

[Crosman Hosts USA's Largest Regional Field Target Match](#)



- **Team USA Overwhelms Team Canada, Team Venezuela**
- **Medina Wins 3rd Straight WFTF Piston Title**
- **Rushton Wins WFTF PCP Title**
- **Sauve Wins Quigley Challenge in Double Overtime**

What began as a helping hand to a local field target club has grown into the largest regional competition sanctioned by the [American Field Target Association](#) and the 2013 edition of the Northeast Regional Field Target Championship (NRFTC) included an international team from Venezuela shooting alongside Team USA. Over one hundred competitors participated in the two-day rifle match, single day pistol match and Quigley Bucket Challenge. “Only with the support of the field target community could we pull off an event like this,” said Mark DeBoard, Crosman’s Shooting Services Manager, of the event hosted by the company on their Bloomfield, New York campus.

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Crosman Corporation first hosted the event in 2010 when the traditional site became unavailable. The event has continued to grow year after year. The 2013 NRFTC had more youth shooters than in past years including 8-year old Tyler Post and his brother, 12-year old Brent. They were accompanied by their father and grandfather. Sixteen year old Sydney McDaniel began shooting with her father, Sean, and this event was her first competition. And there was 16-year old A.J. “JrSquirreler” Stewart who first competed last year, traveling with his aunt and a cousin. This year his father came along after spending time in the sport with his son.

The big draw was Team USA as they prepare to attend the World Field Target Federation Championship in Germany in August. Nine members of the 15-member team were on hand including past NRFTC champions Hector Medina, Greg Sauve and Harold Rushton. They were joined by five shooters of Team Venezuela and

when a few Canadian participants formed Team Canada, the international side match was on. Scores were based on the team aggregate and after Day 1 it was Team USA (41.33) leading Team Canada (38.83) and Team Venezuela (36.80). Anchored by Rushton, Sauve and Ray Apelles, Team USA took the weekend with an aggregate score of 88.66. Team Canada finished with 78.66 and Team Venezuela posted a 72.60.

WFTF Piston

Hector Medina won his first NRFTC WFTF Piston title in 2011 and successfully defended it the following year. After Day 1 he was in a dead heat with fellow Team USA member Keith Knoblauch and just three points ahead of Art Deuel. "Lanes 16-30 are deceptively difficult," commented DeBoard. "Situated along the front lawn of the campus, depth perception on the hillside and especially the wind, which can get pretty squirrely over there, make those lanes the toughest of the two sides."

Sunday was a broiler in terms of both the heat index and the competition pressure cooker. Medina shot a 47 to finish with an 86, six shots better than Knoblauch.

		1-15	16-30	TOTAL
Hector J	Medina	47	39	86
Keith	Knoblauch	41	39	80
Arthur	Deuel	30	36	66
Tom	Peretti	39	27	66
Veronika H.	Ruf	35	28	63

WFTF PCP

Harold Rushton drove 14 hours from Alabama to make this year's Northeast Regional. "Crosman does a great job, the top shooters are here and to have Team Venezuela here gives it a world-class atmosphere which is good preparation for the worlds next month," said Rushton. He led by just one point after the difficult front side of Lanes 16-30, ahead of Dan Brown who scored a 53. Rushton commented that a lead is nice after Day 1, "but these are some of the best shooters in the country."

He was right. A third of the class finished with over 100 successful shots.

		1-15	16-30	TOTAL
Harold	Rushton	58	54	112
Greg	Sauve	55	52	107
Paul	Cray	58	48	106
Dan	Brown	50	53	103
Ray	Apelles	51	49	100
Tim	MacSweyn	53	47	100
Neil	Younggren	49	45	94
Luis	Nevett	44	42	86
Jose	Perez-Luna	47	38	85
Peter	Brooks	52	28	80
Tim	Barnes	45	34	79
Dave	Bartlett	35	44	79
Ron	Carlson	38	41	79
Francesco	Porco	30	42	72
Brian	Milne	33	37	70
Giuseppe	Avanzo	32	32	64

Hunter PCP

Field target's Hunter class is the fastest growing segment of the sport. The class rules allow a shooter to closely replicate an actual hunting setup, from gun to seating to the use of bipods, and is a comfortable entry to the sport. John Tyler posted a 52 to take a one point lead over Chris Helm and a logjam of shooters. But it was Bill Day who rose to the occasion on Sunday to surge forward and finished in a tie with Jerry LaRocca. Bill won in a shootoff. Greg Shirhall finished tied for third with Chris Helm and won the shootoff by default after Helm left the event early.

Bill also won in 2010 and placed third in 2012.

