

EFTCC at DCPA 1/23/2011 Traditional Mid-Winter Indoor/Outdoor Off-Hand Only Match

WFTF Division

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Holland, Tom	32	80%	Styer LG110FT	NS 10-50X60	AA FT	8.4	795	11.8
Apelles, Ray DNC	35	88%	Marauder Hybrid Bullpup	Bushnell 8-32x40	CPL	7.9	808	11.5
Apelles, Hans DNC	25	63%	Marauder Hybrid Bullpup	Leupold Comp 35	CPL	7.9	810	11.5

PCP Division

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Thomas, Nathan	26	65%	Marauder	Leapers 6-24x56	CPH	10.5	860	17.2
Shirhall, Greg	22	55%	Falcon FN19	Leapers 4-16x56	JSB Exact .22	15.8	720	18.2
Weinberg, Richard	18	45%	QB78 PCP	Blazer 8-32x40	JSB	8.4	785	11.5

Spring Gun Division

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Bowne, Larry	32	80%	AA Prosport	Bushnell 8-32x40	JSB Express	14.3	750	17.9

Non Magnified Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Medina, Hector	26	65%	Diana54	Open Sights	JSB .20	13.7	800	19.5
Deuel, Art	18	45%	HW77	Peep Sights	CPL	7.9	640	7.2
Bishop, Paul	16	40%	HW50S	Anschutz Sight	FTS	8.6	780	11.6
Wade, Thomas	15	38%	Challenger	Millett SP1 Red Dot	Superdome		715	

Hunter Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Wilcox, Jim	34	85%	Falcon RN19	NS 12X50	JSB	10.2	845	16.2
Thomas, Glenn	31	78%	Marauder	Leapers 6-24x56	CPH	10.5	860	17.2
Bishop, Paul	26	65%	Quigley Challenger	Vernier Sight	CPL	7.9		
Ruf, Veronika	24	60%	HW95	Leapers 3-12x44 Tact	JSB 8.4gr	8.4		

Pistol Class (2,1,0 scoring)

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs
Bowne, Larry	58	73%	IZH46M	Bushnell 6-18	JSB Exact	8.4	450	3.8
Shirhall, Greg	36	45%	TKO Custom PCP	Bushnell Red Dot	Crosman	14.3	520	8.6

Weather:

Temps starting at 4 degree going up to 22 degrees by the end of the match.
A bright day with clear skies and a slight breeze. A beautiful winter day.

Weather here in the New England area has not been at its kindest. Temps have dropped at times to -6°F and snowfalls are reaching record highs. So, it was with some trepidation that we decided to go to the EFTCC Offhand ONLY Winter Match that was held on the 23rd of January at Dutchess County Pistol Association's Range in Wappinger's Falls, NY.

We knew the match would be a good one, Ray's matches are always challenging, but how many would show up? Well, as it happened, 14 hardy souls + accompanying spouses and friends braved the icy winter roads and got together at the appointed place. As usual for me, I got in late. Not easy to get out of the house early on weekends. And especially not after some days of hard skiing in Butternut, Catamount, Mohawk and other places in the Berkshires. You see, my son is visiting from México and he loves skiing with his old man. Why? I cannot say, I cannot keep up with him anymore! LOL! Yes, I'll go down the blues and the blacks and double blacks, just not quite at his speed. I greatly appreciate his patience w/me and the time we spend together. He won't shoot with me, but he likes to go skiing.

As usual for us, we got in late. Hard for me to get out of the house with all shooters and gear early. Ray and Hans were kind and patient enough to allow us a few minutes after registration, while they were doing the squadding (complex procedure when three shooters are shooting TWO classes each and some others are sharing rifles, but they got it in order) for sighting in and the Match started almost on time. I got in a few sighter shots and, above all, was able to check my trajectory over some paper targets that had been placed out there in the snow for the purpose.

It was a hard shoot, no question about it. The Snow's added light reflection made it somewhat difficult for scope shooters to range accurately. The same target, or targets just side by side would range out to 15 OR 18 yards with ease. 13 became 15 in the bright snow; let's say that it put a VERY interesting twist into the shoot. As the Match progressed, some shooters were doing good, others not so good. In this sense, one has to say that truly good sportsmen do NOT let themselves down. They may fall, but they will come back. This is something you need to learn at Matches, there is no other place or way. A few shots will be missed. But we all need to learn to not allow those past misses dictate future misses.

Verónika and myself were squadded with Richard Weinberg, on his 3rd FT match. It was a pleasure and a privilege to shoot with such a quiet, considerate and gentle person. He got somewhat nervous and was putting two shots in exactly the same place, outside the KZ. He knew well how to call his shots anyway, so I am sure that with some effort and perseverance Richard can become a top notch FT shooter.

All along in the other squads, one could clearly hear the good humour, banter, support and comments that are typical of a good FT Match. Shoot progressed reasonably well without the benefit of timers and by the time that all shooters were done, Laurie and Ray had almost ready the totals and the scores for the Prize-giving.

After the 50%-50% raffle, Prizes were awarded as the results in this table show. A few things should be pointed out: In the PCP division, young Nathan Thomas posted a good score of 26/40 for the first place. Next came Greg Shirhall, an "import" from his usual Hunter Class shooting with a score of 22/40. In third place, our star rookie: Richard Weinberg with a score of 18.

In the WFTF Division, Ray proceeded to shoot a fantastic 35/40, but since he never counts his scores when he is the "host", First place in the Division went to Thomas Holland with a VERY good 32/40. Tom is a crossbow shooter that has only been at FT for a couple of years, his dedication and singlemindedness will surely take him far. Next score was Hans Appeles' 25/40. It was obvious to everyone that Hans was the happiest person in the shoot. He definitely enjoyed immensely coming out of the "winter hiatus" for the shoot. As he gets more and more familiar with the Semi-BullPups that the A-Team is now sporting, I am sure his scores will re-bounce to the excellent level they have had in past years.

In the Spring gun Division and the Pistol Class, Larry Bowne proved why he is one of the "Masters"; his results with a spring gun tied him for 3rd highest score regardless of class. Definitely proving that caliber is not as important as it may seem; his 0.22" cal Pro-Sport providing him with the stability of trajectory that allowed him to shoot that incredible 32/40. in the Pistol Class, Larry managed a fantastic 73% of possible points, showing that low powered Match pistols are no obstacles to good shooters. Second place in Pistol Class was harvested by Greg Shirhall with an excellent 36/80.

The strongest scores per Division were those in Hunter. Mr. Wilcox displayed his usual Mastery and posted a magnificent 34/40, placing him as second highest scorer overall regardless of class. Second place went to Glenn Thomas with a VERY good 31/40. I am sure that Glenn will place better as the season progresses. Third place went to "Quigley Champ" Mr. Paul Bishop, shooting a 5.5 ft-lbs Challenger in a Sharps/Quigley stock with ladder rear sight and tunnel front. Matt Quigely himself would have been proud of Paul's 26/40 score. Verónika shot a personal best with an interesting 60%

In the Non-Magnified Class, Art Deuel placed very well as Second with 18 hits shooting his trusty HW77. At the low power that Art was shooting, he could have shot in WFTF! Paul Bishop placed Third with a score of 15/40.

Overall, we had a ton of fun! I really, really, REALLY want to thank Ray, and Hans, and Laurie for all the effort they put into each and every Match.

As always: Un abrazo!