

Crosman CAAFTC 2016 - July 8-10

The weather for the competition was calling for generally good weather with a chance of rain at times and temperatures in the low 80's. Friday started with many people at the practice range at 7:30am, such as Team Puerto Rico. The Gunslinger, hosted by Pyramyd Air, and the Quigley Bucket challenge, hosted by Crosman, were the two afternoon competitions. The initial Troyer for the courses was 28 – full KZ for anything over 40 and 1" KZ for anything 30 or less. Even though the Troyer was lower than some of the top competitors would like it proved challenging enough that no-one cleared it. As much as I like a tough course the easier courses definitely cater to the 90% that aren't the top competitors. I had Peg Brewer come up to me with a huge smile exclaiming that she had knocked down all targets in the standing and kneeling lanes, something she had never done before – this right there told me that she'll be coming back again and again.

Saturday was the first day of field target competition. We had the WFT groups on the field and the hunter groups on the brand new woods course. Weather was very nice with enough of a breeze to challenge even the best. Saturday afternoon we held the Pistol Competition and the 2nd round of the gunslinger.

Sunday started with a light rain that finished by 9:30 AM. The groups had switched courses for the day and the hunter divisions now had to contend with the wind.

The nice thing about our club is that we have huge amounts of space available, much of it unused. With the addition of the woods course we can now offer a tough field course, as we usually have winds up to 35mph for many of our competitions, and an amazing woods course, for the challenge of extreme dark and up/down shots.

Sunday after everyone had returned I sat on the porch talking to a group of people at a table. For some reason I then realized that it was pretty loud and started to listen to the people around me. They were telling stories of amazing shots in the woods. Now that the two groups had all shot the woods course they could swap stories of their trials and tribulations. The 50 hours that Eric Brewer, Doug Rogers and I had put into that course was totally worth it!

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Match Results:

<http://www.crosman.com/connect/crosman-field-target-championship/>