WWCCA Great Lakes 100 August 19, 20, 21, 2011 Match Report

WWCCA had our first Great Lakes 100 in quite a few years and all that attended said that they had a great time and thanked us for having the match again. A phone call last year from Roz Sumpter asking if we wanted to host the nationals sort of got my attention and figured I better do some regional events before I undertake such a project. My wife and I were very apprehensive about undertaking such an event as the brunt of the responsibility and work fall on us. My brother Joe and I had been diligently working on the rendezvous range for the entire year in anticipation of the event and much of the clearing of the lanes and target location had been done. With the help of Bill Dodt, Karen and I spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday preparing the course for the event. Three hard days of four to five hours in the sun wasn't all that enjoyable at the time, not to mention that we had to use vacation days to have the time needed. But to see the results and the thanks of the participants made it all worthwhile.

The weather for the event was sunny and in the mid eighties with Michigan's humidity. It could have been better on Saturday evening when we wanted to cook our steaks at 5:00 PM after shooting. My hunting buddy Mike Turzak saved the day by cooking the steaks on the clubs flat grill. There was not much talking so I guess that everyone enjoyed the steaks, corn, baked potato, salad and dessert that Anita Laich and her crew provided for us. Sunday morning the rain shower ended about 10:15 AM so we had time to shoot on the second course on rendezvous range.

Friday we opened the range at 10:00 AM and shortly there after we had shooters signing in. At the request of a local shooter we decided to have a forty shot PFT match that day and six shooters participated in the match. I had never setup or even attended such an event but I can always seem to find out what I need on the internet. The scores that were posted by the shooters made me feel that we had planned it out properly. Jim Stanis placed first with a 35, Ray Apelles took second with 32 and Jeff Paddock ended up third with 30.

Saturday we opened the range at 8:00 AM and they were waiting at the range for us when we arrived. The shooters all sighted in on the practice range and after the range safety and match rules meeting we headed out to the rendezvous range. Six of the lanes have shade from which to shoot but the skeeters there surely didn't leave hungry. We set up the sixty shot course of fire with ten lanes, three targets per lane and Troyer rating of 41.9. We still had a shooter not miss a sitting shot at the end of the first sixty shots. Jim Stanis was top in the PCP class with a 56. Jim also had the honor of finding the two problem targets on both the first and second day. I remedied the targets and the shooting continued on schedule. Ray Apelles was on top in WFTF class with a 52, Marty Carie was top in Hunter with 41, and James Sumpter led the Piston class with a 39.

Sunday was looking like we might have to set up the range with the second course of fire but the rain stopped just in time for us to shoot on the rendezvous range. The skeeters weren't as bad and the overcast skies helped keep the days shooting a bit cooler until the sun started to come out

about half way through the days shoot. Sundays forty shot match was ten lanes with two targets per lane and the Troyer rating was 43.7. We had the second place hunter David Dowling bow out do to straining his back Saturday. David did stop in to see everyone after we finished the days shooting and I personally know what a bad back can do to you. I feel for you David and I hope to see you at next month's match. Fritz Sanders also showed up to shoot with us thinking that we were having our regular monthly match. He was surprised to see the course of fire and being a regional match it was much more difficult than what we generally shoot at the monthly events. We will be back to our standard course setup next match and I hope it wasn't to disappointing to Fritz. The course was really dark and Joe and I will definitely work in the off season on selectively cutting some tree to help lighten up some of the lanes. The targets were really hard to find and range, we had some shooters time out on several of the targets. I heard your comments and suggestions and will work on them for the Great Lakes 100 next year. Sunday's results turned out much like Saturdays and we finished the shooting about 12:30 PM and headed into the clubhouse for the raffle drawing, awards presentation and lunch.

A special thanks to Jim Stanis of Precision Air guns here in Michigan for the bum bag and pellets for the raffle drawing and to the club for the hats and polo shirt. Everyone had nothing but positive comments and thanked us for starting the Great Lakes 100 backup; I personally want to thank everyone for the encouragement and advice. I want to thank my wife Karen, my Mom Bridget, Bill Dodt and my deer hunting buddy Mike Turzak who kept us all well feed along with the help of a lot of other WWCCA members. Mark Rupert was also a great help to us filling in as the club photographer. Joe my brother also drove home from training in Chicago to help out with the match. He is my biggest laborer; helper and I couldn't have had all the range work done without his help. There is so much work that goes into doing a match of this type that everyone involved deserves a portion of the kudos for a job well done.

PCP CLASS

Name	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Lube	Day 1	Day 2	Total/Rank
Dennis Eden	USFT	Leupold Comp	.177 CPH	Krytek	52	29	81 (2)
Les Grable	Steyr ZM	Nikko BIG	.177 CPH	Molasses	46	29	75 (3)
George Hamilton	AA Pro Target	Hakko 8-40	.177 CPH	Earwax	46	28	74 (4)
Jim Stanis	Steyr LG 110	Leupold Comp 35	.177 JSB H	Yes	56	35	91 (1)

WFTF CLASS

Hans Apelles	Marauder Hybrid Bull pup	Leupold Comp 35	.177 CPL	None	27	24	51 (5)
Ray Apelles	Marauder Hybrid Bull pup	Leupold Comp 35	.177 CPL	None	52	37	89 (1)
Briquelle March	Benjamin Discovery	Bushnell 8-32X40	.177 CPL	Lube 1	26	19	45 (6)
Tim MacSweyn	Steyr LG 100	Leupold	.177 JSB	None	39	25	64 (3)
Ken Matson	AA RN-10	Nikko 10-50X60	.177 JSB Express	None	38	16	54 (4)
Jeff Paddock	AA EV-2	Leupold Comp 35	.177 JSB Express	Lube 1	51	36	87 (2)

HUNTER CLASS

Marty Carie	AA 400 MPR FT	Center point 3-12	JSB 8.4	None	41	24	65 (1)
David Dowling	AA 400	Center point 3-12	.22 JSB	None	35	DNF	35 (4)
Timothy Engelhardt	FX T-12	Hawke 3-12X50	.177 CPH.	Napier	30	21	51 (2)
Jerry Smith	R-9	Burris 4-12X32	.20 H&N	None	21	14	35 (3)

PISTON CLASS

James Sumpter	TX 200 SR	BSA 50X	.177 JSBL	None	39	20	59 (1)
Andy Wong	TX 200	Hawke 8-32X56	.177 CPL	None	14	13	27 (2)
Fritz Sanders	TX 200	Swift 8-32X50	.177 CPL	None	NA	16	16

PFT MATCH

Hans Apelles (Offhand)	Crossman CPX 1720	Hawke 10X Tactical	.177 CPL	None	7 (4)
Ray Apelles	Crossman CPX 1720	Hawke 10X Tactical	.177 CPL	None	32 (2)
Tim Engelhardt	Crosman 2250B (CO2)	Bushnell Sportsman 3-9X32	.22 CP	None	7 (5)
Briquelle March (Offhand)	Custom Discovery Pistol	Bushnell Sportsman 3-9X32	.177 JSB Express	Lube 1	6 (6)
Jeff Paddock	Custom Discovery Pistol	Bushnell Sportsman 3-9X32	.177 JSB Express	Lube 1	30 (3)
Jim Stanis	Theoben Custom	Leupold 6-20	.20	None	35 (1)

We want to thank everyone at the club for everything that was done to help us make the Great Lakes 100 a success and hope to see everyone again next year for the 2012 Great Lakes 100.

Tim & Karen Engelhardt

WWCCA Air Gun Chairman

WWCCA Great Lakes 100 2011 Participants

WWCCA Great Lakes 100 2011 Award Winners