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From the Editor

Hey All,

Well, it's the end of another field target season here in Minnesota. The targets are all put away for the winter, and we've all got 6 months to screw up our guns off-season tinkering...

Three of us from MAFTA made the trip to Pulaski TN to join the rest of the 90 person field for the 2004 AAFTA Nationals. The match and all the other activities were absolutely first-rate. Big thanks to Roz, Brad and the whole town of Pulaski for putting on such a memorable event. Although I never shoot as well as I'd like to in these major matches, it's always fun to see FT friends from around the country and to meet new friends too. Thank you (I think!) to the AAFTA member clubs who elected me to the Board of Governors. My contact information is at left and I'm always ready to listen. I look forward to working with the rest of the Board for the next three years.

Bunch of match reports in this issue, including complete US Nationals coverage and Mexican Nationals.

Shoot straight and enjoy the issue.

Jay

Reminder: As we will be changing over to e-mail presentation of the AAFTA Newsletter, if you would like to receive your Newsletter electronically, please send your e-mail address to csmith57@tampabay.rr.com so we can begin to build the database needed. Thanks.

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MSFTA:	Mountain State Field Target Association	

2004 Match Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
31-1: TBA/PEL 2004 Superbowl/2003 FL State Championships 10: CASA 17: AA 25: CASA	7: CASA 22: CASA 28: AA, WSC	7: WFT 13: AA, WSC, CASA, TVA 20: TRRFTC, MSTs, DIFTA 28: CASA	3: CCRP, WSC 3-4: BAC Cajun Spring Classic 10: AA, CASA, TVA, DIFTA 15: WFTA 17: MAFTA, TRRFTC, MSTs, DAFTC 18: EFTCC, BGAC, NOCASA 25: WWCCA, CASA	1: MSTs, DAFTC 2: EFTCC, WFT 8: CASA, TVA 15-16: MSTs US Mini FT Championships 15: Frost-Bite Open, TRRFTC 16: WWCCA, WSC, WFTA, BGAC 22: AA, DAFTC, BAGA 23: CASA, MAFTA 29: MSTs, WSC 30: NOCASA	5: AA, DAFTC 6: EFTCC, MAFTA 12: CCRP, WSC, CASA, DIFTA, BAGA 12-13: TVA Good Ole Boy 13: WWCCA 19: MAFTA, TRRFTC 20: WSC, BGAC, NO-CASA 26: MSTs 26-27: MSFTA WV State Championship 27: WWCCA, CASA, WFTA
July	August	September	October	November	December
4: MAFTA, WFT 10: MSTs, CASA, TVA, BAGA 11: WSC, WFTA 17: MAFTA, TRRFTC, AA, DIFTA, NOCASA 17-18 WWCCA Great Lakes 100 18: BGAC 24-25: DAFTC 23-25: World FT Championships—Ebern, Germany 24: MSTs 25: CASA	1: MAFTA 7: CCRP, MSTs 8: EFTCC Northeast Regionals 14: AA, CASA, TVA, DIFTA, BAGA 15: NOCASA 14-15: WFTA Canadian Championships 16: WWCCA 20-22: TRRFTC NW Regionals 21: MAFTA, MSTs, WSC 21-22: DAFTC VA State Championship, BGAC Bluegrass 100 22: CASA 28-29: BAGA Badgerland, MSTs Regionals 29: WWCCA	4: MSTs 5: WFT, NOCASA 11: AA, CASA, TVA, BAGA 12: WSC, WFTA 18: MAFTA MN State Championships, TRRFTC, MSTs 18-19: DAFTC Shenandoah Valley Regional 19: WWCCA, BGAC 25: DIFTA 26: CASA	2-3: US Nationals at TVA 9: MAFTA, AA, WSC, CASA, DIFTA 16: TRRFTC, MSTs, BAGA AZ Monster 17: WWCCA, WFTA, BGAC, NOCASA 24: CASA 30: MSTs, WSC MA State Championships	6: AA, DIFTA 7: WFTA 13: MSTs, CASA, TVA 14: WSC 21: EFTCC NY State Championships, CASA, BGAC 27: MSTs	4: AA 11: MSTs, WSC, CASA, TVA 26: CASA

Where to find it

FT Air Rifles

Airgun Express(Mako/HW, TX200)	800-896-4867
Airguns Alaska	907-522-5900
Airguns of Arizona (Daystate, Beeman)	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns (Mako/HW77 & 97)	800-227-2744
Benson Airgun Options	888-952-1231
Burroughs International (Career)	310-457-5932
Ken's Airsports (TX200)	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Steyr)	310-327-3581
Storey "Custom Shop"	317-925-5544
Wade Sutherland	622-429-4663
W.W. Mann International	317-241-6011

Airgun Accessories

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9138
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Ballistic Programs

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
Air Rifle Ballistics	813-634-6507
Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183

Chronograph

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Storey "Custom Shop"	317-925-5544

Cleaning Kits

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

Field Targets

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
Rick Stoutenberg	734-261-1683
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Gas Rams

Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-724-6169
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Lubricants

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

Pellets

Airgun Express (Crosman Premier)	900-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1	310-327-3581

Publications

AAFTA News	813-884-0507
and AAFTA "Club & Shooters Handbook	
Airgun Digest 3rd Edition	800-247-4876
Airgun Illustrated	
<u>Airgun Odyssey</u> by Steve Hanson	860-645-8776

Regulators

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
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Repair & Tuning

Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Dave Slade's Airgunwerks	714-724-6169
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Mac-1 (Crosman/Benjamin/Sheridan)	310-327-3581

Scopes

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744

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The "A" Team	845-896-9792
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Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Ken's Airsports	419-837-6459
Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
Long-Shot Products, Ltd.	513-683-4999

Scope Mounts

Airgun Express	800-896-4867
Airguns of Arizona	480-461-1113
Beeman Precision Airguns	800-227-2744
Mac-1 (Droopers)	310-327-3581
Precision Airgun Ltd. (BKL)	562-430-9183

Scope Wheels

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Silhouette Targets

Precision Airgun Ltd.	562-430-9183
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Stocks

Wade Sutherland	662-429-4663
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Wind Flags

Direct Wind Flags/Stylie Edwards	662-429-5794
	and/or 901-603-7107

Airgun Videos

Pellethead	800-213-2088
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Awards and Trophies

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From the AAFTA Board of Governors:

AAFTA and all of its members congratulate the 2004 US Field Target National Champions – PCP Division champion James White and Piston Division champion Paul Cray. Great shooting by both of these champions.

The board of governors meeting had many topics to discuss that took us several hours to accomplish, but it's worth it for the health of AAFTA as an organization. Below is a list of the topics discussed and what action the board decided.

- 1) Changing the wording of rule 4) A) Silhouettes should be of typical airgun quarry. The governors decided to look into re-writing this section to more appropriately cover the targets used in FT today.
- 2) Discussed clarifying the wording of Shooting Position rule 6) A) to make it clearer that signs designating forced shooting positions are acceptable. A new wording is in the works.
- 3) Discussed making it a requirement to be an AAFTA Assoc. member to participate in the US Field Target Nationals. Several ideas were discussed and the decision was made to have a show of hands at the national member meeting to get a consensus of how the attendees of this event felt about it – the result was a overwhelming majority in favor of requiring membership to AAFTA to participate in the nationals. The board will continue to look at this issue.
- 4) Finances – This subject always takes up a great deal of time in our board meetings. AAFTA has had a hard time for several years trying to stay financially sound. The facts are that the cost of producing the newsletter, binding cost, and mailing costs are more than the amount of money that AAFTA charges the associate members in dues. The past several years AAFTA has survived on the generosity of its member donations and the manufacturers/dealers donations to the annual auction to supplement the finances. The board has been discussing going to a electronic version of the newsletter for several years and with the help and input from Kevin Allen (webmaster for AAFTA) we believe it is time to implement the “E” version of the newsletter. There are still certain costs associated with “E” version distribution of the newsletter but they are significantly lower than the current mail out costs. The current plan being discussed is to have the “E” version distribution going by Jan 2005. More details will be forthcoming.
- 5) We were asked by an associate member to discuss the wording of Rule 5) C) what constitutes a “discharge” for scoring purposes. This topic has come up for discussion many times over the years, as the guns and different situations have evolved the rule has evolved to what we feel is the best wording for the moment, that is fair to all shooters.
- 6) Discussed bids for 2005 US Nationals – the winning bid went to the Tacoma Rifle & Revolver Field Target Club in Lakewood, Washington. Congratulations!!

