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The Kill Zone

Dear Fellow FT Shooters,

Greetings and happy New Year from your new editor. Being co-match director of last year's Nationals wasn't enough for me so I volunteered to take on the job of the AAFTA News editor. I would like to thank Jay for his many years of keeping us all up to speed on events in the US and the great job he did with the News.

Those that know me know I can be a tough competitor yet more often than not you will hear me laughing a mile away at a match. I plan on bringing some levity as well as some interesting and useful airgun and field target related articles to this publication. There is a major void in the US for airgun reading material and with your help we can make the AAFTA News something much more than just a collection of match statistics and reports. So you writers out there this is your chance to get published and make the big time at last! Don't be shy, e-mail me your ideas, suggestions, complaints, funny match photo's and stories. Oh and don't forget any match schedules, entry forms and of course match results and reports.

This is a very exciting year for FT with the Nationals and the Worlds being held at Roz's Hollow in TN. Don't forget the Southern Grand Prix as well. Please send in your registrations in as early as you can if you know you are going to the big matches. It makes life so much easier for the match directors.

We also have a new web site administrator, Robert Fischer has stepped up and is doing a fantastic job. He has also offered to create and update web sites for any FT club in the US at no charge! So here is your chance to get your club on the net! Thank you Robert and Ric for the work you guys are doing to promote FT in America.

There is also a new Field Target Forum on the net that is moderated with a gentle hand to keep the group therapy sessions down to a minimum and the focus kept on field target in a mature and gentlemanly manner. You can visit it via a link on the Yellow Airgun Forum or directly via this address: <http://www.network54.com/Forum/451309/>

There is a great deal of interest stirred up over on the Yellow Forum since this past Nationals and lets do all we can to keep the momentum going and keep FT in the US on the move. You know what they say about first impressions. This issues lesson in Forum Manners, Don't say things on the net that you wouldn't say to a persons face. See you at the shooters meeting!

Billy Lo

Reminder---Election of Governors

The terms of Governors Cliff Smith, Steve Schulz, and Jay Olsen-Goude will expire at the end of 2007. Voting takes place at the annual meeting which is held during the National match, and 2007's National match will be in June. That means according to the newly revised bylaws we need to know who the candidates are 60 days prior to the annual meeting. This is in order to get proxies out to the member clubs and afford time for discussion by each clubs' members. Now is the time for AAFTA member clubs to start thinking if they want to nominate a candidate for a Governor's position. It is often a thankless job yet a very important one to the game of Field Target as we know it in the USA. Throw your hat in and pay your dues.

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AAFTA Member Clubs

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2006 Match Schedule

<p>January</p> <p>21st: DSA</p>	<p>February</p> <p>4-5th: TBA/PEL 2006 Super-Bowl/2005 FL State Championship</p>	<p>March</p> <p>4th: CCRP</p> <p>18th: TRRFTC</p> <p>18th: DSA</p> <p>18-19th: Id's Temecula Challenge</p>	<p>April</p> <p>1-2nd: BAC 2006 Cajun Spring Classic</p> <p>2nd: WFTC</p> <p>8th: NMAC</p> <p>9th: WSC</p> <p>15th: MAFTA, TRRFTC, WLOPA</p> <p>16th: NOCASA</p> <p>22nd: DIFTA</p> <p>23rd: WFTA</p> <p>29th: NMAC</p>
<p>May</p> <p>6th: CCRP</p> <p>6-7th: YAG/CTAC Republic of Texas</p> <p>7th: EFTCC</p> <p>13th: NMAC</p> <p>14th: WSC</p> <p>20th: MAFTA, TRRFTC, DIFTA, WLOPA, BAGA, DSA</p> <p>21st: NOCASA</p> <p>28: WFTA, WSC</p>	<p>June</p> <p>4th: WFTC, NOCASA</p> <p>10th: WLOPA, NMAC</p> <p>10-11th: GOB Good Ole Boy 2006</p> <p>11th: WFTA</p> <p>17th: MAFTA, TRRFTC, BAGA</p> <p>18th: DIFTA, WSC</p>	<p>July</p> <p>1st: CCRP</p> <p>8th: NMAC</p> <p>15th: MAFTA, TRRFTC, DIFTA, BAGA</p> <p>16th: NOCASA, WSC</p> <p>23rd: WFTA</p> <p>29th: NMAC</p>	<p>August</p> <p>5-6th: WFTA Canadian Championships</p> <p>6th: WFTC, EFTCC</p> <p>12th: NMAC</p> <p>12-13rd: WLOPA/WSC New England Regional Championships/MA & CT State Championships</p> <p>19th: MAFTA, TRRFTC, DIFTA, BAGA</p> <p>20th: NOCASA</p>
<p>September</p> <p>1-3rd: TRRFTC NWFT Regional</p> <p>9th: NMAC</p> <p>9-10th: DIFTA MD State Championship, BGAC Blugrass 100</p> <p>10th: WFTA</p> <p>16th: MAFTA MN State Championship, TRRFTC WA State Championship, BAGA, DSA</p> <p>17th: NOCASA, WSC, DSA</p> <p>30th: NMAC, MAFTA,</p>	<p>October</p> <p>5-7th; AAFTA US National Championships at WLOPA</p> <p>7th: BAGA</p> <p>14th: MAFTA, NMAC</p> <p>15th: NOCASA, WFTA</p> <p>21st: TRRFTC</p> <p>22nd: WSC</p> <p>28th: DIFTA</p> <p>28-29th: NMAC MS State Championships</p>	<p>November</p> <p>11th: DIFTA, NMAC</p> <p>12th: EFTCC NY State Championships</p> <p>18th: DSA</p> <p>19th: WSC</p>	<p>December</p> <p>3rd: WSC</p>

