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FROM THE EDITOR:

The year 2001 has gotten off to an inauspicious start for American Field Target. The Cajun Spring Nationals, the perennial kick-off for the year, will not be held this year. This match has been the established classic standard for Field Target since its inception in 1989. I feel fortunate to have attended all the matches but will sorely miss this shoot with its ambience, camaraderie and, of course, the wonderful food of Baton Rouge.

Next bit of bad news is that Tom Itterly, President and Founder of Mid-South Tri-State Airgunners has cancelled a Regional/National shoot tentatively scheduled for early May.

The third piece of bad news, very bad news, is the expulsion of a club member. This action has serious consequences and details are on page 4 and 6 of this issue.

- Rodney Boyce

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Match Calendar

April

Sat. 7th EFTCC
Sun. 22nd MAFTA

May

Sun 20th MAFTA

June

Sat. 2nd EFTCC
Sun. 17th MAFTA

July

Sun. 15th MAFTA

August

Sat. 4th EFTCC
Sun. 19th MAFTA

September

Sun. 30th EFTCC
Sun. 16th MAFTA

October

Sun. 14th MAFTA - *Minn. State Championships*

November

Sun. 18th EFTCC - *New York State Championship.*

Where to Find it!

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Airgun Express (Mako/HW, TX200)-	800-896-4867
Airguns Alaska	907-522-5900
Airguns of Arizona (Daystate, Air Arms, Beeman)	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns (Mako/HW77 & 97)	800-227-2744
Benson's Airgun Options-	888-952-1231
Burroughs International (Career)-	310-457-5932
Ken's Airsports (TX200)-	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Steyr)	310-327-3581
Marksman (Marksman 61)	714-989-7535
Mance Etheredge (FWB P70 FT)-	303-331-0471
Pelaire Products (Whiscombe)	561-439-0691
Spot-On Arms	651-429-1139
Storey "Custom Shop"	317-925-5544
Tom's Precision Airguns	509-535-7993
Wade Sutherland	622-429-4663
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Airgun Accessories

Airgun Gear	509-535-7993
Precision Airgun Ltd.-	562-430-9183

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	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns-	800-227-2744
Pelaire Products-	561-439-0691
Spot-On Arms	612-429-1139

Field Targets

Pelaire Products-	561-439-0691
Precision Airgun Ltd.-	562-430-9183
Rick Stoutenburg	313-261-1683
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Spot-On Arms	612-429-1139

Gas Rams

Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-891-6801
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Lubricants

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns-	800-227-2744
Pelaire Products-	561-439-0691

Pellets

Airgun Express (Crosman Premier)	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113

Beeman Precision Airguns -	800-227-2744
Mac-1 -	310-327-3581
Marksman -	714-989-7535
Pelaire Products (Beeman-Crosman)-	561-439-0691
Spot-On Arms (Crosman Premier) -	612-429-1139

Publications

AAFTA News	662-429-4663
and AAFTA "Clubs & Shooters Handbook"	
Airgun Digest 3rd Edition-	800-247-4876
Airgun Letter-	410-730-5496
Airgun Revue	410-730-5496
U.S. Airgun Magazine	800-247-4867

Regulators

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

Repair & Tuning

Beeman Precision Airguns -	800-227-2744
Bob Bliss Tuning -	602-834-7290
Dave Slade's Airgunwerks -	714-376-6981
Ken's Airsports-	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Crosman/Benjamin/Sheridan)	310-327-3581
Rodney Boyce (Daystate only)	561-655-5427

Scopes

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mance Etheredge (Nightforce 36X)-	303-331-0471
Spot-On Arms	612-429-1139
Storey "Custom Shop" (Custom 36X/6-24X)	317-925-5544

Scope Knobs and/or Levels

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Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Precision Airgun Ltd.-	562-430-9183

Scope Mounts

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	602-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1 (Droopers)	310-327-3581
Pelaire Products	561-439-0691
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Stocks

Wade Sutherland	662-429-4663
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Video's

Pellethead	800-213-2088
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January 23, 2001

To: Wade Sutherland and the board of Governors,

It is with regret that I must inform you that Wade Sutherland is no longer a member in good standing with the Mid - South Tri/ State Airgunners Association effective as of Dec. 9th. 2000. This decision to remove Wade Sutherland from the Club was based on past and present actions on his part. Wade, has not attended past general membership meetings and failed to attend our last Executive Board meeting, His effort to attend these meetings and furnish a proper an complete Treasures report with all bank statements and receipts of goods purchased has not been done. It has now been over 5yrs. since I appointed him Secretary/Treasure. During this time Wade, has not been corporative and has been evasive to questions asked of him. Wade, was asked on January 6, 2001 to turn over the Treasury of the Mid - South Tri / State Airgunners Association. He has not done so and efforts to acquire the account has failed so far. It appears that Wade, set up the Club account in his own name as a personal account not as a business account for the Club. Wade, this money is not you'rs so turn it over now!!!!

