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From the Editor

Hey All,

Some end-of-the-year State Championship results and a couple of match announcements to plan ahead for. You'll notice the 2005 match calendar is pretty much empty—send me your schedules so I can get them included.

All of us at AAFTA wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

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
	5-6: TBA/PEL 2005 Super Bowl / 2004 FL State Championship		16: MAFTA	21: MAFTA	11-12: 2005 Good Ole Boys at GOB 18: MAFTA 26: MAFTA
July	August	September	October	November	December
16: MAFTA 24: MAFTA	13: MAFTA 19-21: 2005 AAFTA US Nationals at TRRFTC 28: MAFTA	17: MAFTA MN State Championships	8: MAFTA		

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
Ron Juneau's Cajun Targets	225-261-7435
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After Hours Target Company	AfterHoursTargetCo@att.net

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
	and/or 914-277-4309
Joe Korick	360-576-8643

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

Scope Knobs and/or Levels

The "A" Team	845-896-9792
	and/or 914-277-4309
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

Lake Precision Machine, Inc	lpm@lakepm.com
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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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\$ State of the Finances \$

by Secretary/Treasurer Cliff Smith

On behalf of AAFTA I thank all the donors and bidders that made this year's National match auction a success. Ron Juneau, Warren Williamson, Tim McMurray(MAC-1), Bob Zimmerman, Dick Otten, Anthony Storey, Don VanDewerker and Wade Sutherland donated items for which auctioneer Brad had no trouble finding homes. Even the "A" Team's ensemble from the 2001 Mississippi auction is still generating income, excitement and spirited bidding (love watching Warren and Eric battle it out, but Jackie Damien beat them both.) You must bid on their boxer shorts as a separate item. (Warren is going to look good in them.) The total raised was \$1321. During the weekend we attracted 5 new Associate members and 12 folks, whose associate membership had lapsed in the last few months, renewed. Check your newsletter label for YOUR renewal date. With the new monies, and after paying the printer for the October issue, we have \$3276.52 in the treasury. That's only enough for 5 or 6 issues of the newsletter. Which is why we will be working to go online with it for those who want that option. We will always print hard copy for those who want it via U.S.Mail.



**Pelitcan Airgunners
Dade City Gun Club**

**TAMPA
BAY
AIRGUNNERS**
AMERICAN LEGION POST 147
ODESSA, FLORIDA



hosts the
**2005 Super Bowl Field Target Match
and the 2004 Florida State Match**

Dates: February 5th and 6th, 2005

Sites: Saturday match at Pelitcan Club in Dade City

Sunday match at TBA at American Legion Post 147

Directions: Will be e-mailed or mailed to all pre-registrants

Rules: AAFTA rules and guidelines will apply

Course of fire: Each match, 13 lanes, 2 targets per lane, 2 shots per target (52 shots)

Saturday match: Noon shooters' meeting

Sunday match: 9:00AM shooters' meeting

Divisions: Piston and Pre-charged (no equipment restrictions)

Awards: 1st through 5th in Piston; 1st through 6th in PCP

High Florida shooter in each division takes the Florida State trophy

Cost: \$25 includes Sunday BBQ lunch. After January 25th cost is \$35

Guest lunch is \$7.50

Our venues have limited space. 13 lanes is a squeeze. **39** shooters is max for comfortable shooting, but we will take up to **42** and use Ray Appeles' 'phantom' lane idea if we get more than 39 entries. The match is limited to 42 entries.

Need more information? csmith57@tampabay.rr.com or dvandewerker@tampabay.rr.com
(813)884-0507 (813)621-1509

Registration Form for the 2005 SuperBowl Match February 5th and 6th, 2005

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Rifle _____ Scope _____ Pellet _____

Division(Piston or PCP) _____

Make check payable to: Cliff Smith for \$25. (\$35 after 1/25/2005)

2005 "16th" CAJUN SPRING CLASSIC

Hosted by Bayou Airgun Club and BREC

Date / Time: April 2nd -- Match #1 8:30AM April 3rd -- Match #2 8:30AM

Site: Jean Lafitte Airgun Range, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Directions: A map and additional match information will be sent to all registrants.

Rules: AAFTA rules will be enforced (shoot-classification). Shooter's meeting precedes each match.

Safety: AAFTA safety rules will be enforced, airguns must chronograph at 20 ft. lbs. or less.

Practice Range: Open April 1st -- 8AM to 5PM and 7AM on match days.

Course of Fire: 100 shots on 2 courses, one match each day consisting of 50 shots each. 13 lanes,
2 targets/lane. TIMERS will be used on all lanes.

Classes: PISTON and PCP

Teams: Four-man State Team; 1st Place only (\$20 fee to be collected prior to shooting)

Awards: PISTON 1st--5th, PCP 1st--5th, High Jr., High Sr., High Woman, High LA Shooter

Entry Fee: \$52 per shooter, \$62 after entry deadline. Entries limited to first 78 shooters.

