

The Eighth Annual Republic of Texas (ROT) Field-Target Round-up

March 2nd – 4th, 2012

Though attendance at the Eighth Annual Republic of Texas Field-Target Round-up was definitely off, those competitors that did invest in the necessary fuel, vacation leave and/or kitchen pass required to attend found the investment plenty worthwhile. No doubt the abysmal state of the economy and record-high fuel prices affected attendance; however those factors had little effect on the shooters that braved such perils. Thankfully recent rains gave way to mild weather all weekend.

Per ROT tradition, three days of airgun competitions including no less than five events over six matches leave those shooters tough enough to tackle such a full week-end of airgunning thoroughly sated. Besides the pistol and rifle FT championship matches, 2012 ROT also included air rifle and air pistol silhouette and spot-light FT fun matches. A few hardy souls entered every match... and left Somerville, Texas totally exhausted.

In the PCP division, David Alsup shot consistently well both days to capture the championship with a fine 114/120 aggregate score. Reinder Schilsky captured second place PCP with an excellent 108/120, and Mike Vredenburg prevailed over Brian Lipsmire in the shoot-off for the third place trophy, both recording scores of 106/120.

Ron Robinson won the Hunter division championship with a 95/120. Doug Witkowski took home the second place Hunter trophy with a score of 86/120.

Leo Duran decimated the WFTF division field (of one) for the sole WFTF (no) trophy. In a much more impressive break-through performance, Leo also captured the Pistol FT championship by prevailing over club-mate Mike Vredenburg in a shoot-off. Both shooters recorded excellent PFT scores of 37/44. Full results appear below.

PCP Division

Champion- David Alsup 57+57=114 (Also High Texan)

Second Place- Reinder Schilsky 53+55=108

Third Place- Mike Vredenburg 50+56=106 (Shoot-off winner)

4 Brian Lipsmire 52+54=106

5 Johnny Ingram 52+53=105

6 Raschel York 44+55=99 (High Lady)

7 Phillip Reedy 48+50=98

8 Roger Guilmette 50+47=97

9 Leo Duran 39+44=83 (WFTF)

Hunter Division

Champion- Ron Robinson 47+48=95
Second Place- Doug Witkowski 43+43=86
3 Ted Bey 38+46=84
4 Bob Zimmerman 32+44=76
5 Scott York 35+38=73
6 Carlos Garza 37+33=70
7 Art Womack 25+44=69

Pistol FT Championship

Champion- Leo Duran 37/44 (Shoot-off winner)
Second Place- Mike Vredenburg 37/44 (Shoot-off)
3 Ron Robinson 34/44
4 David Alsup 33/44
5 Doug Witkowski 32/44
6 Brian Lipsmire 28/44
7 Ted Bey 28/44
8 Carlos Garza 26/44

Spotlight Rifle FT Fun Match

Winner- Brian Lipsmire 30/32
2 Roger Guilmette 27/32
3 Leo Duran 27/32
4 Ted Bey 25/32
5 Doug Witkowski
6 Ron Robinson 23/32
7 Carlos Garza 18/32

Silhouette Pistol Fun Match

Winner- Brian Lipsmire 33/40
Second Place- Doug Witkowski 32/40
3 Ron Robinson 32/40
4 Mike Vredenburg 30/40
5 Ted Bey 26/40
6 Leo Duran 21/40
7 Reinder Schilsky 19/40
8 Carlos Garza 19/40

Silhouette Rifle Fun Match

Winner- David Alsup 30/40
Second Place- Ron Robinson 25/40
3 Ted Bey 21/40
4 Brian Lipsmire 16/40
5 Leo Duran 14/40
6 Phil Reedy 13/40
7 Carlos Garza 11/40
8 Reinder Schilsky 9/40

Keith and Brenda Kolojecko catered the event, and as usual, the chow was incredible. Barbecued chicken and ribs topped Saturday's menu, while to-die-for fried (cat) fish and chips was the fare on Sunday. Out-of-this-world peach cobbler thoroughly topped everyone's tank both days.

Despite reduced attendance 2012 ROT was a big success, with all attendees wowed by the full shooting menu and vowing to return next year. Hopefully field-target attendance levels will benefit as the economy continues to gain momentum.