

Crosman Match Results July 10-11

I had the opportunity to attend the Northeast Regional Field Target match that was held at the Crosman factory in East Bloomfield, NY last weekend. Crosman went all out in hosting the event with the help of Ray, Hans and Laurie Apelles. The factory employees were very friendly and spared no expense in making this a great event. On Friday the factory opened it's doors and took us on a tour through their facilities. Each tour was guided by experienced employees with many, many years of service with the factory. They were open and helpful with questions and listened to our feedback about products. We were able to see the various processes of production, assembly, shipping and yes, how the pellets are made! (If you're wondering about he pellet process guys too bad, you should have been there...) ☺

After the tours, the Quigley Challenge was held on the sight in range. This was an offhand event, shot with a 10 meter rifle (About 6 fpe) at a 1.75" square target, 55 yards away. This was a very tough event and was ultimately won by Paul Bishop. There were only four competitors that actually knocked the target down and it came down to a shoot off. Paul won after again hitting the target two more times during the shoot off! Fantastic shooting and Congrats to Paul for a job well done!

On Saturday morning the weather cleared out, the wind started blowing and sight in was on. We got started with sight in around 7 AM Eastern time. There were around 64 shooters attending the match, give or take so the sight in range was full. We all got our respective rigs ready and had a shooters meeting promptly at 8:30 AM. Hans Apelles went over the rules of the match, safety and procedures. We were to shoot two legs of the match. One course was shot by half of the participants in the morning while the other half shot the other course location. After lunch, the participants swapped courses and shot a second 40 shot course.

The total course was 20 lanes, four shots per lane, 80 shots for the whole course. The courses were expertly designed by the devious Ray Apelles. ☺ They were deceptively difficult due to the fact that about 17 of the 20 lanes were in open fields and each had one target that was somewhere between 45-55 yards give or take a little. Each course also had one offhand and one kneeling lane. So, the course had a total of 16 forced shots. Also, the difficulty of the forced shots was at an elevated level as well. As I recall, the offhand lanes had one target that was reasonably close, but the second was set around 37-40 yards. The Kneeling lanes were simliar in difficulty as well. The thing that made this course sound simple was the fact that Ray used all full size kz's on every target, even the close ones. So, this gave the novice shooters a chance to leave with a respectable score. However, the long shot on each lane was a real challenge in the ever changing winds that were at times blowing our rifles from side to side as we tried to steady for a shot.

All divisions were squadded on the same courses to simulate weather conditions from morning to afternoon. For example, I shot WFTF with my 12 fpe Air Arms EV2 so I was squadded on the same course as Ray and the other WFTF shooters. With this arraignment we all encountered simliar weather and wind conditions as our competitors. As it turned out, when we were done on the morning course, Ray had me by one point. So, we were squadded together for the evening match along with Paul Bishop. We shot the evening course in front of the factory and the wind just was howling from the first to the last shot. It was a real blast of a match because we stayed neck in neck for the remainder of the match. As it turned out, I had Ray by one point at the end of the second match, so we were on our way to a shoot off! It was funny because I had mentioned to Ray before the beginning of the match in the morning that he needed to shoot well and beat me outright because I didn't want this to end in a shoot off. Well, what a prediction...

After the competitors all finished up, Hans and Paul Bishop set up the shoot off on the practice field. Hans had set up four targets with progressively smaller kz's in the event that we both got lucky and took out the targets in order. A coin toss decided who would go first and I won so, I requested that Ray shoot first. We both sat down and ranged the first target. When ready, we were given one minute each to take a shot at the target. I ranged the first target at 53 yards and noted a heavy right to left wind. Ray called ready, his time began and he took his shot. I was watching and saw his first shot go high and left. I call ready and Hans started the timer. I forgot about everything else at that point and tried to concentrate on my hold off, breathing and the location that I wanted that pellet to impact. I held off about two or three inches to the right and waited for the wind to slow a bit. When I felt the decrease in the wind, I took the shot, and watched the pellet impact the kz a bit left of center. The target fell and the shoot off was over. Ray is a great competitor and shooter, so I appreciate his challenge for me to shoot WFTF at this match.

In conclusion, I can honestly say that the match was a great success. I had a great time visiting with other shooters and competing in the match. Crosman did a fantastic job of hosting their first match and I look forward to more in the future. If you didn't get a chance to make it to this match, plan now for next year. I think you will probably see an offering for a two day event in the future there at Crosman, so be sure to put it on your calendar when they announce the next one.

Thanks again to Crosman, Hans, Ray and Laura Apelles for a great match!

Harold Rushton

My hard earned WFTF plaque



Scores

Division	Shooter	7/10	7/11	Total
WFTF	Harold Rushton	32	35	67
	Ray Apelles	33	34	67
	Paul Bishop	26	27	53
	Tom Holland	26	26	52
	Hector Medina	27	25	52
	Bartek Dziedzic	26	22	48
	Thomas Wade	17	19	36

Standing

Dave Carpenter	29	22	51
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Jim Wilcox	18	19	37
William L Bensen Jr	15	12	27

Piston

Jeff Paddock	30	25	55
Tony Narracci	27	23	50
Michael Arroyo	21	17	38
Veronica Ruf	17	15	32
Doug Diver	15	10	25

Hunter

Bill Day	34	28	62
Brian Williams	31	26	57
Chris Kline	32	19	51
Steve Harding	25	25	50
Greg Shirhall	25	25	50
Doug Trumpowsky	25	25	50
Roy Stefanko	24	21	45
Ray Stefanko	24	21	45
Dylan Stefnako	28	15	43
Lee Kline	24	17	41
Shea Stewart	16	21	37
Steven Trumpkowsky	16	21	37
Eric St Phillips	17	19	36
Max Lewin	18	16	34
Alex Schulz	16	17	33
David Sliker	14	18	32
Todd Merkley	11	21	32
Dennis Wilson	13	18	31
Ed Schulz III	14	15	29
Paul Manktelow	11	17	28
Ed Schmitt	14	13	27
Linda St Phillips	17	10	27
Jerry LaRocca	17	8	25
Douglass Wall	11	14	25
David Freeman	11	7	18
Michael Wall	9	4	13
Michael Didas	13	0	13
Brian Shaw	8	0	8

PCP

John Manarte	36	34	70
Mike Malinconico	31	29	60
Al Otter	31	28	59
Anthony Palminteri	30	27	57
Hans Apelles	29	27	56
Ed Schulz	28	25	53
Bevin Watters	19	23	44

Nathan Thomas	18	24	42
Tom Waters	19	22	41
Glenn Thomas	20	18	38
Art Deuel	15	22	37
Crystal Martin	19	14	33
Jim Martin	19	12	31
Andrew McGee Watters	17	7	24

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