Entry Deadline: March 9, 2005

Meals: Lunch will be provided on Sat. & Sun. for competitors. Non-competitor meals are \$7.

Hotel: Holiday Inn East, I-10 @ Siegen, Bt. Ru. Mention Cajun Spring Classic
for \$54 rate prior to March 18,2005 Ph. 225-293-6880

Air Tanks: \$15 for the weekend, available at the match but must be reserved with your registration.

For more information or questions, contact Linda Juneau at juneaur@bellsouth.net

Registration form for the 2005 CAJUN SPRING CLASSIC -- April 2 and 3 (please print clearly and include all information)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Age: _____

Air Rifle: _____ Class: PISTON PCP (circle one)

Scope: _____ Pellet: _____

Individual Registration: \$52 (\$62 after March 9) \$ _____

Non-Competitor Meals: \$7 per meal, Sat: _____ Sun: _____ \$ _____

Air Tank Rental: \$15 for the weekend \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: Bayou Airgun Club
Send entries to: Linda Juneau
5164 Universal Ave.
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

North Mississippi Airgun Club

AAFTA Rules Match
11/06/04

The members of the club finally got out and prepared the range for a club match. We have not been doing any shooting this year due to various reasons, not to mention the summer heat, but the fine November weather was too much to resist. Very little course grooming was necessary due to the efforts of our club president, Stylie Edwards, who had put out weed killer earlier in the year. A couple of trees had fallen which we used to our advantage on the standing lane. After a little weed-eating and stick removal, we were ready to set out a 10 lane course. Once the targets were placed in some of the usual placements, I realized that the Troyer Difficulty Rating might be a little high for our first match of the year. I had 3/8" out to 22 yards and 1/2" out to 39 yards. Hopefully, we all had our clicks fine tuned and our steady hold working - NOT!

The day was quite windy and on the sight in range the direction we were shooting was 90 degrees to the direction we would be shooting on the course. Keeping this in mind was going to be crucial when we got to the course, but I think none of us realized how much. In the woods the wind was very tricky as it seemed to come from all different directions. There was lots of different lighting through out the course and it was causing us to have some difficulty getting a good read on the distance, or even finding the target. But, regardless of the obstacles, we were having a blast.

Our match consisted of only 3 shooters: Stylie Edwards, Tom Pipkin and myself. We had Stylie's daughter, Danielle, as our official score keeper. She was a joy as she kept us entertained and scored our cards with a X for a hit and a flower for a miss. Her only complaint during the entire time was she got a little cold.

After the 40 shot match we decided we weren't quite ready to pack it up, so we shot the course over again. Only this time we shot and scored it like golf. You got 5 shots on each lane to knock down both targets. If you hit the first target with the first shot, you moved to the second target. A perfect score would be 20 out of 20 targets. That turned out to be a fun match and I suspect we will shoot some more FT Golf in future matches.

AAFTA Match:

Wade Sutherland	32/40	TX200 MKII	Simmons WTC 6.5-20X
Stylie Edwards	27/40	Ripley AR5s	NightForce 36X FT
Tom Pipkin	24/40	RN10 Ti	BSA 10-50X

Golf FT:

Wade Sutherland	26/20	Ripley AR5s	Bushnell 8-32X
Stylie Edwards	28/20	Ripley AR5s	NightForce 36X FT
Tom Pipkin	29/20	RN10 Ti	BSA 10-50X

DIFTA November 6, 2004 Match Results

The Maryland State Championship match was held at DIFTA and the weather was brisk but delightful: Sunny, starting out at about 40°F and rising to about 60°F as the day progressed. The forecast wind of 10 to 15mph did not seem to be present, but windage was still an aspect – just not as much as had been anticipated. Attendance of 17 was good but we need to work on our scheduling to reduce conflicts with things like the Roanoke show that was held this same day – Dick Otten and a few other shooters indicated that they would have come to Damascus the weekend before or after Roanoke.

The course was 72 shots in 12 lanes. The average difficulty was 30T with one 6-shot off-hand lane and one 6-shot kneeling lane. The minimum difficulty was 15T, the maximum 63T. Lane difficulties ranged from 21T to 40.2T with no adjustment for wind (and it would be hard to throw in the full multiplier since the wind was fairly moderate). The kneeling lane was not a favorite (but nobody so far has suggested throwing out the Match Director). Scores on that lane ranged from 0 to 5 even with the warning that there would be kneeling shots. Oddly enough, scores for the standing lane of similar difficulty were far better, and it was announced that shooters could choose to shoot any lane standing.