As you can see I'm quite disturbed by Wade's, behavior!

To AAFTA and the Board of Governors, this problem will not effect the Mid/South Tri/ States efforts to put on a good showing as the host for the 2001 U.S. Nationals. The Club is committed to this match and will do everything possible to make it a success!

Wade Sutherland, being no longer a member in good standing will not be allowed to participate and will not be allowed on the Mid-South Tri/State premises!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Others that come will behave in a gentlemanly manor and will not cause problems or they to will be asked to leave.

We must put these problems aside and go on that is what I'm trying to do I hope AAFTA can understand and remain neutral in matters partaining to the Mid-South Tri/State Airgunners Assoc.

Executive/Board,
Thomas Itterly
Fred Caldwell

Where is Field Target headed ?

The Mid-South Tri/State Airgunners Association held our 9th annual match on October 28/29th 2000. This match was run fair and abided by all rules as such as any other club has!!! Match Directors all over the U.S. has changed their matches as they seen fit and was not protested against, those matches were also National Caliber events. The rules of AAFTA have always been over looked since I can remember, depending on who interrupted the rules. Oh!, for those that don't know I just found out that AAFTA was not going to allow coverage of this Match because I broke a rule. Here are other rules that have been broken for oh so many years. No! form of support for the body can be used. (just changed!) Targets should be of typical airgun quarry, extra shots at field targets is breaking the rules, more so then allowing all shooters to shoot at only a paper target. What about shooting in front of the two uprights, or bending one of the upright posts to get a better shot at the target. What, about allowing some shooters to shoot one way while others can't even though their shooting in the same class. I have noticed during my 11yrs. of shooting that certain people or groups can break rules or change them as they see fit while others must not. I stuck my neck out to help Airgun Field Target to become better and fair to all! My idea was not meant to break any rules "BUT" to even the playing field. My solution to people taking extra shots at field targets was to allow everyone to shoot at a paper target at only 15yds. to offer a re/zero of their rifle. Taking extra shots at field targets not only gives the shooter an extra advantage over those that can't or won't. But, it also damages the paint/metal on areas where other shooters are not shooting at, not to mention a wind read at that range! This person doing damage to the field target/and cheating is grounds for disqualification. These Re/Zero lanes caused no back up's since they were set between the shooting lanes. Why!, did I feel Compelled to do this? let's just say for fairness and for the "SPIRIT OF THE GAME"!!!! Those RE/ZERO lanes really did help, it helped people to have "FUN" isn't that what we want? Look, no matter how much you prepare for a match things happen do you want to make it harder on those having troubles or do you want to be fair and kind to them and offer a helping hand, you just might see them again, if not, don't count on it. This is why I came back!, I was helped, not hurt, think about that for one moment. We have problems, are we going to do something about it or are we just going to let it go on and on? Why!, do some shooters break the rules and are allowed to get away with it? Are we running off shooters or are we growing? do we care what the rest of the world thinks about how we play the game of Field/Target? Can't we do the right thing and offer a helping hand and try to play this game the same as the rest of the world?, Or Are we just concerned about ourselves and winning that we forget about the rest of the world and the other shooters? Let's all work together on these problems now!!!

Sincerely,
 Thomas Otterly

MSTS EXPULSION

When I received the letter (see page 5) from Tom Itterly, I was shocked and saddened by this unprecedented and Draconian measure to expel Wade Sutherland from the club and ban him from the premises of the MSTS. In my personal opinion, this action is totally reprehensible and impugns Wade Sutherland's character.

