

DIFTA Maryland Championship Match

July 17



DIFTA sight-in range.

It was a hot day even though Mother Nature had suggested it would have been a bit more moderate. I suppose when you evaluate the trade-offs on what-could-have-been with what-was (chance of rain versus hotter than predicted), most would pick hotter than predicted. In any case, we had something like 90F to contend with most of the day; even the morning was not very much cooler while setting-up the lanes. As the day wore-on the wind came up a bit but was never much of a factor other than providing a modicum of cooling.

We had a very large group of shooters! 27 eventually showed-up with most "pre-registering" either by mail, in person at a previous match, or coming early to this match. The only interesting things about the group of shooters was the lack of Piston shooters other than in Hunter (perhaps time to split Hunter in to PCP and Piston?) and no Junior shooters (for the first time in several years).

The course difficulty was about 29T -- for once, in recent matches, I actually computed the difficulty. My usual approach is to guesstimate the difficulty -- I did that again and then did the calculations and found my guesstimates are pretty accurate. I thought I had made at least one target on a lane PFT-friendly; it turned out not to be the case so time to put even bigger targets up close. Also, several people suggested that trying to score non-"kill" hits was difficult -- we will drop the old 1-for-a-face and 2-for-a-kill scoring next time and just make at least one target on a lane more PFT-friendly.

We had two shoot-offs to decide 2nd place for International and 1st for PCP.

Many thanks to all for braving the heat and the vagaries of the Match Director (who did not hear very many comments this time even though nobody came close to cleaning the course).

Results:

Class/ Position	Name	Score (72 Possible)
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PCP

1st	John Manarte	58
2nd	Thomas Jones	58
	Al Otter	57
	Abe Diaz	56
	Mike Malinconico	56
	Anthony Palminteri	56
	Hans Apelles	52
	Jan Vandenberg	36

Piston

1st	Rex Gori	42
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Hunter

1st	JC Brown	55
2nd	Ed Canoles	43
	Greg Shirhall	40
	Phil Dean	37
	Andrew Stephens	34
	Bill Gazdik	33
	Bill Price	21

WFTF

1st	Chuck Jordan	54
2nd	Tinh Nguyen	53
	Ray Apelles	53
	Keith Knoblauch	46
	Bartek Dziedzic	46
	Joe McDaniel	43

Offhand

1st	Jim Wilcox	38
	Paolo Amedeo	27
	Dale Bensen	26

PFT Scoped

1st	Hans Apelles	27
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**PFT
Iron**

1st	Ray Apelles	31
	Paolo Amedeo	27
	Abe Diaz	27
	Don Hunt	24
	Joe McDaniel	22
	Keith Knoblauch	21
	Laurie Apelles	21
	Chuck Jordan	18

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