This was the last scheduled match at DIFTA for 2004. Check the DIFTA host web site (<http://members.aol.com/rumriverc/index.html>) for information on schedules for 2005 sometime in January. Feel free to contact Joe McDaniel (mcdanieljr@adelphia.net) or Tim Berlett (tberlett@aol.com), Co-Match Directors for more information.

Open Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Guy Omictin	67	FWB 70JR	Nikko 10-50X	CPH
Joe McDaniel	66	Steyr LG100ZM	Tasco 8-40X56 CS	JSB EH
Werner Wicha	60	Walther LG300DM	BSA 12-50X	CPH
R Thomas Jones	59	Steyr LG100ZM	Nikko	CPH
Laura Apelles	47	Daystate Mirage	Burris 8-32X	CPL

Piston Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Ray Apelles	57	TX200	B&L 4200 8-32	JSB E
Paul Bishop	53	TX-200	B&L 4200 8-32	FTS
Rex Gori	50	TX-200	Leupold 6.5-20	FTS
Greg Garner	46	R-11	Simmons 44X	JSB E
Stan Lupinski	38	TX-200	Leupold 6.5-20	PRE 8.3
Bill Richards	34	R-11	Simmons 44X	JSB E
Karl Krchma	22	TX-200	B&L Trophy 6-18	CPL

Hunter Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Henry Canoles	53	R9	Bushnell 3200 4-16X	CPL
Ed Canoles	38	R9	Bushnell 3200 5-15X	CPL
Moujan Toloubadu	27	Chuntsman X-50	Swift 8-32X	CPH
Dennis Verhagen	24	R9	Simmons 6.5-20	CPL

Offhand Class Results

Name	Score	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
Dale Benson	24	RWS 94	B&L Trophy 6-18	CPL

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
AIRGUN E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

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November 14, 2004
Jim Everett

Arriving a bit later than usual on this bright, clear and windless November Saturday morning I noted Dan Delproposto, Rick Stewart, and Rick Stoutenburg setting up the airgun range. We had a number of lanes of field targets, two lanes of silhouette, two lanes for pistol at ten yards, two lanes for open sight rifle at twenty yards.

Since this was an informal practice match with no scoring Rick and Dan decided there would be no range fees today.

In addition to the guys setting up the range Brad Orr came with his son, Matthew, age 13 years old. Fritz Sanders, Dan Kleiner, Paul Stoutenburg, Ken Reeves and young Mikey Hauk (age nine) rounded out the 11 participants for the day. Mikey is the son of a club member who is present on many Saturday and Sundays. Mikey generally comes down to the range to see if he can get in some shooting time. I think we may have another airgunner in the near future.

Ken Reeves came in much later than usual complaining about the blankety-blank traffic around the Ann Arbor. I thought the heavy traffic may have been associated with the Michigan-Northwestern game. Come to find out it was a bomb scare called into the Ann Arbor's mayor's office from overseas. They had the heart of the city shut down for quite some time.

We may try to do this again next year or even try to get November on the match calendar for 2005 and make December the month of a possible pick up match. Rick, Dan and I were pleased with the number of people coming out today and they seemed happy to be there as well.

The airgun club will meet with the scheduling committee in early December to get the 2005 schedule approved. You can look forward to the Great Lakes 100 in July though not the third weekend as we need to move that to a different weekend in July. We have already started the planning effort and want to see an increase of shooters from the 25 of last year to a larger number. We can do this if you, the local shooter will attend in greater numbers than in the past. We need your support to make this a really great regional match.

There has been talk of reviving the Gran Prix series with Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. The southern boys are organizing a Southern Gran Prix circuit for 2005. More on this later.

Waterloo Field Target Club October 17, 2004

I guess the weather has to get you at least once in a season. The wind was howling and it started raining just as we started setting up the course. The forecast was for rain and high wind all day and unfortunately it was correct. We set up on the 100 yard range and shot from under the roof. You may think that would make things easier, but it is exactly the opposite. The wind is strong because of the open space and the direction was very unpredictable because of the surrounding berms. The wind was fairly steady at about 20 mph and gusts made it up to 40 mph. Rain was steady all day and it really poured at times. There was even some wet snow in the air as the last few shots of the match were fired.

We set up a full 60 shot course of 30 targets in 10 lanes. The distances ranged from about 12 yards to 50 yards and at least some hold over was needed for shots from around 20 yards and out. The Troyer difficulty came out to 33.4, but the conditions made it more difficult than that. So we bundled up and started shooting.

Right from the start, we could tell it was going to be challenging. The first shots at long targets became learning experiences for the second shot. I can remember holding four to six inches right on a target and missing the entire target by two inches to the left. It was great practice and great fun. I enjoyed being close to all the shooters for the entire match and it made for a very social event in spite of the conditions.

Dennis, with his Id/SS, certainly played the wind and held the steadiest to record a very impressive 52/60. Don was close behind with a 49 and Doug rounded out the top three with a score of 40. So the seven hearty shooters braved the elements and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day. We completed the match and had the targets pulled and packed away shortly after 1:30 PM.