This situation needs some clarification. MSTS was founded eight or nine years ago by Tom Itterly, much to his credit. He also secured the venue site at Clifton Farm, again, much to his credit. The club format has been extremely informal without elections or bylaws. The members pay annual dues of \$20 with the exception of the President, by his decree. There are three Directors for the club: the President, Director Fred Caldwell, and Secretary/Treasurer Wade Sutherland. The latter two were appointed by the President as members have no vote.

The decree that Wade Sutherland was in bad standing and a non-member of MSTS and banned from the premises of the club's venue was acted upon and ratified on December 9th, 2000, by Tom Itterly and Fred Caldwell which constitutes a quorum for three directors. However, Wade Sutherland did not receive notice of this action until January 31, 2001.

Knowing that Wade Sutherland is a true gentleman, devoted to promoting and fostering with great energy our sport of Field Target, I am personally compelled to address some facts pertaining to this malicious action.

First, he did not put club funds into his personal account. I know for an absolute fact that he opened a separate account in the name of "Mid South Tri-State Airgunners" and that all club related funds with one exception were deposited into that account. Itterly's statement was a bald faced lie. The one exception was the registration income for the MSTS Fall Festival Match held

October 27 & 28, 2000. The fee was \$50 per entry and collected by Tom Itterly and never turned over to the Treasurer. The results of this Regional/National Match were not published in the AAFTA News because Match Director Itterly flagrantly disregarded the shoot rules which in turn voided AAFTA Sanction regarding Regional/National Matches.

Wade's efforts for MSTS were considerable. In addition to the somewhat onerous duties of Secretary/Treasurer, he provided the club with the usage of personally owned sixty (60) targets. Wade and new member Brad Troyer were a big factor in the Nationals being awarded to MSTS. As I stated, the operation of MSTS was organized on an informal basis and meetings for the past three years were held at Wade's home where the club members were served dinner. Treasurer's reports were verbal. Wade did indeed miss two meetings because of other commitments, but he did give notice of this. He also did a hell of a lot of work at the venue. Considering Wade's obvious assets to the club and what I know about the irreconcilable situation that has unfolded, has given me pause to think of the possibility that there is a hidden agenda on the part of Itterly and Caldwell. Enough said.

The consequence of this whole sour matter is potentially serious. For sure it will fracture MSTS. Another consequence is will the Nationals be canceled? The AAFTA Board is faced with an unpleasant task!

- *Rodney Boyce.*

P.S. Ex-Treasurer Wade Sutherland has turned over the MSTS club account to Tom Itterly with a cashiers check in excess of \$600.00 sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

To The Editor or Whom It May Concern:

Now that we have started to relax from another great year of shooting, we've cleaned our guns and reflected on some of those shots that we just knew the pellet went into the hole, something came to my attention as I read the last issue of the AAFTA newsletter. In your article, you fail to recognize the Women's World Champion, Karin Sutherland. She not only beat the best women British shooters but she also beat the most seasoned American women shooters, not to mention some of the men. Does this not mean she is the Women's National Champion? I have lost to this woman several times and was very happy for her, as she is also a teammate. I have a great appreciation for the Sutherland name in airgunning and I feel that this was a great disrespect to her victory. Maybe I might have misunderstood the topic of your article, but I felt that this matter deserved some attention.

Perhaps in the next article you could also include the Junior shooters as well as the women. We, as men shooters, need to be more observant as a woman or a junior could possibly become a World Champion one-day. We should do everything in our power to make this a reality. I have a 9-year old daughter that is now getting into airgunning, and I could only hope she will always know this is a shooter sport no matter what gender. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Just a shooter,

Style F. Edwards

A NEW CLUB IN MISSISSIPPI

The ***North Mississippi Airgun Club*** was formed this past weekend and the following officers were elected by the membership: Style F. Edwards - President, James White - Vice President, and Wade Sutherland - Secretary/Treasurer. They have secured an excellent venue located in 225 acres, five (5) miles from Hernando. The owner is pleased to have major Field Target matches at the premises since he has experienced hundreds of big Paint Ball competitions on this property involving his three sons.

Brad Troyer and Wade have checked it all out for FT and give it high marks plus lots of parking space. A club shoot has been scheduled for March. The Big News is that the **2001 Southern Spring Nationals** will be hosted by NMAC on May 5th and 6th. There will be lots more information and a registration form in the next issue of AAFTA News. This will be a "must go to" event so I'll see you there.

