

Connecticut Air Gunners Match Report – 2018 March 25

Location: North St, Lebanon, CT 06249 (GPS 41.614582, -72.255081)

Match Site: Long and narrow flat open field with a pond on one side and trees on the other. Open corn field beyond the trees and marshy swamp land beyond the pond.

Temperature: 35 degrees Fahrenheit – Cloudy.

Wind: 8-13 MPH

Number of Targets: 40 (40 points maximum)

Average Distance: 34.98 yards (15 targets over 40 yards)

Average Kill Zone: 1.41" (Mix of ½", 1, 1 ½" & 40mm kill zones)

Course Difficulty: 34.32T with Wind (28.22T)

Match Times: Setup 7:30-9:00 AM, Practice 9:00–10:00 AM, Match 10:05 AM-1:30 PM, Course Takedown 1:30 PM-2:00 PM

Results/Attendees: (11 shooters total)

Hits/40 (face plate hits-F)

PCP WFTF

19/40 (20F) Brian VanLiew – FX Bobcat – JSB Express 7.87 grains – 810 fps – 11.5 FPE - Sightron 10-50x60

15/40 (19F) Vasyl Povrozyk-Air Arms FTP 900 – H&N Sniper Medium 8.5 grains – Aztec Emerald 5.5-25x50

11/40 (22F) Stan Oleksenko – Zbroia Kozak – Crosman Premiers 7.9 grains - Ohhunt 4.5-18x44 (First Time Shooter)

(Does Not Count) 28/40 (12F) Leo Gonzales – Hammerli AR20FT – AA Express 7.87 grains – 783 fps – 10.7 FPE - Sightron SIII 10-50x60 LRMD

PCP Open

27/40 (9F) Chas DiCapua – RAW TM1000 – JSB 10.34 grains – 900 fps – 18.6 FPE - Sightron 10-50x60

PCP Hunter

23/40 (14F) John Eroh – Air Arms S500 FAC – AA 10.34 grains – 932 fps – 19.9 FPE - Sightron 10-50x60

6/40 (22F) Jeff Buckridge – FX Streamline – JSB 10.34 grains – Aztec Emerald 5.5-25x50

Piston WFTF

28/40 (9F) Matt Brackett – Air Arms TX200 – AADF 8.4 grains - Sightron SIII 10-50x60 FT MOA-H

Piston Hunter

11/40 (16F) Tom Wade – HW 97K

8/40 (27F) Chris Vann – break barrel (First Time Shooter)

6/40 (22F) Ron Dumond – Air Arms TX200 (First Time Shooter)

Remarks:

Initially, I thought only a handful of dedicated people would show up to shoot in this undesirable winter weather. Nonetheless, 11 people braved the cold, snowy and windy weather to shoot the first outdoor match by CAGC. We had snow flurries on and off throughout the match.

We had plenty of snack food, donuts, fruits, water and hot cocoa at the match brought by our club members.

I underestimated the wind setting up the course. The wind was harsher than normal and would make things a lot harder - border line insane. I decided to count face plate hits since we had several first-time shooters in the match. A miss would be missing the face plate completely.

This year we are trying a WFTF style format – one shot per target with 40 targets and 20 lanes with 2 targets per lane with a 3-minute time limit. Targets are numbered from 1 to 40 and shot in numerical order. Score cards are the same used at the WFTF Worlds.

Hold offs for the wind ranged from 2" to 7" from the kill zone for my 10.7 FPE rifle. Other people shooting with higher power had less hold offs but still had to aim beyond the face plate on some of the longer targets when the wind blew hard.

Despite the weather, I think we had enjoyed the day of shooting. This match reminds me of the Blue Balls match held during middle of winter. Frozen toes, chapped lips, numb fingers and the shivers were the norm.

Thank you very, very much to all who helped setup, attended and also to those who helped take down the course.

Next match: 2018 April 15 Sunday

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Link to photos, course planner and match report below.
<https://1drv.ms/f/s!Ausj-Y-SAaOxioV3GJGozKy2YR1GsQ>