

Good grief did it take a long time to put this report together. Writing it wasn't so much a problem, but Photobucket was giving me fits trying to upload pictures. When I finally got everything ready to post, then the Cox server went down. I finally got all the pieces of the puzzle together tonight, so here is the link to the report:

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/451309/thread/1380166576/Airgunners+of+Arizona+September+Field+Target+Match+Report>

For those who did not make the match, you really missed out on a perfect day of shooting. Although extremely bright, it was just enjoyable and relaxing to melt into the earth at this little piece of heaven.

I have to share a tip that I learned this past Saturday. IF you use a tape strip on the front adjustable objective of your scope, make sure your alignment markings are in the correct position. Last month when it rained on us, my scope got wet. This apparently loosened the tape strip and caused it to shift a bit. I didn't notice it too much while sighting in and thought that my dropped shots were my fault (they are anyway).

As we were going through the course, Steve had targets out at 55 yards, and one that was at about 57 or 58 yards. From adjusting my scope to focus on the target and range it, I am getting distances that were well over 60 yards for these. A 45 yard target ranged at 52 yards. I looked at them and thought, NO WAY are they that far away. I set my turret and missed. This happened again several times until I took a close look at the scope and realized the tape strip with my yardage markings was moving back and forth. Aaaaarrggggghhhh!

After I got this corrected, the rest of the match worked out well. I thought I would convey this little hint to double check your equipment to make sure nothing has moved since the last time you shot. That would include making sure your scope rings screws are tight and your stock bolt has not loosened up. Even for as long as I have been shooting, I should have known better but forgot to check something as simple as this.

I hope something as simple as this doesn't happen to you, but we all know that it will at some point or another.

If anyone has any other helpful hints that you want to pass on to the group, send them to me and I will distribute them to everyone.

In case you are wondering why the addresses do not show up, they are all in the BCC, blind carbon copy. This is for the security of all that are on the mailing list to protect you from spam and the like. Also some requested that their email addresses are not broadcast and I will continue to honor that request. We have over 110 names on this mailing list. Imagine if you all came out for a match at the same time. That would rival the attendance at nationals! We should try that sometime anyway. Wouldn't that light up the forum with a report of monthly club match with almost one hundred shooters in attendance?

The third Saturday in October we will be back at Ben Avery range. I have been to the range and there appears to be very little to do to prepare the course for shooting. Last year at this time even the sight in range was overgrown with vegetation. There is just a little bit of trimming to do to clear the lanes. Maybe sometime in mid October we can have a short work party to take care of this. It should not take long and I will send out a request ahead of time.

Hope to see more of you at the next match.

Until then, take care.

Mark