2013 AAFTA Nationals Match Report

Despite atypical rainy conditions (for Texas), the 2013 AAFTA U.S. National Championships were a most memorable and hotly-contested affair. With numerous state, national and world champions in attendance, shooters and contingents from such exotic locales as Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Great Britain and *California*, and the presence of the American Airgunner TV crew, the 2013 Nats lived up to expectations in spite of messy conditions and cancellation of the day-two rifle match. Thankfully the day-one rifle match and the pistol FT program went off reasonably well, given the uncomfortable-but-tolerable conditions of light drizzle and muggy humidity. The impressive assemblage of field-target talent unanimously declared the 35 Troyer courses plenty "challenging".

Testament to the spirit and camaraderie of the close-knit FT community, attendees seemed relatively unfazed by the tribulations Mother Nature threw at them. In fact the difficult conditions added an extra element to "the human drama of athletic competition", seemingly to the delight of the television crew recording the proceedings for the upcoming season of American Airgunner television. Apparently the combination of Sunday's PHENOMENAL shrimp and sausage gumbo, door-prizes, airgun and accessory auction, and television coverage helped minimize the competitors' disappointment over the loss of the second day's competition. The shooters accepted the disappointment in good cheer and made the most of the other attractions and camaraderie.

In keeping with what sometimes seems a recent trend, WFTF Division shooter Greg Suave recorded the highest score in the rifle match to claim the National Champion title overall and in WFTF. Greg's awesome score of 58/60 was two points better than Harold Rushton's second place and Ray Apelles' third in WFTF, decided by shoot-off.

David Alsup successfully defended his Open PCP National Champion title by posting an excellent 57/60, nipping second place Jim Whittlesey by one point. Mike Vredenburg prevailed in a three-way shoot-off for third, with Warren Williamson taking fourth place and Doug Miller fifth; the three having posted scores of 54/60.

Reigning 2012 Hunter Piston National Champion Scott Hull made a successful transition this year to claim the 2013 Open Hunter National Champion title with an impressive score of 55/60. Defending Hunter Division National Champ Dan Jones claimed second place with an excellent 51/60. Sean Holbeche prevailed in a shoot-off to capture the third place trophy over Doug Witkowski, and Ron Robinson claimed the fifth place trophy in a shoot-off against past Hunter Division National Champion Bill Day.

Kevin Yee blew away the Piston Division to capture the National Champion title with an incredible score of 50/60. Awesome shooting, Kevin!

Manuel Morales of Team Puerto Rico captured the WFTF Piston National Championship with a fine score of 45/60. 2009 Piston National Champion and 2009 AAFTA Grand Prix Champion Leo Duran snatched second place from Matt Brackett in a shoot-off, both of whom recorded excellent scores of 44/60.

Dottie Berry claimed the High Woman title with an excellent score of 54/60. Mike Vredenburg's 54/60 got him the High Senior title and third-place in Open PCP, yet he still wasn't done! Morgan Myers claimed the High Junior FT title to add to her silhouette National Champion title.

Five four-man teams contested the Team competition. Team Tejanos Malos (A.K.A. - David Alsup, Johnny Ingram, Mike Vredenburg and Ron Robinson) captured the High Team trophies with an aggregate score of 207/240. See score-board results for more details of the team competition.

Besides wet, drizzly weather conditions, the pistol field target competition featured possibly the highest Troyer difficulties of any pistol FT match to date. Troyer factors for the pistol targets averaged 19+; translated to more familiar rifle Troyers with a 2X multiplier, a little math sheds more light on the subject. Ron Robinson successfully defended his Hunter Pistol National Champion title with a high pistol score of 45/48, having cleaned every freestyle shot but missed three of the six offhand shots. Bob Dye's fine 42/48 score nabbed him a second-place Hunter Pistol FT trophy to add to a ten-meter pistol State Champion trophy (or two) in his trophy case. Bill Day nipped Sean Holbeche in the shoot-off to decide third and fourth place Hunter Pistol, both with scores of 40/48.

Riz Marquez captured the Open Pistol National Champion trophy by posting a fine score of 38/48 on the challenging course in difficult conditions. Mike Vredenburg added a second-place Open Pistol trophy to his 2013 Nats take of FOUR trophies by relegating Sam Ramirez to third place in the shoot-off. Mike and Sam both posted scores of 35/48.

