

# Republic of Texas State Field Target Championships and AAFTA Grand Prix Match Report...

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The 11th Annual Republic of Texas State Field Target Championships and AAFTA Grand was contested this weekend, run by the Dallas FT Club, hosted at the Arlington Sportsman's Club in Mansfield Texas.



## Saturday RIFLE

The day started with unseasonably cool temps, about 10° below normal, and rose to a nice 86° under sunny skies. Although the forecast called for little wind, regular gusts to 15mph or so developed through the day, turning a 34T rifle course into something more challenging. Scores reflected this.

The 52-shot rifle match started promptly at 9am, with 22 shooters competing. The course was 13 lanes with two targets in each, 4-shots per lane, including four shots kneeling and 4 shots standing. 34.0 Troyer. All AAFTA divisions were represented, including enough Hunter-Piston shooters to open the category for awards.

The standout performance of the day was Dottie Slade's wonderful 50/52 in Open PCP Class. Super impressive in the windy conditions. David Alsup took an early lead (44/52) in the WFTF Division. Jeff Cloud took the lead in Hunter-Piston with a 36/52, and Bob Dye was

fortunate to shoot 45/52 to lead in Hunter-PCP.

The match ended early at 11:45, so while we waited for the catered lunch to arrive, Ron Robinson entertained us with a live auction, featuring a wonderful AA Pro Sport, donated by Pyramyd Air. Thanks PA!

### **Saturday PISTOL**

We shoot Pistol in Texas, so after lunch, the rifle range was quickly converted to Pistol specs, and the State Pistol Match began at about 2pm. The 40-shot match, shot 2 targets each on 10 lanes, was designed to a 40 Troyer, exacerbated by the aforementioned wind gusts.

Mike Vredenburg won the Open Division honors with a 20 score. Ron Robinson and I fought it out (as usual) for the Hunter title, the nod going to Ron (as usual) with an excellent 37, to my 36. Congrats, Ron (as always). Robert Droege from San Antonio took home a fine third place trophy. Good shooting, Robert.

After this match, the intrepid crew went to work again to set-up the lanes for Sunday's Rifle match. We were all exhausted, so I was flabbergasted that the work took only half an hour or so.

### **Sunday RIFLE**

Sunday began with less wind under partly cloudy skies, temp about 70°. The course of fire was also 52-shots on 13 lanes at 34.0 Troyer. The calmer conditions resulted in improved scores for most and some real horse races at the end.

Matt Sawyer and David Alsup both improved on the day, but swapped positions in the process, resulting in a tie score of 90/104. Congrats to Matt for winning the WFTF shoot off. Quite a way to celebrate your relocation to Texas. Now go buy some boots, LOL.

In Open Class, Dottie Slade had built a strong enough lead the previous day to claim the Championship title with a very fine 90/104. Then, Mike Vredenburg and Roz Sumpter tied, with 86s each. The shoot off for second place went to Roz Sumpter. Way to go, Roz! I enjoyed shooting with you on Saturday.

Jeff Cloud improved on his Saturday leading score to win Hunter-Piston with a fine 75/104. Good job, Jeff. And thanks to all the Hunter Piston shooters for your support of this class so sparsely attended elsewhere.

Bob Dye put in a Sunday score 1-point better than the previous day to wind up with a 91/104 in Hunter PCP. That's all I wanted to do. But this total -- by one point -- just edged out Dottie, Matt and David for overall match high score, earning the "High Texan" Award as well. What a surprise... Don't ask me how, 'cause I can't 'splain it.

Most improved on the day was Ron Robinson, who had some equipment issues on Saturday, ran home to replace a scope, to return on Sunday to shoot the best score of the day, a beyond fine 50/52, to take Second in Hunter PCP, with 87/104.

The final drama in Hunter PCP was yet another tie, at 77 points each. Bill Liekbe from Louisiana, and Kevin Enzian shot it out, with Bill coming out on top for third place. Good job, Billy Dick. Worth all the windshield time, I'm sure.

