

Match Report – 2019 Oregon State Field Target Championships

We were very blessed with wonderful weather for our three days of matches. We were further graced with mostly sunny skies with match time winds for the pistol and rifle matches just right for my course planning, in the 3 to 6 mph range. The high temps were a perfect mid 80's, with about 30% humidity.

We had 12 pistol competitors on Friday afternoon, with three in limited PCP and 9 in Hunter PCP. We had seven shoot the Basic Break Barrel match late Saturday afternoon. For the rifle match we had 21 competitors on Saturday and 20 on Sunday with a friend of Cameron and Jessica joining in to taste the game on Saturday. Four CASA club members traveled from Southern CA, and most competitors came up from Northern CA.

Alan Mash again consented to film the event with his professional cameras. It will be posted when Alan gets time to edit it from his busy Hollywood filming schedule. Here is a link to last years' video and you'll be able to link to his U-tube channel for lots of air gun fun from there. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaC0Khlz8kQ&feature=youtu.be>

The Pistol match and meals were held at my ranch where some folks also camped out. We setup 7 lanes with three targets per lane and two shots per target, for a 42 shot match. The average kill zone was 1.23 inches at an average distance of 20.57 yards. The course difficulty was 32.57 T with a standard deviation of 4.69.

The pistol match was tightly contested, with only 3 points separating 9 of the 12 competitors in both classes when it ended. Riz Marquez and Scott Schneider each won their class and shared the high score overall with a 39/42. Cameron Kerndt and Scott Hull were one point behind with 38/42. Dana Wyse, Bob Kidd and I had a 37/42, and Randy E and Jessica K shot a 36/42.

For the rifle matches we shot in the shade of our Oak Alley course. The 10ac oak patch in the middle of grass pastures, (that are fast becoming hemp plantations, with the growing demand for CBD oils and hemp fiber.... Some folks said "look at all those Pot plants", but they were wrong, Pot plants are grown totally different), even still, our little patch of heaven stayed even cooler than the surrounding farmland.

We have now set up four, 13 lane courses with cedar shooting decks, which really make it nice compared to the hillside dug out shooting positions we had before. For us, building a deck is easier than digging out a level pad. Uphill shots became a lot more comfortable with slightly less angles and level sitting, and the downhill shots were elevated slightly, and a clean, flat surface to sit on was praised by many competitors.

We have two 13 lane, two targets per lane courses, at Oak Alley, which made us a 52 shot match each day, and 104 possible points to gain over the two days. There are NO level shots on either the "Humility Hill" or "Oak Alley" courses, with about 60% of the shots downhill and 40% uphill with angles varying on the Oak Alley course from 4 to 18 degrees and the Humility Hill course from 12 to 35 degrees. The winds attack the hills usually from the NW but since the area is a large open bowl at this end of the valley, they are always switching directions and what you

THINK you learned on your first shot will likely not help you on your next shot.... Every shot must be re-evaluated for wind hold off.

Saturdays rifle match ended with Scott Hull in Hunter PCP and Riz Marquez in WFTF PCP sharing the overall high score with a 47/52. Randy Ebersole in WFTF PCP was only one point behind with a 46/52 and then Jim Whittlesey in Open class with a 45/52. Piston class high score for Saturday was shot by Jacob Sumner with a 36/52 in Hunter Piston class. WFTF Piston was up for grabs with Bob Kidd leading with a 29/52 and Cameron Kerndt right behind with a 28/52 and Jessica his wife with unborn child, shooting a 23/52... how's that for starting em early shooting:-)

Sunday morning was a little scary for me as the match director, because the winds didn't seem to want to get blowing as match time approached... but since I knew a lot of folks had to travel that afternoon, we got started on time anyway. Fortunately, the wind got going soon into the match and was up to its tricky ways for most of the shooters.

But, Jim Whittlesey in open class shot a super score day two, with a 50/52 to easily win open class and jump to overall high score with a 95/104. Randy Ebersole in WFTF PCP, was only a point behind for overall high score with a 94/104 and his great score of 48/52 on Sunday, earned a narrow victory over Riz with a 92/104 in WFTF PCP. Scott Hull's 47 on Saturday insured his win in Hunter class with another 92/104, and Scott Schneider was second with 89/104.

Larry Durham shot his newly designed USFT 12fpe AAFTA legal pistol, in Free Style Rifle class with a scope installed just before match time, but he still shot an amazing 78/104 on the rifle course! We've got three of these prototype USFT pistols now and they are super accurate and easy to shoot.

Most competitors in PCP class shot scores in the mid 40's each day, so for Cameron K. to shoot a 44/52 and Jacob S shooting a 40/52 on Sunday in Piston class was some really great shooting from the Piston class. Jessica with a 38/52 and Bob with 35/52 also shot great scores in Piston Sunday. But Jacob held on to overall high score for combined Piston class with a 76/104, with Cameron's great Sunday score insuring his victory in WFTF Piston class with a 72/104.

