

2016 Cajun Spring Classic Match Report

Appreciation...

It takes a lot to pull off an event and this was no exception. The Bayou Airgun Club would like to cordially and humbly thank:

Baton Rouge Parks and Recreation (BREC) – for their support of our sport over the past 25 years by providing a world class facility as well as their extreme dedication in helping us recover from the flood this weekend. Thank you!

Pyramyd Air – specifically Tyler Patner and Kristen Cross, for their assistance in shirts, adding the Pyramyd Gunslynger Event, email promotions and general support of the sport. Thank you!

Airguns of Arizona – specifically Mr. Larry Piercy for his dedication and effort in driving the AoA van to our site and supporting the shooters, donating items, and filling Air. Thank you!

Shooters – we would not have an event without the shooters and we really appreciate your great attitude over the weekend as we scrambled to recover from the flood. Please come back as next year will be better without a flood. We will make sure of it! Thank you!

Bayou Airgun Club (BAC)– for their support of the local facility and the immense dedication to this weekend. We have a great group. Thank you!

The event...

We were excited going into this year's classic as we put a lot of effort into the course design by adding lanes to each course, some crossing water, added 9 elevated shots, and changed up the configurations of almost all lanes.

Things were going great until the weather reports started showing reports of record rainfall coming for the beginning of the weekend. We carefully watched the weather to see if it would shift, but it stayed pretty true to the forecasts.

To this point, we were mostly concerned about trying to keep the shooters out of the rain and responded by shifting the sequence of events to have the PFT match under the covered area on Friday and the Gunslynger event under cover Saturday morning to hopefully dodge the bullet.

As of the Tuesday before we had 46 people registered for the event. On Wed, the storms hit Texas first and then came the first wave of cancellations mostly from Texas. After seeing what hit them, they figured it wouldn't be worth fighting rain all weekend.

Next came the Weather channel reports which flooded the news stations with **images of floods, deaths, and record breaking water levels**. At this point, we were still thinking, "the rain doesn't look to bad for Saturday...We should be good.." Little did we know what was coming :-O

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FRIDAY – DAY1

The BAC crew showed up for Friday morning duty only to find a flooded facility!!!!!!



What do we do now?????? I tell people it's like planning for the Superbowl only to find out the day of the event you have no stadium! Wow! No place to shoot, no place to park, no place to set targets...

After some brainstorming, BREC answered our call and allowed us to shoot on the adjacent RV lot as long as we pointed back toward the range. OK, we have something now....

The next 3 hours were a function of procuring porto-poties, EZ up tents, event tents, trash cans, tables, targets, and creating a make shift FT facility. The BAC crew members were all hustling, trying to meet the 11:00 commitment we told everyone who wanted to zero their rifles.

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11:00 rolled around and we made it! We weren't sure if we would be shooting there all weekend, but we figured it was a start.

Now it was time to get ready for the PFT match. We drove through the waters which came up more during setup and grabbed the targets and set them up on the range.

Quick squading and a shooters meeting occurred and we were off.

Up until now, all we experienced was some light rain here and there with nothing to significant. However, once we started the pistol match, the winds started to pick up... on the open field.... In the middle of 10 acres... Uh oh.... I set the PFT course at a 38 T because we were originally planning on shooting in the woods. We could here a few comments down the line "Wow that's a small hole", "Paul, could you turn the wind dial down a bit", etc... It was getting interesting ☺

The winds kept picking up to the point that I would estimate we were having 10-15 mph sustained with 20-25 mph gusts... It got so bad, the EZ up tents started breaking... So we literally had to stop the match and EVERYONE pitched in

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and took down the tents. We were thinking, "What an awesome day!" (Sarcastically) We hated to say, "could it get any worse?" Because the way things were going, we wouldn't be surprised.

We resumed the pistol match and within 5-10 minutes the wind almost completely stopped and offered a pleasant afternoon! Go figure. We picked up the targets and headed home thinking, "what a day!" It was definitely beer:30.



On the Brightside, despite the adversity, we were able to give the shooters what we committed for the event and **EVERYONE HAD A GREAT ATTITUDE!**

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SATURDAY – DAY 2

We drove up Saturday with hopes of receding water and we were blessed to see the range was available as well as the courses! The BAC crew scrambled AGAIN and setup both courses (1 Belle Terre and 2 Lagniappe). We started on the back course first so we could allow Pyramyd Air the ability to run the GunSlynger event which they started while we were working on the 2nd course.