Complete Results and Equipment List

Rep.of Texas AAFTA GP Rifle Results							52	52		104
			Rifle				Rifle1	Rifle2	Tot	Pct
1	Bob	Dye	Hunt-PCP	RAW TM1000	Viper 4-16x 50	AA 10.3	45	46	91	88%
2	Ron	Robinson	Hunt-PCP	RAW TM1000	SWFA 3-15 - Weaver V16	JSB 10.3	37	50	87	84%
3	Bill	Liebke	Hunt-PCP	RAW TM1000	Sightron 10-50x 60FT	AA 10.3	37	40	77	74%
4	Kevin	Enzian	Hunt-PCP	AA-S500	Viper 4-16x 50	JSB 10.3	34	43	77	74%
5	Paul	Walker	Hunt-PCP	RAW TM1000	Hawke 8-32x	JSB 10.3	35	36	71	68%
6	Buddy	Holland	Hunt-PCP	Marauder	Leapers 3-12x 44	JSB 10.3	26	40	66	63%
7	Jared	Leverington	Hunt-PCP	Marauder	UTG SWAT 4-16x	JSB 8.44	29	35	64	62%
8	David	Enoch	Hunt-PCP	USFT Hunter	Simmons 44 Mag	JSB 13.7	26	0	26	
1	Jeff	Cloud	Hunt-Pis	HW97K	Hawke 4-16x 56	H&N FTT	36	39	75	72%
2	Brad	Vanpool	Hunt-Pis	AA TX200	Hawke 8-32x SW	H&N FTT	28	21	49	47%
3	Bob	Pacatte	Hunt-Pis	AA TX200	Leapers 3-12x 44	JSB 8.44	14	20	34	33%
1	Dottie	Slade	Open-PCP	RAW TM1000	BSA 10-50x	JSB 10.3	50	40	90	87%
2	Roz	Sumpter	Open-PCP	RAW BM500	BSA 10-50x	AA 8.34	43	43	86	83%
3	Mike	Vredenburg	Open-PCP	Daystate GP	Nikko 10-50x	JSB 10.3	44	42	86	83%
4	Pat	O'Brien	Open-PCP	RAW TM1000	Nikko 10-50x	JSB 8.44	34	38	72	69%
5	Craig	Martin	Open-Pis	AA TX200	Hawke 8-32x	JSB 8.44	29	29	58	56%
6	Christopher	Simmons	Open-Pis	Whis. JW70	Sightron	JSB 10.3	14	32	46	44%
1	Matt	Sawyer	WFTF-PCP	AA FTP900	Nikko Diamond	AA 8.44	42	48	90	87%
2	David	Alsup	WFTF-PCP	Steyr LG110	March 8-80x	JSB 7.87	44	46	90	87%
3	David	Slade	WFTF-PCP	FWB P70FT	Bausch & Lomb 6-24x	JSB 8.44	36	41	77	74%
4	Robert	Droege	WFTF-Pis	AA-TX200	Sightron 10-50x FT	JSB 8.44	31	37	68	65%
5	Randy	Smith	WFTF-Pis	HW 97K (.20)	Aeon 8-32x 50	JSB 13.7	26	31	57	55%

Rep.of Texas AAFTA GP Pistol Results								
			Pistol				Pistol	
1	Ron	Robinson	Hunter	Crosman 187	Leup 3-9x	JSB 8.44	37	
2	Bob	Dye	Hunter	CZ200s/Pardini	UTG 4-12x	AA 10.3	36	
3	Robert	Droege	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Weaver 9x	JSB 7.49	25	
4	Bill	Liebke	Hunter	Crosman 1720T		JSB 8.4	21	
5	Kevin	Enzian	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	UTG 4-12x	JSB 8.44	9	
6	Paul	Walker	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Weaver 3-12x	JSB 8.44	5	
1	Mike	Vredenburg	Open	FX Ranchero	Hawke 3-12	JSB 8.44	20	
2	David	Slade	Open	Rapid Enforcer	Hawke 4-12x	JSB 8.44	15	
3	Matt	Sawyer	Open	TwinMaster			7	



ROT was also the final match in the first Texas Grand Prix series, sponsored by Pyramyd Air... Five matches touring around the state. Final Rankings will be posted later.

To add a bit of DFTC flavor and humor, we created several lanes labeled with a "theme" describing the targets. Such as two buzzards in "Road Kill Freeway" or "Venom Row" comprising a rattlesnake and Wasp. For any Vietnam Vets, we placed two crabs in one lane, labeled "Saigon '71." I think our visiting Marine Vet Roz was the only one who got the off-color innuendo.



Among the more poignant was the last lane, labeled in homage to the former Yegua Club, host venue of the previous ten ROTs. For this lane, Scotty York kindly lent us his one-of-a-kind, Crane target. Thanks Scott. I'll return it to you... sometime.

### **Kudos to ALL!**

A great big Texas Thanks to all our friends from Oklahoma, Louisiana and (especially) Tennessee, who drove mighty distances to be a part of our family for the weekend. It was an extra special treat having you with us. And thanks also to all you Texiuns who drove to Mansfield. Texas is a big state.

A special thanks to our sister venue, the Arlington Sportsman's Club for graciously permitting Dallas FT Club to host this match on their property, and with their generous help. We owe you one, ASC.

A personal thanks to my fellow match planner and energetic, right-hand expert, Kevin Enzian, and to ASC members Christopher Simmons and Jeff Cloud for chipping in to help at every turn. And thanks to Pyramyd Air for the sponsorship help.



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Posts almost always edited to correct typos/spelling