

AoA Feb 20 Match Results

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My goodness, what a beautiful day! This is supposed to be February and the temperature was hovering in the mid 70s, with high wispy clouds, and the slightest of breezes at times. Folks, it just does not get any better than this, except that it was shared with a bunch of like-minded airgunners. It was perfect!



Front row L-R; Eddie Olguin, Klayton Kidd, Scott Rodgers, Larry Piercy, Larry Nelson. Back row L-R; Jim Russell, Mark Kauffman, Vince Pacheco, Bobby Corcorran, Debbie Keiser, Dale Keiser, Ray Horneman.

It was in the midst of this reverie that we realized that Dale Keiser was feeling much better from his recent bout of health concerns, and he decided to test out mettle with a somewhat diabolically laid out course. That innocent (read, evil) grin on his face told us that we were in for a challenge, and we got one. I have to sit here and chuckle at his target placement, and better than that, the size of the kill zones relative to the target distances. This was going to be fun, and it turned out to be just that!



Eddie Olguin setting up to shoot.

There were some loooooong distances involved here. He had a squirrel in a tree at just about 45 yards with a 1 kill zone (This was knocked down only 5 times. I missed it twice). He had a bird at almost 50 yards with a $\frac{3}{4}$ kill zone (I got that little sucker twice, but missed the squirrel, go figure). He had a lot of targets out between 40 and 55 yards, and those that were closer had tiny kill zones. He had 2 standing targets that had a couple of shooters talking to themselves. I know; I was paired up with, and listened to Larry N. mumbling away incoherently about something or other. LOL. He still made some amazing shots, and his score was not indicative of his abilities. It was fun to watch when I wasn't nodding off from working all night. (Long story and I wont bore you with the details)



Larry Nelson on one of the standing targets (talking to himself) with Mark scoring.

We had some flip flop shooters also. Scott Rodgers, who normally shoots a mean TX-200 was shooting his (beautiful) new USFT. Vince Pacheco, who usually shoots his USFT, showed up with a TX-200! We also had several other members with new guns that they were shooting for the first time, and some other members who we haven't seen for a while were able to attend. It was good to see and chat with everyone. With minor exception, most members were shooting Daystates! Tony Belas would have been proud. We had just about every flavor that they offer being shot.



Scott Rodgers with his new USFT and Bobby Corcorran scoring.

Debbie and Dale Keiser were, once again, our gracious hosts and provided a sumptuous lunch for us upon completion. Turkey with gravy, BBQ beef roast, all kinds of other goodies and beverages were offered, and devoured! I said it before, and I will say it again; this crew likes to eat! Many, many thanks to Debbie and Dale for their warm hospitality.

Even with the course difficulty level, most of the scores were really close and clumped together. Bobby Corcorran was Top Gun this month shooting his CRX-ST that he loaned to me for the November 2008 state shoot, and using my sight settings. He did miss the squirrel twice; I checked his score sheet to be sure, but he still bested the rest of us. Here are the results:

Place	Name	Score	Class	Gun	Scope	Pellet
1	Bobby Corcorran	48	PCP	Daystate CRX ST	MTC Viper 32	CPH
2	Dale Keiser	47	PCP	Daystate CRX	Burriss 8-32	CPH
3	Larry Piercy	45	PCP	Daystate CRX	Custom Superb 8-24	.22 CP
4	Jim Russell	44	PCP	Daystate MK4	MTC Viper 24	JSBEH
5	Scott Rodgers	43	PCP	USFT	Nikko 50	JSBEH
6	Klayton Kidd	42	PCP	Daystate X2	B&L 6-24	CPH
7	Debbie Keiser	41	PCP	Daystate CR97SE	Burriss 8-32	CPH
7	Mark Kauffman	41	PCP	Daystate X2 FT	B&L 6-24	JSB
8	Larry Nelson	33	PCP	Daystate Timberwolf	B&L 8-32	JSBEH
9	Ray Horneman	24	PCP	Daystate Air Ranger	B&L 6-24	JSB
1	Vince Pacheco	37	Piston	AA TX200	Nikko 10	JSB
2	Eddie Olguin	19	Piston	BAM	Leapers 8-32	CPL

We were missing some of the usual suspects this month, most notably Robin Montgomery. Word has it that she took a tumble on the ice in Flagstaff and is out for a bit. This probably frustrates the daylight out of her because she just recently took possession of her new USFT. Best wishes go out from everyone for a speedy recovery. The good news is that Steve gets his (USFT) gun back in his hands. Ron and Bonnie may still be trying to get out of their ranch from the recent snows in their neck of the woods. Ric is on the mend from his bout with appendicitis, and Guy seems to always be scheduled to work when we have a match.

Because we adjusted our match schedule to accommodate more shooters, our next match will be in 2 weeks, on Saturday, March 7, in Camp Verde, AZ. Contact Bobby Corcorran for details and directions. See website at www.airgunsofarizona.com/Airgunners for contact information.

Thanks to Jim Russell for taking the pictures for this report, and thanks to Michelle for allowing him to attend. His 3 month old daughter, Paige, is the cutest little thing.

For those who could not make this match, and you know who you are, we hope to see you in 2 weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
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