WWCCA September 13, 2009 Field Target Match Report

This was our final Field target match of the 2009 season and we had our best turn out of the year thanks to Jim Stanis of Precision Air guns for bringing along some of his friends. It sure has been a learning experience for Karen and I this season in running the whole show but it has been fun. We have been blessed all year to have the help of Bill Dodt and Fritz Sanders to help us set up Saturdays and they were always there to help prepare for the matches. We have garnered as much knowledge as we could and will continue to try and improve our matches.

The weather on Saturday was simply perfect for September in Southeastern Michigan. Bill Dodt, Fritz Sanders, my brother Joe and I set up the ranges. We set our standard 60 shot course of three targets per lane with two shot per target. The Troyer rating for this month was 38.6 and it was difficult but the last match of the season it should be challenging. It was 58 degrees on Sunday morning when we arrived at 8:30 AM but it warmed up to 78 degrees when we completed the match around 1:30 PM. The sky was clear, the sun was shining and the wind was light. On lanes seven through ten which you are sitting in the sun I could have had a little more breeze to make it a bit more comfortable.

At 9:00 AM the range opened and we continued to have shooters arrive until 9:45 so we kept the practice range open until 10:15 to accommodate all the shooters. After the safety meeting the timers and lane assignments were given out and we headed to the field target course for the match. Jim Stanis was paired with two new shooters Marty Carie and Bill Bizy who posted very good scores for first timers. Rick McKean and Chris Pryjomski two other new shooters were paired together as they shared the same gun and they both posted much better scores than I did in my first match. Gerald Smith was shooting with Jeff Paddock and I'm sure that Gerald gained some tips from Jeff as he sure can shoot. Bill Dodt was paired with Karen my wife, Bill shot the best score in the piston class and Karen posted the same score as me. Andy Wong and Lee McCormick shot together and in Lee's first time shooting with us this year he posted the second best score in the piston class. Fritz Sander shot with Tom Gore of Vortek, Tom makes parts for air guns that really work great. I was paired with BB Gun Bob had had a wonderful time shooting with him. I shot my TX-200 that hasn't been out of the safe for over three years. It was shooting fine on the practice range but after four lanes it was all I could do to hit anything. I guess its back to the drawing board to see if it can shoot more consistently when the temperature changes. We completed the course around 1:30 PM and everyone help to take down the targets, roll up the lines and load the trailer for the walk back to the air gun practice area. After unloading the targets and stowing them we went to the practice to check out Tom Gores RWS 34 that he shot with. He had tuned the gun with custom spring guides and I tell you that he did wonders to the gun. I owned one and mine was never that smooth cocking and the shot cycle was very quick, it was very nice indeed. It was as smooth was any spring I have ever shot. Every one said that they would come back again to shoot with us again which is very encouraging to us. We all would like to get new shooters to join us at the events.

About half of the participants joined us at the club house after the match for a lunch and perhaps a cold one. We all talked shop and about the good times we've had over the years shooting together and hopefully many more matches to come. All of the new shooters that joined us said that they enjoyed themselves and the club house and grounds are top notch. I can't forget to mention the food that Carol prepares for us from the kitchen. Our final event will be a family fun shoot on October 18th where we set up all the different target types for just a good time on the range shooting. Hope to see everyone then. Be safe, shoot straight and have a blessed day till next time.

Tim Engelhardt WWCCA Air gun Chairman

NAME	GUN	SCOPE	PELLET	CLASS	SCORE
Jim Stanis	FWB P70	Leupold 35X	.177 Cuda	PCP	53
Jeff Paddock	Discovery	Elite 8-32x40	.177 CPL	Intl PCP	51
Chris Pryjomski	HW-100	Leapers	.177 Wolverine	PCP	31
Rick McKean	HW-100	Leapers	.177 Wolverine	PCP	17
Marty Carie	Marauder	Pro Air 4-12	.177 CPH	Hunter	39
Gerald Smith	RWS 54	Burris 4-12	.177 CP	Hunter	18
Tom Gore	RWS 34	Not Noted	.22 CP	Hunter	15
Bill Dodt	TX 200	Pro Air 6-18	.177 JSBL	Piston	32
Lee McCormick	TX 200SR	Bushnell 8-32	.177 CPL	Piston	31
Fritz Sanders	TX 200HC	Swift 8-32	.177 CPL	Piston	30
Karen Engelhardt	HW 97	Nikko 10-50	.177 CPL	Piston	26
Tim Engelhardt	TX 200	Elite 6-24X40	.177 JSBL	Piston	26
Bill Bizy	R 11	Leapers	.177 JSB	Piston	19
Andy Wong	TX 200	Osprey 10-40x50	.177 CPL	Piston	18
Bob Schlund	HW 97	Leapers 4-16x56	.20 CP	Piston	15