFTA, BGAC, NOCASA 24: CASA 30: MSTs, WSC MA State Championships	6: AA, DIFTA 7: WFTA 13: MSTs, CASA, TVA 14: WSC 21: EFTCC NY State Championships, CASA, BGAC 27: MSTs	4: AA 11: MSTs, WSC, CASA, TVA 26: CASA

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	225-261-7435
juneaur@bellsouth.net	
After Hours Target Company	AfterHoursTargetCo@att.net

Gas Rams

Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-724-6169
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Lubricants

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

Pellets

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

Publications

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

Regulators

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
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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

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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

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2004 AAFTA Field Target National Championship

Sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Airgunners



Date: October 2nd & 3rd, 2004. This will be a two day match.

Site: Roz Sumpter's Estate, Pulaski Tennessee.

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 October 1st from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and 7 am on match days.

Course of Fire: 120 shots on 2 courses, one match each day consisting of 60 shots each. 15 lanes, 2 targets/lane .
Timers will be used on all lanes.

Classes: Piston and PCP.

Teams: Five shooter club teams, top four for score. Teams must be composed of regular club members.

Awards: National Champion PCP and Piston, 2nd-5th in each class, High Senior, High Lady, 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.

Ties Breaker: All ties will be decided by shoot off.

Entry Fees: \$75 per shooter, \$85 after entry deadline. Entries limited to the first 90 shooters.

Team Fees: \$25 per team due at the match on Oct. 11th during registration.

Entry Deadline: September 11, 2004.

Meals: Lunch will be provided on Sat. & Sun. for competitors. Non-competitor meals are \$9.

Lodging: Lodging information will be included in the registration package.

Air Tanks: \$10 for the weekend, available at the match but must be reserved with your registration

Air Travel: Nashville Regional Airport (85 miles from match) or Huntsville Regional Airport (50 miles from match)

For more information or questions, contact Brad Troyer at nationals2004@airguns.net.

Registration form for the 2004 AAFTA National Field Target Championship

(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 (\$85 after Sept. 11) \$ _____

Non-Competitor Meals, \$9 per meal, Sat: _____ Sun: _____ \$ _____

Air Tank Rental - \$10 for the weekend \$ _____

Tee Shirts: \$10 each, indicate Size and Quantity.

Sm: _____ Med: _____ Lg: _____ XLg: _____ XXLg: _____ \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: **Brad Troyer**
And send entries to: 10231 Melanie Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35803

2004 BADGERLAND REGIONAL

Field Target Match – 5th Annual

Date: August 28th & 29th, 2004
Site: Bristol, Wisconsin
Directions: Map and all match information will be sent to mail-in registrants. Also check www.bagaclub.com
Practice Range: Friday August 28rd from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Saturday 9:00am & Sunday 8 am.
Course of Fire: 108 shots on 2 courses, Match #1 Saturday afternoon (12:30 start), Match #2 Sunday morning (9:30 am start).
Classes: Open and Piston (Classes may be added as registration warrants)
Teams: As attendance warrants. (\$Fee may be applicable to cover cost of award)
Awards: 1st thru 5th in Open class, 1st thru 3rd in Piston class or dependent per attendance. High Lady, High Junior, High Senior, 1st place team also dependent per attendance.
Ties Breaker: All ties will be decided by a 5-shot shoot-off at sight-in range.
Entry Fees: \$40 per shooter, \$50 after entry deadline. Entries limited to the first 50 shooters.
Entry Deadline: Aug. 15, 2004.
Rules: AAFTA rule guidelines (Designated standing and kneeling shots will be marked). Both full faceplate fall-down and fall-down indicator targets may be utilized. Extended range targets and timers may also be used.
Safety: AAFTA safety rules will be enforced, airguns must chronograph at 20 ft. lb. or less.
Meals: Competitors will be responsible for their own pre-match food on Saturday (No food available at range). Post match meal on Saturday will be provided and post match snack and drinks on Sunday.
Lodging: Country Inn/Suites (262) 857-3680, Baymont Inns (262) 857-7911, Quality Inn (262) 857-3450 – all within 6 miles. Nearby camping is available within 15 miles. By special arrangements, primitive camping, tent or trailer, is also available at the range (water & electricity are not available).
Air Tanks: Air tanks will be shared at the match with those not able to bring them along for the week end. Please indicate on the registration form if you need to share a tank.
Airports: Milwaukee's Gen'l Mitchel (35 miles) or Chicago O'Hare (70 miles) or Chicago Midway (85 miles)

