

2022 Arizona State Championship & Grand Prix

Airgunners of Arizona was established in September, 1992. Yes, the Club celebrated 30 years of shooting AAFTA field target competition at this year's State Championship on September 16, 17, & 18, 2022! To help us celebrate we had 11 Pistol and 35 Rifle shooters from 5 states. To commemorate the event all the shooters received a bug repellent Boonie hat with the Club logo on the front and "30 Year Anniversary" embroidered on the back.

We couldn't have asked for better temperatures! We started with temps in the mid 40s and afternoon temperatures were around 70 degrees. Humidity hovered around a dry 50% plus/minus. The wind was very mild on Friday and Saturday, averaging around 4.5 mph when there was any breeze at all. Sunday all that changed. Winds averaged 8.1 mph with gusts up to 22 mph and they were very unpredictable.

The Pistol course, which was shot on Friday afternoon, was a Troyer Rating of 30.38. Targets consisted of various animals and geometric shapes specifically designed for pistol shooting (Bill C. 12 ft.lb. max). I got to shoot with Arizona Pistol Match Champion Steve M. who only missed 3 of his Standing Lane targets. Steve Q. finished a close Second with Cole R. coming in Third. Scores were close among all the Pistol Shooters except yours truly finishing last. A special thank you to Barry D. for volunteering to be the Match Director for the pistol match! Our thanks to several others who helped set-up and trim all of the grass and weeds on the lanes! As a result of their hard work there were no "cold" lines or "protested" targets. Great job everyone!

Saturday morning was the beginning of the Rifle match. There were 2 courses set-up, a Red course and a White course, each consisting of 10 lanes with 3 targets/lane except the Kneeling and Standing lanes on each course, which had 2 targets/lane for a total of 56 shots/course and 112 shots for the two day match. The Red course was a combination of open field and forest. The White course was open forest. Several of the targets on both courses were placed in the shadows making them very difficult to range with high powered scopes. The Red course had a Troyer Difficulty Factor of 31.18 and the White was 31.19.

After sighting-in and a Shooter's Safety/Orientation meeting, lane assignments were distributed and amazingly we only started 15 minutes late. All of the Hunter class shooters were assigned to lanes on the White course on Saturday and everyone else shot the Red course. On Sunday all the shooters got to shoot the opposite course so they were able to enjoy the full experience.

After all of the score cards were turned in on Sunday we had 2 targets on the White course protested because they were not visible for a couple of WFTF shooters. As the Match Director I reviewed both targets and agreed that they were not visible from the competitor's legal shooting positions so both targets were removed from everyone's score lowering the total number of shots from 112 to 108 for the match.

There are many people to say "THANK YOU" to for their efforts! First is our primary Match Sponsor AIRGUNS OF ARIZONA. They provided several items for our annual fund raising raffle which was a great success. I also want to offer my thanks to the many volunteers who help set up the rifle courses and sighting-in range. Without them it would not have been possible to provide the enjoyable, high quality event that everyone enjoyed.

Humbly submitted,

Larry Piercy

President/Match Director, Airgunners of Arizona

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Here are the results and competitors equipment details:

Position	Name	State	White/52	Red/56	Total/108	Class	Gun	Scope	Pellet
1 & St. Champ	Sandy Corcoran	AZ	48	47	95	Open PCP	Daystate Wolverine	Bushnell 8-32	JSB 10.34
2	Larry Piercy	AZ	47	47	94	Open PCP	Daystate Tsar	Kahles 10-50	JSB 13.43
3	Dennis Banez	CA	42	44	86	Open PCP	USFT	Bushnell 8-32	JSB 10.34
4	Pat Callihan	NV	43	41	84	Open PCP	Daystate Pulsar	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.34
5	Bobby Corcoran	AZ	33	45	78	Open PCP	Daystate Delta Wolf	Falcon 40x	JSB 10.34
6	Ron Jobbes	CA	40	28	68	Open PCP	AA NJR	Bushnell 8-32	JSB 10.34
7	Alan Otsuka	CA	26	35	61	Open PCP	Thomas	Nightforce 36X	JSB 8.44
8	Cole Rearden	AZ	DNS	55	55	Open PCP	USFT	Falcon 10-50	JSB 10.34
8	Scott Webster	AZ	28	23	51	Open PCP	Daystate CR97	Delta 50x	JSB 10.34
10	Nathan Benson	AZ	DNS	37	37	Open PCP	Thomas	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.34
1 & St. Champ	Kent Gladden	AZ	48	53	101	Hunter PCP	Daystate Huntsman	Athlon 6-24	JSB 10.34
2	Van Tucker	AZ	49	50	99	Hunter PCP	Daystate Air Ranger	Konus 8-32	JSB 13.43
3	Wes Crisp	AZ	49	48	97	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Athlon 6-24	JSB 13.43
4	Anthony Turchetta	AZ	46	50	96	Hunter PCP	Daystate Blue Wolf	Athlon 4-20	JSB 10.34
5	Larry Ford	AZ	46	49	95	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Vortex 6-24	JSB 13.43
5	John Bagakis	CA	47	48	95	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Hawke	JSB 10.34
7	Steve Quast	AZ	48	45	93	Hunter PCP	RAW TM1000	Diamondback	AA 10.3
8	Robert Droege	TX	46	46	92	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Hawke 6-24	JSB 13.43
9	Carl Forrey	AZ	43	48	91	Hunter PCP	RAW TM1000	Sightron	JSB 10.34
10	Jim Clarke	TX	48	42	90	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Sightron	JSB 13.43
11	Ben Spencer	AZ	47	42	89	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Vector 5-30	FX 10.34
11	Bill Burkett	TX	47	42	89	Hunter PCP	Daystate Red Wolf	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.43
13	John Knapp	CA	39	46	85	Hunter PCP	Steyr LG110	Hawke 8-32	JSB 13.43
13	Thane Thayer	TX	43	42	85	Hunter PCP	FX MK3 (.22)	Athlon 6-24	JSB 15.89
15	Martin Martin	AZ	39	45	84	Hunter PCP	Brocock Sniper	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.34
15	Wayne Mauler	AZ	45	39	84	Hunter PCP	Thomas	Kahles 10-50	JSB 13.43
17	Barry Diehl	AZ	41	39	80	Hunter PCP	Daystate Revere	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.43
18	Jesse Avery	AZ	42	34	76	Hunter PCP	Daystate Redwolf	Hawke 8-32	JSB 10.34
19	Rail Jennings	TN	16	9	25	Hunter PCP	Daystate Huntsman	Konus 8-32	JSB 13.43
1 & St. Champ	Lauren Parsons	AZ	48	49	97	WFTF PCP	Daystate LPR	Kahles 10-50	JSB 10.34
2	Garrett Kwakkestein	AZ	46	44	90	WFTF PCP	Thomas	March 42X	JSB 8.44
3	Peykan Beyrami	AZ	36	45	81	WFTF PCP	Thomas	Sightron 10-50	JSB 8.44
1 & St. Champ	Jacob Moser	AZ	32	28	60	WFTF Piston	HW97	Falcon T50	JSB 10.34
1 & St. Champ	Steve Montgomery	AZ	49	48	97	Freestyle	Thomas FT	Vector 5-30	JSB 13.43
2	Mark Tsunawaki	CA	38	44	82	Freestyle	FX Crown	Sightron	JSB 10.34
1 & St. Champ	Steve Montgomery	AZ	37	n/a	37	Pistol Hunter	Thomas FT	Athlon 2-12	JSB 10.34
2	Steven Quast	AZ	35	n/a	35	Pistol Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Bushnell 3-12	AA 8.43
3	Cole Reardon	AZ	34	n/a	34	Pistol Hunter	Crosman 1720T	MTC 12X	JSB 7.87
4	Jim Clarke	TX	31	n/a	31	Pistol Hunter	Brocock Atomic	Hawke 4-12	JSB 10.34
5	John Bagakis	CA	30	n/a	30	Pistol Hunter	no data	no data	no data
6	Larry Ford	AZ	27	n/a	27	Pistol Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Hawke 3-12	AA 10.3
6	Van Tucker	AZ	27	n/a	27	Pistol Hunter	no data	UTG	JSB 8.43
8	Carl Forrey	AZ	26	n/a	26	Pistol Hunter	Crosman 1720T	no data	JSB 8.43
9	Barry Diehl	AZ	22	n/a	22	Pistol Hunter	Brocock Atomic	Athlon 3-12	JSB 13.43
10	Wayne Mauler	AZ	14	n/a	14	Pistol Hunter	Brocock Atomic	Athlon 3-12	H&N 8.64
11	Larry Piercy	AZ	10	n/a	10	Pistol Hunter	Brocock Atomic	Athlon 3-12	JSB 13.43

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