In retrospect, I guess the weather didn't get us after all.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60 T-Diff 33.4
1) Dennis Eden**	Id/SS 05	Deben 10-50	CPH	52
2) Don Irvine**	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	BaracudaM	49
3) Doug Diver	Walther LG300	Leupold 14-35	BaracudaM	40
4) Tim MacSweyn	AA 300s	Tasco 8-40	BaracudaM	35
5) Magdy Hassouna	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	BaracudaM	33
6) George Harde	HW97K	Deben 6.5-26	BeemanFTS	29
7) James Jackson	HW97K	Deben 8-34	JSB Exact	21

“2004” LA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP F.T. MATCH

Nineteen water resistant shooters braved monsoon conditions to come and shoot with us on November 20th. Contrary to the past few year’s State matches which restricted competitors to shooting springers, this year’s competition welcomed PCP devotees. Still, two thirds of the competitors shot spring guns.

Although we had hoped to shoot the planned 50 shot match in the beautiful autumn woods of Belle Terre, that was impossible today. It was raining heavily at daybreak, so club president Jack Kirkendoll and I chose to execute the rainy day plan, which involved shooting the match under the rain protected roof of our sight in range. Nine shooting stations were set up, utilizing targets that had stakes welded to their bases. It was quick and easy to plug these into the rain soaked ground. Within a half hour, our improvised course was set up and ready to go.

Shooters from all over the deep South drove to Baton Rouge. Special thanks go to the 4 enthusiastic competitors from the newly formed Kermit Airgun Club in west Texas who drove a grueling 15 hours to get here. Other states represented were Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas, and of course, our beloved Louisiana.

The match began a half hour late, but the time was quickly made up in that the shooters had to walk very little from one shooting station to the next. Timers were not utilized. The difficulty level was a moderate 28, set that way in consideration of the high number of spring gunners, and the presence of a significant number of novice shooters. The match ran smoothly, with no cold lines called. At times, heavy rain was heard overhead on the tin roof, yet our pellets flew straight to the kill zones, with little or no compensation made to elevation adjustments.

Immediately following the match, Linda, my darling wife, served the hot lunch she prepared while we were busy slinging lead. The menu included hot dogs and chili, corn chips, a soft drink, with brownies and fudge for dessert. By the time we finished eating, scores were up on the scoreboard. There was only one tie in the springer category, with shooters deciding to settle it with a coin toss. Results are posted below.

We would like to thank all who attended this match, with special thanks to Almighty God for providing as only He can.

submitted by Ron Juneau

PISTON GUN CLASS

1	Wade Sutherland	TX200	Simmons WTC	CPL	33/36
2	Ron Juneau	TX200	Bushnell 6-24	JSB	32
3	Roland Robichaux	ProSport	B & L 6-24	CPL	31
4	Leo Duran	HW97	Bushnell 8-32	JSB	28
5	Robert Fischer	HW97	Simmons 8-32	CPL	23
6	Paul Watts	ProSport	Bushnell 6-24	CPL	23
7	Jonathan Luecke	TX200	Bushnell 6-18	JSB	18
7	David Bare	RWS 52	Swift 6-24	JSB	18
9	David Luecke	TX200	Simmons 3-9	JSB	14
10	Ricky Knight	R-9	Leupold 6.5-20	JSB	4
10	David Mcmillan	Gamo 440	BSA 6-24	JSB	4
12	Tom Christian	TX200	Bushnell 6-18	JSB	2
13	Darrell Ward	QB88	Simmons 3-9	Daisy	0

PCP CLASS

1	Bob Zimmerman	NJR	Tasco 40	CPH	34
2	Will Thibaut	Daystate Hunts	NS 10-50	JSB La. State Champ	33
3	Don Matzeder	Steyr LG100	Hakko 8-32	CPH	32
4	Barry Daste	Webley Viper	Bushnell 8-32	CPH	26
5	Doug Singer	FX Tarantula .22	Simmons 6-18	H&N	23
6	Jack Kirkendoll	Daystate Harrier	Bushnell 3-9	Kodiak	19

MA STATE FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS

HELD AT WESTFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 30th. 2004

THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE SHOT OVER A NEW COURSE SET OUT IN AN OLD WOODED AREA OF THE CLUB PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE LAKE REGULARLY STOCKED WITH FIGHTING FISH. NO, THEY WERE NOT ON THE TARGET LIST NOR WERE THE LOCAL BEAVERS OR TURTLES. THE WEATHER WAS PREDICTED AS BEING 'SHOWERS' BUT THE FORECAST WAS WRONG, AS USUAL. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF SUNSHINE WE HAD A CONSTANT DRIZZLE OF RAIN FROM A SOLID LAYER OF LOW CLOUD WHICH EFFECTIVELY HAMPERED VISIBILITY AND TURNED AN OTHERWISE SIMPLE 'TROYER 30' COURSE INTO SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT. THIS CLEARLY CAUSED SEVERAL OF OUR REGULAR VISITORS TO STAY IN BED BUT THE TWELVE HARDY SOULS WHO ARRIVED WERE AMPLY REWARDED BY SHOOTING A CHALLENGING NEW COURSE AND CLEARLY ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF IT. THE MISSING WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT WERE REALLY THE ONLY LOSERS.