For more information or questions, contact Alex Modic at 262-895-7251 / 262-210-1503 Match days

Registration Form for the 2004 BADGERLAND Regional FT Match

(please print clearly and include all information)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Age on Match date: _____

Air Rifle: _____ Class: Open Piston (Circle)

Scope: _____ Pellet: _____

Will need air (3000 psi min): _____ (Yes/No) Camping at range: _____ (Yes/No)

Individual Registration \$40 (\$50 after Aug. 15, 2004) \$ _____

Non-Competitor Meals, \$7 per meal, No. of meals: _____ x \$7.00 = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check Payable and send entries to:

**Alex Modic
28501 Arrow Rd.
Waterford, WI 53185
262-895-7251**

ATTENTION!!! FINAL NOTICE!!!

From the Board of Governors

On October 2nd & 3rd, the Tennessee Valley Airgun club will host this year's AAFTA U.S National Field Target Championships at Roz Sumpter's beautiful Pulaski, TN property. This is sure to be a "don't miss" event; we look forward to seeing everyone in October in Tennessee. The entry form will be included in the AAFTA Newsletter.

There will be three board of governors positions to be decided upon at this year's annual membership meeting. All names of nominees to be placed on the election ballot should be emailed to Cliff Smith at csmith57@tampabay.rr.com by August 15th.

A proxy ballot will be mailed out to the club contact person for each AAFTA member club (in good standing, see below) approximately one month before the AAFTA annual meeting. The members of your club should decide on a representative for your club, who is attending the AAFTA annual meeting, to cast your club's vote. If no one from your club is attending the AAFTA annual meeting and your club wishes to cast a vote then mail in your proxy vote to be counted.

**** Remember only AAFTA member clubs in good standing are allowed to vote, this means your club must have held at least one field target match in the past year strictly following the AAFTA Rules and Guidelines and submit the results to the AAFTA newsletter for publication.****

Any club that is considering hosting the 2005 AAFTA U.S. National Field Target Championships should put together a bid and have it submitted one month prior to the AAFTA annual meeting. The AAFTA board of governors will review all bids to determine who will host this prestigious event in 2005.

Thank you for your continued support,

AAFTA Board of Governors

BAGA - Badgerland AirGun Association
Field Target Match
June 19, 2004

After a long winter season and several rainout and muddy road delays, we were finally able to hold our Season Opener. Being that we had to postpone several weeks in a row, it seems it had taken a toll on our turnout. This was the club's lowest turnout for a season opener and even enticement of free food could not bring out the old stalwarts. It's too bad because the day turned out to be excellent albeit a little cool. The cool weather certainly kept the mosquitoes at bay.

The course was not quite typical fare for BAGA as the bad weather prevented regular target placement and pre-season preparations was at almost nil. However we still had our share of extra long shots and small KZ and included with a couple of gimmes...that is they would have been gimmes if some of us had not missed them so terribly.

It was a very tight race amongst the top four contenders and we even finished with a shoot-off for third place. The shoot-off target was really a bit out of range, but with our 5-shot shoot-off format, it provided for a quick decision. After all the dust was settled, the reigning US National FT Champ, Greg Sauve, finished on top, just barely inching out Vlad and the rest of the 'top shooter gang'. Brandon as usual turned in a magnificent score with his trusty R-1 and shot his highest percentage to date. I guess it pays to switch out broken springs once in a while. He also amazed us with a bullwhip demonstration...boy those things are loud, maybe AZ has some sort of fitting for the end of it.... I hope we will see many more of you at the next match or maybe even sooner for some late spring practice.