From what we were told, everyone had a great time on the GunSlynger event which is great. Both of our courses had to be changed due to the flooding as we could not get to some of the originally planned far shots so we had to make some on the fly changes. Consequently, we don't have the exact configuration, but would guess the final Troyer came out to approximately ~34-35T.

The gumbo was running behind so we started around 1230 so we could beat sunset. We instructed everyone to shoot 3 lanes and come back for lunch. Coincidentally, the rain hit right around the 2nd or 3rd lane, which meant to me "Gumbo is ready, let's eat" ;-)



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The gumbo was delicious as usual and couldn't have been a better pairing as people were coming out of the rain. Nice way to warm the soul. We went back right after lunch and shot the course and everything worked out ok. We had 2 targets we had to give on the side course due to intermittent problems.

Thankfully, Day 2 went over reasonably well. We were looking forward to Day 3 as the weather prediction was supposed to be very nice!

SUNDAY – DAY 3

We drove up to the range for another WONDERFUL surprise. The water came back up and flooded the rear course and ½ of the side course. GREAT! What do we do now... After brainstorming a little, we figured we could take some of our normal match targets and setup 9 lanes on the practice range and leverage the existing 7 exposed lanes on the side course.

Let's roll! So for the 3rd day in a row, we did a course setup and scrambled again. Because we had to deviate again from the original plan, I don't know the Troyer but I would guess it was around 35-36T without the wind factor on the open range which was definitely a factor since we made more long targets to accommodate for being out in the open. This proved to be interesting later in the day as the Southwest winds picked up.

After shooting, we all headed back for some well-deserved Cajun food!



Once we processed scores, we had to give 1 target from the open range that was set around 55 because 1 of the fence wires was in the way of the kill zone depending on the position we were in. This led to a 3 way tie for WFTF.

I had already determined that any shootoff's that would take place would have to be done with 1 round of sitting which would progress to 1 round of kneeling which would progress to 1 round of standing until someone missed.

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Tyler Patner, Harold Rushton, and I were on deck with Brad Troyer and David Slade managing the shoot off. The first round went with Tyler getting bit by the wind and Paul and Harold progressing to the kneeling round. We both hit the kneeling shot, which pushed us to the standing round. I was already freaking out because I know Harold has been in a ton of shootoff's and standing was my weak point but I can't turn back now. Harold takes the 1st shot and misses. Ok, I think I have a window now. I get in position, try to find the target as my barrel is swinging like Tarzan, and I see the opportunity, pull the trigger... and nothing... **I forgot to load a pellet!!!!!!** I was so caught up in the moment I forgot. As if that wasn't embarrassing enough, I then aim again after loading the pellet and I'm moving even worse than before. Like I have never shot standing before. I take the shot.... And missed the entire target!!!! Embarrassing moment #2. Harold goes for shot #2 and misses. I take my shot, and somehow the target miraculously fell over. I'm not sure if it was me or it got tired of waiting for me to shoot, but I'll take it.

By the time the shootoff was done, most of the field was covered under water so timing was right. We did the award ceremony and thanked everyone for their great attitude and patience. It ended up being a successful event, but was definitely one that goes down in history as the most unique and tiring for Bayou Airgun Club.

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Full Name	Shooting Class/Division	Power Plant	Day1	Day2	Total	Possible	%	Place	Rifle Make and Model	Pellet	Scope Make and Model
Bob Dye	Pistol-Hunter		37		37	40	92.5%	1			
William Liebke	Pistol-Hunter		36		36	40	90.0%	2			
Kevin Enzian	Pistol-Hunter		32		32	40	80.0%	3			
Steve Govedich	Pistol-Hunter		21		21	40	52.5%				
Andrew Burns	Pistol-Hunter		11		11	40	27.5%				
Don Andries	Pistol-Hunter		1		1	40	2.5%				
Paul Plauche	Pistol-Open		36		36	40	90.0%	1			
Tyler Patner	Pistol-Open		32		32	40	80.0%	2			
Chris Corey	Pistol-Open		27		27	40	67.5%	3			
Ken Hughes	Pistol-Open		23		23	40	57.5%				
Paul Porch	Pistol-Open		20		20	40	50.0%				
Ron Brown	Pistol-Open		15		15	40	37.5%				
Bob Dye	Hunter	PCP	51	61	112	124	90.3%	1	RAW TM1000	JSB 10.3	Optisan Viper 4-16x
William Liebke	Hunter	PCP	48	45	93	124	75.0%	2	TM1000	JSB 10.3	Millette TRS-1 4-16X50
Kevin Enzian	Hunter	PCP	44	42	86	124	69.4%	3	Air Arms S500	JSB 10.3	Optisan Viper 3-12 x 44
Mike Doiron	Hunter	PCP	38	40	78	124	62.9%		RAW TM1000	Crosman 10.5	Sightron 2.5-17.5x56
Steve Govedich	Hunter	PCP	39	39	78	124	62.9%		Daystate Pulsar	HN/Beeman 10.6	Sightron 10-50x60
Reagan Smith	Hunter	PCP	35	43	78	124	62.9%		Marauder	JSB 10.3	SWAT 4-16 X 50
Andrew Burns	Hunter	PCP	29	44	73	124	58.9%		RAW TM1000	OTHER	Sightron 10-50 x 60
Wayne Smith	Hunter	PCP	29	39	68	124	54.8%		Daystate Regal XL	JSB 10.3	Hawke 8-32X56

