

# Airgunners of Arizona Field Target Match Report

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Did you ever have one of those days, where everything you did, and how you did it, fell into place just about as perfect as it could be? Well, I had one of those days, and I will explain shortly.



Group shot. Missing from photo was George Gardner (had to get on the road early) and Fan Boyett, who was taking the picture.

We had 17 shooters gather on a cloudy, warm, and muggy day in northern Arizona to shoot our monthly field target match. Considering the weather from the week previous, Scott Rogers, our match director for this month, was planning for wind, that didn't develop when he plotted this month's course. It rained almost every day this past week in Flagstaff area (It is the monsoon season in AZ, after all), and the road coming into the site was muddy and the ground was soft. As things worked out, the rain held out until we were finished shooting and only had brief showers with the heavier rain passing to the north of us.

Scott, with the help of Mary Anne M., Steve M. and Larry N., put together a very interesting course consisting of 11 lanes, each with 2 targets, for a 44 shot match. He also did a really neat job of painting some of the targets since last month's match. I never knew that he was artistically inclined, and you would have to have been there to chuckle at some of the sights encountered when first looking through your scope at each target, such as the weasel wearing red sneakers. With his devious

little mind at work, he laid out the course with long and short targets on the same lanes to befuddle those who click sight adjustments into their scopes (like me), but forget to turn back to zero (like me) before going to the next target.

The venue that we use is called Perry Lake pit, named for the very deep gravel pit immediately to the north of our shooting area. Those who have shot here before know this pit well. It has been used for some very curious target placements, and this match would be no different. Scott turned it into the snake pit. From the highest point on the southern berm of the pit, he had 2 snake targets positioned at the bottom of the pit, the farthest being every bit of 55 yards, if not more, and on a downhill angle of about 30 degrees. If the wind that we had last month would have been present this month, this target, and the rest of the course, would have been very difficult.

This month I had distinct pleasure of being paired with George Gardner, from Idaho Falls, ID. We had a great time shooting together, and I was duly impressed with the Crosman carbine that he converted to HPA and shooting 11 fpe. That is a neat little gun and George made some incredible shots with it. He stated that he, with the help of Vince Pacheco, will be swapping out the barrel in the near future to gain more accuracy and power. He and Linda, his lovely wife, traveled here with Vince and Fan, whom they were visiting in CA. Vince supposedly brought along a right handed USFT gun that Fan, who is left handed, could not shoot. He teasingly said that he was tired of her beating him at each match.LOL. I'm sure he will pay dearly for that faux pas! Vince, make your life a lot easier and just get that dear girl her own gun. Nuff said.

Greg Frostad returned again this month from NM, bringing his family along also. Curiously absent were Bonni Jo and Ron Drye and also Sandy Corcorran. We missed you guys! Dale and Debbie also had other commitments and could not attend. We were glad to see Ray Horneman return after his recent health scare, along with Larry Nelson. Welcome back! We have a great group of people that comprise our little club and become concerned when we dont see them each month. They are all part of an extended family.

Speaking of family, one of our members, Obie Morales and his wife Joanne have a brand new member to their family. Joanne gave birth to a baby boy on the Tuesday following last months match. Airgunners of Arizona extends congratulations to the proud new parents.

I mentioned earlier about things going perfectly. Well, the shooting gods (for some reason or other) were smiling down on me! I CLEANED THE COURSE! I have made some really bone-headed mistakes at past matches like forgetting to close the bolt on the gun and firing a shot, or forgetting to turn my scope knob back to zero after a long / short shot and then over-rotating the turret. Well, I did not do any of those things at this match. Thanks to the help of Steve Timarac, who assisted with a modification of my scope knob, I will never make that particular mistake again. As for some of the other examples of forgetfulness, time will tell. But this match and this score I will remember and cherish forever!

Here are the scores. Notice that mine is on top.LOL I don't like to toot my own horn, but this accomplishment is one that I am rather proud of.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Shooter</b>	<b>Score/44</b>	<b>Gun</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellet</b>
<b>PCP</b>						
	1	Mark Kauffman	44	Daystate CRX	Bushnell 6-24	JSB
	2	Scott Rogers	42	USFT	Nikko 20-50	JSBEH
	3	Scott Jones	40	Daystate Huntsman	Nikko 10-40	JSBEH
	4	Bobby Corcorran	38	USFT	Bushnell 8-32	CPH
	4	Robin Montgomery	38	USFT	Nikko 10-50	JSBEH
	5	Larry Piercy	36	Daystate CRX	ProCustom 8-40	CP .22
	6	Larry Nelson	35	USFT	Hawk 8-32	CPH
	7	Mary Anne McLeod	32	Steyr	Bushnell 8-32	JSBEH
	8	Steve Timarac	31	USFT	Nikko 10-50	CPH
	8	Greg Frostad	31	FX Tarantula	Tasco 36	JSBEH

10	Rio Grassmick	27	Steyr	Bushnell 8-32	JCBEH
10	George Gardner	27	Crosman	Bushnell 4-16	CPL

**HFT**

1	Steve Montgomery	41	USFT	Bushnell 3-12	JSBEH
2	Dan Jones	34	Daystate CrX	Nikko 12	JSB
3	Ray Homermann	18	Brocock	Nikko 12	CPH

**Piston**

1	Jim Russell	AA TX200	Bushnell 8-24	JXB
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Our next match will be Saturday, August 21. We will be starting the match 30 minutes earlier (9:30 instead of 10:00) for all future matches and have a 48 shot match instead of 40. This is to give everyone more of an opportunity to shoot a bit more. We may even try some novelty type matches, such as golf scoring, so stay tuned.

Many thanks to Scott, Larry N., Mary Anne M., and Steve M. for setting up the course, and also to Fan Boyett for graciously taking all the photos. All of you did a wonderful job.

Until next month, practice, practice, practice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Kauffman

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