

Mt. Cheaha Challenge

September 12

AAFTA has a new club that is in Heflin, Alabama. On September 12, 2009 the fine folks of Heflin hosted The Mt. Cheaha Challenge, a one-day 84 shot match to challenge the shooting skills of all who attended. An overcast day with a slight breeze kept things comfortable for the shooters.

Paul Oswalt was our course designer and, although, Paul does not have a lot of practical experience in setting up FT courses you certainly could not tell it in the courses we shot. Paul did a beautiful job of laying out visually appealing and fun-to-shoot courses. The lay of the land is rolling hills in a lightly wooded forest, which lends itself to picturesque lanes with interesting target placement and Paul took full advantage of his surroundings.

After the morning match of 42 shots we were treated to a wonderful BBQ lunch with some good southern sweet tea served by Heflin Parks and Recreation director Tammy Perry. Then it was back to the woods for the afternoon match of 42 shots, followed by the awards ceremony. Several folks brought goodies to sell and more than a few items found new homes after the match. Congratulations to Harold Rushton (PCP), Doug Vinson (Piston), and Charles Garvey (Hunter) on winning their respective classes, good shooting guys.

Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to another invite to do some shooting in Heflin in the near future. Thank you to all of the folks in Heflin for a perfect day of FT shooting.

Piston

Knoblauch K. R9 Bushnell Trophy 6-18 16-08-24
 Troyer B. HW97 Bushnell Elite 6-24 35-31-66 (2nd)
 Vinson, D. Whiscombe Leupold 35x 40-39-79 (1st)
 Oswalt, P. SLR 98 (12fpe) Leupold 35x 13-12-25
 Hughes K. Whiscombe Leupold 35x 31-27-58 (3rd)

Hunter

Dostie D. Huntsman B&L Elite 6-24 29-30-59 (3rd)
 Hipsher C. Marauder Weaver T10 22-27-49
 Horne E. BSA Super10 Simmons 6.5-20 31-33-64 (2nd)
 Garvey C. USFT Nikko 10-50 36-39-75 (1st)
 Bradley R. TX200 RWS 6x 29-27-56
 Swann B. TX200 Bushnell Elite 6-24 11-14-25
 Kirby D. S400 Bushnell 6-24 24-30-54

PCP

Itterly T. Steyr LG110 Nikko 10-50 32-32-64
 Hamilton G. Pro Target NF 36x 33-37-70
 Ray R. EV2 (12fpe) Nikko 10-50 25-34-59
 O'Brien P. USFT Nikko 10-50 30-36-66
 Slade, Dottie Theoben MFR BSA 10-50 28-30-58
 Roller W. Pro-Target Burris 8-32 36-41-77 (2nd)
 Slade, David MFR (12fpe) Fujinon 30-31-61
 Rushton, H. USFT Leupold 35x 40-41-81 (1st)
 Garland, T. Pro-Target NF 36x 37-38-75
 Sumpter, R. Theoben MFR Nikko 10-50 39-37-76 (3rd)

Morning course

Lane# / Target# / Distance to Target (yards) / Target Name / Kill zone Size (inches) Difficulty Modifiers Stand Kneel Target
 Difficulty in Troys

1 15 Hedge hog 0.750 1.000 20.00
 2 22 possum 0.750 1.000 29.33
 3 45 rabbit 1.500 1.000 30.00

2
 4 23 skunk 0.750 1.000 30.67
 5 30 skunk 0.750 1.000 40.00
 6 49 skunk 1.500 1.125 36.75

3
 7 20 bat 0.750 1.000 26.67
 8 28 frog 1.000 1.000 28.00
 9 53 wasp 1.500 1.125 39.75

4
 10 18 crow 1.000 K 1.000 18.00
 11 22 rook 1.000 K 1.500 33.00
 12 33 crow 1.500 K 1.500 33.00

5
 13 15 squirrel 0.500 1.000 30.00
 14 25 beaver 1.000 1.000 25.00
 15 48 buzzard 1.500 1.125 36.00

6
 16 10 beaver 1.000 1.000 10.00
 17 22 rabbit 1.000 1.000 22.00
 18 30 crow 1.500 1.000 20.00

7
 19 10 rook 0.375 1.000 26.67
 20 44 woodpecker 1.500 1.000 29.33
 21 48 cardinal 1.000 1.125 54.00

Average Yards / Average KZ size / Course Difficulty
 29.32 / 1.05 / 29.44

Afternoon course

Lane# Target# Distance to Target (yards) Target Name Kill zone Size (inches) Difficulty Modifiers Target Difficulty in
 Troys
 Stand Kneel

1
 1 10 wasp 1.000 1.000 10.00
 2 33 Crab 1.500 1.000 22.00
 3 40 Ground Hog 1.500 1.000 26.67

2
 4 10 Coyote 0.750 1.000 13.33
 5 34 Squirrel 1.500 1.000 22.67
 6 44 Buzzard 1.500 1.000 29.33

3
 7 39 crab 0.750 1.000 52.00
 8 44 crab 1.000 1.000 44.00

9 54 crab 1.500 1.125 40.50

4

10 30 Vulture 1.000 1.000 30.00

11 32 Coyote 0.750 1.000 42.67

12 47 Beaver 1.500 1.125 35.25

5

13 32 monkey 1.000 1.000 32.00

14 36 rabbit 1.500 1.000 24.00

15 40 Owl 1.500 1.000 26.67

6

16 25 frog 0.750 1.000 33.33

17 39 squirrel 1.500 1.000 26.00

18 50 rabbit 1.500 1.125 37.50

7

19 12 Buzzard 1.500 S 1.750 14.00

20 16 crow 1.000 S 1.750 28.00

21 22 frog 1.500 S 1.750 25.67

Average Yards / Average KZ size / Course Difficulty

32.91 / 1.24 / 29.31

P.S. Heflin will be holding monthly FT matches on the 4th Saturday of each month so come out and support the FT club. I know I will be there.

Ken Hughes

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