

Match Report Arlington Sportsman's Club 02/25/17

The Arlington Sportsman's Club held our second Field Target rifle match of 2017. The weather was typical north Texas in February with sunny skies, light wind, and a high of 56F, but once again we started shooting at 36F. Brrr! We had 21 shooters, including 6 new shooters that never shot FT or only shot it once before, for the 30 target/60 shot rifle match. Thanks to Kevin Enzian for sharing his rifle with new shooter Tony Vaserfirer, and to Bob Dye and Matt Sawyer for helping the new guys get figure out this game.

I added a standing and kneeling shot to each of those lanes, so that there would be 3 targets in each lane. Everyone loves to shoot those forced positions and need the practice. ☺ I purposely placed a few of the targets near the edges of the lanes so that they weren't all visible from the same position. This target placement forced shooters to move between shots on the same lane. Tee hee... Scott Cotton painted the targets on Thursday, and Terry Vanpool helped me setup on Friday afternoon. Jim Clarke and a few of the early arrivals helped run the strings and setup the sight-in lanes. Thanks for the help guys. The course of fire had an average distance of 27.9 yards and a Troyer difficulty rating of 30.5, with 27% of the targets over 40yds, and more lifelike target placements (aka, behind grass, fallen trees, and in trees).

Returning shooter Ronny Hobbs brought donuts for everyone, and I was asked when the Starbucks coffee would arrive. Maybe I'll have to think about that for the next match. Anyway, thanks very much for bring the donuts Ronny.

We had our shooters safety meeting at 9:20, assigned the squads (grouping more experienced guys with newer shooters), and then got started on time. I was squadded with a new shooter Jerry Cox, shooting his Benjamin Trail, and we had a great watching him hit targets and knock down a few that surprised both of us. I believe Jerry's shooting experience and talent from other disciplines helped him a lot today, and I expect that they will help him be a good shooter in the future. Father and son William and Alex Quiles had a great time at their second match and learned more great shooting tips from resident expert, Matt Sawyer. There was some mild grumbling from the group that the tree-mounted gray koala blended in with the trees and that it was almost impossible to discern the kill-zone at 42yards. Maybe we'll paint him hot pink for the next match.

At the end of the match, we turned in our scorecards and I tallied the scores. Our very own Terry Vanpool once again posted the match high score of 50/60 in Hunter PCP. First place in Hunter Piston was Paul Bracaglia with 32/60, first place in WFTF Piston was Matt Sawyer with 34/60, and finally new shooter Johnny Nabors edged out Jerry Cox in Fun Rifle. Mike Vredenbug was the only Open class shooter today with a very respectable 41/60 while experiencing problems with this rifle. View the full list of all competitors' scores and equipment below.

Many thanks to everyone who helped setup the course and takedown the course after the match. Our goal is to leave the range looking like we were never there and your assistance goes a long way to helping us achieve that goal. The ASC club will host our next regular monthly match on April 22, since Youth Day is scheduled on the 4th Saturday in March.

If you have any interest in air rifles, have an air rifle sitting in the closet, or just want to try something new, come on out and shoot some targets that react when you hit them. We have a class for everyone, and all of our shooters are more than willing to help you out and share their knowledge, so that you have a great time.

Jeff Cloud

Class	Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score	Total Shots	% Hit
Fun	Johnny Nabors	Benjamin Marauder	UTG 4-16x40	CPMD	67	120	56%
Fun	Jerry Cox	Benjamin Trail	-	-	56	120	47%
Hunter PCP	Terry Vanpool	Daystate Regal	Mamba Light 4-16	AA 10.3	50	60	83%
Hunter PCP	Bob Dye	RAW TM1000 .177	Viper 4-16x50	AA10.34	44	60	73%
Hunter PCP	Brad Vanpool	Benjamin Marauder .177	Hawke 4-16	CPH 10.3	42	60	70%
Hunter PCP	Buddy Holland	Weihrauch HW-100	Optisan Viper 4-16x50	JSB 10.3	41	60	68%
Hunter PCP	Kevin Enzian	AA S-500	Optisan Viper	JSB 10.3	40	60	67%
Hunter PCP	Ronny Hobbs	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke	JSB	38	60	63%
Hunter PCP	Paul Kocurek	Benjamin	UTG 4-17x56	AA 10.3	38	60	63%
Hunter PCP	Anatoly Vaserfirer	AA S-500	Optisan Viper	JSB 10.3	36	60	60%
Hunter PCP	William Quiles	Theoben R7 .22	YTG 4-16	JSB .22	31	60	52%
Hunter PCP	Alex Quiles	Benjamin Discovery .22	UTG 3-12X44	Crosman .22	13	60	22%
Hunter Piston	Paul Bracaglia	RWS Diana 54	-	-	32	60	54%
Hunter Piston	Jim Clarke	AA ProSport	Hawke 4x12	AA 8.44	32	60	53%
Hunter Piston	David Carlile	HW97K .177	UTG 4-16x40	H&N FTT 8.64	31	60	52%
Open	Mike Vredenburg	Daystate GP	Nikko 10-50	JSB 10.3	41	60	68%
WFTF Piston	Matt Sawyer	RWS Diana 54	Sightron 10-50x60	AA 7.87	34	60	57%
WFTF Piston	Scott Cotton	AA ProSport .177	Falcon T50	AA 8.44	34	60	57%
WFTF Piston	Jeff Cloud	HW97K .177	Hawke 8-32x56	H&N FTT 8.64	31	60	52%
WFTF Piston	Cliff Montgomery	HW97K .177	Leupold 6.5-20 EFR	H&N FTT 8.64	31	60	52%
WFTF Piston	Mark Perdue	HW97K .177	UTG 8-32x56	AA 8.44	9	60	15%