Where To Find It

FT Air Rifles

Airgun Express(HW, TX200)	800-896-4867
Airguns Alaska	907-522-5900
Airguns of Arizona (Daystate, Beeman)	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns (HW77 & 97)	800-227-2744
Benson Airgun Options	253-671-0177
Burroughs International (Career)	310-457-5932
Ken's Airsports (TX200)	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (USFT)	310-327-3581
Storey "Custom Shop"	317-925-5544
Straight Shooters	320-240-9062
Wade Sutherland (Falcon)	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

Field Targets

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
Rick Stoutenberg	734-261-1683
Ron Juneau's Cajun Targets juneaur@bellsouth.net	225-261-7435

After Hours Target Company
www.FieldTargets.com

239-772-3588

Gas Rams

Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-724-6169
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Pellets

Airgun Express (Crosman Premier)	900-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
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Publications

AAFTA News	813-884-0507
and AAFTA Club & Shooters Handbook	
<u>Airgun Odyssey</u> by Steve Hanson	860-645-8776
Airgun Hobby Magazine	864-388-7943

Regulators

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
	and/or 914-277-4309
Joe Korick	360-576-6374

Repair & Tuning

Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	931-565-4841
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Crosman/Benjamin/Sheridan)	310-327-3581

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. (Microlevel)	513-683-4999

Scope Mounts

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1 (Droopers)	310-327-3581
Precision Airgun Ltd. (BKL)	562-430-9183

Scope Wheels

Lake Precision Machine, Inc	lpm@lakepm.com
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Wade Sutherland	662-429-4663
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Direct Wind Flags/Style Edwards	901-603-7107
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Airgun Videos

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Awards and Trophies

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2007 AAFTA FIELD TARGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Date: June 9th & 10th - Two day match. Revised Jan, 2007
- Site: "Roz's Hollow" Pulaski, Tennessee.
- Directions: Information will be sent to all registrants.
- Rules: AAFTA rules enforced.
- Safety: AAFTA guidelines observed. Power restricted to 20 ft lbs*
*Random checks will be conducted each day
- Practice: Range available June 7th - 10th, 6 am – 6 pm
- Course: 2 courses consisting of 60 shots per course. 15 lanes per course - 2 targets per lane, a total of 120 shots for record, with timers used on all lanes.
- Division: PCP and Piston and Hunter Divisions.
- Classes: PCP, Piston, PCP limited, Piston limited (limited= NO shooting jackets or straps)
- Teams: Five members of same club – top four for score.
- Awards: National Champion in PCP Div, Piston Div and Hunter Div; 2nd -5th in Hunter Div., 1st – 5th in each class, High Senior (65+), High female, 1st place team, High Junior (ages 10-15), Bob Morris Memorial Family Award, additional sub-classes and trophies may be added as deemed necessary.
- Tie Breakers: Decided by shoot-off.
- Entry fee: \$75.00 per competitor, \$50.00 for juniors, \$20.00 late fee applicable after deadline.
- Team Fee: \$25.00 per team, entry due prior to start of competition (members named)
- Entry Deadline: May 28th
- Meals: One lunch meal provided each match day – non-competitors meals \$9.00 each
- Lodging: Information regarding accommodations included in registration package. Richland Inn of Pulaski is the host hotel.
- Air Tanks: Free air available – bring your own fill equipment.
- Air travel: Nashville Regional Airport (85 miles from match) or Huntsville Regional Airport (50 miles from match)

 For more information, contact Roz Sumpter at 931 -424 -5314, or David Slade at AIRGUNWERK@AOL.COM

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2007 AAFTA NATIONAL FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP
 (please print clearly and include all information)

Refunds will be provided for registrants who cannot attend due to family, illness, or work-related issues. Refunds will not be provided to registrants because of match rule application or any circumstance associated with conduct of the event.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Age: ____
 Air Rifle: _____ Scope: _____ Pellet: _____
 Div/Class:(circle 1) Hunter PCP Piston PCP Limited Piston Limited (Limited=NO straps or shooting jacket) Note: Shooters eligible for a limited class may opt for either class in their Div.