- *Rodney Boyce*



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The weather has been beautiful. For the information of those up north wishing to shoot, we now have mid seventy temperature and hold six club matches a month in the area.

We are finally through with this election and now we can concentrate on important things like fps, pellet lube, and new gadgets for the favorite gun.

November 12, 2000

30 shot match

John Draper	29	CR-X	Nightforce 36
Terry Shults	26	CR-X	Burriss 8-32
Ike Gatwood	25	CR-94	Burriss 8-32
Nelson Guidry	24	CR-94	Nightforce 36
Don VanDewerker	24	CR-X	Nightforce 36
Chris Allen	23	Pro-Target	Burriss 8-32
Jim Baumann	23	Huntsman	B&L 6-24
Cliff Smith	23	TX200HC	Leupold 6.5-20
Dick Otten	11	HW-77	Simmons 6-18

November 26, 2000

30 shot match

Don VanDewerker	29	CR-X	Nightforce 36
John Draper	28	CR-X	Nightforce 36
Cliff Smith	24	TX200HC	Leupold 6.5-20
Dick Otten	17	HW-77	Simmons 6-18
Ron Zeman	10	TX200SR	Bushnell 6-18

I must admit that this match got a little wet and there were a couple of rain breaks. There were also some DNF's, these shooters above are the ones that had the time to wait it out.

December 10, 2000

30 shot match

Jim Baumann	27	Huntsman	B&L 6-24
Don VanDewerker	25	CR-X	Nightforce 36
Cliff Smith	20	TX200HC	Leupold 6.5-20
Dick Otten	18	BSA Super 10	Hakko 8-32
Mike Cooper	17	Mako FT	Tasco Custom 8-40

The Super Bowl Match will be held on the 27th and 28th of January. Saturday will start at the Pelitcan range at 1 o'clock. Sunday, at the TBA range, about 9 o'clock.

"SUPERBOWL 100" Jan.27/28-2001

While the Ravens and Giants gladiators nervously girded their loins for economic mortal combat on Sunday night, a small merry band of fourteen men and a fair lady gathered in pleasant woods and fields to test their marksmanship with newfangled devices euphemistically known as airguns.

The weather was perfect and the shooting was high caliber despite numerous "up in the tree" shots, a difficulty compounded by strange breezes which brought on some lame excuses.

At the end of the first day in the Open Class Don Vanderwerker had a commanding lead with Bill Isaac not far behind. However, on Sunday, Nelson Guidry shot an incredible 47 hits out of 50 shots which tied Don for first place. Don persevered in the shootoff to take top honors. Bill nipped at their heels by a scant one point.

In the Piston Gun Class, Cliff Smith romped to first despite a tough challenge from George Hamilton who is usually a precharge shooter.

Since motels within a 40 mile radius were booked solid on account of the other Super Bowl affair, Cliff put up with three of us travellers. Many thanks to Cliff and Thelma for their thoughtful hospitality.

By the way, this match has traditionally had an Unlimited Open Class and a Precharge Class but these were combined into an Open Class. This successful match was topped off with a barbecue prepared by Jim Smith, the famous *Chef de Belize*, and all had a good time in time to get home to watch the Ravens annihilate the Giants from the North.

-Rodney Boyce

Open Class

Competitor	Rifle & Scope	Sat.	Sun.	Total
Don Vanderwerker	CRX, Nightforce 36x	46	42	88
Nelson Guidry	CR94, Nightforce 36x	41	47	88
Bill Isaac	CR94, Tasco 8 - 40x	44	43	87
Jim Baumann	Pro Target, Burris 8 - 32x	43	42	85
Bob Duncan	Pro Target, Nightforce 36x	43	40	83
Rodney Boyce	Harrier SS, Barris 8 - 32x	37	40	77
Mike Cooper	Mako (LR90), Tasco 10 - 50x	38	37	75
Chris Allen	CRX, Burris 8 - 32x	30	34	64
Roger Clapp	CRX, Burris 8 - 32x	25	21	46
Debbie Clapp	Harris 22, Hakko 8 - 32x	15	9	24

Piston Gun Class

Clifford Smith	TX 200, Leupold 6.5 - 20x	38	35	73
George Hamilton	TX 200SR, Leupold 18 - 40x	32	39	71
Ron Zerman	TX 200SR, Bushnell 6 - 18x	25	32	48
Dick Otten	HW 77, Simmons 44 mag.	22	22	44
Bill Guidry	TX 200, Leupold 18 - 40	35	DNF	35

Georgia State Championships

On November 18, Airgunning Atlanta hosted the Georgia State Championships. We were delighted to have some of the most traveled at best Field Target shooters in the U.S. attended. Such notables as Wade & John Sutherland, Stylee Edwards, Robert Crocker, George Hamilton, Don Vanderwerker, Terry Schults, Ike Gatwood, Roz Sumpter, Brad Troyer, and Rod Bradley. We sincerely thank everyone who attended. Your commitment to the enjoyment of field target shooting is what makes this game great.

