

Diablo Field Target Match September 21 Results

With the alarm set for 6:00am and my bio-clock still off a bit from my recent trip to Kentucky for the Nationals, I awoke with a stir at 4:30am. I tried to roll over and go back to sleep but my head was already filled with thoughts of one thing. Field Target! It was match day. Time for our September match of the 2008 season at Diablo Field Target Association. After tossing and turning for a while I gave up on going back to sleep, climbed out of bed and prepared myself for the days event. The hour and a half drive from my home out to the range where we shoot our events was a dismal one. The thick marine layer over the sky looked cold and possibly even drizzly. I thought to myself, "well, it is Fall now I guess". However, by the time I arrived the sky was California blue and sunny as usual. The air was comfortably cool with sunshine warming it slowly. There was a gentle breeze sweeping in from the west. Definitely was a beautiful morning and a great day to shoot some Field Target.

At 8:30am our match director Greg T. was already getting started with the set up. I unloaded my gear and quickly joined him with a few others soon to follow. There was some light talk about the Nationals in Kentucky. The micro kill zones, techniques and equipment, as well as the standings made for some quiet conversation while putting together the days Field Target course. With all the early arrivals and helpfulness the entire course, practice targets and spinners, were up and ready lickity-split.

With a few regulars and new shooters absent, the day seemed sort of quiet on the course. Still we had 8 contenders ready for Field Target action. 4 in Spring Piston and 4 in PCP. John L. enjoying his recently acquired MPR stock for his S410 continued his improvement this season with a strong score (36) and a tie in points for second with Greg T. shooting his Walther Dominator. Greg opted to skip the shoot off for time sake and like a true gentleman accepted third place and placing second by decision to John L. Last match's winner Bill H. shooting his Steyer shot a respectable match (34) just behind Greg and John. First place in PCP went to myself (Lonnie S.) shooting my S400 Side Lever with a score of (42) .

In spring Piston, Pat J. showed up chasing his zero on a week old 8-32x Leapers mounted on his Hw97. Despite the challenges of sighting in a new scope, Pat still came away with a very respectable score (33) and 1st place for the match. Not far behind was newer shooter Daniel R. scoring a (27) and taking 2nd with his Bam-40. Way to go D-man!! Daniel has been steadily improving each match and I suspect that he will force to be reckoned with soon enough. Just behind Daniel was Doug B. (22) and Eric K. (18).

The folks who couldn't make it today were certainly missed but its always a pleasure to shoot with this crowd, big or small, on such a beautiful day. We will be looking forward to seeing more of the others at our next 2 matches. The season is still very much in contention in both Spring Piston and Pcp classes. Anything can happen so don't miss out!

Match results: out of 48 possible points

PCP Division:

Lonnie S. 42

John L. 36

Greg T. 36

Bill H. 34

Spring Piston:

Pat J. 33

Daniel R. 27

Doug B. 22

Eric K. 18

Greg making sure Lonnie doesn't get a hold of that blue bag of envy.



Eric and Daniel squaded together working their magic on Lane 5.



John L. in the meditation barrel contemplating his next move. (Pat said he couldn't resist taking the photo)



Lonnie S. locking and Loading for the next knockdown.



Greg T. and Bill H. were squaded together. Here they are working on the targets on Lane 5



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