Reported by Alex Modic - BAGA

1	Greg Sauve	42/48	ZM Steyr LG-100	BSA 10x50
2	Vlad Berchanskiy	41	ZM 2002 Alu	BSA 10x50
3	Ron Weber	40**	ZM Steyr LG-100	BSA 10x50
4	Don Carkhuff	40**	ZM2002 Cane	Nightfoce 36
5	Alex Modic	33	ZM Steyr LG-100	BSA 10x50
6	Brandon Carroll (High Piston)	32	HW R-1	Simmons 6x18
7	Jessica Carroll (High Lady)	27	ZM Steyr LG-100	BSA 10x50

** Determined by post-match shoot off.

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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July 19, 2004

Jim Everett

Thanks to all who attended the Great Lakes 100 over this past weekend at the club. I believe the match was a success in every way. I need to thank all of those who worked hard to make it so. Steve Sibal did all the registration work including the scoreboard and squadding for both days and many others things as well. Teri Sibal and June Everett assisted Steve at the registration desk. Dan Delprosto did the scorecards and name tags as well as helping Ken Reeves and Rick Stoutenburg prepare the course and set the course up along with help from Bill Dodt. Bob and Anita Laich were responsible for the grounds and the food preparation. They had a New York strip steak dinner for us on Saturday and a Bar-B-Que chicken dinner on Sunday. Both were super!

This is the place to publicly express our thanks to the companies that support field target through their donations to the sport and to our match in particular. Tim McMurray of MAC 1 sent a fine assortment of airguns accessories. I was successful in getting a crown saver as a door prize, Bob Winer of PASA Ltd representing BLK Industries sent a fine set of scope rings while Daisy sent 46 tins of pellets with a commemorative label. Each competitor received a tin of pellets when registering and the remaining were used as door prizes. Cabela's sent a number of outdoor products we used as door prizes. I urge you to support the people and companies that support our sport!!!!

Friday, the 16th was a mild sunny day with lots of promise for more to come. About 4:15 AM Saturday I was awakened by a torrential rainstorm. My heart just sank!! We can control a lot of things but the weather is not among them! I had thoughts ranging from cancellation to an abbreviated match and was thinking what a disaster to befall us!

As things turned out we were blessed with enough good weather to get done with virtually not a drop of rain on Saturday!! We did the 50 shots and retired to the clubhouse for an attitude adjustment hour, dinner and swap meet. As I left the club's grounds the skies opened up and the rains came. Now what? How will we get the next 50 shots in on Sunday?

Sunday started off as a cloudy day but the sun broke through with mixed reaction. Yeah, we need the sun but not behind us while looking down a darkened lane. Lanes one and two on the yellow course seemed particularly dark as Jim Stanis and I was the second squad to take on the first lane in full sunshine. The clouds returned and lane two was a bit easier without the sunshine streaming down but a bit darker. I guess we are never fully satisfied. Thankfully, we got the match done without a rain out!

I had a chance to walk (actually ride the golf cart) the course on Friday and was struck by two things. First, the target placement was straight forward and wide open and secondly some of the lanes were a bit too dark for my liking. I originally thought the course of fire may be too easy and we would have a number of people "cleaning" the course and we would have an inordinate number of shoot-offs. Goes to show what I know!

We had two courses, the Red and the Yellow both consisting of 8 lanes with 3 targets for a total of 48 shots while lane 9 consisted of two targets with only one shot per target giving us 50 shots each day! An interesting point noted by Steve Sibal during his numbers work up was looking at the total scores for the Red course and the Yellow course, there is only two points difference. Steve further noted "one hell of a job by Ken and Rick to set up two balanced courses". Between the use of three targets per lane and the timers, the time used for each day's match was between 2 and 2 and half hours each day. Absolutely amazing! I have never seen a major match move along as quickly as both days did at this match!

Warren Williamson shot the lights out on Sunday posting a 49 with an overall score of a 95. Super, excellent shooting!! The matter of second, third and fourth place was settled by a shoot-off between Dennis Eden, Eric Moe and Rick Smelko in a very exciting shoot out. I was helping Steve post the scoreboard at the time and failed to watch the shoot-off closely but glanced up occasionally to see it unfold as Dennis Eden prevailed.

Steve Sibal has sent me an Excel report that is very comprehensive. Therefore, being basically a lazy person, I am attaching said report to this letter.

We hope to see all of the you competitors back next year and for those of you who weren't able to attend we look forward to seeing you next year at the Great Lakes 100 or is it the Great Lakes 120?

