

Central Texas Airgun Club September Match Results: 9/15/2013

With the National Championships just a month away, the Central Texas Airgun Club September matches were very well attended, including no less than three past or reigning National Champions. In fact, attendance was the second highest ever recorded at any monthly match held at CTAC's home base of Yegua Airgun Club; suggesting that field target is alive and well in the Lone Star State. Attendance was fairly equally-divided between veteran, intermediate and new field target enthusiasts.

Five dedicated shooters traveled over 100 miles to help with Nats preparations on Saturday, including target testing and re-stringing of winders. Conscientious target testing for an important event is not only a high priority, but a tedious, time-consuming process. Our strict regimen of testing target function by shooting paddles LOW (on the paddle) with a 5 foot-pound .177 and hitting targets HIGH on the pace-plates with 19.5 foot-pounds proved an enlightening reminder of the importance of conscientious target testing; fully 35-40% of the targets fail the test, and many cannot be serviced to pass such strict muster. An unexpected but short-lived rain squall moved in to put an unceremonious end to the Nats preparations a half-hour before sunset.

Come nightfall, the selfless laborers celebrated our sport (and efforts) with pit-barbecued, bacon-wrapped breast of dove, bratwurst, burgers, BEER and good cheer! All selfless labor should go so well-rewarded.

Sunday's FT matches were staged in fair weather featuring relatively mild temperatures (UNDER 100 degrees!), light winds and clammy humidity. The (virtual) score-board reflects the quality of competitors in attendance and hints at their level of Nats preparedness.

42 SHOT RIFLE MATCH (included six offhand shots)

PCP DIVISION

41/42 David Alsup (reigning PCP National Champ & AAFTA Grand Prix PCP Champ)

39/42 Mike Vredenburg

DNF Roy Modica

HUNTER DIVISION

38/42 Ron Robinson (reigning AAFTA Grand Prix Hunter Champ)

37/42 Doug Witkowski (reigning Republic of Texas Hunter Champ)

31/42 Paul Bracaglia

29/42 Carlos Garza

28/42 Lupe Gonzales

27/42 Bob Dye

20/42 Jerry Cupples

12/42 Mike Sechrist (new shooter)

PISTON DIVISION

30/42 Leo Duran (WFTF class 2009 Piston division National Champ & 2009 AAFTA
Grand Prix Piston division National Champ)

11/42 Robert Droege (new shooter)

42 SHOT PISTOL MATCH (included six offhand shots)

HUNTER CLASS

41/42 Ron Robinson (reigning Hunter Pistol & Sporter Pistol National Champ)

38/42 Paul Bracaglia

34/42 Bob Dye

29/42 Doug Witkowski

27/42 Carlos Garza

PCP CLASS

34/42 Leo Duran (shoot-off winner)

34/42 Mike Vredenburg

FUN RIFLE (rifle shooters may shoot in our pistol matches to gain experience)

35/42 Lupe Gonzales

27/42 Jerry Cupples

25/42 Mike Sechrist