The outcome of the Board of Governors elections:

The voting for governor positions and the two “By-Laws” changes was handled by proxy ballot mailed out one month prior to the nationals event. Thank you to all the clubs that sent in your ballots on time.

There were three positions up for election, 1) Ron Carlson – not seeking re-election, 2) Brad Troyer – not seeking re-election, 3) Cliff Smith – seeking re-election. There were 5 candidates on the ballot – Steve Schulz, Kevin Allen, Jay Olson-Goude, Joe Korick, and Cliff Smith. When the dust settled your votes elected Cliff Smith, Jay Olson-Goude, and Steve Schulz. The change over will happen on Jan. 1, 2005. The two new members of the board, with their own perspectives gained from years of experience in FT, will certainly benefit all of the members of AAFTA in the future.

I speak for all of the members of AAFTA when I say “Thank You Very Much” to Brad Troyer and Ron Carlson for their time and efforts on behalf of AAFTA. Both Brad and Ron have served AAFTA members on the board for 6 years. Ron has been and will continue to be the liaison to the World Field Target Federation for AAFTA. Brad has just completed his 3rd time as a match director and/or course designer for US FT Nationals, which is quite an accomplishment and a whole lot of work.

The two “By-Laws” changes – 1) Article V- Dues- To charge member clubs a \$25 yearly dues, due on Jan 1 of each year – passed, this will go into effect Jan 1, 2005. 2) Article VI – Section C - To change the wording in the heading from “Majority Vote” to “Two-Thirds Majority Vote” to more adequately reflect the wording in the section – passed.

AAFTA wishes to thank Roz Sumpter, the Tennessee Valley Airgunners and all of the volunteers that helped set up and host this years US Field Target Nationals, it was a well run, most enjoyable event that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Ken Hughes
Chairman of AAFTA Board of Governors

AAFTA 2004 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

If one were to gauge by the number of handshakes exchanged, along with the many favorable comments offered by departing participants, I'd have to say that the AAFTA 2004 U.S. National Championships were a big success. And not only a success in terms of those who actually competed and were directly involved with the match, but a success for the local community of Pulaski as well.

The venue for this year's Nationals was on the grounds of "Roz's Hollow." This is located near the Alabama state line in the middle of Tennessee. It is in the county of Giles and approximately eight miles south of the city of Pulaski.

Prior to this event a good working relationship had been established with the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce and one of their prominent Pulaski boosters, Mr. John Patel. From the pooling of energies and ideas from this union came forth a viable format to be applied to this event as well as possible others in the future. I am very appreciative of the efforts put forth by members of the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce, as well as various local business people and government officials. If any of you ever find yourself looking for room accommodations in the vicinity of Pulaski, Tennessee, please consider the local Richland Inn as a first choice. Management there went above and beyond the call in responding to both our needs and requests.

The hosting match committee was extremely pleased that the God of weather (and of most everything else) favored our event. In fact, the entire week leading up to the event provided ideal conditions for completing match preparations, as well as allowing good practice opportunity for those finding time to do so.

As usual for a match of this size and importance, competitors began arriving as early as they could. Several of them rolled in on Thursday while most were on-site no later than Friday noon. Such early arrival allows for a refreshing calm down period. And what was on the ticket for Friday evening fit the bill perfectly. Near as I can figure, around ninety folks showed up at Lili's Authentic Oriental Cuisine for a buffet dinner scheduled for 6 PM. And let me say that the quality of the chow served was outstanding. This was attested to by the number of repeat visits to the food line.

After shoveling down all we could consume at Lili's, most of us drifted the short distance across the street to the back lot of the Richland Inn. There, it was Showtime. Arrangements had been previously made for a local Bluegrass band to show us their stuff; they proceeded to do just that. It was toe tapping, swing your honey, stand around tellin' lies, chug the free beer, down home Tennessee festivity. – Yee-haw! As you might imagine, there wasn't much desire after the festivities to do much more than hit the sack and try to get in shape for competition the next day.

Before there was enough daylight or fog lifted to allow clear sight, some shooters were already on the line anxiously waiting. Eventually a "hot line" was called and hot lead began flying. The much anticipated day had finally arrived.

Each of the two courses (red and white) consisted of fifteen lanes with two targets per lane. Brad Troyer had arranged them so that each would be of the same difficulty level according to the established Troyer Scale. That being an approximate 34 rating. However, a moderate to strong wind on the more exposed white course might alter that rating considerably.

As things turned out, Saturday on the white course produced erratic winds that wreaked havoc with some of those shooters. Day's end readily showed that the more sheltered red course did indeed yield the higher scores. However, the following day seemed to have wind conditions that did not favor either course. Again resulting scores indicated as much. Temperature for both days was similar at around 80 degrees with clear sky. Sunday did however start off rather cool and warmed slowly.

Final scores were quickly posted at the end of Sunday's competition. To the amazement of all on hand, we had a five way tie for PCP champion. A first in the history of the AAFTA U.S. Championships I believe. So the five contenders had to engage in a very dramatic sudden death shoot-off in order to determine top dog of the year. Congratulations Mr. James White for your 2004 U.S. Championship PCP win. James White hails from the state of Arkansas and is a member of the North Mississippi Airgun Club. I find it amazing that both he and Wade Sutherland, of the same club, could take more than a year off from active competition and still post such outstanding scores. During his tie-breaker performance James was so masterful as to not miss a single shot. All others missed at least twice as they progressed to more difficult targets placed at greater distances. -OOH-RAH! Incredible performance James.

Concerning the Piston-gun Division, there's apparently a new sheriff in town! Paul Cray stormed out of the gate and jumped all over his competitors the very first day. He established a nine point margin between him and his nearest rival, then punctuated on Sunday with an even 10-up in conclusion. A glance at the scores listed will also show that he shot better than most of the PCP competitors. – Way to go Mr. Cray.

There were no junior shooters competing at this year's U.S. Nationals, but we did have four women competing for first place in their category. Of the women, Jackie Damien emerged victorious. Congratulations Jackie.

Our match committee and work crew for this year's U.S. Nationals consisted of: Brad Troyer, Roz Sumpter, Cliff

Smith, and Ron and Linda Juneau. We were also aided tremendously with efforts from Don Matzeder and Don **Hyfield**. Special appreciation goes to June Everett, Thelma Matthews, Jackie Daste, and Rebecca Lipsmire. We all thank you the participants as well for your considerations in making our jobs light and pleasurable. Words of appreciation must also be extended to: Van Jacobs, Tim McMurray, Bob Zimmerman, Robert and Richard Shimizu, as well as others I've failed to mention (please forgive me.) It was they who stood out with generous donations to the match and AAFTA Auction.

On the local side I have to express sincere appreciation to McKay Small Engines for the loan of one of their Cub Cadet all terrain vehicles. It proved a real work saver and truly fun to drive for those of us who used it.