The weather was the main topic of conversation in the morning. The temperature was near freezing, with light wind, and overcast skies. A bonfire was built to try to help warm up people, body and spirit. This was Airgunning Atlanta's attempt at a "frost bite open" and teeth were heard chattering on the range. No one had a temp shift during the match as it never warmed up at all. As the match was ending it began to sleet and rain and it continued into the night.

The course of fire was divided into two sections. Lanes #1-#8 facing the east side of the road and lane #9-16 facing the west side of the road. All shooters were squadded in pairs on lanes #1-8 for the first round. It was decided due to weather considerations and how quickly we completed the first round to re-squad and shoot the second lanes #9-16 before lunch. Both courses were set-up around a score of 32 on the Troyer difficulty scale. Lanes #1-8 being larger kill-zones at longer distances, and lanes #9-16 smaller kill-zones at shorter distances. Several lanes tested the shooter with forced kneeling or offhand shots. These had generous kill-zones but were at adequate distances to be challenging. The mix of targets and placements kept the game fun and

interesting. The shooters comments about the course were all positive... except for the ones they missed. We did have 1 target malfunction, and the 2 points were awarded to all shooters.

The course design/layout, registration, and score keeping was expertly handled by our own Joel Hansel. The handsome, sandblast relieved, oak wood plaques that were our trophies were designed by Lori Simpson and donated by David and Lori Simpson. The course prep and target prep took a team of hard working people. We thank Walt Roller, Tommy Garland, Doug Vinson, Dave Simpson, Joel Hansel, and Ken Hughes for their time and hard work.

When the match ended the conversation turned to food provided by Deborah Hughes and Helen Howard. The menu was bbq chicken, homemade vegetable beef soup, cornbread, baked beans, and other munchies. All of these were much enjoyed. Our thanks to the ladies for enduring cold and rain to serve us all a good hot lunch.

It is our pleasure to announce (fanfare) the 2000 Georgia State Open Class Champion (drumroll) was Doug Vinson (54/60). The 2000 Georgia State Piston Gun Champion (drumroll) was Rod Bradley (42/60). There was some good shooting on a difficult course. Doug won his title in a long and challenging shoot off against another Georgia shooter, Walt Roller. Doug was also the match winner. High Senior shooter went to George Hamilton. High Lady shooter went to Lori Simpson.

Airgunning Atlanta has already started discussing plans for a spring 2001 regional match, so watch the AAFTA newsletter for the announcement.

Georgia State Championships - Continued

Piston Division

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Score 1-8</u>	<u>Score 9-16</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
Roz Sumpter	Whiscomb JW50	Simmons 6-20	23	20	43	1st
Rod Bradley	TX200	Tasco 8-40	21	21	42	2ndX
Joel Hansel	TX200SR	Burris 8-32	10	11	21	3rd

Open Division

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Score 1-8</u>	<u>Score 9-16</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
Doug Vinson	Pro-Target	Nightforce 8-40	26	28	54	1st*X
Walt Roller	Pro-Target	Burris 8-32	29	25	54	2nd
Robert Crocker	CRX	Nightforce 36	26	27	53	3rd
Tommy Garland	Anschutz 2025	Nightforce 36	28	24	52	4th
Wade Sutherland	Falcon FN19TR	Burris 8-32	25	26	51	5th
Terry Shults	Daystate CR-X	Burris 8-32	23	26	49	
Don VanDewerker	Daystate CR-X	Nightforce 36	25	23	48	
George Hamilton	NJR AA 100	Nightforce 36	25	23	48	High Sr*
Ike Gatwood	Daystate CR94	Burris 8-32	21	22	43	
Brad Troyer	CRX	B&L 8-32	21	21	42	
Styleie Edwards	Ripley AR5s	Nightforce 36	20	18	38	
David Simpson	Huntsman	Leupold 18-40	19	19	38	
Lori Simpson	Huntsman	Bushnell 8-24	14	15	29	High Lady
Ken Hughes	NJR 100	Burris 8-32	9	18	27	
John Sutherland	Falcon FN19	Simmons 44	15	4	19	

