

## TENNESSEE TWO STEP Regional Field Target Match

### TENNESSEE TWO-STEP - PFT MATCH

The Tennessee Two-Step Field Target weekend started off on Friday with a Pistol Field Target match at the Good Ole Boys club in Pulaski, TN. Our gracious host, Roz Sumpter, had prepared his beautiful property well and this allowed us a great place to hold the PFT match even with the threat of rain. Since rain was threatening, Robert Ray, the course master constructor, prepared the targets so the shooters could participate from under the shelter of Roz's pavilion. This proved wise as the rain began to fall during our subsequent shoot off.

We had a good number of participants with about half shooting Hunter Pistol and the other half shooting Open Pistol. The set up was nice because we were all close to each other during the match and it helped keep the fellowship going during the match.

Once the match ended, we found not one, but two ties at the top of Hunter and Open Pistol. Ron Robinson and Mike Vredenburg tied for 1st Place in Open with 25/30. Phillip Reedy and Doug Witkowski tied for 1st Place in Hunter with 23/30. Man, those Texas boys can shoot their pistols!

The winners were subsequently decided with a sudden death shoot-off in each division. We started with the Hunter winners. Since each shooter was shooting virtually identical Crosman 1720T pistols, this shoot off looked to be a great match up. A target with a 15 mm (.59 inch) kz was placed at approximately 15 yards for the start. As it turned out, Doug and Phillip had no problem with that and each made an easy first shot hit. A second target with a slightly larger kz was set at approximately 26 yards. Each shooter once again dispatched the second target with ease. At that point, we moved the 15mm target out another 3 or 4 yards. Once again, down it went as Doug and Phillip battled for the win! Well, once again we moved the 15 mm target out to the final distance of 23 1/2 yards. One last shot was taken by each shooter and finally Doug prevailed with the win! This shot equates to approximately a 78 Troyer difficulty! What a shoot off with the Crosman pistols! The shooters and their Crosman equipment impressed all that watched. It was certainly a highlight of the weekend!

The final shoot off was between Ron and Mike. They also were very evenly matched but ultimately Mike prevailed to win the top Open Pistol title and highest overall pistol score of the weekend. Thanks to all that participated in the pistol event. We will be looking forward to seeing you all again in Tennessee next year!

Harold Rushton

### TENNESSEE TWO STEP - DAY ONE INVICTA COURSE

Set-up of the Invicta course was Friday, myself and Brad Troyer, along with the able assistance from the crew from California, Alan Otuska and Robert Shimizu, created a fiendish layout that brought manly tears to a few harden veterans - well me anyway, LOL.

As we had to set up Friday, that meant we missed out on not just the meet and greet with the folks assembled over at Roz's Hollow for practice, but we also missed out on shooting the pistol FT, which apparently went well, I do not have the results, but I am sure Roz will include them on his report.

After set up, I went and got the metal practice targets painted for Saturday, but in the process I managed to drop a large paint can on just ONE toe, so that meant me hobbling along on Saturday with a broken toe, it hurt, but gave everyone a chuckle!

Brad had decided on Friday to put up some tree targets that tested all who put them in their cross hair's I think, overall the course was quite challenging, Brad says the course worked out to be a 35 on his scale of difficulty, all in all a challenging course that made you smile when the target went down. We could not have asked for better

weather, speaking just for Saturday anyway, it was virtually wind free, and nice and cool in the woods, although with the maximum foliage we have right now some of the targets early on were a little dark, but it was the same for everyone, so it all worked out.

After the match everyone helped with tear down, that is always much appreciated, then we adjourned to the community center to chow down on the food. Ah the food, when I tell you Dottie had been cooking pretty much since late on Thursday, she really put her heart and soul into it, made a wonderful home cooked spread, we had ribs and chicken, corn on the cob and hash browns, followed by parfaits that Dottie and her daughter Aubrey made - very rich and very tasty, heck I could only mangle two! Everyone left with a full belly and a smile.

Day one scores were collated, or so we thought, and we awarded day one trophies, only to find out that someone forgot to hand in one set of scorecards, one of which was the top score for the day, so we had to rearrange things rapidly!