We're hopefully looking forward to seeing you all again in the near future. Until then, keep well and may God bless you.

Roz Sumpter

Results

PCP Division

Last Name	Score	Gun	Scope	Pellet	City	ST
James White	110	ZM2002	Burris 8-32x	CP 10.5	Eldorado	AR
Douglas Miller	110	Styer LG100ZM	NS 10-50x	CP 10.5	Newbury Park	CA
Bill Howarth	110	Styer LG100ZM	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Barrington	IL
Robert Crocker	110	Daystate MkIII	Leupold Comp 35x	CP 10.5	Moore	SC
Steve Schulz	110	LDSS#2	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Bethesda	MD
Robb White	108	Styer LG100ZM	Leupold Comp 35x	CP 10.5	Longmeadow	MA
Wade Sutherland	106	LDSS#3	Hakko 8-40x	CP 10.5	Hernando	MS
Eric Moe	106	Styer LG100ZM	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Spring Lake	MI
Ron Carlson	105	AA Custom 100	Burris 8-32x	JSB-H	Pillager	MN
David Slade	105	FWBP70HP	B&L Elite 4200 6-24x	CP 10.5	Garden Grove	CA
Vlad Berchanskiy	105	ZM2002	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Mequen	WI
Guy Omictin	103	P70Jr.	Nikko 10-50x	CP 10.5	Alexandria	VA
Warren Williamson	103	Styer LG100ZM	Leupold Comp 35x	CP 10.5	Loveland	OH
Walt Roller	101	Pro Target	Burris 8-32x	CP 10.5	Bremen GA	
Kevin Allen	100	Styer LG100ZM	Leupold Comp 35x	CP 10.5	Chamblee	GA
Brian Lipsmire	100	Styer LG100ZM	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Springfield	IL
Joe McDaniel	100	Styer LG100ZM	Tasco 8-40x	JSB-H	Monrovia	MD
Steve Montgomery	100	Styer LG100ZM	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	CP 10.5	Flag Staff	AZ
Hans Apelles	99	NJR100	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	CP 10.5	Somers NY	
Frank Barreca	99	Styer ZMLG100	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Long Grove	IA
Greg Garner	99	CR-X	Nikko 10-50x	JSB-H	Jefferson	GA
Don VanDewerker	99	Daystate CRX	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Tampa FL	
Tom Itterly	98	Ripley Custom TI	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Millington	TN
Tim McMurray	98	SSLD#7	Hakko 10-50x	JSB-H	Gardena CA	
Ross Neder	97	Styer LG100ZM	Nikko 10-50x	CP 7.9	Parks AZ	
Roger Osocki	97	ZM2002	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Bay City MI	
Joe Whittaker	96	Falcon FN19FT	Burris 8-32x	Kodiak M	Strawberry Plains TN	
Werner Wicha	96	Withr LG300DM	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Reston VA	
Don Irvine	95	Styer LG100ZM	Deben HiMag 10-50x	Baracuda	Mississauga	ON
Bob Winer	95	Styer LG100ZM	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	CP 10.5	Long Beach	CA
Don Matzeder	93	Styer LG100ZM	Hako 8-32x	CP 10.5	Berryville	AR
Doug Vinson	93	Pro Target	Leupold 35X	CP 10.5	Sharpsburg	GA
Rick Thompson	92	P70ZM	Hakko 8-34x	CP 10.5	Springfield	TN
Ken Hughes	91	Dayst Harrier SE	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB-L	Dallas GA	
Bill Isaac	91	Daystate CR97	Burris 8-32x	CP 10.5	Margate FL	
Will Thibaut	91	Dayst Huntsman	Tasco 8-40x	JSB-H	Napoleonville	LA
Jackie Damien	90	P70FT	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	CP 10.5	Atoka TN	
John Falk	90	ZM2002	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Nashville	IL
Thomas Jones	90	Styer LG100ZM	Nikko 10-50x	CP 10.5	College Park	MD
Alex Modic	90	Styer LG100ZM	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Waterford	WI
Ron Weber	89	Styer LG100ZM	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Arlington Heights	IL

Robert Ray	88	Withr Dominator	Bushnell 4200 8-32x	FTS	Millington	TN
Nikki Doriot	87	ProTarget	Simmons 6.5-20x	CP 10.5	Indianapolis	IN
Mark Scott	84	P70ZM	Nikko 10-50x	CP 10.5	Munford	TN
Stylee Edwards	83	Ripley AR5s	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Hernando	MS
Jay Olson-Goude	83	FWB P70FT	Burris 8-32x	JSB 8.4	St. Paul	MN
Tom Timon	83	ProTarget	Nikko 10-50x	CP 10.5	Loveland	OH
Bob Zimmerman	82	NJR100	NightForce 36x	JSB-H	Houston	TX
Mark Catlin	80	Styer LG100ZM	Hawke 10-50x	JSB-L	Arden Hills	MN
Vipha Miller	79	Styer LG100ZM	NS 10-50x	CP 10.5	Newbury Park	CA
Bob Kelley	77	Daystate CR97	Tasco 8-40x	CP 10.5	Tulsa	OK
William Slater	74	Daystate CR94	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	DeLavan	WI
Juan Saa	73	Air Arms RN-10	Bushnell 4200 6-24x	CP 10.5	Fort Lauderdale	FL
Laura Apelles	69	Daystate Mirage	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	JSB-L	Wappingers Falls	NY
Dennis Verhagen	68	AA S200	Burris 8-32x	CP 7.9	Skippack	PA
Gary Sanders	66	CR-X ST	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	Daystate	England	UK
Brett Reno	65	Ripley Custom	BSA 10-50x	CP 10.5	Lindale	TX
Bob Duncan	63	Styer LG100HP	NightForce 36x	CP 10.5	Worthington	OH
Barry Daste	62	Webley Viper	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	CP 10.5	LaFayette	LA
Chad Reno	55	Chinese B50	NightForce 8-40x	CP 10.5	Houston	TX
Robert Shimizu	34	Air Arms NJR100	Leupold 18-40x	Baracuda	Long Beach	CA

Piston Division

Last Name	Score	Gun	Scope	Pellet	City	ST
Paul Cray	100	TX200	NS 10-50x	JSB-L	PoughKeepsie	NY
Paul Bishop	90	TX200	Bushnell 4200 8-32x	FTS	North Stonington	CT
Bill Greene	84	HW97 MkIII	B&L Elite 4200 6-24x	CP 7.9	Birmingham	AL
Brad Troyer	82	HW97 Mkl	Bushnell 4200 6-24x	CP 7.9	Huntsville	AL
Rod Bradley	82	JW55	B&L Elite 4200 6-24x	Daystate	Duncanville	AL
James Sumpter	79	TX200SR	BSA 10-50x	JSB-L	Detroit	MI
Anthony Storey	78	TX200	Simmons 6.5-20x	CP 7.9	Indianapolis	IN
Scott Rogers	75	TX200	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	Daystate	Flagstaff	AZ
Albert Otter	74	TX200SR	Leupold 25-50x	FTS	Baltimore	MD
Roz Sumpter	74	JW50	Bushnell 4200 6-24x	JSB-L	Pulaski	TN
Bill Liles	73	TX200 MkIII	B&L Elite 4200 8-32x	FTS	St. Petersburg	FL
Ray Apelles	70	TX200	NightForce 36x	JSB-L	Wappingers Falls	NY
Robert Frederick	67	TX200	Weaver V-24	JSB-L	Winchester	KY
Dick Otten	67	JW70	Hakko 10-50x	JSB-L	Cape Coral	FL
Cliff Smith	65	TX200	Bushnell 4200 6-24x	JSB-L	Tampa	FL
Jim Everett	64	TX200SR	Bushnell 4200 6-24x	CP 10.5	Monroe	MI
Brandon Carroll	62	Beeman R1	Simmons 6-18x	CP 7.9	Franklin	WI
Stan Lipinski	57	TX200SR	Leupold 6.5-20x	FTS	Parkville	MD
Donnie Ross	57	JW60	B&L Elite 4200 6-24x	CP 7.9	Huntsville	AL
Joe Haddad	52	HW97	B&L Elite 4200 6-24x	CP 7.9	North Hills	CA
Jim Geddes	46	TX200 MkIII	Swift 6-24x	JSB-L	Chattanooga	TN
Tom Lykins	46	JW65	BSA 10-50x	CP 7.9	Winchester	KY
Ron Juneau	45	TX200	Bushnell 4200 6-24x	JSB-L	Greenwell Springs	LA
Richard Shimizu	39	Marksman 61	NightForce 8-40x	CP 7.9	Long Beach	CA
James Warhorse	37	HW77	BSA 6-24x	RWS 8.3	Somerset	KY

