

Well, the 2014 Good Ole Boys Field Target Match is in the books. We had a very close call this week with the weather, heavy rains and thunderstorms that threatened to wash out the match or at least prevent us from shooting the Red Course down by the creek. We made repairs to the targets that were close to or in the creek and ditch, in hopes that the match would go on. This experience gave me a newfound respect for Brad Troyer, who in the past has designed, cleared, and set the Red Course single-handedly. Unbelievable!

Friday morning: the Pistol Course was set out and final preparations were made. Match participants started showing up and so did the rain clouds. We visited as the rain poured but just after one PM, the rain stopped and the PFT Match got underway. Mike Vredenburg was having pistol trouble but decided to give it a try anyway. I think he was just playing psychological games because he still turned in a winning score of 24 in Open PFT, just edging David Slade for first place. Charles Garvey was in almost perfect form, posting a 29/30, edging Bob Dye by two points. Rains returned Friday evening as we dined at Legends Steak House and my anxiety rose dramatically, but Veronika Huf tried to reassure me that all would be fine by morning.

Early Saturday morning: we checked the Red Course and the course was acceptable by safety standards and the only concern was the drive through the field to the parking area and the walk through the ditch to access the Red Course area. Roz volunteered to run to town for cement blocks to make a ford across the creek and mow an alternative route to the parking area so we could go forward with shooting the Red Course as planned. 33 Participants started arriving and sighting in, getting ready to knock down some targets. We had our shooters meeting, went over the rules and safety concerns with the mud and slippery areas and off we went to try our luck. Shooters formed at their assigned lanes with squad mates and we were underway. We had a wide range of target placement with long open field shots, high hill shots through the woods, low shots down by the creek and mid to long range meadow shots across the creek. A few even grumbled about an offhand target up the hill across the creek that was very challenging!

By the end of the morning we were tired, but satisfied and ready for lunch. Barbeque chicken, pulled pork and all of the fixings were ready to quench our hunger. After lunch, many hands made the workload light! Ron Robinson, Ken Hughes and Rob Seiden came over to the Red Course to help me, Steve Vines, and David Slade take down the course, and haul targets back to the barn! Can't say enough thanks to those guys for saving the day! Saturday night: more rain fell but not in the extreme amounts that threatened the match earlier in the week.

Sunday morning came: overcast and cooler. It was going to be a good day. Shooters started rolling in, sight in was done and after a quick shooters meeting, we were off for day two, this time on the White Course. Top shooters were squatted by Division and Class to shake things out. Ron Robinson and Bob Dye had equipment problems and decided to DNF before the second day was over. The weather was cool, an occasional raindrop but almost perfect FT weather, with the heat and humidity staying away until the end of the match. Charles Garvey posted a consistent two day total of 109 (tying David Alsup for high match score) taking Hunter PCP with Walt Roller coming in second.

Leo Duran staged a comeback, starting the day in third place and ending the day edging Hector Medina to win WFTF Piston. David Alsup posted high scores in Open PCP on both days, taking Open PCP with a Match High 109. Dottie Berry improved from day-one on day-two, and jumped into second place; with Peter Nysten third, and Roz Sumpter fourth. In WFTF PCP seven shooters were within five points of the top spot, with Robert Ray and Terry Almond tied but five shooters within five points of the top spot. By the end of the day, Harold Rushton had powered back up, posting a 58 to tie Robert Ray for First. Terry Almond was two points back for third (as well as High Senior) and Ken Hughes, Doug Vinson and Neil Youngren tied for fourth.

David Slade and Brad Troyer set up the targets for sudden death. Ken, Doug and Neil shot the 1/2 inch near target at 26 yard in the wind with ease, went on to the 37 yard 1/2 inch target without hesitation. Finally, Ken was triumphant at the far 1/2 target (unknown distance to me) to take fourth place. Next, Harold and Robert lined up and took the near target. Harold knocked the mid-range target down, while Robert's attempt at that target failed, and Harold bested WFTF PCP.

Sunday's lunch was chicken tenders, fried catfish and fixin's. The awards ceremony was held, old and new friends visited for a while and talked about the one that didn't fall. Thanks to all who helped put on the Good Ole Boys Match, Roz Sumpter, Cliff Smith, David Slade, Steve Vines, Pat O'brien and Martin Rutterford. Thanks to Brad Troyer (just returned from a trip to Italy) and David Slade for coordinating the shoot-offs. Special thanks to Tyler Patner and Pyramid Air for the goodies. Thanks to all that traveled from afar: Terry Almond from England, Robert Shimizu from California, Ron Carlson, Pete Brooks and Neil Youngren from Minnesota, Don Carkhuff from Illinois, Tyler Patner from Ohio, Hector Medina and Veronika Ruf from Ct, and the Yeguanistas from Texas (Ron Robinson, Leo Duran, Bob Dye, David Alsup and Mike Vredenburg). We missed the GOB regulars that were unable to attend, but hope to see them again soon. I apologize for any omissions or misspellings!

For the detail-oriented guys and gals:

PFT Course

Avg KZ 1.1 inch
 Avg Distance 17.3
 Avg PFT Troyer 37.6

Red Course

Avg KZ 1 inch
 Avg Distance 31.3 yards
 Avg Troyer 34.8

White Course

Avg KZ 19/20 inch
 Avg Distance 34.6 yards
 Avg Troyer 35.9

Overall Rifle Match

Avg KZ 1 inch
 Avg Distance 33 yards
 Avg Toyer 35.4

HUNTER PCP Red Course White Course Total

Larry Cleveland	41	46	87	
Bob Dye	37	DNF	37	
Charles Garvey	54	55	109	1ST
Ron Robinson	47	DNF	47	
Walt Roller	44	45	89	2ND

OPEN PCP	Red Course	White Course	Total	
David Alsop	53	56	109	1ST
Danny Ayers	53	41	94	
Jim Baughman	33	38	71	
Dottie Berry	46	53	99	2ND
Kevin Blankenship	44	DNS	44	
Don Carkhuff	49	47	96	
Peter Nylén	51	47	98	3RD
Pat O'Brien	38	40	78	
Sandra Rutterford	49	41	90	
Rob Seiden	51	45	96	
Robert Shimizu	10	9	19	
Roz Sumpter	50	47	97	4TH
Mike Vredenburg	49	47	96	

WFTF PCP	Red Course	White Course	Total	
Terry Almond	54	52	106	3RD
Pete Brooks	48	52	100	
Ron Carlson	39	38	77	
Ken Hughes	49	54	103	4TH By Shootoff
Tyler Patner	49	42	91	
Robert Ray	54	54	108	2ND By Shootoff
Harold Rushton	50	58	108	1ST By Shootoff
David Slade	52	42	94	
Cliff Smith	34	39	73	
Doug Vinson	53	50	103	
Neil Youngren	48	55	103	

WFTF PISTON	Red Course	White Course	Total	
Leo Duran	34	39	73	1ST
Hector Medina	36	34	70	2ND
Veronika Ruf	35	24	59	
Steve Vines	18	41	59	

PFT	Hunter	
Bob Dye		27
Ron Robinson		22
Charles Garvey		29 1st

PFT	Open	
Mike Vredenburg		24 1st
Leo Duran		21
David Slade		23
Tyler Patner		14

Equipment List on the FT Forum:

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/451309/thread/1402367236/Good+Ole+Boys+Equipment+List>

Photos on the FT Forum (courtesy of Steve Vines):

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/451309/message/1402332592/Thanks+for+the+report+Robert+->

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