

Sacramento Valley Field Target Club Match Report – August 28, 2016

Well the weather gods finally smiled on us and we enjoyed near perfect weather for our August Field Target Match at the Yolo Sportsman's Association Range in Davis CA. The morning temps were in the high 60's and they reached into the 80s by the end of the match, the winds were light and variable. We had many warriors returning from distant battles in Morro Bay, Battle Mountain and Portugal make their way back to the local club match to test their skills against the troops who fight their battles close to home. The great conditions and large number of skilled shooters made for an exciting match. We ended up with 22 shooters for the day, a great turnout.

ScottS and his band of brothers set a very enjoyable course of fire with just enough traps to require the best shooters to keep their focus or pay the price. There were enough easy to moderate targets to make sure new shooters would enjoy the day and not become discouraged. The match consisted of 13 lanes with 2 targets each and one forced position lane consisting of 3 targets, two of which had to be taken off hand and one could be taken kneeling. This worked out to a 58 shot match. We have a good mix of targets from Rhino, Target Art., Steel Plinkers and Gamo and our target master ScottS keeps them all functioning well. We only had one target malfunction during the match when a string broke. Scott set a very good mix of long, intermediate and short targets. He managed to put some of the more difficult targets on lanes 12-14 which are exposed to the most wind. The Troyer score for the day worked out to 27.2 which is reflected in the scores of the top shooters.

The light winds made for some exceptional conditions and as the match progressed you could tell that a lot of people were shooting well by their responses to the “how's it going” question. “Ok”, “missed a few”, “not bad”. It seemed everyone was keeping it close to the vest. When I ran into ScottS he had just dropped his first 2 shots of the match on the offhand lane after cleaning the first 10 lanes. I had finished 3 shots down, but I knew he had the 3 windy lanes to finish yet. In addition to Scott there were 4 or 5 other shooters who were capable of cleaning the course so the results were far from settled

As everyone finished for the day we collected the score cards and began to tear the course down. As always with our group everyone pitched in and the clean up went quickly. We then retired to the clubhouse for lunch and a rehashing of those memorable misses that we would have liked to have over, like my very fist shot of the day where my dope said hold one mill-dot over and I broke the shot with the cross hairs dead center in the KZ (old age is my excuse).

As we enjoyed lunch I tallied up the scores. The usual suspects turned in their normal outstanding results, the top six shooters for the day dropped a total of 22 shots out of 348 taken. The top score for the day was 55/58 shared by JimC and GabeL with 4 shooters ScottS, RizM, RonnieE and SonL only one shot behind at 54/58. I believe my high placement was due partially to my dog Sarge's presence at the match. I worked with him the day before the match so he could identify the top shooters I then trained him to wait until they were lined up for a shot and then to go up and lick their ear (winning isn't easy ;-) I think it paid off!

As always a big think you to all the shooters who come out early to help set up and stay to tear down, without your help we would not have the matches we do. Below are the results and some pictures from the day.

Jim in Sacramento

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58 Shot match

Hunter PCP

JimC	55
ScottSch	54
LonnieS	52
JohnP	48
MikeC	48
ScottSte	48
TakA	45
FrankW	43
DaleR	39
BillC	34
JackC	33
CharlieL	33
RobbR	31
SamR	30

Open PCP

RonnieE	54
SonL	54
ChrisM	48
FredB	41

WFTF PCP

GabelL	55
RizM	54

Hunter Piston

Drew	12
Dottie	10