Individual Adult Registration \$75.00 (\$95.00 after May 28th) \$ _____
 Individual Junior Registration \$50.00 (\$70.00 after May 28th) \$ _____

A Different Field Target Game – The Dump Hunt

By David Day

In Connecticut, we're always looking for different ways to increase participation in our airgunning events. We do field target on a routine basis, but the targets have a lot of down time between shoots. So one of the ways we are using the targets is in a game we call 'Dump Hunt'. It involves using our targets of animals that would normally be found in a refuse setting, and to make the shoot really fun, we do it at night under the club's trap range lights. I was originally exposed to this game while attending Standing Stone a number of years ago in Pennsylvania with Dave Bingham (AKA – Breeze), and it is a real challenge.

The concept of Dump Hunt is pretty simple and it combines risk with shooting skill. First, 25 targets are spread out over the field at various distances with all of the reset strings leading back to one single shooter area. Using the Troyer difficulty system we make sure that there is a good distribution in difficulty, then divide the targets up into 5 groups from easy to hard. The easiest targets are given a scoring value of 5 points when hit, and the hardest targets are given a scoring value of 25 points with the ones in-between being given point values of 10, 15, and 20 points.



'Breeze in the process of scoring an amazing 225/300 in Piston class'

To shoot the match, shooters go to the firing line one at a time. What makes the game one of risk combined with shooting skill is that each competitor only gets 15 pellets to fire at targets of their choosing, and once a target is 'killed' it cannot be shot again during that round. So, if the shooter decides to go for all of the difficult targets with a 25 point value and progresses back to the easier ones with a 20 and 15 point value without missing a single target, the total score would be a perfect 300.



‘Dusk is a great time to shoot – cool, little wind, lots of dump animals.

The nice part about doing the shoot in this manner is that less skilled shooters still have a good chance of earning some points by concentrating on the easy and moderately hard targets. Also, the less skilled shooter can beat a more skilled shooter if the skilled shooter overestimates his/her ability and ends up missing a number of difficult s



George Blass helping his daughter Jackie set up a shot

At our last Dump Hunt, we turned out 25 individuals to shoot and watch the competition. Everyone agrees that shooting alone at the firing line while others watch their performance also brings a new dimension of challenge to the game. So, if you are looking for a new way to utilize your field targets, try the ‘Dump Hunt’.

Editors Note: Fun shoots really are a great way to “break the ice” with potential new shooters.

Waterloo Field Target Club
Results for Sept 10, 2006

It was a great September day for field target. The turnout was very good, especially in the piston class that had more shooters than the PCP class. I don't think that has ever happened before during a regular match. We got a little carried away and set up eleven lanes, but decided to use the extra lanes and just make the match out of sixty-six this time.

It didn't take long to notice the increased difficulty of this course and some small kill zones well out in the breeze made for some very challenging shots. The wind was also blowing in the opposite direction from what we are most use to. The six offhand shots added some variety and it looks like they will be a regular feature at all the matches.

In the piston division, Jordan Jackson was shooting with her dad, since they shared the same rifle. I don't know if James will do that again. Jordan is twelve years old and shot a very impressive 50/66 to nip her dad by two shots to win the division. George was close behind to capture third.

Dennis was the class of the field in the PCP division, scoring 60/66. Mike shot well and placed second, followed by Don in third.

The rest of the field, in piston and PCP, had some consistency issues with the set-up of the rigs, which leads to some head scratching after missed shots. That's what makes this sport so much fun; because you never know for sure that the pellet will go exactly where you are pointing.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the match set-up and tear down. I hope to see everyone out at the October 15th match, which is the final regular match of the 2006 season at the Waterloo club.

Tim MacSweyn

* Helped with set-up and tear down of targets

Shooter

PCP Division	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /66
T-Diff34.2				
1) Dennis Eden*		Ld/SS	Deben 10-50 CPH	60
2) Mike Ferrara		NJR100	Leupold 16-40Diablo	57
3) Don Irvine*		Steyr FT	Deben 10-50 Baracuda M	52
4) Magdy Hassouna*		Steyr FT	Deben 10-50 Baracuda M	49
5) Lanny Hann*		CR97SE	Leupold 18-40Baracuda M	47

Piston Division

1) Jordan Jackson*		HW97K	Hawke 8.5-34 CPL	50
2) James Jackson*		HW97K	Hawke 8.5-34 CPL	48
3) George Harde*		Diana 54FT	Bushnell 6-24 H&N FTT	46
4) Josh Jackson*		HW97K	Hawke 6-24 CPL	36
5) Zach Harde*		HW97	Hawke 8.5-34 FTS	32
6) Tim MacSweyn*		TX200	Bushnell 6-24 JSBL	29
7) Sean MacEwan*		Diana 46	Bushnell 3-9 CPL	10

It was a little damp as Dennis and I set up the course early in the morning. I had put up some tarps in the bush to cover some of the shooting positions and we even discussed putting more targets per lane and using just the covered lanes. We decided to set it up with our standard ten lanes and three targets per lane. Early in the match the trees were very wet and the wind made it feel like rain on occasion. As the match progressed, the weather improved and actually ended up quite nice. However, with the sun came higher winds off nearby Lake Erie.

