

CALIFORNIA STATE FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS
AAFTA GRAND PRIX – Nov 1-2, 2014 (For 2015 Credit)

OH MY. I am still tired as heck. What a weekend. Months of work on a new range and detailed planning came to fruition this weekend in what I think was a great state match. Two courses that had completely different character challenged the shooters in such a way as to make the outcome not so clear after the first day. This is the first time CASA has hosted a two course match and I have to tell you that does add some significant work and complication but it makes for a great two day match. The courses were set to challenge the best shooters in the state and I think they will agree it was no sissy la la match. Course #1 was an open range with no visual cues to let you know the wind intensity, and we had some good wind. Open pcp shot the course #1 range on the first day and you can see how the scores reflect the relative difficulty. We had it set up so an entire class shot a given course. For instance we did not split half of a class between courses. This avoided a situation where some in a class might have different conditions on the same course. Even if conditions changed from day to day, the whole class shot the same day.

After our first day we had a nice side shoot. Hector Alfaro hosted a classic "schutzen" match. Perhaps others can chime in on who was the winner. My brain is mush today. It was a great little side shoot that was very popular with the shooters and it went on for quite some time. A 1.5" bell target was set out at about 45 yards. Each contestant bought 5 shots for \$ 1.00. Whoever recorded the most hits in a 5 shot string won. Contestants could buy as many strings as they wanted and as a result this match went on for quite some time. Schutzen is an offhand sport and I was quite impressed at the offhand ability of some of the shooters. The game was played in the after noon on the silhouette range and there was some pretty good wind out there.

This was a match that would have been impossible for one man to run. I enlisted the help of many people from other clubs in the state because I feel that this being a state match, that all of the clubs should take some responsibility for running it. I was not disappointed. Everyone busted their butts helping in every way. I selected Jim Cyran and Wayne burns to act as range masters for their respective group. They were specifically chosen because of their vast experience running two day matches. Something I had not done. I had Ronnie Easton and Scott Hull handle target protests in accordance with a procedure that I saw Scott use at the Western States match. Scott Schneider, Ronnie, Wayne, Jim C, Tim M, Hector Alfaro and several others helped with course set up on Friday. When it came time for tear down of the ranges I had no shortage of help at either course. In fact the range # 1 was take down before the range 2 guys were finished shooting. I was dreading course 1 because the cinder blocks had to be removed as well. I blinked and it was done. I had great help from Rick Rogers on both courses as well as Larry Albach who came out just to help with take down. Who could ask for more? Not me.

If I have left out any important info please feel free to fill in. If I failed to recognize someone who was instrumental I apologize.

Oh, one more thing. When I arrived Friday my truck had a break down. My right front wheel was locking up upon applying the breaks and I was faced with the possibility of not having a vehicle for all of the running back and forth that I was facing over the weekend. Several of the guys pitched in and figured out the problem and a trip to auto zone and some mechanical work by Scott Schneider got me safely back on the road. In addition to that, Jim Poh offered his vehicle to me in the event I could not get mine fixed. What a miserable weekend it would have been trying to run this match if I had not gotten it fixed right away.

Again, thank you to everyone who came out and to those who helped with all the tasks I owe you all a huge debt of gratitude.

Larry Pirrone
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FORGOT TO MENTION THIS WAS A 104 SHOT MATCH

OPEN PCP

1. MW. DOUG MILLER, FWB P70, SCOPE???, PELLET???.....44/48/92
2. RIZ MARQUEZ, STEYR LG 110, SIGHTRN 10-50, CPH .177.....40/48/88
3. KELLEY HAWE, CR 97, BSA 10-50, CPH 10.5.....40/46/86***
4. CHRIS MERRITT, USFT #27, ACCUSHOT 24X,AA 10.3.....40/46/86***
- WAYNE BURNS, HIGH OUT OF STATE,USFT #44,BSA 10-50X,JSB 8.44...42/43/85
5. WHITTLESEY, JIM, USFT #156, NIKKO 10-50, JSB 13.4.....35/48/83
- MARK KAUFMAN, OUT OF STATE, TM 1000, BUSH 6-24,JSB 10.3.....38/43/81
6. MCMURRY, TIM, USFT #7,LEOPOLD 35 COMP, JSB 13.4.....38/42/80
7. VINCE PACHECO, USFT #11, BSA 10-50,CPH .177,.....36/43/79
7. RONNIE EASTON, MARAUDER, LEOPOLD COMP 40, CPH.....38/41/79
7. MATT KELLERMAN,USFT #22,HAKKO, JSB 13.5,.....37/42/79
8. VIPHA MILLER, FWB P70, NO INFO,.....35/42/77 SR
9. RON JOBBES, AA NJR, TASCO 40X, JSB 10.3.....20/41/61

*****SHOOT OFF**

HUNTER PISTON

1. JEFF CARMELLO, DIANA 54, CENT POINT 4-16, JSB 10.3.....33/39/72
2. LONNIE SMITH, HW 97, SIMMONS 6.5-20X, JSB.....25/37/62
3. MIKE DUCKETT, AA TX 200, MILLETT 4-16, CPL.....10/23/33
4. LOUIS BIGELOW, RWS 52,UTG 3-12, AA 10.3.....14/18/32

OPEN PISTON

1. SCOTT HULL, DIAN 54, UTG 3-12, JSB 8.4.....38/30/68
2. RICK ROGERS, HW 98, HAWKE 8-32, AA 8.4.....29/13/42 SR
3. JIM POH, HW 97 HAWKE 8-32,JSB 7.9.....24/18/42

HUNTER PCP

1. LAWRENCE DURHAM,DURHAM SPECIAL, AEON 12X,CPH.....47/34/81
SR
2. JIM CYRAN, BTAS THEOBEN MFR, HAWKE 4.5-14, AA 10.3.....46/34/80 SR
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3. BURCIAGA, ART, USFT HUNTER #181, MILLETTE 4-16, JSB 13.4.....47/33/80
SR
4. ANGEL SANTIAGO, THEOBEN MFR, AEON, AA 10.3.....42/32/74
5. SCOTT SCHNEIDER, MARAUDER, MTC 4-16,AA 10.3.....33/39/72
6. CRAIG JOHNSON, AA S510,HAWKE 3-12, JSB 10.3.....41/27/68
7. TERRY EANNETTA, MARAUDER, UTG 4-12, AA 10.3.....36/22/68
8. ELIJAH JOHNSON, MARAUDER, UTG 3-12, CPH 14.3.....22/19/41 JR

WFTF

- GEORGE DOGANIS, STEYR LG 110, SIGHTRN 10-50, JSB 7.9.....45/41/86