I would also like to say it was great to see an old veteran return after almost two and a half years of being away from the sport due to life getting in the way. Stylie Edwards made a very welcome return, and I can tell you even without all of day two's scores, he performed VERY well, and we will be seeing more of him with is great news!

I hope everyone who made out Saturday had a lot of fun, and enjoyed the food and fellowship - it was great to see everyone, hope everyone comes back the next time we put something on, and bring a friend or two! I will finish the report with a BIG thank you to Dottie, Brad, Jnr, Aubrey, Alan, Robert, and all who helped tear down, it could not have happened without your help.

David Slade

## SECOND LEG OF THE TENNESSEE TWO-STEP

Sundays portion of the Tennessee Two-Step was held at the Good Ole Boys Airgun Club on Rozs Hollow. The day began with a heavily overcast sky and threat of rain. Unfortunately the threat became a reality by the end of practice and our shooters meeting. The weather forecast and radar map indicated a heavy rain front coming and lasting about ½ hour, then a clearing period of perhaps three hours, followed by more rain.

After delaying the start of competition nearly forty minutes we began to see pockets of blue sky as the rain abated. Keith Knoblock called them sucker clouds. Right he was. After entering the course and engaging field targets, no one made it beyond two lanes before a cease fire and return to base was called. Rain was upon us again.

Back to the pavilion we went and began plan B which consisted of setting up more targets around the pavilion area and shooting from its shelter. During this process a number of competitors decided for various reasons to call it a wrap and take a did not finish for the day.

Wouldnt you know it! Just as we were about to commence plan B after completing the additional labor, the heavens cleared and calm set in. There was an immediate show of hands to continue with plan A, so back to the course we went. The rest of the competition for the day went very well and continued uninterrupted until most of us were on our very last lane. That is when the liquid began to pour from above once more.

The good part was that we were able to complete the course of fire as intended, the bad part was in loosing some competitors, and the ugly was the drenching of ourselves and precious equipment. But you can see by the scores that most of us were not hampered from submitting good numbers.

All in all, a good time and good fellowship was had all around. We appreciate and thank those who joined in to help make the adjustments needed to continue. And we hope no one suffers any ill effects due to the dire weather. Everyone enjoyed the sweet treats that Robert Shimizu provided, and the match meal (consumed during our rain delay) was enjoyable as usual.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners, and our deep appreciation to all who attended and sacrificed their time, money, and resources to keep this sport going with their support.

A very special thanks go out to Pat OBrien for busting his hump doing all the extra voluntary labor. An advanced senior citizen put a lot of young-uns to shame.

May we all be blessed with good health, good time and good friends as we continue in the sport we love. Roz

	<u>Invicta</u>	<u>GOB</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
<b><u>OPEN</u></b>				
				1st/High
Roz Sumpter	54	51	105	Sr
Tyler Patner	50	50	100	2nd
Stylie Edwards	47	47	94	3rd
Dottie Berry	41	46	87	High Lady
Peter Nysten	33	47	80	
Mike Vredenburg	41	31	72	
Sandra Rutterford	36	28	64	
Pat Obrien	22	38	60	
Robert Shimizu	22	17	39	
Tommy Garland	45	DNF	45	
Robert Crocker	44	DNF	44	

<b><u>WFTF</u></b>				
Harold Rushton	53	56	109	1st
John Whitfield	47	55	102	2nd
Robert Ray	48	41	89	3rd
David Slade	42	35	77	
Alan Otsuka	14	27	41	
Ken Hughes	48	DNF	48	
Doug Vinson	47	DNF	47	
Brad Troyer	45	DNS	45	

<b><u>HUNTER</u></b>				
Ron Robinson	50	50	100	1st
Phil Reedy	42	44	86	2nd
Doug Witkowski	38	46	84	3rd
Larry Cleveland	35	43	78	
Bill Day	40	37	77	
Gary Law	29	31	60	
Walt Roller	49	DNF	49	

**PISTON**

Keith Knoblock	40	40	80	1st
Steve Vines	31	40	71	2nd
Cliff Smith	34	31	65	3rd
Rod Bradley	48	DNS	48	
Leo Duran	36	DNF	36	
Kevin Blankenship	36	DNS	36	