Great Lakes 100

Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Lube
PCP Division				
Warren Williamson	Steyr LG100 ZM	Leupold Comp 35	CPH	S50
Dennis Eden	LHD #5	Deben 10-15 X 50	CP 10.5	Krytech
Eric Moe	Steyr LZ100	BSA 50X	CP 10.5	LP-10
Richard Smelko	AA Pro Target Custom	Tasco 10-50 X 56	CPH	Custom Blend
Jim Stanis	Steyr 100	X36	17 Cros	Mystery
Tim MacSweyn	Id/SS #4	Deben 10-50	CPH	Krytech
Joe McDaniel	Steyr LG100 ZM	Tasco TAC 8-40 X 56	JSBHE	Lube One
Steve Sibal	AA NJR-100	Tasco 8-40 X 56	CP 10.5	Slick 50
Rick Broughton	Steyr 100	X36	17 Cros	Gibbs
Nikki Doriot	AA Pro Target	Simmons 6.5-20	7.9 Cros	ATF
Anthony Storey	AA Pro Target	Simmons 6.5-20	7.9 Cros	ATF
George R. Hamilton	Ripley	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	Oil
Don Hyfield	Pro Target	8-40 Custom	CP 10.5	Yes
Rick Thompson	ZMP 70	Hakko 8-34	CPH	Lube 1
Bob Duncan	AA Pro Target	Nightforce FT36	CPH	Air Tool
Rick Nowak	NJR 100	Nightforce 8-40	Barracuda	
Daniel DelProposto	Daystate Harrier SE	Bushnell 4200 6-24	CP 10.5	One Lube
Piston Division				
Rick Stoutenburg	TX-200 SR	Leupold 6.5-20	CPH	
Roz Sumpster	TX200 SR	Bushnell 6-24	Exact (JSB)	Sheath
Ken Reeves Sr.	TX-200	Burriss 8-32	CP 7.9	Furniture Polish
Jim Everett	TX-200 SR	Bushnell 4200 6-24	CP 7.9	FP-10
Bob Ellis	TX-200	Tasco	0.177	
Rick Stewart	HW 97	Swift 8-32 X 50	CP 7.9	
Tim Engelhardt	TX200 SR	Bushnell 6-24 X 40	JSB Heavy	
Bob Engelhardt	Pro Air	Simmons 6-18		
Senior Class				
George R. Hamilton	Ripley	Nightforce 36	CP 10.5	Oil
Jim Everett	TX-200 SR	Bushnell 4200 6-24	CP 7.9	FP-10
Bob Ellis	TX-200	Tasco	0.177	

July 17-18, 2004

Division	Day 1 Score	Day 2 Score	Red Course Score	Yellow Course Score	Total Score
PCP	46	49	46	49	95
PCP	43	47	47	43	90
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PCP	41	40	41	40	81
PCP	42	39	42	39	81
PCP	42	38	42	38	80
PCP	41	39	41	39	80
PCP	37	38	38	37	75
PCP	36	37	36	37	73
PCP	31	36	36	31	67
PCP	28	23	23	28	51
Piston	38	37	37	38	75
Piston	37	37	37	37	74
Piston	33	40	33	40	73
Piston	29	28	29	28	57
Piston	31	24	24	31	55
Piston	20	24	20	24	44
Piston	22	21	21	22	43
Piston	-	-	-	-	-
PCP	42	38	42	38	80
Piston	29	28	29	28	57
Piston	31	24	24	31	55

Reflections on the 2004 World Field Target Championships—Ebern, Germany

Mark Catlin MD

The World Field Target Championships were held on July 23rd to 25th in Ebern Germany. The level of difficulty, the organization and the entertainment were truly world class. Any potential host country will now have to meet the challenge. The bar has been raised, a challenge issued -- the “World's” can no longer be just a bigger club match.

The setting:

The shoot was held at Ebern in Bavaria Germany on the base and military reservation for the 103rd battalion of the 12th Panzer division. It is being closed and only a token military staff was present.

Ebern is a traditional small rural agricultural Bavarian village. It is a beautiful setting with surrounding rolling wooded hills and fields of barley. It didn't have suburban sprawl, WalMart or even a good sporting goods store. It only had character and tradition.