The course had great variety in distance and kill zone size and averaged out to the exact rating as the last Port match. (34.3T) Lane ten featured a raised shooting area and some interesting target placements. The second shot was at 41 yards, down to the edge of the partly drained pond and the third shot was a 54 yard shot across the pond. There was an interesting wind factor there. It accounted for more than a few missed shots, but both Lanny and Chris cleaned the lane. Great shooting!

Don was really in a zone all day, shooting clean until the wind on the long pond shot changed the flight plan and destination for that pellet. Don claimed first with a 59/60, followed by myself and Dennis with 57 and 55, respectively. Magdy had the privilege of shooting with his daughter, Salma, who did extremely well in her first FT match.

Ted Gibson dominated the piston division and came away with first place. He did very well, looping those .22 pellets, at low speed in the wind.

We pulled the targets and a few of us shot on the range and shot the breeze until late in the afternoon. It was a great day. Thanks to everyone that participated and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Saturday, November 4th for the Final match of the 2006 season at Port Colborne.

Tim MacSweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60
T-Diff 34.3				
PCP Division				
1) Don Irine		Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M 59
2) Tim MacSweyn		ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH 57
3) Dennis Eden		ld/SS 05	Deben 10-50	CPH 55
4) Chris Nicholson		Logun Solo	Bushnell 6-24	JSBH 52
5) Lanny Hann		CR97SE	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M 47
6) Magdy Hassouna		Sterr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M 45
7) Salma Hassouna		Harrier	Bushnell	Diablo 31
Piston Division				
4) Ted Gibson		HW97	.22 Deben 6-24	Crossman/JSB27

We took a chance scheduling a match in November, but it turned out quite well. The temperature hovered in the low forties, the wind was fairly brisk, but the sunshine made it all seem good. The course had a real mix of difficulty, but overall it was more difficult than our typical matches. The difficulty averaged out at 36.3 on the Troyer difficulty scale, with some three target lanes averaging in the high twenties, while others averaged over fifty.

We bundled up and headed out at 11:00 AM to shoot the first half of the match. Chris certainly came out the best in the first thirty shots, only dropping one. The rest of us had our problems in the AM, with everyone dropping at least three shots. We warmed up in the clubhouse at the half way mark and some had a bite to eat.

In the second half fortunes changed. Don and I only dropped one shot in the afternoon and Chris dropped five. This left me in first, with 56/60 and Don and Chris were tied for second with 54/60. Don won the shoot off to claim second and Chris placed third. Dennis, Lanny and Danny had some trouble with their scope settings, leading to much lower than normal scores for the three of them. Ted was shooting his B50 for the first time in a match and was starting to hit more and more as the match progressed.

I really enjoyed the match and was certainly glad we went ahead with it this late in the season. It may just become an annual event and then we would have to come up with some clever name for it.

Well, I'm hoping for an early spring so we can get back at it before too long. We will be working on a new schedule for next year and try to coordinate it with the Waterloo schedule to provide lots of shooting opportunities. I will post both schedules as soon as they are finalized. Have a great Holiday season and I hope to see you all again soon.

Tim MacSweyn

Results Chart

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60
T-Diff 36.3				
PCP Division				
1) Tim MacSweyn	Id/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	56
2) Don Irine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	54*
3) Chris Nicholson	Logun Solo	Bushnell 8-32	JSBH	54*
4) Dennis Eden	Anschutz	Leupold 35	Baracuda M	48
5) Lanny Hann	CR97SE	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	38
6) Danny Reginato	AA300	Bushnell 8-32	Air Arms	27
7) Ted Gibson	Bam XSB50	Hawke 4-12	CPH	18

*Decided by shoot-off

Our third FT shoot of the season included several firsts. Shorty Miller came and shot this month's 42 shot course. Also petrodons, incorrectly thought to be extinct, soared over the Snake River plain. After a year of shooting Gamo rats and squirrels, it was time for something new.



Now, that an extinct life form has emerged from the lava beds, who knows what new, but long forgotten creature will reappear?

Speaking of extinct species, this place has become a refuge for springers. George shoots a Pro Sport, David a RWS 34, Shorty a Gamo 1000, Ron Roberts another Gamo and, last year, Neal shot an R-9. One of these days, I will pull my divers bottle out of my pickup and someone will ask, "What is that?" It can be lonely on the dark side.

David, an engineering student at Idaho State University, brought a target that he made. His target was a one inch tall mouse with a way-too-small kill zone. "The target size," He said, "should justify the 1/2 inch kill zone". We all missed it except George who knocked it down twice.

