Match Report Oregon State 2021 Field Target Championships

The weather did cool down to the high 80s and low 90s, and the smoke cleared for the match days. The wind was mild to medium as the days progressed. They were mostly quartering from behind us left and right. As the competitors worked around the curving course along the creek the wind got even harder to read.

We had 19 shooters traveling from as far as Montana (Dan House), Colo.(Derek Aker), Arizona (Bill Corder, Pat Callahan, and Garrett Kwakkestein). Scott H., Vince P, John K came from S. Cal. Jim C, Jim W., Chris M., Scott S. and Al Padilla came up from the Sacramento area.

The course of fire was 17 lanes with 3 targets per lane. It was a 31 troyer without the wind factor. 25 of the 51 targets were 40 plus yards, so competitors had a lot of targets to guess the wind on.

The Pistol course was 7 lanes with 3 targets for a 42 shot course. The Friday afternoon pistol match was hotly contested. The swirling winds were up to about 6mph by the 3pm start time. Scott Schneider shot a 38/42, Scott Hull, Cameron Kerndt, and myself were only one point behind with 37/42, and Randy Ebersole shot a 35/42, John Knapp a 25 and Bill Corder a 23/42.

Bill had issues with both his new pistol and his new electonic Daystate Delta Wolf on the site in course Friday, and wasn’t able to shoot the rifle match after all the traveling from AZ. I’m so sorry Bill. But thanks for coming, shooting the Pistol match, visiting and keeping a positive attitude through it all. Hope to see you at the West Coast Championship next month!

I like to start Saturday’s rifle match around 10:30 -11:00 to let the wind get going, especially with a 31T course, but Sunday, we started at 9:30 so folks could get started on their journey home sooner. I would have thought that everyone would have done better on day two, but only about half did.

Randy E did great work preparing the targets, they worked well, and we only had to replace one of the 51 rifle targets over both days. We used the new AAFTA protest system that worked well. We had two protests, one was valid and one was not. The match moved along well, with no bunching up of squads.

In Hunter Class, Scott Hull almost cleaned the course Saturday. He shot a 50/51 giving him a 4 point lead over Scott Schneider 46/51. They had a big lead in Hunter Class, but Open was much tighter, Chris Lovitt, also shot a 46/51 with Jim Whittlesey at 45/51, Pat Callahan a 44 and Chris Merritt a 43.

Cameron Kerndt had a three point lead over Jacob Sumner in WFTF Piston Class with 35/51 and Jacob a 32/51. They also had a big lead over the other piston class shooters.

With Bill C and Randy E not shooting the WFTF PCP class as planned, (Randy blew out his knee working on the course and had to switch to a bucket and bipod), only Garrett Kwakkestein and I shot the Class. We were neck and neck for the first 2/3rds of the match, but I got tired about lane 12 and Garrett stayed strong to win the day with a 43/51 and me with a 37.

Sunday, Jim W. shot the high score for the day with a 49/51, to lock down 1st in Open class, while Chris L shot 2 less than Saturday with a 44/51 to hold onto second. Chris M also shot better on Sunday with a 45 to ace out Pat C for 3rd.

In Hunter Class day two, Scott Schneider, shot great 48/51 and almost caught Scott Hull 45/51, so Scott H. won the class by one with a 95/102 for the overall high score. John Knapp shot much better day two with a 42/51 to grab 3rd.

Cameron shot a super 43/51 for Piston class on Sunday to leave the rest of the class in the dust. Jacob held on for 2nd and Jim Poh got 3rd.

Garrett & I again were tied after 12 lanes, but again I couldn’t keep up with his youth as we finished. Garrett shot one point better Sunday with a 44/51 to win WFTF PCP and I did 3 points better on day two, with a 40/51.