Evidently, one doesn't need a big city with its night life and all the material things that are so ubiquitous in this country. A couple of local town bands, children doing traditional dances, accordion players and young women dancing to ABBA will suffice – provided you have a tent serving the best local beer.

Accommodations:

Most of the shooters elected to stay in one of two military barracks in dormitory sized rooms with two bunks, foam rubber mattresses and foam rubber pillows. There was no air conditioning and we shared group toilets and showers. Some couples elected to lodge at one of several guesthouses in the town of Ebern. Though Spartan, the facilities were adequate and the price of 10 Euros for the week was appealing to most. The fee included breakfast on base – a typical European breakfast of cold cereal, breads, fresh fruit, cheeses, yogurts, and cold cuts.

The people:

Although half the entrants were British, this match had more countries participating than any past World Championship. We had good representation from Poland, Belgium, Norway, Northern Ireland, Austria, Wales, Netherlands and of course England, Germany and the USA. The sport is truly becoming more international. Of course, the shooters were like field target shooters everywhere – anxious to talk about the equipment, the course, beer, where to go for dinner. You couldn't find a friendlier group. Even if you were doing badly there were only words of encouragement and praise.

Entertainment:

Perhaps the single thing that distinguished this championship, besides the number of international participants, was the entertainment and the local community involvement. The Mayor officially greeted the shooters at a reception at city hall. The city band played and a choir of senior citizens sang traditional songs before and after we were welcomed with official speeches.

A large tent with stage was erected near the course for eating and each evening's entertainment. The food and beer were plentiful and good. Every night it was different – squirrely kids doing traditional dances, several bands in traditional dress, accordion players, and a hormone-stimulating teenage dance troupe mimicking the Swedish pop group of the seventies – ABBA. Perhaps this was to be expected and was necessary in an isolated rural area without a nightlife. Whatever the motivation, it made a strong favorable impression.

The course:

The course was in a beautiful park-like patch of woods on a hill with a perimeter circumference of about 2 kilometers. The targets were spaced all around the perimeter with shooting toward the center. There was a lot of walking and all the walking was uphill or downhill. The course could have been designed far more compactly --

three courses could have been set up on less than half the circumference.

Shooters were divided into two groups with one shooting in the morning and the other in the afternoon/evening. Groups alternated starting first. The course took about 5 hours to complete because of the walking distances.

This was an American style course with a great variety of distances and kill zone sizes. They didn't have 3/8" or 1/2" targets for the close shots so most of them were easy. Target distances were from 10 to 55 yards. There were very few full-sized 40 mm kills and of course they were beyond 50 yards. Most of the shots had some degree of slope. The most extreme was a 25-degree down hill shot with several others approaching 20 degrees. The uphill shots were 10 to 15 degrees so you only had to take off clicks for the longer distances. Unfortunately it is difficult to hold steady on the uphill shots when you are falling backwards. Ten of the 50 targets each day were difficult kneeling or standing shots.

We basically re-shot the course each day. A few of the targets were changed and the kneeling and standing lanes were changed.

The biggest complaint was the difficulty of the kneeling and standing shots. They basically took lanes that were shot sitting on one day and made some of them kneeling or standing on the next. However, as difficult as they were some of the Brits could hit them. I had the pleasure of shooting with the eventual champion on the second day and he only missed one kneeling and one standing shot.

The Weather:

Europe has been having one of the coldest and wettest summers ever but recently it had been very hot. We didn't know what to expect after looking at conflicting forecasts, so we planned for everything – that's what we got. It was hot and we had thunderstorms the first day. Glasses and scopes fogged and the clay soil became extremely slippery. You sat in mud and tramped through mud from lane to lane while a steady rain lasted most of the first morning's shoot. The afternoon group had it slightly better the first day but a light rain caught them and the temperature rose into the mid 80s. The second day was dry and hot (80s) with no showers materializing from an unsettled partly cloudy sky. It did rain the second night and the temperatures dropped as a cold front swept in for the third day. The sky cleared and it was ideal weather to finish the competition. Winds were generally light and variable, not able to penetrate significantly into most of the dense woods, becoming only a factor on the longest shots in the most open areas.

