

Airgunners of Arizona Field Target Match Report
July 16, 2011 – Mormon Lake, AZ



Did you ever have one of those days when everything worked out just perfectly? You know, when the planets align, your gun is sighted in exactly, the shots break clean, and all is right with the world? Well, this was Robin Montgomery's day!

Robin and Steve Montgomery were our co-match directors who were celebrating their wedding anniversary today. The skies were clear and blue and the temps ranged from the low 80's at the beginning of the match, to low 90's at the end. The wind ranged from 0 to 6 mph with some gusts, but an otherwise perfect day. Steve had given Robin an anniversary ring, and Robin had recently re-sighted and re-calibrated her gun. She was ready to shoot, and shoot she did. She shot an excellent 38 out of 40 for her very first match win. After she finished shooting, she thought that there would be 5 or 6 of the rest of us posting similar scores resulting in some kind of monster shoot-off, but that would not be the case today.

Hubby Steve was only one point behind and tied with Bobby Corcorran with 37 / 40. In the subsequent one shot, sudden death shoot off, Steve very calmly cleared the 3/8" killzone on the shoot-off target set at distance in a

quartering cross wind, while Bobby got a split. Both guys exhibited great shooting, but Steve prevailed for first place.

James Stringer was our only HFT shooter this month and was feeling somewhat lonely in that position and wanted to know where the other HFT shooters were. His scores are improving with each match and he will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. We also had two new shooters this month. Jim Gilbraith and his brother-in-law, Shawn Frye attended and shot their very first match and did rather well. We can definitely expect to see both of these guys at future matches.

Here are the scores:

Place	Shooter	Score/40	Class	Gun Mfgr/Model	Scope/Power	Pellet/Wt
Match Winner	Robin Montgomery	38	Open	USFT	Nikko 10-50	JSB 10.3
1	Steve Montgomery	37	Open	USFT	Leupold 45	JSB 10.3
2	Bobby Corcoran	37	Open	USFT	Bushnell 8-32	CP 10.5
3	Dale Keiser	33	Open	Daystate CR-X	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5
4	O.B. Morales	32	Open	FX Whisper	Hawke 10-24	CP 10.5
4	Scott Jones	32	Open	Daystate Huntsman	Nikko 10-50	JSB 10.3
6	Len Tlapa	31	Open	Daystate CR-X	Bushnell 8-32	CP 10.5
7	Mark Kauffman	30	Open	Daystate CR-X ST	Bushnell 6-24	JSB 8.44
8	Debbie Keiser	26	Open	Daystate CR97SE	Burris 8-32	CP 10.5
9	Jim Russell	25	Open	Daystate Platinum	Bushnell 8-32	CP 10.5
10	Larry Piercy	24	Open	Daystate CR-X	Cust/Supurb 8-40	CP 14.3
10	Jim Gilbraith	24	Open	Daystate X2	Bushnell 6-24	JSB 14.6
12	Shawn Frye	17	Open	Daystate X2	Bushnell 6-24	JSB 14.6
1	James Stringer	25	HFT	Daystate Air Wolf	Bushnell 12X	JSB 16

With the fire restrictions being lifted in the national forest just this past Tuesday, we were able to set up 10 lanes with 2 targets per lane. We only had one standing shot this month, but varied the lane orientation to take advantage of the wind currents. Lanes 1 thru 3 were facing north and on the eastern side of the pit where the wind currents come up and over and can be a bit tricky. Lane 4 and 5 were oriented to the southeast at longer distances in the open meadow alongside the sight in range. The winds coming up and over the pit hit you from behind, but the wind currents downrange come from a different direction through a cut in the woods and are completely different from on the firing line. Lanes 6 thru 10 were tucked into the woods to the south and southwest and somewhat protected, but presented some interesting target positioning. All in all, it was a fun course and even more fun to see Robin's first big win.

Steve and Robin, with the help of Larry Piercy and me, arrived on Friday morning and spent about 2-1/2 hours setting up the course. A few of the club members and families started to roll in by mid-afternoon and set up camp for the weekend. Saturday morning arrived and so did the rest of the shooters. We ended up with 14 for this month, even though some of our regulars occupied elsewhere with personal business and not being able to attend.

After the match concluded, all hands pitched in to help tear down the course and put the targets away. We want to extend a big thank you to everyone for all the help and to Pam Tlapa for taking all of the pictures.

Our next match will be Saturday, August 20 at this same venue. The Arizona state championship will be Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18. If you would like to attend, please send me an email and I will forward information to you. If this year's match is any indication of the past 2 years, we should have a record number of shooters.

So, until next month, practice, practice, practice.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kauffman
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