High Lady, Jackie Damien - 90

High Senior, Bill Howarth - 110

High Team - Airgunning Atlanta - 410

Kevin Allen, Robert Crocker, Greg Garner, Walt Roller, Doug Vinson

4th Annual FT Nationals in México

Text by Héctor J. Medina G.
Photos by Héctor F. Medina A.

Hiya everyone!

On March 21st, the Club Mexicano de Tiro Pneumático hosted its 4th annual FT Match. This time the venue was near México City, in a wonderful ranch called “La Reata” (The Rope). The ranch is located outside México City at about 20 miles northwest. It is a high, sunny venue that has a flat field that simply invites FT.

The ranch is property of one of our members and he very generously offered to host the Nationals there.

In the ranch there are other amenities and it is well structured as a recreational area. I would like to thank Señor David Zavala for his generosity and kindness. The course was set up early on Sunday morning and it is the usual course we play, 14 targets, 2 shots each; with a BTDR of around 30 (29.6 to be precise). The distribution is also quite good, as there are lots of middle difficulty targets, some easy and some difficult, so everyone can go home feeling they “hit a few”, but there are very few shootouts, demonstrating that indeed, the top places are hard to grab.

Targets are the normal FT targets with a few exceptions, such as the Toucan, a Flower, a Turtle and a Ladybug that is a lot of fun as the spots are red. Same colour as the kill zone! We divided the shoot into two classes: The unlimited class for PCP’s and the “others” class that involved all piston guns as well as female and juvenile participants. Since it was a consensus, there were no difficulties.

This time we decided we would do something special for the prizes. So we went to a market where you can buy personalized stone items and had two sets of 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes made. One set is of white marble and the other is made of red marble. Both have engraved the logo of the Club and both were adorned with Chinese onions. Keep this trophy in the kitchen and you will always have some condiment to put into your cooking! Actually the idea was to have something green and alive. The onion plants will grow and they can be replaced with writing instruments in the office, or with other plants around the house. It’s a different kind of trophy and it went down well with the members, especially the ladies. On the rear of the trophy the place was inscribed.

Competition was tough, especially with the sudden gusts of wind crossing the open field. Results may not have been as high as in other competitions, but it was a lot of fun for all involved. Placings went as follows:

Piston/Feminine/Juvenile:

1 st place: Héctor Medina	17/28	Diana 52	HorusVision 4-16X50	JSB Lights
2 nd place: David Zavala Jr.	15/28	CZ200	Leupold 6-18X44	JSB Lights
3 rd place: Paloma Garay	4+1/28	QB78	Bushnell Sportview 4-12X40	H&N RK

Unlimited Class:

1 st place: Ricardo Villanueva	25/28	Walther Dominator	Swift 8-32X50	JSB Heavies
2 nd place: David Zavala Sr.	23/28	Steyr LG-100 FT	Leupold 6-18X44	CPH
3 rd place: Carlos Sanchez	20/28	Walther Dominator	Swift 8-32X50	JSB Heavies

Un abrazo from Old México!

(My apologies for the lack of photos—Just weren’t working this time.—ed.)

BLUEGRASS 100 – August 20-21, 2004

It was almost a washout. Friday was spent setting out a challenging course over deeply wooded lanes. Almost every lane included at least one tree stand with distances out to 54 yards and kill zones as small as 3/8". Different color strings for each target. Everything as good as we could make it. And then the rains came. Not just a gentle rain or even heavy thunderstorms. Nope. We're talking monsoon weather. Buckets of rain.

Start time was delayed for an hour while reset strings were plucked from the debris and ground stakes were reset in the muck. But by 10:00 the sun appeared and contestants trudged down the path in the woods for their first day of competition. There were two fifty shot courses and competitors were split into two groups – shooting opposite courses each day.

Freshly grilled lunch was provided both days, including the traditional pig roast prior to the awards ceremony on Sunday.

Other activities included a swap meet and a group dinner on Saturday night. But the biggest crowd pleaser was the club potato gun. Powered by hairspray and ignited by a Coleman lantern lighter, two inch plugs of Idaho's finest thundered 150 yards downrange creating smiles up and down the line.

The courses were tough enough to ensure there were no ties or shootoffs. But once again, Warren Williamson proved how great a competitor he is with an outstanding score of 99. The only shot dropped was his very first of the match. Congratulations Warren!

Thanks to all who participated and to club members and spouses who helped with food, scoring and all the unnoticed chores that contribute to a successful event.

Steve Cox

PLACE	NAME	RIFLE	SCOPE	Pellet	SCORE
	Steve Cox	Theoben GP	Burriss 3-12X	CP .22	DNF
1 open	Warren Williamson	Styer LG 100 ZM	Leupold 35X	CPH	99
2 open	Don VanDewerker	Daystate CRX	Nightforce 36X	CPH	95
3 open	William Isaac	Daystate 97	Burriss 8-32X	CPH	94
1 piston	Ken Reeves Sr.	TX-200	Burriss 8-32X	CPL	91
4 open	Ken Hughes	Daystate Harrier SE	Leupold 35X	JSB	91
5 open	Nikki Doriot	Pro-Target	Simmons 6.5-20X	CPH	89
2 piston	Cliff Smith	TX-200	B & L 6-24X	JSB	89
	Greg Garner	Daystate CRX	Nikko 10-50X	JSBH	88
	Tom Timon	Pro-Target	Nikko 10-50X	CPH	86
3 piston	Rick Stoutenburg	TX-200 SR	Leupold 6.5-20X	CPL	85
4 piston	Roz Sumpter	TX-200 SR	Bushnell 6-24X	JSB	84
	Rodney Boyce	Daystate Harrier	B & L 6-24X	CPH	84
5 piston	Anthony Storey	TX-200	Simmons 6.5-20X	CPL	73
	Jamie Piotrowski	Anschutz 2025	Tasco SS 16X	Kodiak	70
	Denise McAllister	Anschutz ZM 2002	BSA 10-50X	JSBH	69
	Tom Lykins	JW-70 FB	BSA 8.5-26X	CPL	68
	Rick McAllister	FWB P-70	B & L 8-32X	Kodiak Match	65
	Robert Frederick	TX-200	Weaver 6-24X	JSB	63
	Jim Everett	TX-200 SR	Bushnell 6-24X	CPL	58
	Don Hyfield	TX-200 SR	Tasco 8-40X	CPL	53
	James Warhorse	Marksman Mod. 60	BSA 8-24X	RWS SD	51
	Jim Gaska	Talon SS	Mueller 3-10X	JSB .22	38
	Robert Shimizu	AirArms NJR-100	Leupold 18-40X	Bar. Match	37
	Mark Ritchie	TX-200	Leupold 6.5-20X	JSB	27
	Fred Watner	TX-200	Bushnell 8-32X	CPL	21
	Charles Simpson	TX-200	TF 4-12X	CP .22	19
	Shela Warhorse	TX-200	BSA 6-24X	JSB	13