The results are:

Piston Class

George Gardner	31/42	Pro Sport	
Davie Read	11/42	RWS 34	iron sights
Shorty Miller	6/42	Gamo	BSA 4X32
Open Class			
Ron Gill	27/42	S-400	BSA 6-24X52

Respectively Submitted, Ron Gill

DESOTO AIRGUNNERS Sept. 17 Match Results

It was hot and humid (again), but that's par for Southwest Florida this time of year. With blue skys and fair weather clouds drifting, there was a puffy breeze that gave (some) shooters added challenge. The new course layout featured a dog-leg so those breezes were moving at different angles to the shooter and targets depending on your lane.

The new Field Target course layout included 7 lanes. Lanes 1 to 6 featured 3 targets (2 shots at each) while lane 7 was the designated off-hand lane with 2 targets, 3 shots each for a match total of 42 shots.

This course had an average Troyer Difficulty of 29+. (however the law of averages can be misleading....If you have your right foot in a bucket of boiling water and your left foot in a bucket of ice water...on average you're not feeling too comfortable.)

The afternoon before the match, Dick Otten took a wrong step and severely sprained his ankle while setting a target in a tree. He was a doubtful starter on Sunday but Dick managed to limp through the course with the help of a cane and he shot very well. Our next scheduled match is Nov 19. We are considering whether to hold another 42 shot FT match, or a 30 shot FT match followed by a 20 shot silhouette match. A pistol silhouette match will allow us to all stay in the shade and shoot from a covered area. Let us know your preference sometime in the next Month. Next year's matches are tentatively scheduled for January, March, May, September, and November.

PISTON SHOOTER, Score, Rifle, Scope, Pellet

Fred Poole 33, TX200, Bushnell 6-24, JSB
Cliff Smith, 28, TX200, Bushnell 6-24, Daystate, JSB
Aubrey Miley, 23, TX200, Bushnell 6-18, JSB
Ron Zemas, 21, TX200SR, Burris 8 - 32, FTS

PRECHARGE SHOOTER, Score, Rifle, Scope, Pellet

Dick Otten, 37, USFT, Leupold 35, JSB
Ed Escue, 26, CR 94, Hakko 8-32, CPH
Gordon Hodson, 25, ZM Steyr, Hakko 6-30, JSB

DESOTO AIRGUNNERS Nov 19 Match Results

This was the final De Soto Airgunners match for calander year 2006. For 2007 we have 5 matches scheduled and we hope to see you often. If you missed today's shooting, what a shame. The weather was gorgeous - a bit windy, but one of those "top 10" days with a deep blue sky, low humidity, cool breezes and a warming sun backlighting a few puffy clouds. The 30 shot course was set out at Troyer factor 32. The days windy conditions easily pushed it to over 39.

PRECHARGED DIV.

Cliff Smith 27, Huntsman

Dick Otten 25, USFT, Leupold 35, JSB

Bob Duncan 17, HP Steyr

Gordon Hodson 17, ZM Steyr, Hakko 6-30, JSB

PISTON DIVISION

Fred Poole 15, TX200, Bushnell 6-24, JSB

Gene Childers 12, HW97

DIFTA LOMTY November 11th Results

The last match of the year at DIFTA was perhaps one of the best weather-wise. After very iffy weather for our previous match and very cold weather a week before (20s) we had high-60s, light winds, clear skies and just about perfect FT weather.

The course was 72-shots instead of our usual 60 to mark the long hiatus before our first match of 2007 in April. The designed difficulty was about 25 although two lanes got switched making for a very difficult offhand lane and a very easy sitting lane (one of the hazards of cheap help or sloppy work on the MD's part).

The schedule for next year is (tentatively): April 7 and October 13 will be "Fun Matches" (less formal and easier -- pick some targets that you think you can hit and put them out). Regular FT matches are scheduled for April 21, May 19, June 16, July 14 (Maryland State Championship), August 18, September 8, October 6, and November 3.

Piston Results

Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score
Stan Lipinski	TX200SR	Leupold 6.5-20	FTS	55
Paolo Amedeo	TX200 Mk3	Tasco 10-40X50	CPL	49
Joe McDaniel	TX200 MK2	Tasco 10-40X56	CPL	47
Mark Sivatko	HW97	Leapers 8-32	CPL	41
Karl Krchma	TX200	Bushnell Trophy 6-18X40	CPL	33
Bill Gazdik	AA Pro Sport	Simmons 4-12X40	AA Diablo	12

Hunter Results

Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score
Phil Dean	Logun Solo	Bushnell	CPH	54
Paolo Amedeo	TX200HC	Leapers 3-12	CPL	47
Tim Avara	Diana 350	Bushnell 5-18	Logun (.22)	43
Ben Avara	Diana 350	Bushnell 6-18	JSB (.22)	33
Charles Hay-den	Diana 350	Bushnell 5-18	Logun (.22)	30

