

2013 Georgia State Championships
September 28+29, 2013
Hosted by Walt Roller

Walt had a plan, he wanted to try out his new course and layout so we decided to host a two day Georgia State Championship match at his home course. It would be good practice for the shooters going to Texas for this year's AAFTA nationals, as the terrain is similar. He set about designing and grooming the course set up to make it fun and challenging for the shooters who attempted to master it.

The temperatures are falling during the nights to mid 50s and warming to a very pleasant low 70s during the day with the approach of fall. The winds that were always changing direction and swirling would be a factor in the outcome of the match and the sunshine was abundant and pleasantly warming. Actually a perfect weekend for shooting field target.

The usual suspects started showing up at the range on Saturday morning to get some sight in before the match began. Everyone has their pre match rituals and getting caught up with old friends is one of the favorites. The cars started arriving and the sounds of guns being filled from scuba tanks and the reports of precharged rifles mingled with the laughter from conversations. The course of fire for Saturday was the new course that Walt built. The shots across the power line open field proved to be challenging for a lot of the shooters due to the swirling winds and targets being in the shade at the other side of the field. The new course was well received and very challenging.

Then came lunch, on the menu was turducken with gravy, lasagna, coleslaw, potato salad, and cobbler with ice cream. Turducken for those who do not know is a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken and in between the layers is rice and sausage. I cannot describe just how awesome the food was, simply a wonderful meal. We have several people to thank, Rob Seiden made the turducken, Robert Crocker made the coleslaw and potato salad, and Deborah Hughes made the lasagna and desserts. The food was so good we had it again on Sunday. It was incredible.

After lunch, the targets were moved over to the original course and repainted in preparation for Sunday's match. Thanks to all the helping hands that made it an easy job.

Sunday's match was another nice day spent shooting FT with friends. The sense of competition was high, for some it was to try to maintain their lead for others it was to improve scores from the previous day, both were tall orders as Walt had again designed a tough course to test our shooting skills. In the end some of us rose to the challenge and will be able to say they are the Georgia State Champions for 2013.

Your 2013 Georgia State Champions are:

PCP – Dottie Berry

WFTF – John Whitfield

Hunter – Deborah Hughes

Piston – Cliff Smith

PCP Class

1 – Dottie Berry	TM1000	BSA	JSB 10.3	50/45=95
2 – Roz Sumpster	TM1000	Nikko	JSB 10.3	43/46=89
3 – Walt Roller	Protarget	Burris	JSB 10.3	45/44=89
4 – Rob Seiden	Steyr	Sightron	JSB 10.3	43/45=88
5 – Stylee Edwards	USFT	Nikko	JSB 10.3	46/36=82
6 – Robert Crocker	USFT	S+B	JSB 10.3	35/42=77
7 – Peter Nysten	TM1000	Bushnell	JSB 10.3	31/43=74
8 – Pat O'Brien	USFT	Nikko	JSB 10.3	36/33=69
9 – Robert Shimizu	Protarget	Leupold	JSB 10.3	1/5=6

WFTF Class

1 – John Whitfield	Walther	Nikko	JSB 8.4	54/56=110
2 – Ken Hughes	Steyr	Leupold	JSB 8.4	55/52=107
3 – Doug Vinson	Ripley	March	JSB 8.4	49/54=103
4 – David Slade	Ripley	B+L	JSB 8.4	50/44=94
5 – Robert Ray	TM1000	Leupold	JSB 7.9	46/48=94

Hunter Class

1 – Deborah Hughes	SM100	Weaver	JSB 10.3	22/31=53
2 – Tom Olsen	Theoben	Hawke	JSB 10.3	30/19=49
3 – Jeanne Olsen	AA 510		JSB	3/4=7
4 – Rod Bradley	Theoben	SWFA	JSB 10.3	50/0=50

Piston Class

1 – Cliff Smith	TX200	Bushnell	CPL	36/36=72
2 – Mike Koratich	TX200HC	Hawke	JSB 8.4	32/21=53

We would like to thank everyone who came out to spend the weekend shooting with us and made this a great event.