The reigning National Champ (and pistol-program Match Director) chickened-out of defending his Hands Supported Only pistol title, reduced to quivering fits at the mere mention of the prospect of doing so on such a brutal pistol course (as he'd designed). Not having the option of defending more than one title, the spineless "Champ" made the "easy" choice of defending the Hunter Pistol title instead of Hands Supported. However, past airgun bench-rest World Champion Dan Brown wasn't scared, manning up to post an impressive score of 24/48 to capture the Hands Supported Only National Champion title… on a course never intended for offhand pistol shooting!

To say 2013 Nats was an interesting week-end would be a major under-statement. Thankfully the good nature, character and camaraderie of field target competitors prevailed over the disappointment of an abbreviated rifle match, to make for a "uniquely memorable" experience for all.

To paraphrase… a bunch'a grown "adults" never had such great fun playing with BB guns in a giant mud-hole!

Submitted by: Ron Robinson.

2013 AAFTA Nationals - Match Results

Class	Name	Place	White	Blue	Total	Extra	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Hunter									
	Scott Hull	1		55	55		Marauder	UTG 3-12x44	CPH
	Dan Jones	2	51		51		Daystate CR-X	Hawke 4-16x	JSB, 10.3
	Sean Holbeche	3	49		49		Falcon FN19	Weaver 4-16x	JSB, 10.3
	Doug Witkowski	4		49	49		AA S-400	Hawke 4-16x	JSB, 10.3
	Ron Robinson	5		48	48		HW-100	Weaver V-16	JSB, 10.3
	Bill Day	6		48	48	Senior	HW-100 S	Falcon T50	JSB, 10.3
	Chris Berry	7	47		47		Steyr LG110	Hawke 6-24x56	CPH
	Alan Hull	7	47		47		USFT Hunter #102	Hawke 4-12x	AA, 103
	Bob Zimmerman	7		47	47	Senior	RAW TM-1000	SEAL 8-32x	JSB, 10.3
	Paul Bracaglia	10		42	42		Marauder	BSA 12x	AA, 10.3
	Jim Cyran	10	42		42		USFT Hunter	Hawke 4.5x14x40	AA, 10.3
	Russ Holetz	10	42		42		FX Royale	Sightron 12x	AA, 10.3
	Bob Dye	13		40	40		CZ200S	Weaver 3-12x44	JSB, 10.3
	Matt Lababedy	14		38	38		RAW TM-1000	Sightron 12x	JSB, 10.3
	Carlos Garza	15		35	35		AA S400	Hawke 3-12x	JSB, 10.3
	Phillip Reedy	15		35	35		RAW TM-1000	Weaver 3-12x44	JSB, 10.3
	Lonnie Smith	17	30		30		HW-97	Simmons 6.5-20x	JSB, 8.4
	Roy Modica	17		30	30	Senior	HW-100	Hawke 6-32x	JSB, 10.3
	Larry Durham	17	30		30	Senior	USFT	4-12x	CPH
	Lupe Gonzalez	20	27		27		Logun Solo	BSA 8-32x44	JSB .20, 13.5
	Alejandro Pappaterra	21	25		25		AA S510	Hawke 8-32x	JSB, 10.3
	Craig Evans	22	22		22		Crosman 1720	Hawke 4-12x44	CPH
	Brett Reno	23	21		21		AA S400	Leapers 8-23x	CPL
	Morgan Myers	24	17		17	Junior			
	Alex York	25	DNF	DNF		Junior	AA S-200	Leapers 3-12x	JSB, 7.9
	Scott York	26	DNF	DNF			Theoben MFR	Bushnell 8-32x	CPH
Open PCP									
	David Alsup	1		57	57		ISP	March 8-80x	CPH
	Jim Whittlesey	2	56		56		USFT #158	Nikko 10-50x60	AA, 10.3
	Mike Vredenburg	3	54		54	Senior	Daystate Grand Prix	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Warren Williamson	4	54		54		Steyr LG110 ZM	Leupold Comp 35x	CPH
	Doug Miller	5		54	54	Senior	FWB P-70 DM	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3

