

2018 Cajun Spring Classic Match Report

We were blessed by God and had beautiful weather this weekend! Temperatures mostly swung between 60's and 70's with very little wind which was a nice relief for most shooters.

Thanks to the great teamwork of the club the setup on Friday was a breeze and we had all 3 courses set out by lunch. The [boudin balls](#) (boo-dahn) came in right on time and were welcomed by many hungry shooters. We ordered 150 and they were all gone by the time we shut down the range. We believe Paul Porch ate most of them... 😊

Day 1 – Pistol Match

We set the pistol course up in the woods on our “Belle Terre” course on the side of the zero range. It worked out great as it gave the shooters a taste of the woods and topography. The course was setup with 10 lanes and 2 targets per lane giving a 40 shot total with a **Pistol Troyer rating of 32.3** and a **std Deviation of difficulty of 8**.

We had 13 Hunter Pistol shooters and 6 Limited Pistol shooters which filled all lanes on the course. Overall, the match went well and we had very few target issues/cold lines.

At the end of the match, we realized we had a shoot off in both divisions. We set a 1" kill zone target around 30 yards for the tie breaker.

First up was a dual for 1st place between Eric Brewer and Mike Nicksch who both shot a 38/40! They went at it and Eric emerged 1st with Mike finishing 2nd. Kevin finished 3rd with a 36/40.

Next up was Leo Duran and Bill Corder duking it out for 1st and 2nd in Limited as they both shot a 37/40. Bill emerged as the winner taking 1st place, with Leo taking a noteworthy 2nd. Riz Marquez finished 3rd with a 34/40. Great shooting guys!

Day 2 – Rifle Match

Pulling strings went well and we were able to get the shooters on their zero lines right near 7:00. Some of the BAC members brought enough donuts and kolaches to feed an army! We literally had 8 or 9 boxes of food to “snack” on before the match... Maybe it was part of someone's diabolical plan, but either way I enjoyed the bear claws. 😊

We were able to get the shooters to the lines around 8:45 with the Hunter division on the Lagniappe (back) course and most WFTF and Open division on the Belle Terre (side) course. Fortunately, we had a guy marshalling full time as we had several cold lines during the morning. Very few were the actual targets as most of them were related to the tree target stands failing in 1 way or the other or strings breaking etc... Overall it worked out well with very few protests which was good (for now, more on Day 2) In the end, the course worked out as follows:

Lagniappe – 35.6 Troyer rating with an 8.1 Std Dev
Belle Terre - 35.5 Troyer rating with an 8.0 Std Dev

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Day 3 – Rifle Match

Day 3 continued our blessings with more beautiful weather and started off right with boxes of [beignets](#) (ben-yaih-z)!

We swapped divisions on courses for day 3, but realized while spray painting faceplates that 1 of the kneeling targets looked a little small. After review of the 2018 regulations, we realized 3 of the near targets on the forced position lanes were under the new $\frac{3}{4}$ " minimum size!!! So much for low protests from Day 2... Rectifying the targets was easy as we just replaced the illegal targets with 1" KZ targets. Addressing the score was another matter and we conferred with the AAFTA BOG for the best direction. In the end, we "gave" the near targets to the major divisions and allowed the few open shooters who shot the other course the opportunity to reshoot the new targets. This helped their scores and reclaim a few extra points.

The day went well with a few cold lines and a target that was protested due to having issues when falling. After checking the target, it was taking a significant "hit" to make it fall so we ended up giving the target to all who shot it that day.

When all was done, we broke bread with some more Cajun food (Jambalaya) while BAC tallied scores.

In the end, the courses worked out as follows for day 3:

Lagniappe – 34.6 Troyer rating with an 9.1 Std Dev

Belle Terre - 35.2 Troyer rating with an 8.6 Std Dev

Usually higher course difficulties result in a wide spread of scores which usually equates to minimal shoot offs and more anger directed at the course designer. Interestingly enough, though, we got many compliments on the course and we had 3 shoot offs!!! Go figure.

For a tie breaker we set a 1" target around 43 yards and a 1.5" target around 53 yards in the middle of our zero range in the afternoon which has swirling winds and usually makes it tough to read. The format used was shoot at 53 yard target sitting, if they progress, move to 43 yard kneeling, after that standing at 43 yard until someone misses.

First off was WFTF springer dueling it out for 1st place with Rod Bradley and Steve Elish who had RIDICULOUS scores of 105/120!!!! I hope these guys never shoot PCP or I'm switching sports!!! We had no idea we were about to watch one of the best shoot offs in history.

They quickly blew past the sitting and kneeling shots with ease. I then told them to take the 43 yard standing. After both hit it, Rod says, "Do we just go for the 53 yard standing now?" After feeling all of my manhood disappear, I mustered up enough strength to say "sure." They then proceeded to go 2 or 3 rounds before Steve ends up emerging as 1st. Regardless of their place, these guys went down as ABSOLUTE champions in my book. They literally looked like pro's up there. Brad Troyer took 3rd right behind Rod and Steve with another great score of 103/120. Great job!

Since Ken Hughes dominated the course only dropping 4 all weekend (1 on day 3), that left a shoot out between the other 2 Atlanta boys Doug Vinson and Ron Brown for 2nd and 3rd in WFTF. After getting through sitting, they progressed to kneeling, then to standing. Ron pulled out ahead and took 2nd place with Doug in 3rd. Those Atlanta guys are something to watch!

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Last but not least, Bob Dye did his usual thing and crushed the Hunter division with a score of 111. That is amazing on a course with so many dark targets and not being able to range find as well as the 50x shooters. Jerry McGee came in 2nd with a score of 102/120 leaving a shoot off for 3rd place between Kevin Enzian and Buddy Holland who both shot a 98. Kevin and Buddy went at it and progressed through the sitting and kneeling position with ease leaving the offhand position on the 43 yard target. Kevin took 3rd with a good shot leaving Buddy with a very strong performance for the match.

We received many compliments and appreciation from the shooters which was heartily welcomed. We appreciated everyone who came out and were glad we all had a good, safe weekend down here in Bayou Country. None of this would be possible without the absolutely wonderful krewe at Bayou Airgun Club working weeks in advance and from sun up to sun down to make sure we had a great weekend for everyone.

We hope to see our fellow shooting buddies again soon!

Sincerely,

Bayou Airgun Club