THE THREE NEW MASS. CHAMPS ALL SHOT EXCEEDINGLY WELL UNDER CONDITIONS NOT CONDUCIVE TO CLEANING THE COURSE. A 60 SHOT 10 LANE CHALLENGE WITH HIGH ANGLE TREE TARGETS, LONG DARK TARGETS AND LONG AND SHORT SMALL KILL ZONE TARGETS.

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Open Class

NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
LAURA APELLES	42	MIRAGE XLR	B&L 8-32X	8.4 JSB	900
JOE DENNIS	36	FALCON	10-50X BSA	CPH	910
GEORGE BLASS	31	FN-19	SIMMONS 8-32X	DAYSTATE	900
PETER MORRIS	30	FALCON	?	?	?
TIM DENNIS	24	FALCON	10-50X BSA	CPH	910

Piston Class

RAY APELLES	48	TX200SR	B&L 8-32X	JSB	820
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Hunter Class

JOCK ELLIOTT	28	VALIENT	TASCO 2 ½-10X	FTS	710
KYLE KAMMERER	12	R-7	TASCO 4-16X	?	665
ANDREW LUKBAN	9	R-1 (.20)	TROPHY 6-18X	FTS	800

WESTFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB FIELD TARGET MATCH NOVEMBER 14th. 2004

THIS DAY WAS ONE OF THOSE WHICH NEW ENGLANDERS GROW TO EXPECT. AN UNSEASONABLE EARLY STORM HAD LEFT 3" OF SNOW OVER EVERYTHING IN SIGHT AND THE DAY DAWNED WITH A BLUE SKY AND BRIGHT SUNSHINE. NOT BAD, EXCEPT FOR A WIND WHICH GREW IN INTENSITY DURING THE MATCH AND A TEMPERATURE WHICH BEGAN IN THE LOW 20's AND BARELY MADE IT TO 35 DEG. F. BY THE END OF THE MATCH. CONDITIONS WERE SUCH THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAD A MATCH PLANNED AND ALL TARGET MOUNTS WERE IN POSITION WE DID NOT MOUNT THE TARGETS UNTIL, INCREDIBLY, COMPETITORS BEGAN TO SHOW UP FROM AS FAR AWAY AS ONTARIO, CANADA. SO, TRUE TO RECENT FORM, THE MATCH BEGAN A LITTLE LATE. NEVER THE LESS, ALL PRESENT CLEARLY ENJOYED THE SHOOT.

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NAME	SCORE	RIFLE	SCOPE	PELLET	FPS
OPEN CLASS					
ROBERT BARTON	42/50	ZM STEYR	B&L 8-32X	CPH	900
JOE DENNIS	41/50	FALCON	10-50X BSA	CPH	910
PISTON CLASS					
DAVID DAY	32/50	R-11	TASCO SS	JSB	900
DAVID BINGHAM	31/50	TX200	6-24X B&L	?	730
HUNTER CLASS					
BRIAN JOHNSON	38/50	AA S410	LEUP. 3-9X	.22 CP	?
PETER MORRIS	18/50	R-7	BURRIS	JSB	SLOW!
ANDREW LUKBAN	12/50	R-7	FAMOUS M. 3-12X	CPL	605

CASA Prado Field Target Match October 9

Open Class

Leo Hwong	35/38	CRX-C7	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 10.5
Ron Marcoe*	32/38	Huntsman	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 10.5
Larry Durham*	32/38	USFT	Hakko 10-50x	Premier
Peter Maxfield	24/38	AA Protarget	Burris 8-32x	FTS
Dan Marcoe	21/38**	Crossman 113	4x	Premier 7.9
Bill Thanel***	14/38	Crossman AS392	??	Crossman .22

* Results after shoot-off

** Modified scoring

*** Shot Hunter class rules

Spring Piston Class

Dave Frederick	30/38	HW 97	Bushnell 8-32x	FTS
Ed Curry	20/38	TX200	B&L 6-24x	FTS
Richard Shimizu	18/38	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40x	Premier 7.9
Ron Jobbes	15/38	TX200 SR	Bushnell 8-32x	??
Steve Speer	12/38	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40x	Premier 7.9
Rick Rogers	11/38	HW97	Bushnell 6-18x	FTS
Ron Gill	6/38	FWB 124	Simmons 6-18x	Premier 7.9
Tony Gallegos	6/38	RX-1	??	.22?
Jordan Towne	3/38	RWS Diana 34	Iron Sights	Hobby Flat Top

We had another good crowd for the October field target match at Prado. The field of 15 included most of the regulars and four new shooters, one of whom, Ron Gill, came all the way from Idaho. He told me that he was setting up a shooting program for his 4H club and was interested in picking up some ideas. I hope that he came away with some that he can use.