MAFTA September 2004 Minnesota State Championship

September 18, 2004

Conditions

Temp: 64-78F

Precipitation: None

Wind: 2-4 mph E

60X possible

PCP Division

Dale Montbriand	FWB P70AZ	Nightforce 36	Premier 10.5	54
Neil Younggren	Steyr ZM 100	BSA 10-50	Premier 10.5	54
Mark Catlin	Steyr LG 100	Deben Hawke 10-50	JSB 8.4	54
Ben Fok Daystate	Huntsman PH6	Burriss 8-32	Premier 10.5	52
Ron Carlson	Air Arms custom 100	Burriss 8-32	Premier 10.5	50
Jay Olson-Goude	FWB P70FT	Burriss 8-32	JSB 8.4	49
Karen Skogen	Air Arms NJR 100	Burriss 8-32	Premier 10.5	45
Cheng Lo	FWB P70FT	N-S 10-50	FTS 8.6	40

Piston Division

Rod Skogen	AA TX-100	Leupold 6.5-20	Premier 7.9	40
Pete Adams	Beeman R-9	Bushnell 6-18	Premier 7.9	38
Harvey Binder	HW77K	Bushnell 5-15	JSB 8.4	DNF

It was an absolutely perfect fall day for the 2004 Minnesota State Championships. The course was our typical setup with a few added targets to make things interesting. At the end of the match, the three-way tie for first in PCP was resolved with a shoot-off. Dale took the PCP crown on a 5/8" KZ at around 40 yards. Rodney took first in the Piston Division with Pete right behind. In honor of Rod and Karen's contributions to the club over the years, I purchased special engraved pewter trophies for both State Champions. These trophies, given every year from now on, will be called the Skogen Cup. We all enjoyed Davanni's pizza and homemade deserts following the match.

MAFTA

October 2004

October 9, 2004

Conditions

Temp: 50-70F

Precipitation: None

Wind: 0-2 mph E

48X possible

PCP Division

Neil Younggren	Steyr ZM 100	BSA 10-50	Premier 10.5	46
Dale Montbriand	FWB P70AZ	Nightforce 36	Premier 10.5	45
Ron Carlson	Air Arms custom 100	Burris 8-32	Premier 10.5	45
Jay Olson-Goude	FWB P70FT	Burris 8-32	JSB 8.4	44
Cheng Lo	FWB P70FT	N-S 10-50	FTS 8.6	37

Ties were resolved by determining longest string of hits.

Ron set up an easier course for us to end the season on a high note. I thought for sure that this was going to be the day that someone would clean our course, but it was not to be. After the match, the targets were picked up and put away for the long winter.

WESTFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

FIELD TARGET COMPETITION SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th

AFTER A VERY CLOUDED EARLY MORNING THE RISING SUN BURNED OFF THE FOG AND BY 9:00AM THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND BRIGHT. THE 10:00AM START WAS DELAYED WHILE OUR OLD FRIEND HANS APELLES WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL TO FIX THE HIP HE FREQUENTLY ABUSES BY SHOOTING FIELD TARGET. THEY DID GET HIM MOBILE AGAIN BUT NOT FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE RANGE. HOWEVER, BY 10:20AM THE MATCH HAD STARTED AND, INSPITE OF SEVERAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT SMALL KILL ZONES AT LONG RANGES, SEVERAL SHOOTERS ACHIEVED CREDITABLE SCORES. POSSIBLY THE GREATEST BEING THAT OF PAUL SCHAFER WHO ONLY DROPPED ONE SHOT. WE ALSO HAD THE BITTER SWEET ACTIVITY OF SAYING 'GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK' TO PAUL WHO ON THE 26th. JOURNIES TO FT. BENNING TO BEGIN A NEW CAREER AS AN ARMY RANGER. WE WISH HIM A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.

RESULTS Ex. 50:

NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
Open					
PAUL SCHAFER	49	CRX-ST	B&L 8-32X	CPH	870
ROB WHITE	47	STEYR ZMLG100	LEUP 35X	CPH	860
DAVID DAY	46	P70-FT	?	?	?
DEREK TURNDAHL (a jr.)	28	B-50	TASCO 8-40X56	CPH	905
MARK TURNDAHL	14	B-50	TASCO	CPH	905
Piston					
PAUL BISHOP	45	TX200	B&L 8-32X	FTS	850
JOE DENNIS	29	TX200SR	TASCO 10-40X56	JSB	810
Hunter					
PETE MORRIS	24	AA S200	BURRIS 3-12X?	?	
BILL PRATT	15	R-11	SNIPER	JSB	?
TRUDY BISHOP	14	FALCON FN-12	TROPHY 6-18X40	FTS	890

NOTE: For pictures see http://members.cox.net/wsc.field_target

WESTFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

FIELD TARGET COMPETITION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th

THIS DAY THE WEATHER WAS BEEEUTIFULLLLL. HIGH 70'S, LOW HUMIDITY, MOSTLY SUNNY, LITTLE OR NO WIND. NINETEEN COMPETITORS ARRIVED AT WESTFIELD AND AFTER A PROLONGED SIGHT-IN PERIOD PROCEEDED TO KNOCK DOWN MANY OF OUR LITTLE METAL FRIENDS. PROLONGED? YES. A COUPLE OF LAST MINUTE ARRIVALS WERE GIVEN TIME TO PREPARE. MANY OF OUR SHOOTERS TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES TO BE WITH US AND TRAF- FIC CONDITIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS PREDICTABLE. WE TRY TO REMEMBER THAT WE DO THIS FOR FUN. WE HAD A COUPLE OF NEW SHOOTERS COMPETING. TIM DENNIS, WHO HAD NEVER FIRED A RIFLE BEFORE, DID VERY WELL WITH A BORROWED FALCON AND JUNIOR DEREK TURNDAHL, IN HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT WEST- FIELD AND PROBABLY ONLY HIS SECOND COMPETITION, ALSO SHOWED MUCH PROMISE. NOTE THAT JUNIORS AT WESTFIELD SHOOT SAME TARGETS, WITH THE SAME SCORING SYSTEM, AS THE ADULTS.

OPEN

NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
HANS APELLES	48	NJR 100	B&L 8-32X	CPH	895
JOE DENNIS	40	FALCON 19W	10-50X BSA	CPH	910
PAUL SCHAFFER	39	CRX-ST	B&L 8-32X	?	880
LAURA APELLES	38	DAYSTATE MIRAGE	B&L 8-32X	JSB 8.4	900
DAVID DAY	37	P70-FT	?	?	?
TIM DENNIS	33	FALCON 19W	10-50X BSA	CPH	910
GEORGE BLASS	32	FALCON 19	SIMMONS 8-32X	?	890
FRED BINGHAM	30	TALON SS	B&L 8-32X	CPH	860
MIKE COHEN	30	P70-FT	8-32X	?	915
MATT BINGHAM	30	BAM-50	NIKKO 10-50X	CPH	900
DEREK TURNDAHL (jr.)	11	CUSTOM QB	?	?	?
MARK TURNDAHL	9	?	?	?	?