*- Won by shoot off

<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Team Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
AA1	Robert Crocker Tommy Garland Walt Roller Doug Vinson	53 52 54 54	161 1st
TBA	Ike Gatwood George Hamilton Terry Shults Don Vanderwerker	43 48 49 48	145 2nd
MSTS	Styleie Edwards John Sutherland Wade Sutherland Brad Troyer	38 19 51 38	127 3rd
AA2	Rod Bradley Ken Hughes David Simpson Lori Simpson	42 27 38 29	109 4th

Georgia State Championships - Continued

1-8 Course

<u>Lane</u>	<u>Animal</u>	<u>Tree</u>		<u>KZ</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Diff. Factor</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
1	Owl	1		0.875	26	1	30
	Rat			1.145	45	1	39
2	Armadillo		S	1	22	1.5	33
	Crow	1	S	1.575	34	1.5	32
3	Rat			0.375	14	1	37
	Bird	1		1.27	45	1	35
4	Razorback			0.89	26	1	29
	Bird	1		1.15	50	1	43
5	Bird			1.16	32	1	28
6	Rabbit			0.69	22	1	32
	Fox			2	55	1	28
7	Rat			0.79	22	1	28
	Bicolor Rat			1	34	1	34
8	Coral Snake			0.495	16	1	32
	Squirrel			1.06	32	1	30
	Total		Ave KZ	Ave Yrd	Ave DF	Diff	
	4		1	31.7	1.1	32.7	

9-16 Course

<u>Lane</u>	<u>Animal</u>	<u>Tree</u>		<u>KZ</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Diff. Factor</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
9	Bluebird			0.5	18	1	36
	Thrush			1.05	33	1	31
10	Ribbet			0.46	16	1	35
	Turkey			1.515	53	1	35
11	Sniper	1		0.75	24	1	32
	Rat	1		1.15	32	1	28
12	Prairie Dog		S	1	16	1.5	24
	Crow		S	1.125	24	1.5	32
13	Bird			0.565	18	1	32
	Woodpecker	1		1	41	1	41
14	Frog			0.46	16	1	35
	Bird	1		1.124	50	1	44
15	Rat			0.31	11	1	35
	Bat	1		1.25	34	1	27
16	Rabbit		K	1.57	34	1.25	27
	Total		Ave KZ	Ave Yrd	Ave DF	Diff	
	5		0.9	28	1.1	33	

The Bull's-eye Club Of St.Martinville, Louisiana

Held Its First And Only Field Target Match This Year In December. We Have Been Busy With The Junior Program Which Culminated At The National 4-H Shooting Match In San Antonio, Texas. Our Club Was The Only Club Of Louisiana To Bring Back Medals At The National Event. Mary Beth Robichaux Placed 3rd In 4-position 10m. And B.J. Broussard Placed 3rd In Running Target. That Match Featured Over 40 Shooting Disciplines In One Week! It Was Awesome! Now Back To Field Target Which We Shoot For Fun (The Kids Love It!). We Shot I.F.P. Or International Field Position First To Warm Up Or "Practice". I Think Rodney Boyce Is Very Correct When He Recommended "Paper Practice" For Field Target. The Regulars Showed Up And The Big Surprise Of The Day Was 12 Year Old Quinton Broussard Who Tied All The Juniors In I.F.P. And Beat All The Juniors In Field Target! He Sure Impressed Me Hitting A Tin Can At 50 Yards Twice For Bonus Points With Borrowed Guns No Less. The Course Was Easy Most Targets From 10-35 Yds Except Everyone Had To Shoot Offhand 50% Of The Time! It Was A Challenge And Fun!