Here are the rest of the scores and equipment list:

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| 2021 Oregon State Field Target Championships |  |  |
| **Scores /102** | **Competitor** | **Class** | **Air Rifle** | **Scope** | **Pellet speed** |
| 95/102 | Scott Hull | Hunter PCP | Diana Skyhawk | Athlon Helos 6-24x50 | AA 10.34 @ 930 |
| 94 | Scott Schneider | Hunter PCP | Raw TM-1000 | Optisan Viper 4-16x50 | jsb 13.7 @800 |
| 80 | John Knapp | Hunter PCP | Styer LG 110 | Hawke 8-32x56 | JSB 10.34@880 |
| 72 | Al Padilla | Hunter PCP | Air Arms S500 | Aeon 6-24-x50 | JSB 10.34 @ 850 |
| 69 | Vicente Pacheco | Hunter PCP | Taipan Vet | Optisan Viper 4-16x50 | JSB 10.34@ 860 |
| 68 | Jim Cyran | Hunter PCP | Styer LG 100 | S&B 5-25-x56 | jsb 13.7 @795 |
| 61 | Randy Ebersole | Hunter PCP | Kral Pro 500 | Falcon X50 10-50x60 | AA 10.34 @ 900 |
| 22 | Keith LaBnow | Hunter PCP | Avenger | Bushnell Match Pro | JSB 10.34@920 |
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| 94 | Jim Whittlesey | Open PCP | Thomas | Sightron 10-50x60 | jsb 13.4 @810 |
| 90 | Chris Lovitt | Open PCP | TM 1000 custom | 10 50 x 60 Sightron | AA 10.34 @ 910 |
| 88 | Chris Merritt | Open PCP | USFT #27 | Nikko 10-50x60 | AA 10.34 @ 890 |
| 84 | Pat Callahan | Open PCP | USFT | Nikko 10-50x60 | AA 10.34 @ 930 |
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| 78 | Cameron Kerndt | PISTON WFTF | TX 200 HC | Falcon X50 10-50x60 | JSB 7.87 @ 812 |
| 61 | Jacob Sumner | PISTON WFTF | HW97 custom | Falcon X50 10-50x60 | AA 10.34 @ 700 |
| 55 | Jim Poh | PISTON WFTF | TX200 | Sightron 10-50x60 | JSB 8.4 @ 758 |
| 45 | Dan House | Open Piston | TX 200 | 10 50 x 60 Sightron | H&N 8.64 @ 754 |
| 36 | Derek Aker | Open Piston | Diana 48 | Hawke 4-16 x 50 | .22 cal 13.4 AA @ 750 |
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| 87 | Garrett Kwakkestein | WFTF PCP | Thomas | March 5-42 HM FFP | JSB 8.4 @ 795 |
| didn't shoot | Bill Corder | WFTF PCP | Daystate Delta Wolf | Sightron 10-50x60 | JSB 8.4 @ 788 |
| 77 | Wayne Burns | WFTF PCP | USFT #1 | Falcon X50 10-50x60 | AA 10.34 @ 711 |
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| **Pistol** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Scores /42** | **Competitor** | **Class** | **Air Pistol** | **Scope** | **Pellet speed** |
| 37/42 | Cameron Kerndt | Unlimited | Beeman QB 79 | Hawke 3-12x44 | JSB 10.34 @ 715 |
| 23 | Bill Corder | Unlimited | ????? | ?????? | ???? |
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| 38/42 | Scott Schneider | Hunter | BSA Scorpion Custom | Hawke 4-12x50 | JSB 10.34 @ 720 |
| 37 | Scott Hull | Hunter | Benjamin Marauder | UTG 3-12x44 | AA 10.34 @ 720 |
| 37 | Wayne Burns | Hunter | USFT Pistol # 1 | UTG 3-12x44 | JSB 8.44 @ 790 |
| 35 | Randy Ebersole | Hunter | Custom 1720T | UTG 3-12x44 | AA 10.34 @ 720 |
| 25 | John Knapp | Hunter | Crosman 1720T | Hawke 3-12x50 | JSB 10.34 @ 715 |

I want to thank my crew: Randy, Jacob, Eric, and my wife Christine and Sister Laurie for all their hard work helping me host the match. There is no way the match could happen without them. Thanks also, to all the competitors who attended. Many traveled a long, long way.

Respectfully submitted,

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