Offhand Results

Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score
Al Otter			JSBH	33
Dale Benson	Steyr LG100	Swift 8-32X50	Baracuda	30

Waterloo December 3, 2006 Christmas Results

Indoor Results

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Chalk /14	Ball /4	Stand /12	Total /30
Eden, Dennis	Theoben 17 FT	Leupold 35X	10	4	12	26
Ferrara, Mike	NJR100	Leupold 18-40	8	4	2	14
Gibson, Ted	B50	Hawke 6-24	2	4	6	12
Habicher, Bert	AA300s	Simmons 6.5-20	6	4	4	14
Harde, George	RWS TX200	Hawke 8.5-34	4	4	8	16
Harde, Zach	HW97	Hawke 8.5-34	10	4	6	20
Hassouna, Magdy	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	6	2	10	18
Irvine Don	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	8	2	10	20
Jackson, James	HW97	Hawke 8.5-34	4	4	6	14
Jackson, Josh	HW97	Hawke 8.5-34	8	4	10	22
Kwan, Will	TX200	Burriss 8-32	4	1	8	13
MacSweyn, Tim	HW100	Leapers 3-12	12	4	10	26
Reginato, Danny	TX200	Tasco 8-40	2	4	6	12

Outdoor FT Results

Shooter	Gun	Scope Total /36	T-31
Eden, Dennis	Theoben 17 FT	Leupold 35X	31
Ferrara, Mike	NJR100	Leupold 18-40	26
Gibson, Ted	B50	Hawke 6-24	19
Harde, George	RWS TX200	Hawke 8.5-34	19
Harde, Zach	HW97	Hawke 8.5-34	18
Hassouna, Magdy	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	14
Irvine Don	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	31
Jackson, James	HW97	Hawke 8.5-34	25
Jackson, Josh	HW97	Hawke 8.5-34	18
Kwan, Will	TX200	Burriss 8-32	6
MacSweyn, Tim	HW100	Leapers 3-12	16

Our final match of the season was great fun. We had some indoor shooting which involved hitting pieces of moving chalk, hitting a small styrofoam ball floating in an air stream and making some offhand shots. We also had an outdoor field target match, with a 36 shot total.

The conditions were a little easier to deal with on the indoor range, where timing and being steady were the main challenges. Outdoors, it made it to a high of about 28°F with the wind gusting between 10 and 15 mph and light snow. The snow was actually a pretty good wind indicator. With no foliage for protection, the wind affected the pellets and the wind chill helped the shooters stay cool.

We had a KFC meal to enjoy after the shooting and then people who brought a gift, took a gift. There was lots of help to clean up the indoor range and to pull the targets outdoors.

It was then Merry Christmas to all and ... we can't wait until April. We had another great year in Waterloo and look forward to even more success in 2007. Tim MacSweyn

LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

We held our state championship on December 9th despite it being one of the coldest days of the year. The temperature warmed up to about 31 degrees when we ventured out into the woods of Belle Terre. We had a turnout of 17 Louisiana shooters plus our friend Wade Sutherland who drove in from Hernando Mississippi. Several of the shooters were shooting in their first ever big match. A great lunch of pork and sausage jambalaya was served by cajun chef extraordinaire Greg Blair. Delicious homemade cookies and brownies followed, compliments of Bubbie Smith's wife, Rosie. Thanks to them and to Bubbie and Bubba (Jim McCormick), who orchestrated the food.

The match was hotly contested with a lot of challenging shots. It seemed as though most of the toughest targets were mid-range reduced kill zone shots. We had 4 ties, requiring a shoot off at a 35-40 yard armadillo. The ties were between Linda Juneau and Bubba McCormick for 5th in pre-charged; Warren Landry and Joey Robichaux for state piston champion; and Ron Juneau and Bubbie Smith for state pre-charged champion. Congratulations to all of you, and to Linda (high woman), and Walker Landry (high junior). The results are as follows:

PISTON CLASS:

1. Warren Landry	40	TX 200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
2. Joey Robichaux	40	Pro Sport	Bushnell 6-24	CPL
3. Roland Robichaux	39 1/2	TX 200	Bushnell 6-24	CPL
4. Wade Sutherland	39	TX 200	Simmons 6.5-20	JSBL
5. Joe DuBoulay	37	TX 200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
6. Paul Watts	33	Pro Sport	Bushnell 6-24	CPL
7. Walker Landry	32 1/2	TX 200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
8. Spencer Lightfoot	26	TX 200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
9. Ken Green	21 1/2	TX 200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
10. Dan Daste	17	R9	Simmons 8-32	JSBL

PRE-CHARGED CLASS

1. Ron Juneau (state champion-pre-charged)	46	Daystate Huntsman	Tasco 8-40	JSBH
2. Bubbie Smith (high Louisiana trophy)	46	Steyr	BSA 10-40	JSBH
3. Benny Lopoo	43	Steyr	Nikko 10-50	JSBH