Roland Robichaux	Proelite .22	4-12X Beeman	Crosman Dome	17/20
Joey Robichaux	Falcon Custom	bl 6-24x	cp7.9	15/20
Jr. Quinton Broussard				13/20
Scotty Tunrwall	Rws 34	bsa2-7x	cp7.9	8/20
Sanders Bonin	Falcon Custom	bl6-24x	cp7.9	8/20
B.J. Broussard	diana 100	Tasco3-9	r-10	Dnf

Waterloo Field Target Club - Christmas Fun Shoot 2000

December 17, 2000

It was a perfect day for field target, 35°, wind gusting between 10 and 20 mph and 100% humidity. You could see the moisture in the air. Imagine, some people were actually cold and wanted to get indoors. The outdoor section consisted of 12 targets set out in snow about a foot deep, with drifts over 2 ft. deep. We tramped down narrow lanes in the snow so that the target could be seen. George Harde set up one target where you had to shoot through a length of hollow log to down a rat and another one in a cage, where you had to shoot through a hole in the grid to hit the kill zone. A few pellets ended up in the log and the cage also had a few bent wires at the end. They were great fun to shoot. Thanks George. When the FT section was over, Dennis and Mike were tied at 22 each and we headed in for hot pizza.

The indoor range is 20 yards long and Hans had it all set up for the next 3 sections of the match. The first station involved 15 offhand shots, 5 at 10 yd, 5 at 15 yd and 5 at 20 yd. The paper target was a groundhog with a red sticker in the center of the kill zone that you had to hit in order to score a point. Bill, who is a newcomer to the sport, was the class of this event, scoring 14/15 with his side-lever RWS springer. Bill and his son, Andrew competed for the first time and did very well.

The second indoor station was a creation by Hans that was fun and challenging. He used a BBQ rotisserie motor and his machining ability to create a spinning chalk holder. Nine pieces of chalk were put into the holders on the ends

of the arms of the spinner and held in place with a hand set screw. One piece of chalk at a time, on the move, appeared above a wall. You could see about 1/2" of the chalk sticking up. You had 9 shots to turn the chalk into chalk dust. Tim cleared this one, hitting all nine pieces of chalk.

The final station was a haunted house with small skulls peering out windows. The skulls were glued on short sticks that fit into the windowsills. A light turned on and you had 60 seconds to clear the 5 skulls out of the widows before the light turned off. A few people cleared this one, but I felt that Bill, doing it with a side-lever springer was quite impressive.

The whole object of the match was to have fun and that was certainly accomplished. Having Bill and his son, Andrew, there was great and I hope they become regulars. We each purchased a small gift to exchange at the end. The winner of the match chooses first and so on. All of the gifts are wrapped, so there is no real advantage to anyone.

Special thanks go to Hans for setting up the range and doing the calling to get people there. All of us appreciate his efforts and enthusiasm for the sport. Now comes the long wait until the spring match in May. My silent pellet trap is going to take a beating for the next few months. After two full seasons in this sport, I really feel a part of it and look forward to a great 2001 season.

- *Tim MacSweyn*

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Gun</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Pellet</u>	<u>FT /24</u>	<u>G.H./15</u>	<u>HH /5</u>	<u>MT /9</u>	<u>Total /53</u>
1) Dennis Eden	Th. 17 FT	Leup	Baracuda	22	10	5	7	44
2) Mike Ferrara	NJR 100	Leup	Baracuda	22	8	5	8	43
3) Tim MacSweyns	300	Tasco	Baracuda	18	8	5	9	40
4) Danny Reginato	s300	B&L	Baracuda	12	11	3	7	*33
5) Bert Habicher	s300	Simmons	Baracuda	13	8	4	8	*33
6) Hans Bormann	s300	Leup	Baracuda	12	7	4	8	31
7) George Harde	TX 200	Simmons	Baracuda	11	10	3	6	30
8) Bill	RWS	?	CP	11	14	5	0	29
9) Andrew	RWS	?	CP	4	6	3	4	17

* Tie broken by neither one caring which place they had

(FT - Field target) (GH - 5 off hand at 10, 15 + 20 yd.) (HH - Haunted house)

(MT - moving chalk at 20 yd.)



JANUARY MATCH

This month's match was held at Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Mountain Shooting Range at the northeastern edge of Mesa. The 40 shot course was set up near a wash in a rocky, brushy, hilly area. The temperature was a little cool for us, ranging from about 35 to 50 degrees over the duration of the match and partly cloudy. Light gusts had a mild affect on the longer shots. Nearly all of the targets were set at a difficulty level of 35-40, so there were no easy targets, nor were there any really difficult targets. The task for the shooter was to maintain concentration on every single target.

