

EFTCC at DCPA 5/1/2011 Risk Reward Match

WTF Division

Name	Score	Supported Hits	Off-Hand Hits	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Holland, Tom	56	4	26	Styer LG110FT	NS 10-50X60	AA FT	8.4	795	11.8	1X
Apelles, Ray DNC	69	7	31	Marauder Hybrid Bullpup	Leupold Comp 35	CPL	7.9	810	11.5	1X
Apelles, Hans DNC	53	19	17	Marauder Hybrid Bullpup	Leupold Comp 35	CPL	7.9	810	11.5	1X

PCP Division

Name	Score	Supported Hits	Off-Hand Hits	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Thomas, Nathan	35	5	15	Marauder	Leapers 6-24x56	CPH	10.5	860	17.2	
Deuel, Art	30	2	14	Marauder	Hawke 8-32 Sidewinder 30	CPL	7.9	750	9.9	
Zeman, Ron	26	22	2	AA S300	Storey 6-24X	JSB	8.4	790	11.6	

Spring Gun Division

Name	Score	Supported Hits	Off-Hand Hits	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Bishop, Paul	61	19	21	HW98	Leupold Comp 35	FTS	8.6	900	15.5	1X
Medina, Hector	55	11	22	Diana 54	Vortex 4-12x40	JSB Exact	13.7	800	19.5	
Ruf, Veronika	29	19	5	HW95	Leapers 3-12x44	JSB Exact	8.4	800	11.9	1X

Junior Class

Name	Score	Supported Hits	Off-Hand Hits	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Bidwell, Robert	19	9	5	QB78 PCP	Trophy 6-18	JSB	8.4	785	11.5	

Hunter Class

Name	Score	Supported Hits	Off-Hand Hits	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Grains	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
LaRocca, Jerry	51	15	18	Diana 56	Bushnell Legend	Crosman	14.3	750	17.9	
Arroyo, Michael	40	6	17	Beeman R11	Leapers 4-12	AA FT	8.4	920	15.8	
Wade, Thomas	39	15	12	Benjamin Discovery	Bushnell 6-24x40	AA FT	10.3	900	18.5	
Bill, Joseph	34	22	6	Marauder	Leapers 4-16x56	JSB	10.2	900	18.4	1X
Shirhall, Greg	31	9	11	Marauder	Bushnell 6500 2.5-16	CPH	10.5	865	17.4	1X
Williams, Brian	29	21	4	Daystate Airwolf	Nikko 6-24	JSB Exact .20	13.6	780	18.4	
Elliott, Jock	25	11	7	FWB 150	12X	JSB Express	7.9	630	7.0	
Thomas, Glenn	23	21	1	Gamo CFX	BSA 4-16	CPH	10.5	770	13.8	

Match Stats

Average Yards	28	Average Difficulty	23	Standing Average Diff	35
Median Yards	26	Median Difficulty	19	Standing Median Diff	33
Minimum Yards	7	Min Difficulty	5	Standing Min Diff	9
Maximum Yards	54	Max Difficulty	58	Standing Max Diff	75
Stand Dev Yards	18	Standard Dev Diff	16	Standing Stand Dev Diff	23
Weather: 2 mph breeze, perhaps as much as 4 at times, a warm beautiful sunny day, couldn't have a better day to shoot field target.					

This match used the "Risk / Reward" system of scoring from Trooper Walsh's club of years past. 1 point was awarded for a target knocked down from the supported position (sitting, kneeling, prone, bucket and crossed sticks, any position other than "Off-Hand") and 2 points for a knock down from the Off-Hand position. Each shooter decided for each shot how much "risk" they wanted to take on the shot and hence forth the "reward". There was no "Off-Hand" class for this match since an Off-hand shooter would "Risk" for the higher reward on each shot. They therefore would go head to head against all the other shooters within their class. Strategies will come into effect for this match so choose your "Risk and Reward" carefully. If a shooter were too cautious they may loose to someone that took more of a risk.

At the shooter's meeting we announced that the shooters had control over their own score more than they had ever had before. This match would require some strategy on the shooters part to decide how they would take each shot. One shooter walked the course and made a list of how he was going to shoot each shot in advance so he didn't have to decide during the match. Timers were to be used and once the timer started any change in the shooting position that the shooter was going to make was part of thier 5 minutes. So strategy could come into play there as well. It was also mentioned that since this is now a game of strategy to keep your strategy to your self just as you would in a chess match and then lets see how it pans out in the end.

The 75 yard bonus target is getting hit much more frequently lately. Our shooters are better preparing there equipment for the long shot. At this match the siren attached to the 75 yard target went of 7 times announcing the shooters hit on the elusive target. After the match and awards a poll was taken to see how many of the 18 participants liked the "Risk / Reward" scoring system and how many didn't like it. The results were unanimously positive with a number of thumbs up as well. The "Risk / Reward" scoring system is viable system allowing the shooter to have more control over thier own score. Shooters lacking in the disciplines may practice a bit more and become better shooters in the long run. I know for a fact I took more risk than I possibly should have and it didn't pay off. So next time around I will adjust some of my stategy and more practice sure wouldn't hurt also. Try it at your club some time and see how it is recieved.

Ray Apelles - EFTCC Match Director

I live and shoot FT in Southwest Florida and for me it is always a fun experience to travel and shoot at a new venue. I've shot at clubs in Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, Maryland and Connecticut. This week I had an opportunity to shoot another course, the EFTCC venue in Wappingers Falls NY, home of the "A" Team.

Hans and Ray Apelles extend an invitation when we last met at the Cajun Spring Classic. Chance would have it that I was visiting family around Kingston NY so I joined in the fun at their Risk Reward Match on May 1 in Wappingers Falls NY. I had a BLAST ! The club encourages new shooters and guests by providing good shooting [club guns] if needed. (Call me paranoid but I won't bring my Steyr or TX-SR through a NYC airport.) Knowing I needed a rifle, Hans blew me away by lending me his classic AA300 with a legendary Anthony Storey scope ! A real privilege.

THE FACILITY: Within my limited exposure to FT venues throughout the USA, I would say the EFTCC venue was a compact site with lanes set fairly close to one another, yet spacing never became an issue as shooters moved across the ~13 lanes. There is plenty of room behind the shooting line. Chairs and picnic tables are provided for refreshments and for resting.

The target area is well wooded with stands of old trees providing that special filtered light; not glaring bright and not shadowed or dim. (However, Ray did remind me that it was early in the season and the trees were just beginning to send out new leaves...it would become much dimmer in the midst of summer.)

Targets were mounted in trees, inside barrels, behind logs and in "the open". All shots are taken in a downward trajectory (the target area is like a bowl set below the firing line ridge.) The A-Team choose to leave the shooting locations "Au natural"...there are no "manicured" or leveled gravel bases on which to stand or sit on at each lane. This adds a degree of difficulty on some shots, particularly those designated as kneeling or standing lanes. Timers are used to keep the game moving along. Finally, there is a special 75 yard target lane where loud siren will sound if the target is hit. A few shooters managed that difficult shot the day I was there, joining an elite membership and getting a special certificate honoring their feat.

Ray's wife Laurie provides lots of support behind the firing line. She helps with squading, accounting the match fees, running the club's 50/50 raffle and donations, taking pictures, tallying scores, just to mention a few activities.

(Match Results and Pics and other are posted on the A-Team website: <http://ateam.host-ed.net>)

If you're ever in the area when a shoot is scheduled, I would recommend you take advantage of the opportunity to shoot with the A-Team at their EFTCC Wappingers Falls NY venue. Heck, I came all the way from Florida and thought it was worth the trip !

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