Ron Marcoe also brought his young son Daniel to introduce him to the sport.

Daniel was credited for a "hit" each time he hit the target, even if it wasn't in the kill zone. But his score included several hits in the kill zones, too.

The course consisted of 38 shots, our regular 9 lanes plus one target set up on the berm at about 60 yards. Leo Hwong won the open class by hitting 35 of the 38 shots. Ron Marcoe and Larry Durham tied for second. It took three rounds but Ron finally came out on top in the shoot-off to take second.

Dave Frederick won the spring piston class by a margin of 10 over his nearest competitor. Yours truly was second and Richard Shimizu third.

Ed Curry

California Airgun Shooters Association

State Match October 23 & 24 2004

The CASA State Match was a once again a great event the weather this was picture perfect with temps in the mid 70s and very little wind This year we had a 100 shot match with 56 shots on Saturday and 44 shots on Sunday. After the match on Saturday we had a Mexican style meal with carne Asada and chicken tacos, rice, beans, chips and sodas. Sunday featured Deli sandwiches, chips and sodas while the awards and prizes were handed out.

There were 17 shooters on Saturday and 18 on Sunday. Five shooters came out from Arizona and one from Nevada for our big match of the year. The Arizona group was really tough and took 3 out of 4 of the top spots in the PCP class. Dale Keiser was the overall match winner after a tough shoot off with Bobby Corcorran. Doug Miller was third overall after a shoot off with Steve Montgomery. Doug Miller was also crowned the State PCP Match Champ. In the Piston Class Joe Haddod was the State Piston Champ after coming on strong on Sunday to best Dave Frederick by one point overall. Terry Depew was third in the Piston Class. Larry Durham won the first official CASA State Hunter Match.

PCP Class:

Dale Keiser	CRX-St	Burris 8x32	CPH	52+40 = 92***
Bobby Corcorran	Steyr-LG100	B/L 8x32	CPH	50+42 = 92
Doug Miller	Steyr-DM100	Nikko 10x50	CPH	51+40 = 91***
Steve Montgomery	Steyr-Lg100	B/L 8x32	CPH	48+43 = 91
Leo Hwong	CRX-St	B/L 8x32	CPH	50+37 = 87
Vince Pacheco	USFT #11	BSA 10x50	CPH	49+31 = 80
Debbie Kieser	CRX-Se	Burris 8x32	CPH	43+36 = 79++
Vipha Miller	Steyr DM100	Nikko 10-50	CPH	44+34 = 78
Tim McMurray	LDSS#7	Hakko 10X50	JSBH	42+36 = 78
Ron Marcoe	Huntsman	B/L 8X32	CPH	39+37 = 76
Ross Neder	Steyr LG100	Nikko 10X50	KOD	39+34 = 73
Brett Bennet	Falcon	Nikko 10X50	CPH	xx+34 = 34

***After shoot-off ***

Piston Class:

Joe Haddod	Hw-97	B/L 8x32	CPL	37+31 = 68
Dave Frederick	Hw-97	B/L 8x32	FTS	38+29 = 67
Terry Depew	TX-200	B/L 8x32	FTS	34+28 = 62
Ron Jobbes	ProSport	B/L 6x24	CPL	27+25 = 52
Richard Shimizu	Mark61	Leop18-40	CPL	24+22 = 46

Hunter Class

Larry Durham	Korean?	Famous?	CPL	22+17 = 39
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CASA Prado Field Target Match November 13

Open Class

Vince Pacheco	26/36	USFT	10-50x	Premier 10.5
Peter Maxfield	24/36	AA Protarget	Burris 8-32x	FTS

Spring Piston Class

Ron Jobbes	24/36	TX200 SR	Bushnell 8-32x	JSB
Richard Shimizu	21/36	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40x	Premier 7.9
Rob Wild	19/36	FWB 300	Bushnell 8-32x	JSB
Doug Laursen	3/36	Beeman R7	Bushnell 4-12x	H&N
Ed Curry	DNF	TX200	B&L 6-24x	FTS

Other

Dave Frederick – Hunter Class	22/36	XS-B50	Tasco 5-12x	Premier10.5
Phil Lindberg	31/36	AA S300	B&L 6-24x	Premier .22

I caught a few sprinkles of rain on the way to Prado last Saturday but the weather turned out to be clear for the match. The field included two shooters who used to be regulars but haven't come out for a while, Phil Lindberg and Vince Pacheco, as well as one new shooter, Doug Laursen.