The difference in skill levels among the regular shooters in our club is becoming almost un-noticeable. A dropped point is usually due to a possible bad pellet, an undetected gust of wind, or some other mysterious phenomena (like small twigs, blades of grass. or cactus). Check out the results that follow. This month, no phenomena affected Dale, one phenomena got Bobby, and a few phenomena were sprinkled among the other shooters. Debbie and Sandy settled a tie for second and third on the fourth shot of a shoot off at the course's most difficult two targets on the course.

CLUB MATCH RESULTS: (A.O.A. January, 2001)

				40 possible
Dale Keiser	40	Daystate CR-X	Burris 8-32X	CP 10.5, .177
Bobby Corcorran	39	Daystate Huntsman	B&L 8-32X	CP 10.5, .177
Sandy Corcorran	37	Air Arms	B&L 8-32X	CP 10.5, .177
Debbie Keiser	37	Daystate CR97SE	Burris 8-32X	CP 10.5, .177
Larry Piercy	35	Daystate CR-X	Hakko 8-32X	CP 14.3, .20
Adam Singh	34	Daystate CR97SE	Hakko 8-32X	CP 10.5, .177
*Carlos Garza	27	Air Arms Pro Sport	Burris 8-32X	CP 7.9, .177
*Ron Russell	6	HW80	Bushnell 12X	RamJet, .20
*Raud Hampton	4	Pro Elite	Bushnell 9X	CP 14.3, .22
*Marla Hampton	2	Pro Elite	Bushnell 9X	CP 14.3, .22

* Piston Class

Field Target Match Results

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC)

At
Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)

Off-Hand (Standing) Class

<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Gun</u>	<u>Optics</u>	<u>Pellet</u>	<u>Velocity</u>
John Way	33	82.5%	Daystate CRX	Burris 8-32	10.5 Premier	840
Dave Bungham	29	72.5%	Daystate Huntsman	B&L 8-32x40	10.5 Premier	815
Brian Johnson	24	60.0%	AA S410	Leupold 3-9	.22 Premier	740
Roy Ruppert	23	57.5%	AA Protarget	Tasco 8-40	10.5 Premier	860
Jock Elliott	22	55.0%	HW 97 MK III	Sightron 24x	10.5 Premier	820
Andrew Hernandez	16	40.0%	GS1000	Bushnell 6-18x50	Kodiak	950
Kyle Kammerer	15	37.5%	Air Force Talon SS	Bushnell 16x	7.9 Premier	
Ray Apelles	DNC		FWB P70 - 12 FTLBS	Nightforce 36FT	7.9 Premier	815
Hans Apelles	DNC		NJR 100 - 12 FTLBS	Leupold 18-40	7.9 Premier	815

EFTCC @ DCPA 1-28-2001 Field Target Match

The Sight-In Lane opened at 8am as was scheduled. We had 7 shooters show up at our 2nd annual Traditional Mid-Winter Indoor/Outdoor Off-Hand Only Match. With Hans and I that made 9. Oddly enough we didn't have any juniors show up so we didn't get to see how the new scoring system for the juniors would work out. (2 points for a knock down, 1 point for a hit on metal, 0 points for missing metal completely). I am sure our turnout was low because of the Super Bowl on the same day. This match was different than most Field Target matches not just because it is required off-hand (standing) only, but because we shoot from within a heated shooters building. You don't get cold during this match but you also don't get a sense for what the wind was doing. It was blowing a little bit, perhaps 5 mph? There were no cold lines or target mishaps. We got started a little later than planned but the match was over and cleaned up by 1pm and then 8 of us went out to dinner afterwards. Every one got home in time for the Super Bowl if that was their intention.

The next EFTCC Field Target Matches to be scheduled at DCPA are as follows: April 7th, 2001 - Saturday / June 2nd, 2001 - Saturday / August 4th, 2001 - Saturday / September 30th, 2001 - Sunday / November 18th, 2001 - Sunday ~ New York State Championship.

The EFTCC Field Target Match to be held in Chestertown Maryland is yet to be scheduled.

Full match results with pictures of the shooters, and the range can be found on the "A" Team's Web Site. (www.bestweb.net/~ateamray)

We took a poll of the shooters and the consensus was to open the sight-in lane at 8:30am and start the match at 10am. This is the way we will schedule our matches in the future.

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