

# Airgunners of Arizona April 3 Match Results

OK, lets see, if we mix bright sunshine, Airguns, mild weather, Airguns, food, Airguns, great people, Airguns, challenging targets, food, and more Airguns, you have the perfect recipe for field target shooting in Arizona!

Seriously, the weather could not have been any more perfect than it was to shoot our April field target match, hosted once again by Bobby and Sandy Corcorran in Camp Verde. The skies were clear and vivid blue without a cloud in sight. The temps were just about 70 degrees by mid-day, and there was little, if any wind. With all the rain that Arizona has had so far this year, everything was green, and the grass was thick and lush.

Larry Nelson traveled on Friday to help Bobby set up the course, and we were presented with a wide variety of target placements. Some were close and downhill, others were stretched waaaay out there, some were almost hidden, and one owl was situated almost 30 feet up in an old cottonwood tree. We followed the string and it just kept going up and up and up and there, nestled on a horizontal branch, with lesser branches draped in front, was this frickin owl. It sat there, looking at you as if to say, What did you expect, a rabbit? It was only about 34 yards out, but way up there and posed a very interesting shot. Bobby and Larry did a great job on course layout again. Thanks guys!

Fifteen shooters were in attendance the day before Easter and we thoroughly enjoyed each others company. I was squadded with Scott Rogers and Ray Horneman this month and we had a great time. Ray and I especially liked watching Scott try to shoot. This was because Mary Anne, his wife, was on the lane next to us, happily shooting, knocking down target after target, and pulling the reset string, all without a care in the world. Needless to say, Scott was struggling. Mustve been all that snow shoveling and no airgun practice this past winter. At the end of the match, Mary Anne was ecstatic that she finally and handily outshot hubby.

I was fully intent on shooting my spring gun again this month. I had a good 3 hour practice session several Saturdays ago with Larry Nelson, and have good sight settings. The elevation at Bobbys place, and where Larry lives is vastly different, and I was not hitting anywhere near where I was supposed to. Before the match, I switched guns and shot PCP. No problem.

We had a visitor, Mike from Flagstaff, come to watch the proceedings. He is primarily a firearms varmint hunter and does not yet own an airgun, but we think that may change in the very near future. I think he enjoyed his visit with us and is chomping at the bit to give it a go himself. We should see more of him.

We had 11 lanes this month, each with 2 targets per lane for a possible score of 44. Steve Montgomery spanked all of us by shooting a 42. Steve is usually quiet and unassuming and just gets down and shoots! A bunch of us were all clumped together in the mid 30s, and we needed a shoot off to determine the other placements, seeing that Steve had Match Winner all wrapped up.

Here are the scores:

Place	Shooter	Score / 44	Class	Gun Mfgr/Model	Scope/Power	Pellet/Wt
Match Winner	Steve Montgomery	42	PCP	USFT	Leupold 45x	JSB 10.4
1	Robin Montgomery	37+	PCP	USFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50	JSB 10.4
2	Steve Timarac	37+	PCP	USFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50	CP 10.5
3	Dale Keiser	36	PCP	Daystate CR-X	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5
4	Bobby Corcorran	36	PCP	Theoben Rapid	Bushnell 6-24	CP 10.5
5	Debbie Keiser	35	PCP	Daystate CR97 SE	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5
5	Scott Jones	35	PCP	Daystate Huntsman	Nikko Sterling 10-50	JSB 10.4
7	Larry Nelson	34	PCP	USFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50	CP 10.5
7	Mark Kauffman	34	PCP	Daystate CR-X ST	Bushnell 6-24	JSB 8.44
9	Mary Anne McLeod	30	PCP	Steyr	B&L 15-32	JSB 10.4
10	Scott Rogers	27	PCP	USFT	Nikko Sterling 10-50	JSB 10.4
10	Ray Horneman	27	PCP	Daystate Air Wolf	MTC Viper	CP 10.5
12	Sandy Corcorran	24	PCP	AA Pro Target	Bushnell 8-32	CP 10.5

13	Jay Bronaugh	22	HFT	Benjamin Discovery	Centerpoint 12x	CP 10.5
14	Holli Bronaugh	5	PCP	Steyr	Bushnell 8-32	JSB 10.4

Steves wife, Robin, and Steve Timarac squared off and duelled for 1st and 2nd place, with Robin edging Steve. Third place was also a tie, with Bobby and Dale posting even scores. Bobby did not want to get into another shootoff and conceded to Dale, so Dale ended up in the 3rd spot and the rest of us got to eat lunch. Have I mentioned in the past that this group really enjoys eating? If I havent, let me just say that this group really enjoys eating!

Jay and Holli Bronaugh, minus kids this month (they were off doing other things) brought along smoked pork roast for lunch. After heating on the grill for about 20 minutes, it was melt-in-your-mouth tender and with BBQ sauce was almost a religious experience. Oh, that was good! I had three helpings; mmmm, mmmm, mmmm! Sandy provided the rest of the fixings, and as a group, we are always appreciative of the members culinary efforts in satisfying our hunger cravings. Many thanks to Sandy, Holli, and Jay. We also want to thank Bobby and Sandy for hosting the match again this month. The club is very fortunate to have folks like Bobby & Sandy, Dale & Debbie, and Ron & Bonni Jo for unselfishly allowing the use of their respective homes for the purpose of socially congregating and shooting airgun.

After lunch, we presented awards, had a brief club meeting and then all hands helped in taking down and packing away the targets for next months match at Ben Avery Shooting Facility in north Phoenix.

Airguns of Arizona is sponsoring a 2 day shoot on the weekend of May 15 & 16. They are providing raffle prizes, awards for Pre-charged, spring piston and hunter field target classes, and also lunch on both days. In addition, Robert Buchanan and staff will also be shooting along with us. They work at the business so much that they hardly get a chance to come out and play with the rest of us. Itll be good to see them get their batteries recharged. More information on this match will be coming out in the near future once everything gets finalized. For information and directions to the range, see their website at: [www.azgfd.gov/basf](http://www.azgfd.gov/basf).

Until next month then, practice and shoot straight.

Respectfully submitted,  
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