The Match:

The match went fairly smoothly. It was nice not having a 1-hour shooter's meeting before trudging off. Five minutes was enough and off we went. The rules were explained in written material received before the match. Marshals were distributed around the course to make sure the rules were being followed, to check targets and answer questions. Many groups dispensed with the timers as things were moving quite well – others were more anal. There were some slow downs on the first day with lots of whistles. These were less frequent on subsequent days and shooters took a more common-sense approach to safety – the whole match didn't need to stop for a whistle, just the adjacent lanes if there was a safety issue.

They had one peculiar rule that could have proved very disruptive – they allowed the first shooter in a group to request to have the paddle repainted if they couldn't see it. This was nuts but fortunately only several shooters took advantage of this idiosyncrasy.

The equipment:

German field target guns are becoming the standard. The Steyr LG100 was by far the most popular gun. The British Pro Targets, Ripleys, and Daystate CRXs are almost all gone. The dominant scopes are the big BSAs and Leupolds but there is far more variation in this arena. The British also have greater difficulty in getting good reasonably priced scopes. As usual, lots of custom work is done on the guns and each is unique.

The Results:

The British are still the masters of Field Target – even on an American style course. They took the top 9 individual places, top woman, and top team. The Germans were a surprising second in the team competition and a German won the spring gun class.

Reflections:

The number of nations competing and their increasing acceptance of a set of international rules based largely on the British system makes United States field target seem an odd, arrogant maverick with its own set of rules – out of the mainstream of international competition, peripheral, peculiar and increasingly irrelevant - perhaps even incompetent, and unable to compete on a level playing field with the international community.

What do we do?

- 1) The single most important thing we can do is establish and recognize an international class and give awards and recognition for our shooters that shoot using international standard rules – 12 ft/lbs, no straps.
- 2) Include more kneeling and standing shots in our competitions and make them more difficult. I don't think we are going to be able to force the entire international community to dispense with kneeling and standing or to make them ridiculously easy so the Americans can hit them. In England 20% of targets are kneeling or standing.
- 3) More competitions. Our country is handicapped by its size. But we need more local clubs within easy traveling distances.
- 4) More shooters. Again our country is handicapped. Firearms are easily available and cheap. There are many other fun shooting events with plenty of local competition. We need to get youngsters into shooting – most start with airgun – why can't we capture their interest?
- 5) Concentrate our rule efforts on making the kneeling and standing shots reasonably easy not the extremely difficult shots in Germany. Give up on straps and 20 ft-lbs for international competition – it is a losing cause that just makes us look different and pig-headed. Try to get greater variation in kill-zone sizes and target distances into international competition -- I think the course in Germany demonstrated some acceptance of this idea by the non-English Europeans.

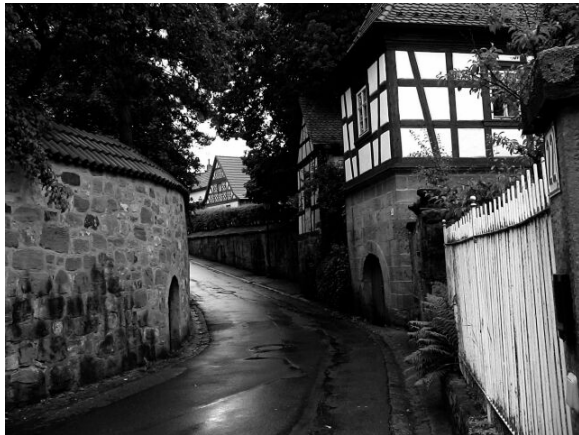
Planning Future World Championships

Ron Carlson and I were shocked by the sophistication of the German championships – they pulled out all the stops and put on a show. On the plane back we said: “How can anyone possibly match this?” It didn't seem possible.

On reflecting on conversations with different shooters from Norway, Germany, England and Austria it began to dawn on us -- the US does have something unique to offer. We have something none of these European countries can ever duplicate or compete with – the ability to easily obtain and shoot all types of firearms, to hunt and to buy the widest variety of shooting equipment anywhere in the world.