		1-15	16-30	TOTAL
Bill	Day	47	52	99
Jerry	LaRocca	49	50	99
Chris	Helm	51	47	98
Greg	Shirhall	49	49	98
John	Tyler	52	44	96
Harold	Schaefer	46	47	93
Kevin	Kunkle	46	46	92
Eric	Thesing	46	45	91
Jacob	Pattison	40	47	87
Joel	Gupta	46	40	86
Robert W	Felton, Jr	43	42	85
Joe	Erler	40	41	81
AJ	Stewart	36	45	81
Sean	McDaniel	36	43	79
James P.	Wilcox	37	37	74
Glen	Thomas	38	35	73
Steve	Harding	36	36	72
Sam	Harding	35	35	70
Thomas	Wade	36	32	68
Spyros	Zouzias	36	27	63
Robert W	McInstosh	28	34	62
Douglas	Rogers	28	30	58
Sydney	McDaniel	27	27	54
Craig	Evans	26	26	52
Levi	Rogers	19	31	50
Vern	Post Jr.	23	25	48
Susan	Tenney	31	14	45
Edwardo	Hysyk	23	17	40
Brent	Post	11	15	26
Vern	Post Sr.	12	14	26
Tyler	Post	9	8	17

Hunter Piston

There was never any doubt after Paul Manktelow posted a 40 on Day 1. He added a 41 on Day 2 to finish well in front. The drama was in his rearview mirror.

Nicolas Gregoris had a handle on second place before his optic gave way. He finished fourth.

Jeff Hanson finished strong using a pre-production Benjamin UL77. He's a design engineer for Crosman and spent Saturday evening and Sunday morning repairing a trigger that let go shortly after the end of Day 1. "It was an old trigger pack we had been using for design, not performance. Once swapped out with a production pack I was able to turn things around," said Hanson.

		1-15	16-30	TOTAL
Paul	Manktelow	40	41	81
Dean	Buczek	19	26	45
Jeff	Hanson	15	26	41
Nicolas	Gregoris	23	10	33
Eric	Brewer	15	11	26
Jim	Stewart	2	4	6
Vicky	Zouzias	2	3	5

Open PCP

Tyler Patner posted the only 50+ score on Day 1 and remained consistent on Day 2 to take the class. Dennis Eden struggled on the open day but a 53 moved him from fourth to second by the end of the event.

		1-15	16-30	TOTAL
Tyler	Patner	49	51	100
Dennis	Eden	53	44	97
Matthew	Sawyer	47	48	95
Tom	Holland	52	42	94
Albert	Otter	47	43	90
Hans	Apelles	45	44	89
Nathan	Thomas	33	35	68
Noel	Tenney	35	32	67
Stan	Lipinski	33	29	62
Richard	Bassett	33	28	61
Doug	Diver	26	34	60
Rafael	Garrido	31	25	56
Ed	Tenney	31	20	51

Open Piston

A single point separated Tony Narracci and David Fontaine after Day 1. A second 40+ outing and Narracci was able to pull away.

		1-15	16-30	TOTAL
Tony	Narracci	42	46	88
David	Fontaine	37	45	82
Larry	Bowne	14	25	39

Pistol

The Pistol competition portion of the 2013 NRFTC took place Saturday afternoon on lanes 1-15. Of a possible score of 30, Craig Evans posted the top score for all pistol classes of 24.

Dan Brown won the Hands-Supported class. Evans won Hunter, just a point ahead of Hunter (Rifle) winner Bill Day. Jerry LaRocca won the Open class with a 19.

		Class	Score
Dan	Brown	Hands-supported	16
Larry	Bowne	Hands-supported	11
Matthew	Sawyer	Hands-supported	11
Joe	McDaniel	Hands-supported	6
Craig	Evans	Hunter	24
Bill	Day	Hunter	23
John	Tyler	Hunter	21
Joel	Gupta	Hunter	20
Harold	Schaefer	Hunter	20
Kevin	Kunkle	Hunter	19
Chris	Helm	Hunter	17
Greg	Shirhall	Hunter	17
Joe	Erler	Hunter	14
Robert W	Felton JR	Hunter	13
Hans	Apelles	Hunter	12
Thomas	Wade	Hunter	12
James P.	Wilcox	Hunter	11
Edwardo	Hysyk	Hunter	8
Jerry	LaRocca	Open	19
Arthur	Deuel	Open	15
Richard	Bassett	Open	11
Ed	Tenney	Open	8

Quigley Bucket Challenge

Always a favorite pre-event competition, the Quigley Bucket Challenge is a re-creation of the dramatic scene in the film "Quigley Down Under" starring Tom Selleck in which Selleck's character must shoot a bucket at an estimated 700 yards. Scaled for airguns, this equates to a 1.75" target placed at 55 yards. Shooters must use a 6.5 ft lb rifle using only open / iron / non-magnified sights.

The Quigley had 45 shooters try five shots apiece. Just eight hit the bucket and after two overtimes, Greg Sauve was the only shooter to repeat the feat, besting Harold Rushton, Nicolas Gregoris, Dean Buczek, Bill Day, Larry Bowne, David Fontaine and Richard Bassett.

Mark Your Calendar

Dates for the 2014 have already been set: July 11, 12, 13. Book your hotel and make your plans now to be here! Registration will open in February.

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