PISTON

NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
RAY APELLES	47	TX200	B&L 8-32X	JSB 8.4	885
PAUL BISHOP	43	CORY-ANN	B&L 8-32X	FTS	855
JED ESTES (jr.)	1	HW30	BUSHNELL 4-12X	CPL	YES

HUNTER

NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
PETE MORRIS	32	R-7	BURRIS 3-12X	?	610
DAVE BINGHAM	30	TX200HC	B&L 8-244X	LAZAPPELL	730
EVE STURDEVENT	16	AA S200	FAMOUS MAKER 3-12X	?	800
JACQUELINE BLASS (jr.)	8	CROSSMAN 2250	FAMOUS MAKER 3-12X	?	670

FIELD TARGET MATCH AUGUST 21, 2004

BY 0700 HRS ALL TARGET BLOCKS WERE IN POSITION FOR THE DAY'S MATCH AND TARGETS WERE READY FOR PLACEMENT. THEN CAME THE RAIN. WE HAD ALREADY HAD SEVERAL OF THE REGULAR SHOOTERS NOTIFY US THAT THE SEVERE WEATHER ALERT AND A PREDICTED ONE INCH OF RAIN HAD ENCOURAGED THEM TO NOT ATTEND OUR VENUE THIS DAY. THE WESTFIELD FTeam IS NOT TO BE BEATEN BY TYPICALLY UNRELIABLE WEATHER WARNINGS. HOWEVER, THIS TIME THEY GOT IT RIGHT! ONE VISITOR SHOWED UP FROM DISTANT NEW HAVEN CT. SO THE FOUR FTeam MEMBERS AND OUR GUEST FOR THE DAY SET UP SEVERAL TARGETS ON THE PRE-PLANNED LANES AND HAD A FRIENDLY NON-COMPETITIVE SHOOT. AT TIMES IT MIGHT HAVE MADE MORE SENSE TO PLAY WATER POLO.

DEAR READER, DO NOT THINK BADLY OF US. REMEMBER, THAT WHEN WE SAY OUR SCHEDULED MATCHES ARE HELD 'RAIN OR SHINE' WE MEAN IT. NEXT TIME YOU ARE UNCERTAIN WE WILL SHOOT DUE TO MOTHER NATURE'S INFLUENCE BE AS- SURED THE SCHEDULED MATCH WILL HAPPEN IF THE ATTENDEES WISH IT.

WESTFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

FIELD TARGET COMPETITION

SUNDAY JULY 11th

IT WAS ANOTHER DAY OF BRILLIANT SUNSHINE, LITTLE OR NO BREEZE AND TEMPS. AROUND 80F. THE COURSE WAS A CHALLENGING ONE WHICH CAUSED TROUBLE FOR SOME BUT PAUL BISHOP AGAIN PROVED HIS SUPERIORITY BY TAKING MATCH HIGH WITH A PISTON GUN, A SHARP LOOKING R-9. MATT BINGHAM TIED CAPT. BOB'S P70-FT PROVING THAT THE CHINESE B-50 IS A RIFLE TO BE RECKONED WITH. EQUIPMENT FAILURES DROPPED OUT TWO COMPETITORS: THE CRX-ST LOOKED LIKE A REGULATOR PROBLEM AND THE OTHER B-50 HAD A SCOPE MOUNTING FAILURE.

OPEN

SHOOTER	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
HANS APELLES	41	NJR 100	B&L 8-32X	JSB 8.4	785
BOB FORD *	37	P70-FT	LEUP 6.5-20X	JSB 8.4	880
MATT BINGHAM *	37	B-50	NIKKO 10-50X	CPH	990
FRED BINGHAM	32	TALON SS	BUSH. 8-32X	CPH	860
JOEY DENNIS(a Jr.)	21	FALCON 19W	BSA 10-50X	CPH	910
COLIN DENNIS	20	FALCON 19W	BSA 10-50X	CPH	910
JOE DENNIS	DNF	B-50	BSA 10-50X	CPH	910
PAUL SCHAFFER	DNF	CRX-ST	B&L 8-32X	CPL	915

PISTON

SHOOTER	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
PAUL BISHOP **	47	R-9 CUSTOM	BUSH. 6-20X	FTS	800
DAVID DAY	30	R-11	SS 20X	CPL	920

**Northwest Field Target
Tacoma Rifle & Revolver
Jim Benson, Match Director
09/18/04**

We can no longer claim that it never rains during a Northwest Field Target match. Some of us got a little wet during the last 2 target lanes. Hmmm
Turnout was very good considering the lateness of the season. We had 13 brave (stubborn) shooters show up and the match went off without a hitch. Except for the little rain, that is.
Jim was considering canceling next months match as we always have cold and rain during October but he was out voted by the shooters. So, it looks like next month is on.
Here's the good news –

PCP

Lloyd Marquardt	Steyr ZM	NS	CPH	875	37/40 1 st
Jim Poh	AA410E	Bush	JSB	850	25/40 2 nd
Jay Tether	Steyr ZM	BSA	CPH	850	10/40 3 rd
Dave Whitman	P70	BSA	CPH	820	DNF

SPRING

Doug Hartley	TX200	Burris	FTS	875	27/40 1 st
Craig Taylor	TX200	Bush	KM	875	24/40 2 nd
Dominic Lee	HW97	Bush	FTS	850	21/40 3 rd
Jason Constantino	R-10	Sim	FTS	870	17/40 4 th
Tony Lee	TX200	Bush	FTS	890	16/40 5 th
Jeff Groshell	TX200	Bush	FTS	900	12/40 6 th

HUNTER (FYI)

Mino Pele	ProSport	Sim	FTS	715	17/40 1 st
Dwain Turner	R-7	Bush	FTS	700	8/40 2 nd
Leona Turner	R-7	Bush	FTS	700	4/40 3 rd

John Mickel

Northwest Field Target

Tacoma Rifle & Revolver Club

Jim Benson, Match Director

Oct 16, 2004

Saturday started out like any other. That is, it was raining like crazy. No wonder we don't usually schedule a match after September 15. Things were so wet that several of us showed up before Jim Benson got there and he's the match director!!

After Jim arrived, we stood around and discussed whether we should even hold the match as we'd be sitting in water and mud. As fashion hounds, we are sensitive to getting dirty. Hee hee The longer we waited, the more people began showing up and it became obvious that we would have to hold the match.

Jim came up with a grand idea and we decided to move the targets over to the small bore range which is covered and has a concrete base. Everyone chipped in and within a half hour the change had been made and we started the shoot almost on time.

Our match director was so sure there wouldn't be a match and didn't even bring a rifle. So, he borrowed mine and as tacky as it seems, he beat me with it. All the while he was complaining about having sold it to me in the first place!! How could I shoot with all that guilt being laid on me?

We had ten shooters and here's the news –

PCP

Jim Poh	AA410E	Bush 8x32	JSB	832	1 st
Jim Benson	Mirage	Tasco8x40	K.M.	800	2 nd
John Mickel	Mirage	Tasco8x40	K.M.	800	3 rd

SPRING PISTON

Tony Lee	TX200	Bush6x24	FTS	850	1 st
Steve Hanson	HW97	BSA10x40	CPL	860	2 nd
Alan Hanson	HW97	BSA10x40	CPL	930	3 rd shoot off
Doug Hartley	TX200	Burr8x32	FTS	860	4 th shoot off
Dominic Lee	HW97	Bush6x24	FTS	850	5 th

HUNTER (FYI)

Leona Turner	Beman97	Bush	FTS	700	1 st
Dwain Turner	Beman97	Bush	FTS	700	2 nd

We all had a good time and Steve Hanson presented Jim with a certificate of appreciation for his hard work this past year. Jim also received a Simmons scope and an autographed copy of Steve's book "Airgun Odyssey" courtesy of Steve Hanson.. If you don't have a copy of this book you should get one. It's one of those "must haves" for any serious airgunners library.