Let's plan a World's that has an incentive of offering shooting experiences that are extremely difficult or impossible in their own countries. Shoot the field target in the morning and offer the opportunity to try other shooting disciplines in the afternoons – sporting clays, bench rest, maybe practical pistol or a bowling pin pistol shoot.

Ron had the idea of giving them the option of staying on for 4 days after the shoot for a black bear hunt with himself acting as a guide. We can offer a Cabelas excursion, perhaps some local oldies or country bands in the evenings and maybe a few micro brews. We could give the Europeans an experience not to be duplicated in any other country. Perhaps we can arrange the course to give our natives a slight advantage too. Ron and I saw this experience as a challenge, a raising of the bar for World Championships. Can the US raise it further – we think so.



A Bavarian street.



The countryside.



The sight-in range.



The trek up from the sight-in range.



Community band.



Ron Carlson with an assortment of local group-tighteners..

Waterloo Field Target Association Match III – July 11, 2004

We arrived early, set up the lanes and were looking forward to a super day of shooting. The weather was great, low eighties and light wind, and eight eager shooters. We also had some unwanted, eager guests: MOSQUITOES, lots of them that thought DEET was BBQ sauce. We enjoyed the day in spite of them

It was a good match to get ready for our Canadian Nationals next month. We had a real variety of targets that challenged everyone, but no one seemed discouraged. That is what makes a match a good one for me. The Troyer difficulty was a moderate 31.4 with some nasty and tricky targets here and there throughout. As soon as you thought you were sailing clear, a humbling experience brought you back to reality. I know everyone missed shots that surprised and disappointed them. Hey, that's field target.

In the morning, Don had only dropped two shots and Dennis and I were close behind, having dropped three. Mike had dropped six and George eight. In the afternoon, Don kept up the great shooting and only dropped two more. Dennis had a great afternoon, dropping only one and tying Don for first. Mike shot the afternoon clear, while I dropped three more, tying Mike for third. We held the shoot-off on the 50 yard lane, with a 1.25" hole and some unpredictable breezes. Since Don and Dennis just kept hitting at 50 yards, we backed it up to 55 yards. For the first six rounds they matched each others hits and misses and finally in the seventh round Don emerged as the match winner and Dennis second. Mike and I started at 55 yards, since it was late, and both of us had hits in the first two rounds. In the third, Mike finally missed one, placing myself at third and Mike fourth. That was the first shoot-off I have been a part of and it was a neat experience. You cannot duplicate that pressure during practice, so I think it was a valuable experience for all of us.

I knew Don would hit the winner's circle before long and congratulations to him on his first of many. Magdy, unfortunately had some unresolved scope problems that made for a day that was not up to his proven ability. Congratulations to all the shooters and many thanks to those who helped set up and tear down the targets.

Don't miss next month's match; it will be our Canadian Championships on August 14th and 15th. We look forward to seeing all of our regulars and our good friends from the United States. See you then

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

**Set up lanes

*Shoot-off to decide place

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /58
T-Diff 31.4				
1) Don Irvine**	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	*56
2) Dennis Eden**	ld/SS 05	Deben 10-50	CPH	*56
3) Tim M ^{ac} Sweyn**	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	*54
4) Mike Ferrara**	NJR100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	*54
5) George Harde**	TX200	Bushnell 8-32	JSB 8.4	50
6) Hans Bormann**	AA410	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	34
6) Magdy Hassouna	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	34
8) Noel Sedmann**	AA410	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	28

MAFTA July 2004 Match II

July 17, 2004

Conditions

Temp: 70-80F

Precipitation: None

Wind: 2-8 mph E

60X possible

PCP Division

Ron Carlson	Steyr ZM 100	BSA 10-50	JSB 8.4	58
Dale Montbriand	FWB P70AZ	NF 36	Premier 10.5	56
Neil Younggren	Steyr ZM 100	BSA 10-50	Premier 10.5	54
Mark Catlin	Steyr LG 100	Hawke 10-50	JSB 8.4	54
Karen Skogen	NJR-100	Hakko 30	Premier 10.5	52
Ben Fok	Daystate PH6	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	52
Cheng Lo	FWB P70FT	N-S 10-50	FTS 8.6	40
Joel Black				
(first match)	FWB P70FT	Burris 8-32	JSB 8.4	39
Don Simpson	FX Tarantula	Bushnell 4-12	AA 16.0	31
Nate Black				
(first match)	FWB P70FT	Burris 8-32	JSB 8.4	25

