

We had great weather for our first match and the turnout made all the effort our club members put into making it happen well worthwhile. We had nine scorecards turned in and 3 guests attending for a look at the game. Many thanks to all of you for making this match a resounding success.

All of our guests had similar questions... how much, which one should I buy, where can I get them, etc.

The rifle and /or pistol you purchase will depend a lot on your budget and just about every FT shooter you meet will have a different favorite brand and/or model of rifle/pistol they like. The following is my opinion of equipment worthy of consideration... I have owned several \$2000-3000 air guns and many \$150-500 air guns. I currently own over 50 airguns and sold or donated away everything I feel isn't worth keeping; all in .177 caliber.

Lowest cost PCP: Air Arms/CZ S200, Benjamin Marauder.

Best value/dollar PCP: Air Arms S500 (my favorite general use air gun) The next two are suitable for both Field Target and Benchrest: Air Arms EV2 (12fpe) Air Arms S400 MPR-FT (12fpe)

High end PCP's: USFT, STEYR, New Air Arms FTP900 (delivery in the US is any day now/replaces the EV2), RAW TM1000 (my favorite in this dollar range)

Lowest cost piston (springer): HW97, HW77.

Best value/dollar piston (springer): Air Arms TX200, New Walther LGV (my favorite)

High end piston (springer): Paul Watts tuned HW97/HW77/TX200 (gun + Tune = \$1100-1200)

My recommendation is to purchase products of best value/dollar or above if you can afford them and I think the Air Arms rifles are the best guns available for my money.

Vendors: I use all of them... Pyramyd Air, Precision Airgun, Top Gun Airguns, Straight Shooters, Wild West Airguns, Airguns of Arizona.... all of these vendors have banners with links to their retail websites on the Network 54 "Yellow Forum" <http://www.network54.com/Forum/79537/> The yellow also has links at the top of the main page to the airgun Benchrest and Field Target forums.

One thing I should mention is that almost all of us in the airgun sports community are happy to share our secrets to success and we love to help you spend your money... wisely or not. If you see something we have that's interesting we can let you try ours, help you get one or make one...

RESULTS: JCSA Field Target Match May 17, 2014

Congratulations go to Ron Silveira, who won the match with high score and high senior honors. Great shooting Ron!

Open Class Field Target: (name, score, rifle, scope, pellet)

Rick Norton 34 USFT/BSA/JSB

Chris Lovitt 33 \$350 Marauder/Nikko 10X50X60

Hunter Field Target: (name, score, rifle, scope, pellet)

Mike Aber 34 AA S500/UTG SWAT 3-12X44/AA 10.3

Dave Strever 19 RAW TM1000/NIKO/JSB 8.4

Hunter Pistol Field Target: (name, score, pistol, scope, pellet)

Ron Silveira 42 Crosman CPX1720/Hawke/H&N

Steve Ware 32 Marauder .22/Accushot/AA Falcon

Mike Aber 24 Custom 1701P/UTG SWAT 3-12X44/H&N 8.6 FTT (DNF stopped shooting after lane 8)

Chris Lovitt 19 Custom Marauder/UTG SWAT 3-12X44/CP

Gordy Peudencio 16 1720T/Leapers/H&N

I designed the course with a Troyer difficulty factor of 25-26 for both rifle and pistol; it was interesting to see how the effects of lighting, terrain and wind made it more difficult in reality. I was impressed with my AA S500; it was spot on even though it hasn't been shot for over a year and I didn't have time to sight in before the match.

I'm so proud of our local Wild River Club of shooters; Thank you!, So many of you work hard to setup/teardown and cleanup our range. Without your help it wouldn't be possible for me to run these matches. I appreciate each and every one of you!