John Mickel

DIFTA September 25, 2004 Match Results

The weather more than cooperated yet again (we have been as blessed as Florida damned, apparently) starting out with low 60's in the morning and ending with about 80 in the afternoon when we finished. The amazing thing was the Open class results -- 5 people tied for first place on a very tough course with 64/72. Nobody was really interested in a shoot-off (probably should have had one since this was billed as a Nationals Tune-up) so we declared it a tie for first. I suspect all five shooters felt there was at least one (or more) "shouldahads" in the 8 missed shots. I missed a few when the temperature increased and later found I was shooting about 1/2" high at 55 yards from where I had sighted-in at 7am versus 3pm.

Ray Apelles asked if Open meant "open?" He wanted to shoot a Piston gun with the other PCPs in Open class. The MD declared that "Open" means "open" and Ray came in 6th with a very respectable 57.

The course was 72 shots in 12 lanes. The average difficulty was 32T with one 6 off-hand lane and one 6-shot kneeling lane. The minimum difficulty was 15T, the maximum 63T. Lane difficulties ranged from 21T to 50T.

The next scheduled match is October 9 -- a "fun" match with very informal layout designed to get newer shooters and those with less competitive zeal out. The Maryland State Championship match will be the next DIFTA match and is scheduled for November 6 -- this will be our usual 72-shot match with plaques and awards to the winners in all classes (Open, Piston, Hunter, and Junior or Off-Hand if we have entries). Check the DIFTA host web site (Izaak Walton, Damascus, MD) for information on schedules. Feel free to contact Joe McDaniel or Tim Berlett, co-match directors for more information.

Open Class

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Steve Schulz	64	LDSS #2	NF 36 CPH	
Guy Omictin	64	FWB 70JR	Nikko 10-50X	CPH
Hans Apelles	64	NJR 100	B&L 8-32	CPH
Joe McDaniel	64	Steyr LG100ZM	Tasco 8-40X56 CS	JSB EH
R Thomas Jones	64	Steyr LG100ZM	Nikko	CPH
Ray Apelles	57	TX200	Nightforce	JSB E
Werner Wicha	55	Walther LG300DM	BSA 12-50X	CPH
Dennis Verhagen	52	AA S200	Burris 8-32X	CPL
Laura Apelles	47	Daystate Mirage	Burris 8-32X	CPL

Piston Class

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Al Otter	56	TX-200	Leupold 25-50X50	FTS
Rex Gori	50	TX-200	Bushnell 6-18X40	FTS
Stan Lupinski	38	TX-200	Leupold 6.5-20	FTS

Hunter Class

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Henry Canoles	54	R9	Bushnell 3200 4-16X	CPL
Ed Canoles	43	R9	Bushnell 3200 5-15X	CPL

Offhand Class

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Dale Benson	19	RWS 94	BSA 6-24	CPL

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I need to thank and acknowledge Dan's help in stepping into the breech while I was a bit under the weather this weekend. It never fails but upon my return from a trip in October I end up with some kind of "bug". This trip was to the US Nationals in Pulaski followed by a ship's reunion in Shreveport, LA. The day after we returned it all started, but both of us are recovering nicely now. I see that Brad Orr, a new shooter, made it as well. I met Brad via e-mail and I am most happy to see that he did a match after a number of e-mail conversations over the past couple months. Jeff Paddock made it once again with his HW97 and is doing really well. Hope he switches to PCP and reduces the competition in spring gun (just kiddin'). Again, thanks, Dan (and Kim)!!!
Jim

Wow! What an interesting weekend of weather. This course was set up on Friday as a result of conflicting schedules and all it did was rain. I would like to thank my wife Kimberly for assisting in setting up the lanes. As luck would have it, had we set up the course on Saturday we would've had to deal with worse weather conditions. On my drive to the clubhouse on Sunday morning we were still experiencing windy rain conditions but the weatherman promised an improvement in the weather by 9 a.m. The weatherman was right this time. The weather did improve by 9:00AM the rain went away however the wind did not.

Rick Stoutenburg and I were happy to see five brave shooters participate in the match. The windy conditions made our course a lot more difficult than what is reflected in the difficulty scale below. The wind would frequently gust to 20 mph and result in wind patterns that pushed the pellets in every direction. Taking into consideration the early morning weather conditions Jeff Paddock came a long way to be here. He took 2nd place in the Piston class shooting a 62x80 with his HW97 with a Bushnell 6-24x40.

As for our 2005 season we expect to have our schedule approved in a few weeks and will update the web site accordingly. I would like to thank all shooters that attended our events this season. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who worked one or more of our matches this season. Please accept my apologies if your name was not included in the list below:

Jim Everett, June Everett, Frits Sanders, Ken Reeves, Steve Sibal, Terri Sibal, Rick Stewart, and Bill Dodt.

All of your work and contributions are greatly appreciated!
Thanks,

Dan DelProposto
W.W.C.C.A
Airgun Club Co-Chairman

Results

PISTON

Rick Stoutenburg*	62	77.50	TX200SR	.177	CPL	Leupold 6.5-20
Jeff Paddock	47	58.75	HW97	.177	CPL	Bush 6-24
Rick Stewart	37	46.25	HW97	.177	CPL	Swift 8-32
Brad Orr	21	26.25	Beeman GS950	.177	CPL	Beeman 3-9

PCP

Rick Nowak	61	76.25	NJR100	.177	Barr	Nitfrc 8-40
Dan Del Proposto	58	72.50	Harrier SE	.177	CPH	Bush 8-32
Bob Duncan	DNF		LG100	.177	JSB H	Ntfr 36

Course Synopsis

80 Shot match with 40 targets over 14 Lanes
Two of the 14 lanes were designated as off hand

Troyer Rating	Value	Number of Targets
Easy	0 to 19	4
Moderate	20 to 29	13
Hard	30 to 39	22
Expert	40 +	1
	Total	40

It was a September day that was close to perfect and it just seemed like field target shooting was the proper way to pass such a day. I heard many comments on how much people enjoyed the whole day. There was bright sunshine and a light breeze all day. The ten lanes were set up with seven people providing and setting up targets and that made the set-up and tear-down very quick and easy. Thanks to everyone who helped. Having fifteen shooters make it out to the match was very encouraging and certainly added to the experience.

After setting up, we all squeezed a few shots off on the practice range and became reacquainted with friends we hadn't seen in a while and generally shot the breeze. We headed out at 11:00 AM to start knocking the targets down. There was great variety in this course, with possibly a thirteen yard full kill zone in a lane and then you might have a .625" zone at thirty-five yards in the next lane. Target distance ranged from ten to fifty-four yards and difficulty from single digits up into the fifties on the Troyer scale.

At the half way break, there were a good number of shooters who had missed three or less and some possible tie scores seemed quite likely. The long targets accounted for a good share of the missed shots and George's mouse in the log proved difficult for some of the competitors. Small kill zones also had their share of rim shots. When the (lead) dust settled, I had missed one and Dennis and Don were tied at 57/60 for a second place tie. Bert was next with a solid 54 and Magdy shot very well, tying George with 52.

The shoot off for second seemed very familiar, as this was the third time this season Don and Dennis have been involved in a shoot off. Uncharacteristically, they both missed their first shot, but Don knocked down his second shot to put the pressure on Dennis. Dennis split the edge and Don captured second.

It was great to have Jon and John participate in their first match and do very well. Zack and Josh returned to shoot again with higher powered guns this time. Once they get use to these guns, more targets will start falling for them.