Class	Name	Place	White	Blue	Total	Extra	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
	Dottie Berry	6		54	54	Lady	RAW TM-1000	BSA 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Ivan Vazquez	7		53	53		HW-100	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Bobby Corcorran	7	53		53		Steyr LG110	Bushnell 8-32x40	JSB, 10.3
	Scott Winslow	9	51		51		AA Pro Target	BSA 10-50x60	CPH
	Rizalde Marquez	9		51	51		Steyr LG100	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Matthew Sawyer	11		50	50		FWB P-70 FT	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Stylie Edwards	12	49		49		USFT	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Tyler Patner	12	49		49		Steyr LG110 ZM	Leupold Comp 35x	CPH
	Johnny Ingram	14		48	48		Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50x60	CPH
	Vipha Miller	15		47	47	Lady	FWB P-70 DM	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB, 10.3
	Waldemar Gordils	16		46	46		AA S400 MPR-FT	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Wayne Burns	16	46		46		USFT #6	BSA 10-50x60	H&N, 10.65
	Sam Ramirez	18	41		41		USFT	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Sammy Garcia	18		41	41		HW 100	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB,10.3
	Ivan Copo	20		40	40		HW-100	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Chris Merritt	21	39		39		USFT #27	Accushot 6-24x	CPH
	Tim McMurray	21	39		39		USFT	Nikko 10-50x60	
	Scott Allen	23	37		37		Walter LG300	Leopold Comp 40x	H&N, 10.4
	George Hamilton	24		36	36	Senior	AA NJR100	Hakko 8-40x56	CPH
	Robert Crocker	24		36	36	Senior	USFT	S&B 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Ramon Conor	26	35		35		AA S410	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Pat O'Brien	27		34	34	Senior	USFT Carbine	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Rafael Garrido	28	26		26		Marauder	Hawke 8-32x	JSB .22, 13.3
	George Doganis	29	DNS	DNS			Theoben MFR	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Raschel York	30	DNF	DNF		Lady	Steyr LG110	BSA 10-50x60	CPH
Open Piston									
	Kevin Yee	1	50		50		HW-97	Leupold Mk3	AA, 7.3
	Roz Sumpter	2	33		33	Senior	TX-200 MkI	Bushnell 6-24x40	JSB, 7.9
	Robert Aiton	3		30	30		TX-200	Hawke 8.5-25x	JSB, 7.9
	Bill Motl	4	29		29	Offhand	TX-200	Weaver T 36	JSB, 8.4
	Ron Zeman	5	26		26		TX-200 SR	Burris 8-32x	FTS
WFTF PCP									
	Greg Sauve	1		58	58		Steyr LG100 ZM	March 8-80x	JSB, 7.9
	Harold Rushton	2	56		56		Steyr LG110	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB, 7.9
	Ray Apelles	3	56		56		Marauder Hybrid	Leupold Comp 35x	CPL

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	Robert Ray	4		53	53		RAW TM-1000	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB, 7.9
	Dan Brown	5	52		52		AA EV2	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB, 7.9
	David Slade	6		52	52		Ripley AR-5	Bushnell 6-24x40	JSB, 8.4
	Doug Vinson	7		51	51		Ripley AR-5	March 8-80x	JSB, 7.9
	Luis Nevett	7	51		51		RAW TM-1000	Sightron 10-50x60	AA, 8.4
	Terry Almond	9		50	50	Senior	AA Pro Traget	Nikko 10-50x60	AA, 8.4
	Ken Hughes	10		48	48		Steyr LG110 FT	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB, 8.4
	Francesco Porco	11	45		45		RAW TM-1000	Falcon T50	JSB, 7.9
	Ron Carlson	12		41	41	Senior	RAW TM-1000	BSA 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Jose Perez-Luna	13		35	35		RAW TM-1000	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB 8.4
	Darwin Corcorran	14	31		31		Daystate Huntsman	B&L 6-24x40	CPH
	Jose Hoyos	15	29		29		AA S400 MPR-FT	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Giuseppe Avanzo	16		20	20	Senior	Steyr LG110 FT	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Juan Ugueto	16	20		20		AA S400 MPR-FT	Hawke 8-32x	JSB, 8.4
	Paul Cray	18	DNS	DNS			Steyr LG110	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
WFTF Piston									
	Manuel Morales	1	45		45		TX-200	Bushnell 8-32x	JSB 8.4
	Leo Duran	2		44	44		HW-97	March 8-80x	JSB, 8.4
	Matt Brackett	3	44		44		TX-200	Hakko 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Hector Medina	4		39	39		Diana 54	Hawke 20x	JSB, 8.4
	Veronika Ruf	5		32	32	Lady	HW-95	AEON 24x	Barracuda, 6.7
	Keith Knoblauch	6		31	31		TX-200	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB, 8.4
	Clifford Smith	7	24		24	Senior	TX-200	Burris 8-32x40	JSB, 7.9
	Larry Engle	8	17		17	Offhand	TX-200	Bushnell 6-24x40	JSB, 7.9