Phil shot the high score for the match but, since he used a bipod, his score could not be included in the standings. That left the highest official score to Vince, shooting a new USFT rifle from Tim MacMurray. Peter Maxfield, the only other open class shooter, finished a close second.

Ron Jobbes won the spring class with a score of 24, right up there with the open class shooters. Rob Wild claimed he hit 29 shots but his 10 meter rifle was only able to knock down the targets 19 times so he had to settle for third place behind Ron and Richard Shimizu.

Dave Frederick decided to try something new and shot hunter class, also known as the bucket and broomstick brigade. His score of 22 was the second highest among the spring guns.

And Yours Truly was shooting so poorly that I was glad to discover, about 2/3 through the match, that my barrel shroud was loose, giving me an excuse to drop out.

Ed Curry

CASA Angeles Field Target Match November 21

It was cold. OK, for easterners it was nothing. For a southern Californian snow advisories and a 1500-foot snow level are a bit much. The wind was so powerful it blew the doughnuts off of the table. It did wonders for the wind doping with highly variable blasts. The off shifting to avoid Thanksgiving caused a bit of confusion. In the end a short 40 shot course was assembled and nine somewhat chilled shooters took to the field. Poor Joe was dragooned out of a warm bed to set the course. He was so cold he spent the day in the confines of his climate controlled Honda. Doug Miller's cousin from the East coast had a chance to try field target for the first time. His winter job is on the ski patrol, we didn't want to ask his opinion of the weather. Something about wearing shorts the day before. Doug was a machine. R. Shimizu, reelmukai@yahoo

OPEN CLASS		40 Shot course Troyer factor XXX	November 21, 2004	
32	Doug Miller	Steyr DM LG100	Nikko 10-50	Crosman 10.5
29	Tim McMurray	USFT	Hakko 10-50	JSB heavy
27	Leo Hwong	CRX ST	Bushnell 8-32	Crosman 10.5
24	Vipha Miller	Steyr DM LG100	Nikko 10-50	Crosman 10.5
22	Brent Bennett	Falcon FN19	Nikko 10-50	JSB 10.2
20	Scott West	Steyr DM LG100	Nikko 10-50	Crosman 10.5

SPRING CLASS

19	Rich Shimizu	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40	Crosman 7.9
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HUNTER KINDA

14	Ron Jobbes	TX-22		
11	Larry Durham	Marksman 61	Leupold 18-40	Crosman 7.9

Larry had to struggle using my equipment. His point of impact was about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch to the right of mine. By the time we realized this discrepancy the curse of the borrowed gun had been completely thwarted. The only way to defeat the dreaded curse is to cheat, works every time.

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Shooting Field Targets with the California Airgun Shooters Association

Written by Ronald Gill

I was visiting my mother in San Juan Capistrano in October, so I took the opportunity to shoot a Field Target (FT) match in Los Angeles at the Prado Olympic Shooting Park. The Prado was built for the 1984 Olympic Games. This is my story of that match.

I drove from Capistrano to the Prado through a thinning fog and traffic that got heavier as the morning wore on. I went on four separate freeways to make the trip. No need for a cup of coffee on the morning of the match — an hour driving the southern California freeways will keep your heart rate high for the rest of the day.

Sad to say the range had a dingy, temporary look. Twenty years had not brought a feeling of permanence to the shooting park. Perhaps years of drought had left everything dusty as it had back home in Idaho. The firing ranges themselves were steel buildings on cement slabs that matched the dusty parking lots.

The good news was that all the facilities were booked for this Saturday. When a Cowboy Action shooter showed up saying he had a clinic to put on that morning, the range master scuttled off in a panic to find the space to squeeze in one more activity. Some Practical Pistol Shooters directed me to the Field Target match where I met some folks from the California Airgun Shooters Association (CASA) whose enthusiasm instantly brightened up the range's dusty exterior.

You can't shoot FT in Pocatello. There are no clubs sponsoring the sport in Idaho. Something I'd like to change. I was here to learn how they made it work, and to take the lessons back to our local 4-H shooting program.

Field Target is from the UK and was designed to attract hunters to competitive shooting. FT has the same kinetic feed back as Metallic Silhouettes. In both, animal shaped steel targets fall to the ground when they are hit. Metallic Silhouettes sit on stands holding five metal targets. Every few minutes a cease fire is called and someone goes out to set the fallen targets back on the stand. In contrast field targets swing backward on a hinge and may be reset at any time by the shooter pulling on the reset cord. This way, resetting the target does not stop the flow of the match. The target is held upright by a mechanism, and falls when the mechanism is tripped by a pellet striking a part called the paddle. One difference between Field Target and Metallic Silhouettes is that, in silhouettes, the entire animal shape is the target. In Field Target the actual target is the portion of the paddle that can be seen through a hole (kill zone) in the animal. The size and placement of the hole represents a killing shot on quarry for the UK air rifle hunter.