PCP Class Continued;

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| 4. Barry Daste | 38 | Theoben MFR | Bushnell 8-32 | JSBH |
| 5. Linda Juneau | 36 | Daystate Huntsman | Tasco 8-40 | JSBH |
| 6. Bubba McCormick | 36 | FX Typhoon | Swift 8-32 | JSBH |
| 7. Doug Singer | 30 1/2 | FX Tarantula .22 | Simmons 6-18 | JSB |

HUNTER CLASS

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| 1. Jack Kirkendoll | 32 | Daystate Harrier X | Bushnell 4-12 | JSBL |
| 2. Bret Guidry | 31 1/2 | Career | Nikko | CP .22 |

Thanks to all for pitching in and helping with the match, and making it fun for everyone.

B.D.

2007 "18th" CAJUN SPRING CLASSIC

Hosted by Bayou Airgun Club and BREC
April 14 – 15, 2007

Date/Time: April 14th -- Match #1 9:30am April 15th – Match #2 8:30am

Site: Jean Lafitte Airgun Range -- Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Directions: Map / additional info will be sent to all pre-registrants

Rules: AAFTA rules will be enforced (shoot-classification). Meeting precedes each match.

Safety: AAFTA safety rules will be enforced; airguns must chronograph at 20 ft. lbs. or less.

Range: Practice range open April 13th - 8AM to 5PM and 7AM on match days.

Course of fire: 100 shots on 2 courses, one match each day consisting of 50 shots each.

Two targets per lane, TIMERS will be used on all lanes.

Division: PISTON – PCP -- HUNTER

Teams: Four-man State Team; 1st place only (\$20 fee to be collected prior to shooting).

Awards: PISTON 1st – 5th, PCP1st – 5th, High Jr., High Sr., High Woman, High LA Shooter,
Hunter 1st place only

Entry Fee: \$60 per shooter ----- limited to 78 shooters so register early.

Meals: Lunch provided Sat. & Sun. for competitors. Guest meals are \$7.

Beverages: Provided with lunch each day. Beverages & bottled water are 50 cents each

Hotel: Quality Suites 9138 Bluebonnet Centre Blvd. @I-10, Bt. Ru 225-293-1199

Mention Cajun Spring Classic for \$79 flat rate (cost covers up to 4 people per room). Rooms have 2 double beds & 1 double size sofa bed, refrigerator, microwave, and free Internet hookup for your laptop. Choice of full cooked to order breakfast or continental breakfast (free) each morning in Cafe and complimentary beverages in Lounge Mon-Sat. 5p-7p & Cocktails \$1. Discount coupons to local restaurants available. Price listed above is good till March30th, 2007.

Entry Deadline: POST MARKED NO LATER THAN – March 15, 2007

Registration form for the 2007 CAJUN SPRING CLASSIC -- April 14 and 15

(please PRINT clearly and include ALL information)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Age _____

Air Rifle _____ Scope _____ Pellet _____ Division Please Circle
(Piston - PCP – Hunter)

Individual Registration: \$60 (sixty) (\$70 after March 15) \$ _____

Guest Meals: \$7 per meal, Sat: _____ Sun: _____ \$ _____

AIR TANK RENTAL: \$15 weekend/delivered to range \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

Send Entries to:

Bayou Airgun Club

Linda Juneau

5164 Universal Ave.

Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

For more information or questions contact Linda Juneau at juneaur@bellsouth.net

The Toadscopes



Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan19)

Capricorn may want to consider experimenting with his field target position during the month. Adjustment of knee risers and butt plates can have a dramatic impact on scores with little practice effort, Virgo will approach you with a suggestion that will seem odd at the time but will soon prove invaluable at hitting kill zones.

Lucky Lanes: 1, 6, 14

Aquarius (January 20-Feb18)

Aquarius will be rewarded with great success on standing lanes throughout the month. Scope failure looms on the horizon for Aquarius, so a back-up gun should be taken to each match attended. Aquarius needs to practice standing shooting throughout the month as he will be started on an unusually high number of standing lanes throughout the season.

Lucky Lanes: 5, 7, 12

Pisces (Feb19-March 20)

Pisces will find very easy targets extremely challenging throughout the month. Attempts to improve concentration on easy targets will meet with more and more failure. This can be avoided by reexamining one's attitude and approach toward field target. Squadding with Aquarius will cause you many visits to the winner's circle.

Lucky Lanes: 2, 5, 9

Aries (March 21-April 19)

A good time to buy a new airgun this month is during the new moon. Be careful with the chronograph though because the stars are in good alignment for accidental discharges. Also be extra cautious of any Scorpios who may be shooting Piston guns in your squads.