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Team	Name	Class	Extra	White	Blue	Total	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Tejanos Malos									
	Johnny Ingram	Open PCP			48	48	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50x60	CPH
	Ron Robinson	Hunter			48	48	HW-100	Weaver V-16	JSB, 10.3
	David Alsup	Open PCP			57	57	ISP	March 8-80x	CPH
	Mike Vredenburg	Open PCP	Senior	54		54	Daystate Grand Prix	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
				54	153	207			
California1									
	Jim Whittlesey	Open PCP		56		56	USFT #158	Nikko 10-50x60	AA, 10.3
	Rizalde Marquez	Open PCP			51	51	Steyr LG100	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Doug Miller	Open PCP	Senior		54	54	FWB P-70 DM	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
	Tim McMurray	Open PCP		39		39	USFT	Nikko 10-50x60	
				95	105	200			
California2									
	Dan Jones	Hunter		51		51	Daystate CR-X	Hawke 4-16x	JSB, 10.3
	Jim Cyran	Hunter		42		42	USFT Hunter	Hawke 4.5x14xx40	AA, 10.3
	Alan Hull	Hunter		47		47	USFT Hunter #102	Hawke 4-12x	AA, 103
	Scott Hull	Hunter			55	55	Marauder	MTG 3-12x44	CPH
				140	55	195			
Airheads of Maine									
	Bill Day	Hunter	Senior		48	48	HW-100 S	Falcon T50	JSB, 10.3
	Matt Brackett	WFTF Piston		44		44	TX-200	Hakko 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Dan Brown	WFTF PCP		52		52	AA EV2	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB, 7.9
	Matthew Sawyer	Open PCP			50	50	FWB P-70 FT	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
				96	98	194			
Puerto Rico									
	Waldemar Gordils	Open PCP			46	46	AA S400 MPR-FT	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Manuel Morales	WFTF Piston		45		45	TX-200	Bushnell 8-32x	JSB 8.4
	Ramon Conor	Open PCP		35		35	AA S410	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 8.4
	Ivan Vazquez	Open PCP			53	53	HW-100	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB, 10.3
				80	99	179			

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Misfits									
	Matt Lababedy	Hunter			38	38	RAW TM-1000	Sightron 12x	JSB, 10.3
	Vipha Miller	Open PCP	Lady		47	47	FWB P-70 DM	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB, 10.3
	Sammy Garcia	Open PCP			41	41	HW 100	Nikko 10-50x60	JSB,10.3
	Chris Berry	Hunter		47		47	Steyr LG110	Hawke 6-24x56	CPH
				47	126	173			
Temecula									
	Larry Durham	Hunter	Senior	30		30	USFT	4-12x	CPH
	Chris Merritt	Open PCP		39		39	USFT #27	Accushot 6-24x	CPH
	Bobby Corcorran	Open PCP		53		53	Steyr LG110	Bushnell 8-32x40	JSB, 10.3
	Wayne Burns	Open PCP		46		46	USFT #6	BSA 10-50x60	H&N, 10.65
						168			

Hunter PFT			
Berry	Chris	32	
Bracaglia	Paul	37	
Day	Bill	40	3rd
Dye	Bob	42	2nd
Evans	Craig	34	
Hamilton	George	34	
Garza	Carlos	23	
Allen	Scott	35	
Lababedy	Matt	32	
Reedy	Phillip	35	
Robinson	Ron	45	1st
Holbeche	Sean	40	4th
Witkowski	Doug	39	

Open PFT			
Marquez	Rizalde	38	1st
Vrendenburg	Mike	35	2nd
Ramirez	Sam	35	3rd
Duran	Leo	33	
Garcia	Sammy	17	

Hands-Supported Only PFT			
Brown	Dan	24	1st
Sawyer	Matthew	8	