Piston Division

Rod Skogen	AA TX-100	Leupold 6.5-20	Premier 7.9	45
Jay Olson-Goude	AA TX-100	Leupold 6.5-20	Premier 7.9	38
Pete Adams	Beeman R9	Bushnell 6-18	Premier 7.9	32

Conditions were about perfect for Our July Saturday match. Ron and Mark were taking advantage of their final opportunity for practice prior to their trip the the World Championships in Germany. I broke out the TX for the last half of the season, while some friends of mine, Joel Black and his son Nate, shared my P70 for their first try at field target. Rodney added a few more targets to the mix, so most lanes had two targets to shoot at.

MAFTA August 2004 Match I

August 1, 2004

Conditions

Temp: 75-80F

Precipitation: Trace

Wind: 0-4 mph E

60X possible

PCP Division

Neil Younggren	Steyr ZM 100	BSA 10-50	Premier 10.5	54
Mark Catlin	Steyr LG 100	Hawke 10-50	JSB 8.4	51
Ben Fok	Daystate PH6	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	51
Cheng Lo	FWB P70FT	N-S 10-50	FTS 8.6	42
Erik Olson (first match)	FWB P70FT	Burris 8-32	JSB 8.4	28
Don Simpson	FX Tarantula	Bushnell 4-12	AA 16.0	22

Piston Division

Jay Olson-Goude	AA TX-100	Leupold 6.5-20	Premier 7.9	37
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We had about ten minutes of rain during the match that almost wasn't. When it wasn't raining, our shirts were wet just from the humidity. Not the best of conditions, but we've certainly shot in worse!

Rod and Karen were unable to make the shoot, and Ron was just back from Germany and didn't make the long drive down to the match. The other Oakdale Gun Club members of MAFTA were not available for the match either. Without an OGC member present, I was afraid I would have to cancel the match, but a polite request to folks in charge got us an OK and we were good to go.

Erik Olson found us on the Web and came out to see what FT is all about. I brought my R-7, TX-200 and P-70 for him to try, and let him use the FWB for the match. He didn't think he would stay for the entire match, but ended up having so much fun that he completed the match and stayed around afterwards to discuss what guns he should try before buying his own. I think we may have snagged another!

Pacific Northwest Field Target

Tacoma Rifle & Revolver Club

Jim Benson, Match Director

07/17/04

Warm humid weather marked the match with a gentle breeze blowing thru' the trees. Except for the new 4th course which was open and demanded a half inch or more hold off to the left on most of the targets. The Troyer rating was slightly over 30 but the course was deceptive in that it demanded some "unique" holds in order to shoot the targets. Jim made sure there was a "standing only", a "kneeling only", and a "prone" lane. Just a reminder to us that everything can't be that easy. When we were setting up the day before, Jim kept remarking at how big the holes were. You sure couldn't tell it by the scores!!

Here's all the news that's fit to print - - -

Springer –

Steve Hanson	HW97	BSA10/50	7.9P	905	19/40	1 st
Doug Hartley	TX200	Burriss8/32	CPL	??	10/40	2 nd
John Mickel	TX200	Leu 6.5/20	CPL	850	13/40	3 rd
Alan Hanson	HW97	Bush24	7.9P	875	11/40	4 th

PCP –

Lloyd Marquardt	LG100Z	BSA10/50	CPH	??	27/40	1 st
Jay Tether	LG100Z	BSA10/50	CPH	850	23/40	2 nd
Noel Vaughn	Walth Dom	Simmons	JSB	810	22/40	3 rd
Jim Poh	AA410E	Bush24	JSB	875	21/40	4 th

Hunter (FYI) –

Mino Pele	AA ProSport	Simmons	Cross	715	16/40	1 st
Dwain Turner	RWS94	Bushnell	FTS	??	14/40	2 nd
Darrell Schenk	R10	Bush4/12	FTS	??	10/40	3 rd
Leona Turner	RWS94	Bushnell	FTS	??	8/40	4 th
Mike Edwards	R10	Bushnell	FTS	??	DNF	

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