Our next match is scheduled for October 17th and we are hoping for another good turnout. The trees should be in full colour at that time, which gives the October match a really enjoyable atmosphere. See you then.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

	Shooter	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/60 T-Diff 26
1	Tim MacSweyn	Ld/SS #4	Deben 10-50	CPH	59
2	Don Irvine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	57*
3	Dennis Eden	Anschutz 2025	Leupold 35	BaracudaM	57*
4	Bert Habitcher	AA300	Simm 6.5-20	Baracuda M	54
5	George Harde	HW97	Deben 6.5-26	BeemanFTS	52**
5	Magdy Hassouna	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	BaracudaM	52**
7	Will Kwan	AA300	Simm 6.5-20	Baracuda M	50
8	Doug Diver	Walther Dom.	Leup14.4-35	Baracuda M	45
9	James Jackson	HW97K	Deben 8-34	JSB Exact	39**
9	Hans Bormann	AA410	Leup 18-40	Baracuda M	39**
11	John Burkhardt	Tarantula FX	Trophy 6-18	CPH	35
12	Noel Sedman	Daystate QlmkII	Bushnell 4-12	CPH	34
13	Jon Grelik	HW97K	Hawke 5-20	CPL	29
14	Zach Harde	Diana 46	Bushnell 3-9	CPL	15
15	Josh Jackson	R10	Varmint 2	CPL	8

* Decided by shootoff ** Left as a tie

PRESIDENT'S DESK OCTOBER 2004

Once again the California State Championships are upon us. For a notoriously casual club things tend to get a little hectic. At least trophies and lunch are in place. This is our second attempt at a two-day event. There has been some low level grousing but since it came from a non-participant you know how much weight that carries around these parts. As always we believe in the sweat equity concept. The more you sweat the more I listen. It may not change things but I tend to zone out on people who talk but don't execute.

The AAFTA Nationals in Pulaski, TN were an outstanding success. Many thanks to Roz Sumpter, Brad Troyer, Linda Juneau and all the others that made for such an enjoyable match. We need to mention the outstanding support of the local Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. We even had the Mayor of Pulaski County give the opening speech. Local hero Doug Miller came a tick away from laurels. Dave Slade made the top ten and a thankfully brief appearance in a pink bikini. Over his clothes. Mass blindness would have ensued under other conditions. State Team captain Vipha Miller did an admirable job in forming the California Team. This was her second time choosing the team for the nationals and she seems to be adapting well to the extra responsibilities.

We look forward to the annual Potluck Swap meet and club elections for 2005. Now is the time to enter your name for any club position. Being senescent I am putting myself up for reelection as president. With luck I may forget by December.
Richard Shimizu, President

CASA President Visits our Friends in Washington

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This is a quick sketch of the August 21-22nd match at Tacoma, Washington. Jim Benson figured that since he didn't have to shoot the thing he could be really evil. Worked like a charm. If you want the Troyer level ask Brad, he was there visiting relatives and shooting. Fortunately the two events were at separate venues. The ripe wild blackberries along the lanes enhanced the beauty of the venue—tasted good too. Cultural activities abound in the region and even during rush hour motorists don't tailgate. In all a very civilized locale. Washington State has three separate Field Target clubs and they are all within easy driving distance of each other. The venue is in a forest dense enough to hide a Sasquach or two. Look for pictures on our web site. Californian Alan Otsuka put in a strong first day tying for first, unfortunately reality reared its ugly head on Sunday "Coulda been a contedah". If you make it up here for an event watch out for the bat cave. Lamping is highly recommended. Author Steve Hanson brought his son Alan to show him the ropes. Scott Winslow brought his godson Robert Alton and his P70 Jr. Lloyd Marquardt took open class and Brad Troyer was first in spring class. If you get the chance Washington state is a perfect place to visit.
Richard Shimizu

CASA Angeles FT Match Results September 26

This was our last match at Angeles before the California State Championships (Prado FT match is still scheduled for Oct 9th), and the Nationals in TN. Already our top shooters are gearing up and showing their true form. Today was not an easy day. The temperature was over 95 and course was the usual killer set up by Field Target Joe. Tim provided the shade with the 2 easy-ups on the practice range and 1 by the shooting lanes with refreshments for relief against the scorching heat. Today our dear Vipha prevailed overall besting Doug and Leo who were also in top form placing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Spring gun affectionado die-hard Ron Jobbes dominated the spring gun field, with Joe Haddad placing 2nd and Richard Shimizu 3rd, who won the shoot off against our newest member Joe Riley. We welcome Joe Riley to our club, and he will be shooting with us regularly here and at Prado. Well done Joe for your first match! Well done Vipha! Well done Ron! Also congratulations to Dave Frederick who couldn't be with us today. Dave and his wife are proud new God parents to Sandra Ray Martus.

We wish all our club members who are traveling to the Field Target Championships in TN good luck! Most of all have a great time and we will be here pulling for you all.

Leo

And here are the results of 52 shot Match with 4 off hand:

OPEN CLASS:

1st	Vipha Miller	48/52	Steyr DM 100	Nikko 10x60x50	CPH
2nd	Doug Miller	46/52	Steyr DM100	Nikko 10x60x50	CPH
3rd	Leo Hwong	45/52	Daystate CRX-ST	B/L 8x32x40	CPH
	Ron Marcoe	43/52	Huntsman	Bushnell 8-32x	CPH
	Tim McMurray	40/52	USFT#7	Hakko 8x32x56	JSB 10.2
	Brent Bennett	38/52	B51	Bushnell 8-32x	CPH
	Larry Durham	37/52	USFT#1	Hakko 10x50x56	CPH

SPRING GUN CLASS:

1st	Ron Jobbes	29/52		Bushnell 8-32x	CPL
2nd	Joe Haddad	24/52	Venom HW97Mk11	B/L 6x24x40	CPL
3rd	Richard Shimizu**	13/52	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40x	CPL
	Joe Riley**	13/52	Venom HW97	Bushnell 6-18x40	.177 Lazadome

**shootoff

CASA Prado Field Target Match Results September 11

Open Class

Ron Marcoe	33/36	Huntsman	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 10.5
Bill Thanel	26/36	AA S400	Simmons 6-20x 44	Premier 10.5
Peter Maxfield	25/36	AA Protarget	Burris 8-32x	FTS
Gary Kirkpatrick	13/36	AA S400	Bushnell 8-32x	Kodiak Match

Spring Piston Class

Rick Rogers	20/36	HW97	Trophy 6-18x	FTS
Ed Curry	14/36	TX200	B&L 6-24x	FTS
Jack Janes*	2/36	Gamo Stutzen	Bushnell 4-12x	FTS
Tony Gallegos	2/36	RX-1	??	.22?
Rob Wild	DNF	TX200	Bushnell 8-32x	FTS

* Shot Hunter class rules

Many of our regulars were in Arizona for the State Championship this weekend but between a few of the die-hard homebodies and several of the newer shooters, we fielded 9 competitors for the match. Jack Janes, who came out last month for the first time and shot with Larry Durham, brought his own gun this time. Tony Gallegos and Gary Kirkpatrick also brought out guns and shot with us after coming to watch on previous occasions. Welcome!

Ron Marcos shot a 33 to win the open class for the second month in a row. Bill Thanel, who was out for only the second or third time, took second in the class with a 26 and veteran Peter Maxfield was third.

Rick Rogers, another relative newcomer, won the spring class with a score of 20. This was Rick's first win and came after shooting field target for less than a year. Yours Truly was well back in second place with a 14 and Tony and Jack tied to round out the class. Rob Wild is usually a threat when he leaves his Talon homes and shoots his TX200 but this time he fell victim to equipment failure and Did Not Finish.

Ed Curry

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