

## DIFTA Maryland State Field Target Championship Results for June 11, 2017, Damascus, MD

Congratulations to the new Maryland State Field Target champions!

Brian Van Liew	Open/PCP
Keith Knoblauch	WFTF/PCP
Ron Birnbaum	Hunter/Piston
Dan Nelson	Hunter/PCP

Paolo laid out a tricky 72-shot course for us across 12 lanes, with one kneeling and one offhand lane. Average difficulty for the course was 29.8T, with the most difficult target being 44T (1/2" @ 22yd on Lane 2). We had a decent breeze for much of the day, and some tricky lighting in several places, but we haven't factored any of this into the course difficulty. Temps rose over 93F just as forecast, but we stayed reasonably comfy in the breeze and shade under the trees. Folks wearing shooting jackets may beg to differ on this!

Competition was very tough in Open/PCP, probably tougher through the match than the final scores suggest. Folks really had to be on their game *all* day to put in some of those awesome 90%+ scores! I'm surprised we made it through without any tiebreakers. I feel a little guilty we didn't give Knobs the same white-knuckle rivalry in WFTF. Paolo shot the match with pellets and a hasty zero that he and his rifle had never seen before. Somebody had teased Dan Nelson about his fancy AA HFT500, so the Nelson boys decided to show up with CO2 peashooters, a vintage 1950's Crosman in Dan's case. Elijah would have easily taken the class win with junior scoring, but as always, he insisted on being scored as an adult. Aaron Birnbaum shot his first-ever FT match on a course peppered with 3/8" and 1/2" targets, and put in a terrific rookie result.

Shooter	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score/72	Division	Class
Dan Nelson	Crosman 113 1952	Weaver 4x	JSB 7.33	20	Hunter	PCP
Elijah Nelson	Crosman 180	BSA 2-9x40	RWS Superpoint	5	Hunter (Junior)	PCP
Ron Birnbaum	Walther LGV	UTG 3-12	AA 8.4	48	Hunter	Piston
Aaron Birnbaum	BAM B26	UTG 3-12	CPL	27	Hunter (Novice)	Piston
Brian Van Liew	FX400 FT	Nikko Diamond 10-50x60	AA 10.3	67	Open	PCP
Chris Corey	Steyr LG110	March X 8-80	AA 10.3	66	Open	PCP
Tinh Nguyen	AA ProTarget bullpup	Sightron 10-50x60	JSBH	57	Open	PCP
Dennis Todd	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB 10.34	54	Open	PCP
Al Otter	USFT #16	March X 8-80	CPH	47	Open	PCP
Skip Tenney	Steyr LG-110	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB 13.4 .177	45	Open	PCP
Dean Mihalovits	TM1000 .20	Sightron 10-50x60	JSB 13.73	56	Unlimited	PCP
Keith Knoblauch	Steyr LG110 FT	Leupold 35 Comp.	JSB 8.4	62	WFTF	PCP
Paolo Amedeo	Marauder XL	Leapers 8-32x56	H&N Sniper Light 7.5	46	WFTF	PCP
Jan Vandenberg	Marauder	Leapers 8-32x56	JSB 8.4	37	WFTF	PCP
Bobby Roberts	AA EV2	Tasco Custom Shop 10-50	JSB 10.34	35	WFTF	PCP

Thanks to everybody who braved the daunting heat, and especially those who drove long distances to join us. It was a pleasure shooting with all of you!

Our next matches are on July 29 and August 13. See the [chapter calendar](#) for the full schedule. See you next time!