

BAGA AAFTA rules field target match.

August 29, 2015 in Bristol, Wisconsin.

So we had a ton of rain overnight and into Saturday morning. The storms pushed out of the area around 10:00 am and since we were all under the covered sight-in range and the rain stopped, we proceeded to put on a dang rootin-tootin field target match!!!

Everything remained VERY wet all day long though the showers tended to hold off during the match. We did have a few 30 second periods that it rained very lightly but nothing too bad. All that rain caused the course to have a perpetual haze all day long just lingering in the air. I was happy to be made fun of for placing my bum bag into a brand new garbage bag and taping it shut to avoid getting my bag soaked all the way through. It made it quite easy for me to stay dry all day long!

My scope fogged up every few shots so I had to remove the Bisley eye cup and wipe my rear lens to clear the condensation so I could continue quite often today. I even tried the "scuba trick" and licked the scope lens and dried that off hoping it would help prohibit the lens from fogging up, but obviously that only worked in my HEAD! With the extremely low light situation all day long because we shoot in a course carved out of a forest, the overhead canopy and cloud cover made finding and ranging targets difficult at times. I was definitely using my illuminated reticle for the first time ever! It definitely made a difference for me on the dark lanes with black targets. At times I had to back my scope down to 30x to even see the targets because they were in an absolutely black place and no light on a black target. It was really cool to see! That is the first time I have seen some shots like that since the 2014 Nat's.

The course was shot to a 38.1T with average yardage 30.4 yards, average kz was 0.863.

Bill Kushner ended up with top score overall for the day(50/56) shooting in the Open class with a Steyr LG100ZM. Phil Eakley ended up in 1st place in the Hunter class with 47/56 shooting his trusty TM1000. Phil and Ken were tied until the last 2 lanes. Ken dropped a couple of shots and that sealed his fate on this more than humid day! Alex came out of retirement since he has not been able to shoot in the FT position the past couple of months due to foot/ankle surgery and took 2nd place in Open with a 40/56. Great comeback Alex!!!

After the match we all gathered under the covered sight-in range and enjoyed AWESOME!!! HUGE!!!! Burgers prepared by Ron fresh on the grill . WOW!!! They were absolutely huge and just juicy as can be! It was a great way to end the day. Everyone sat together and shared stories and laughed like little kids.

Alex handed out all the awards and gave the typical "Alex speech" providing everyone in attendance background as to how each shooter came to BAGA and how things unfolded for them on this day. It makes his award ceremonies well worth the time spent appreciating each person that shows up to BAGA to participate in an event. Some people travel from 4 hours away and some from 15 minutes but

each and every one is appreciated just for showing up! Thanks to everyone that came out on this less than desirable day of weather to compete in a field target match at BAGA!!!

1	Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellets	Score 56_{max}	Class
2	Bill Kushner	Steyr LG100ZM	Nikko 10-50	CPH	50	Open
3	Alex Modic	Steyr LG100ZM	BSA 10-50x60	JSB 10.3	40	Open
4	Brian Vandenboom	Hammerli AR20FT	Sightron SIII 10-50	JSB 8.4	37	WFTF
5	Ron Weber	Steyr LG100AZ	BSA 10-50	JSB 10.3	35	Open
6	Jeff Reinert	FX Bobcat	Optisan 6-24x56	JSB 14.3	20	.22 cal
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8	<u>Hunter</u>					
9	Phil Eakley	TM1000	Optisan Viper	JSB 10.3	47	
10	Ken Hohenstein	BSA R-10	Optisan Viper	JSB 10.3	45	
11	Lisa Roman	Hatsan AT44 Tactical	UTG Accushot	CP	25	
12	Tony Roman	B50	Hawke Sidewinder	JSB 18.1	24	.22 cal