Field Target should be easier than Metallic Silhouettes. The Kill Zones are usually generous and the match is shot from a hybrid sitting position that is rock solid. Except, where metallic silhouettes are always set at the same distances from the firing line, the field targets are always set at random, unknown distances. Pellets don't have a flat, laser-like trajectory, so determining and compensating for the distance to the target is, I can assure you, the challenge of Field Target.

Today's FT match was laid out on two-thirds of the Olympic 50 meter running target range. With a covered cement firing line and brick walls down each side, it had the feel of an indoor range, except for the shadows thrown by the overhead baffles built to catch stray shots that would otherwise have cleared the 10 foot tall backstop. This is a far cry from traditional Field Target which is usually laid out along an earthen path winding through woodlands and fields. In the Megalopolis, most of these pastoral settings went the way of the orchards in Orange County many years and about ten million people ago. Today there is little else to do but hold the match in a structured setting where occasionally some tall grass waves between the shooter and the target.

It took until 8:30 AM to set up the match. From 8:30 to 9:30 was practice time on the unused third of the range. The first person I met was Richard Shimizu. He loaned me two simple sight-in targets, old score cards stapled on wooden stakes. I set my targets at 20 and 30 yards and found that the point of impact had not changed after my flight from Salt Lake City. I checked impact point for the cross hairs as well as the upper and lower pickets of the scope's reticule.

Richard was all smiling enthusiasm. He was one of those guys a new shooter can ask any question and always feel welcome to ask again. Every club needs one of these people persons to serve as an introduction to the sport. He coached a new shooter, kibitzed the regular shooters and roamed the firing line with his omnipresent digital camera. His easy smile always got a smile in return as his pictures prove. The first thing he said to me was, "Do you want some pictures?" as he handed me a CD. Before the day ended I had two of Richard's CDs. Oh yes, I think he shot the match too.

The match was organized simplicity. Shooters were paired as were the targets. Each shooting point had one near target and one further out. Further is not always harder. The further target may have a larger kill zone and so be an easier shot. I learned that a very small kill zone on the closest target can be very hard. There were 2 shots per target. For me, that meant one shot to guess the right aiming point and another shot to atone for my sin of missing. With 19 targets it was a 38 shot match. One competitor shoots while the other scores one point for each fallen target. It is the shooter's responsibility to reset the targets before shooting and to insure that the cords do not foul and prevent the target from falling.

Once the shooters picked their starting lanes the range was declared hot and the shooting commenced. There were no other timing or range commands. Courtesy demanded that shooters not dawdle at the firing points, but I never felt rushed. The match was over by noon.

Ed Curry, the match director, ran the match so well it seemed that he was hardly present except at the start and the awards. I think he was responsible for matching new and experienced shooters.

I was paired with Dave Frederick. He has been shooting FT for about two years and displayed the orderliness of a shooter just coming into his own. He focused his scope on the target, checked his elevation setting, checked the wind, loaded and settled into his position. Dave would release the trigger without any motion I could see. Nearly every time he shot a target fell.

Dave and I quickly settled into a comfortable routine of shooting and scoring before advancing on to the next lane. It was comfortable for Dave. I struggled to remember to reset the target each time before shooting. Did I think I had the range right, and should I hold on the top or the bottom picket? Oh no! I forgot which picket I used on the first shot. I would have liked to have taken more notes but I needed to put all my concentration into scoring for my partner when I wasn't shooting. There was a required standing lane and this was hard for the people with specialized guns that were set up for the sitting position. My rifle was less powerful than some that were on the firing line, but the targets I hit went down, no question about it. Often my first shot missed the animal completely, but about half of the time, the second shot was so close that just a little bit better would have been a hit. I gotta try this match again.

Larry Durham was there shooting a rifle he had built from scratch. It is very specialized for FT. I shot it, but it was set up for a south paw, and I had a great deal of trouble getting it on target. It always printed exactly where the cross hairs were, even if that wasn't on the bull's-eye. Tim McMurry and Larry are going to build about twenty of these rifles and Larry feels most of them will go to collector/plinkers. I hope he is not right.

The match ended. Ed Curry announced the winners for the piston powered and the pre-charged rifles. Everyone clapped. Enthusiasm was the best part of the CASA Field Target match I saw.

I came away with what I wanted to get from this match. I met a lot of good folks. I shot a Field Target match, and was ready to take what I had learned back to Idaho. When I told Richard Shimizu I hoped to get 4-H shooters into FT, he gave me a target to get the program started. "We like to help other clubs," he said. Time will tell if that target will be the start of Field Target in Idaho.

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