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Jeff Cloud	Hunter	Springer	36	39	75	124	60.5%	1	Beeman HW97K	HN/Beeman FTT	Hawke 4-16x50
Griff Crutti	Hunter	Springer	37	34	71	124	57.3%		Weihrauch HW97k	JSB 8.4	Hawke Airmax 4-16 SF
Don Andries	Hunter	Springer	14		14	124	11.3%		TX200 Mk III, IZH-46m (iron sights)	JSB 8.4	Hawke Sport Optics 3-12x50 AO Sidewinder
Robert Seiden	Open	PCP	53	55	108	124	87.1%	1	Steyr Ig110	JSB 10.3	March 8-80
Michael Koratich	Open	PCP	44	46	90	124	72.6%	2	Walther LG300	JSB 10.3	Sightron 10x50 FT
Paul Porch	Open	PCP	42	47	89	124	71.8%	3	Styer LG110 FT	JSB 10.3	Nikko Sterling Target master 10-50X60
Chris Corey	Open	PCP	36	50	86	124	69.4%		Steyr LG110	OTHER	March X 8-80
Jennifer Wylie	Open	PCP	34	30	64	124	51.6%		Feinwerkbau P70FT	JSB 10.3	Hawke 8-32x56
Larry Piercy	Open	PCP	x	44	44	124	35.5%		Daystate Grand Prix .177	Crosman 10.5	Sightron III 10-50X60
Paul Plauche	WFTF (International)	PCP	58	58	116	124	93.5%	1	Steyr LG110	AA 8.4	Sightron 10-50 x 60
Harold Rushton	WFTF (International)	PCP	54	62	116	124	93.5%	2	Steyr LG110	JSB 7.9	Leupold Competition 35
Tyler Patner	WFTF (International)	PCP	56	60	116	124	93.5%	3	Steyr LG100 HR	JSB 7.9	March 10-60x52
David Alsup	WFTF (International)	PCP	58	53	111	124	89.5%		Steyr LG 110 FT	JSB 7.9	March 8x80IR FT
Matthew C Sawyer	WFTF (International)	PCP	52	53	105	124	84.7%		AA FTP 900	AA 8.4	Nikko Diamond Sterling 10-50 x 60
Jeff Paddock	WFTF (International)	PCP	52	53	105	124	84.7%		Air Arms EV2	JSB 7.9	Leupold Competition 35X
Ken Hughes	WFTF (International)	PCP	47	57	104	124	83.9%		Steyr LG110	JSB 8.4	Leupold 35x
Bill Rabbitt	WFTF (International)	PCP	45	51	96	124	77.4%		Air Arms EV2 MKIV	JSB 8.4	Nikko Stirling Diamond 10-50x60
Danny Ayers	WFTF (International)	PCP	42	54	96	124	77.4%		Steyr LG110FT	JSB 7.9	Sightron 10-50 x 60

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Dottie Slade	WFTF (International)	PCP	47	47	94	124	75.8%		Feinwerkbau P70 FT	JSB 8.4	BSA 10-60
David Slade	WFTF (International)	PCP	47	44	91	124	73.4%		Ripley AR5	JSB 8.4	Buasch & Lomb 6-24
Ron Brown	WFTF (International)	PCP	36	34	70	124	56.5%		Air Arms FTP 900	JSB 8.4	Sightron 10-50 x 60
Rick McAllister	WFTF (International)	PCP	x	45	45	124	36.3%		P70FT ZM	AA 8.4	Nightforce 36x
Brad Troyer	WFTF (International)	Springer	50	46	96	124	77.4%	1	AA TX200	AA 8.4	Sightron 10-50 x 60
Randy Smith	WFTF (International)	Springer	36	34	70	124	56.5%		Walther LGU	JSB 8.4	Aeon 8-32 X 50