The matches went very well, all the prep work we put in paid off with only one target needing to be replaced in the three days of shooting. There were no protests over the three days as well. Our little crew worked their butts off for many weeks before the matches, but that's what it takes to make it all happen the way we all want... Chris Lovitt, Jacob Sumner, and Randy Ebersole... Thanks guys, you're a great team to work with... and shoot with! And Thanks also to my sister Laurie and my wife Christine, for all the cooking and cleaning they do for us each year! Hosting a match is a great labor of Love from many people. It's certainly not a profit making ventureJ

Thanks also to all the competitors who traveled so far to make the contest. I know how much it takes to leave home/work and travel to play our addicting shooting gameJ

Here are the scores and equipment if the competitor gave us the info, hopefully competitors will fill in if they want to share with the world their secrets:

Basic Break Barrel Rifle on the pistol course:

Cameron Kerndt – HW -35 –Hawke 2.5 – 10 x40 – H&N sniper 8.6 @ 720 fps– 37/42

Scott Schneider- HW -35 –Hawke 2.5 – 10 x40 – H&N sniper 8.6 @ 720 fps – 30/42

Riz Marquez- HW -35 –Hawke 2.5 – 10 x40 – H&N sniper 8.6 @ 720 fps – 30/42

Darren Taylor – Remington Express - ? - - ? – 26/42

Chris Lovitt – Remington Express ? ? ? - 25/42

Chris Merritt - HW -35 –Hawke 2.5 – 10 x40 – H&N sniper 8.6 @ 720 fps – 20/42

John Knapp - HW -35 –Hawke 2.5 – 10 x40 – H&N sniper 8.6 @ 720 fps – 19/42

Limited PCP Pistol:

Riz Marquez – Rizenator Styre - ? 39/42

Cameron Kerndt – CamCustom - ? 38/42

Dana Wyse – Thomas Carbine - ? 37/42

Hunter PCP Pistol:

Scott Schneider – BSA custom - ? 39/42

Scott Hull – Marauder custom - ? 38/42

Bob Kidd - ? -? – 37/42

Wayne Burns – USFT Pistol #1 – Hawke Vantage 3-12x40 – JSB 8.44 @ 790fps – 37/42

Jessica Kerndt – CamCustom - ? - ? – 36/42

Randy Ebersole – 1720T Custom – UTG 3-12x44 – 8.44 AA @ 780fps – 36/42

Larry Durham - USFT Pistol #3 – Hawke 3-12x50 – JSB 8.44 @ 790fps – 30/42

John Knapp – 1720T - Hawke 3-12x40 – JSB 8.44 @ 790fps – 22/42

Conrad Rowlings - 1720T - Hawke 3-12x40 – JSB 8.44 @ 790fps – 6/42

FreeStyle Rifle - PCP @ 12 fpe:

Larry Durham – USFT Pistol #3 – Hawke – 6- 24 x50 – JSB 8.44 @ 790 fps – 78/104

WFTF PISTON – RIFLE:

Cameron Kerndt – HW – 97 – Viper ? - ?- 72/104

Bob Kidd – HW – 97 ? - ? – 64/104

Jessica Kerndt - HW 97 – Viper ? - ?- 61/104

HUNTER PISTON – RIFLE:

Jacob Sumner – HW 97 – UTG 6-24x50 – AA 7.87 @ 810 fps – 76/104 *high piston score*

HUNTER PCP – RIFLE:

Scott Hull – Diana Skyhawk – Helos 6-24x50 – JSB 10.34 @ 920fps – 92/104

Scott Schneider –TM 1000? - ? – 89/104

Chris Lovitt – Custom Marauder – Sightron 10-50x60 – .177 cal JSB 13.4 @ 800 fps – 83/104

John Knapp – USFT – Hawke 6- 24 x56 – 13.4 .20 cal. @ 800 fps – 82/104

Jim Cyran – DayState ? Smith and Bender? 13.4 .20 cal. @ 800 fps – 82/104

Conrad Rowlings – Air Arms S 500 - ? - ? – 46/104

Alan ? (new guy) ? - ? - ? – Saturday only 32/52

OPEN PCP – RIFLE:

Jim Whittlesey – Thomas Carbine – Nikko 10-50x60 – JSB 13.4 @ 818 fps – 95/104 *overall high score*

Chris Merritt – USFT #27 – Nikko 10-50x60 – JSB 10.34 @ 890 fps – 86/104

Dana Wyse - Thomas Carbine – March 8-80x60 – JSB 13.4 @ 818 fps – 81/104

Vince Pacheco - USFT #56 – BSA 10-50x60 – JSB 10.34 @ 840 fps – 80/104

WFTF PCP – RIFLE:

Randy Ebersole – USFT # 44 – Sightron 10-50x60 – AA 8.44 @ 790fps – 94/104

Riz Marquez - Thomas Carbine – March 8-80x60 – JSB 8.44 @ 795fps – 92/104

Son Lu – Air Arms FT 900 - Sightron 10-50x60 ? – AA 8.44 @ 790fps – 88/104

Wayne Burns – USFT # 1 – Sightron 10-50x60 – JSB 8.44 @ 790fps – 86/104

Darren Taylor – Walther LG3 - Falcon 10-50x60 JSB 8.44 @ 790fps – 51/104

Thanks again to all who helped host the match and to those who attended as well...

till we shoot again:-)

Blessings,

Wayne Burns,

Match Director,

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