Lucky Lanes: 2, 12, 14

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

This is a good month for Taurus to shoot field target. You are especially attuned to doping the wind this month and will do exceedingly well on difficult shots beyond 40 yards. Your best bets for squadding are Libra and Capricorn.

Lucky Lanes 7, 8, 13

Gemini: (May21-June 21)

Beware of bent skirts in pellets and pay extra attention to inspecting them before matches. Bent skirts will bring you exceedingly close to loss in shootoffs at all matches you attend throughout the month. Sagittarius will provide you some good tips on uphill shooting when you least expect it.

Lucky Lanes: 9, 12, 15

Cancer (June 22-July22)

Regulator problems will plague you at the most inopportune moments during the month. Carry a back-up gun to all matches just to play it safe. Few people can be trusted in field target throughout the month. Do not listen to any Libra's who offer you advise on trajectory settings as this will cause you to go one revolution out in your settings. Also, Taurus may try to offer you advice that will cause missed targets.

Lucky Lanes: 3,7, 11

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

Leo will do exceedingly well at uphill standing shots throughout the month with minimal practice. It is important to keep ear protectors close by as they may be needed to block out distractive background noise and chatter at matches. Good squad mates are Aries and Gemini, but try to avoid discussing any aspect of field target with Scorpio throughout the month.

Lucky Lanes: 1, 8, 9.

Virgo (Aug 23- Sept 22)

Virgo will have a very difficult time shooting spring guns that have long been his favorites at field target matches. A thorough cleaning and tightening stock screws may help some but will not completely overcome unforeseen challenges that occur on the field target course. Ask to be squadded with Pisces and listen closely to what he has to say.

Lucky Lanes: 1, 3, 13

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)

This is Libra's month to try Hunter Field target. Great success will be had at guessing ranges that will result in success rates that Libra previously thought were beyond his ability. Squadding with Leo and Gemini will bring good luck resulting in split pellets causing targets to fall.

Lucky Lanes: 4, 9, 10

Scorpio (Oct 23–Nov 21)

Scorpio will see a sudden reversal in past success at local field target matches throughout the month. This can be minimized by experimenting with different pellets and lubes. Local bicycle shops may have just the lube Scorpio needs for success later in the year. Libra will be you ally both on and off the field target course.

Lucky Lanes: 2, 4, 8

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Sagittarius will experience a roll in the coming month that may well extend throughout the field target season. A good attitude toward field target will be rewarded with many shots finding the kill zone. Sagittarius will not miss a single rabbit target for the whole month, no matter how difficult. Do not allow and match director to squad you with a Scorpio.

Lucky Lanes: 5, 9, 12



Front Side Left Chest



Back Side

Dear Fellow Airgunners,

I have recently secured 300 acres of a private game preserve with exclusive rights to host field target matches during the late spring/summer/early fall. I am planning on at least one 2-day match this year in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains in NY. It's a pretty area with lots of attractions both natural and man-made within a short drive of NYC and a major factory outlet center.

We are having a fund drive to raise money for the purchase of new targets of highest quality. All proceeds from the sale of the above shirts will go towards that sole purpose. They are silk screened on Gildan Ultra T's (equivalent to Hanes Beefy T's) and run true to size and hold up well to repeated washings.

You can visit my club's website and order online at <http://blackrockfishandgame.cogia.net/>

Cost for sizes Small-X-Large is \$14 each, 2XL is \$16 and prices include shipping in the US. Insurance is optional. Forms of payment accepted are US Postal Money orders only or credit card/bank transfer via PayPay to this address medbill@hvc.rr.com

Mail payment along with a note mentioning the quantity and sizes to:

**Billy Lo
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Thank you for your support of field target shooting, American airgunning and our club!

Remember there is no crying or backstabbing in Field Target!!!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I think your doing a great job on the AAF'TA News especially for a guy that has no idea what he is doing! You had me fooled. Keep up the good work and I'm sure more folks will chime in and send in any hot topics, ideas, complaints and or suggestions they would like to talk about in the News.

Keep up the good work and by the way your the coolest no matter what anyone says!

The above written as a suggestion for a great letter.

For Sale Section

Email your items for sale or wanted and they will be posted here. Not everyone is on the internet. If your item sells or you find what you want before publication please let me know and I will pull your ad.

For best results please send your complete address and let me know how you would like it to appear with your name, phone number, picture and asking price.

F'T-in F'unny Photo!

Please check out the photo on the next page...2006's NMAC's State Championship was great but the parking area was a bit of a tight squeeze. Look for a review of this great match in the next issue of the AAF'TA News.

Please email your funny photos with a little snippet about it and I will pick out the funniest. WARNING THE EDITOR HAS A SICK SENSE OF HUMOR. Sorry Jackie D, had to be done!

Make Sure Your Dues Are Paid Or This Will Be Your Last Issue.

We don't want to lose any readers or associate members but we cannot afford anymore free rides. With the new email associate membership @ \$10 the News is affordable to everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.



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