

Republic of Texas Match Report

By Scott York

Hello to everyone!

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the 4th Annual Republic of Texas Field Target Competition from February 29 – March 2, 2008.

On Friday, February 29th, we started with an NRA Rifle Silhouette match. That evening at 7:30, we held the First Ever Candlelight Shoot. This was a new addition to the ROT. We had many concerns about the candles staying lit and also, if anyone would show interest in this type of competition. When it was time to start the match, we had 18 shooters showing interest in competing. That was enough interest for me! For the competition, three candles were set up for each competitor at 30 yards. Each person was to shoot each candle 4 times. If you hit wax, your shot didn't count. We had three people tie with 5 hits each. For the initial tie-breaker, we moved the candles back 10 more yards. Two people tied for winner's spot, so they were each given six candles in which to shoot. Doug Miller (California) won with a score of 2. The Troyer came in at an unbelievable 400 +/-.

On Saturday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m., with 28 shooters competing, 4th Annual ROT Field Target Competition began. We all enjoyed a wonderful Texas BBQ luncheon after the match. On Saturday afternoon, the games began, with the 3rd Annual Republic of Texas Man on Man Double Elimination Red Ryder BB Gun Shoot off. If you think that's a mouthful, you should have seen everyone blowing their "hot air" into the balloons (targets for the competition.) To save our "hot air" for bragging rights later, Chad Reno thought of the wonderful idea of using an air tank for blowing up the balloons. Way to go, Chad! Eric Branch (Texas), who has participated in the final Red Ryder shoot off for the last three years, finally won this year's competition, during the shootoff on Sunday. It was a proud moment for Eric to win this highly treasured trophy. After the BB Gun competition, the shooters were in for another treat with the participated in another shoot, the International Field Target Pistol Competition. This was our 2nd year for this shoot and it was definitely a hit! The match was 42 shots at standard targets from 10 to 25 yards. Rosie Smith (Louisiana) was the winner of this competition. Congrats, Rosie! The NRA Pistol Silhouette match was scheduled just before dawn, but we ran out of time, so watch for this one next year! At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, we held the 2nd Annual Spotlight Field Target Competition. The only rules for this match are: 1) Be safe; and 2) You must hold your own light. This match was great fun and definitely something to participate in if you haven't tried it.

On Sunday, March 2, we kicked off the final day of the ROT competition with the shooter's meeting. This very windy, partly cloudy day provided some what of change in weather conditions for the 28 shooters. You could definitely tell that some were relieved and some were very worried!

When everyone returned with scorecards and final scores were posted, a shoot off between Doug Miller (California) and Warren Williamson (Ohio) determined the winner of this year's match. Doug Miller won the competition with a 40 yard shot at a 1/2 inch kill zone. Congratulations to Doug and also Warren for providing some fine competition. It was a crowd pleaser to be able to watch these two highly-skilled competitors shoot against 20 mph winds. Way to go, guys!

After the Field Target match shoot off and the final Red Ryder competition, (Eric Branch, winner), the shooters enjoyed authentic Mexican food, catered by Las Fuentes. Lunch was followed by the awards ceremony and group pictures. Shortly after the pictures, the shooters began to make their way back home to various places such as Tennessee, Ohio, California, and Louisiana and for those of us who live here in Texas, just down the road a piece. I just want to tell everyone what a wonderful time we had as hosts for our 4th Annual ROT Field Target Competition. You don't know how much it means to be able to have friends like all of you support and participate in such a fun and friendly sport.

Please join us again next year!

Regards,

Scott York and the members of Yegua Airgun Club



2008 Republic of Texas Field Target Roundup
Match Results
Red Ryder BB Gun Shoot off
Eric Branch - 1st

PCP

Name	Aggie	Longhorn	Total
Doug Miller	57	56	113 1st - Shoot off
Warren Williamson	56	57	113 2nd
Will Thibaut	56	56	112 3rd
Robert "Bob" Ray	52	56	108 4th
Bubbie Smith	55	52	107 5th
Chad Reno	48	57	105 High Texan
Phillip Reedy	49	54	103
Raschel York	47	55	102 High Woman
Benny Lopoo	42	48	90
Bob Zimmermann	44	42	86 High Sr.
Greg Blair	41	44	85
Rosie Smith	37	45	82 <i>Woman</i>
Valerie Guidry	33	48	81 <i>Woman</i>
Carlos Garza	38	33	71
Bobby Roberts	38	34	72
Nathan Roberts	36	35	71 High Jr.
Paul Conover	33	37	70
Linda Juneau	32	36	68 <i>Woman</i>
San Ramirez	35	31	66
Scott York	DNF	DNF	



PCP Champ Doug Miller

Piston

Name	Aggie	Longhorn	Total
Leo Duran	40	45	85 1st
Ron Juneau	37	44	81 2nd
Warren Landry	43	34	77 3rd
Roz Sumpster	41	33	74
Keith Kolojaco	23	30	53
Doug Witkowski	DNF	DNF	DNF



Piston Champ Leo Duran

Hunter

Name	Aggie	Longhorn	Total
Joe DuBoulay	46	58	104 1st
Eric Branch	48	49	97 2nd
Sean Holbeche	44	51	95 3rd
Ron Robinson	41	49	90
Bret Guidry	43	43	86

High Team

"The Misfits" 419 pts

- Greg Blair
- Bob Ray
- Doug Miller
- Warren Williamson

Candlelight Shoot

Doug Miller - 1st

NRA Silhouette Rifle

Warren Williamson - 1st

International Field Target Pistol

- Rosie Smith 1st
- Warren Williamson 2nd

Night Spotlight Field Target Shoot

- Sean Holbech 1st
- Valerie Guidry 2nd



Hunter Champ Joe DuBoulay

Republic of Texas Match Continued...



High Woman Champ Raschel York



High Junior Champ Nathan Roberts



High Texan Champ Chad Reno



High Senior Champ Bob Zimmerman

Editor's note,

Well done Scott and congrats and hats off to all the winners which is certainly anyone that attended, set up and made this event possible. It really looks like it is one that is not to be missed in the US!

Cya next year!!!

Billy Lo

First Annual Red Ryder Interstate Challenge By Scott York

We through down the Gauntlet and Jousted against Louisiana with Red Ryder's.

Texas with its "Balloon Bustin' BB Bad Boys" of Yegua Airgun Club brought home the wood at our first Annual Red Ry-der Interstate Challenge.

The score was tied 8 to 8 after 16 rounds but Texas kicked butt with a sudden death shoot off.

This travel trophy will come up for grabs at next years Republic of Texas Field Target Roundup, March 7th & 8th, 2009.

Cheers,
Scott Yor

