

NWFT Capital City May 2 Match Results

This was our regularly scheduled FT Match- last week's was a filler from a match that was cancelled.

We had the usually poor weather; but no real wind- a slight breeze; but hardly noticeable- the constant rain *was* noticeable. The weather forecast was for the light rain overnight, clear in a.m. then a front coming in later; but it rained more than predicted- especially in the Olympia, WA, area.

John Mickel, Howard Lee and Rick Knowles showed up early to set up- we stayed under the shelter- well except for Howard. He is ex-Navy stationed around Alaska so used to extreme weather. We weren't really expecting anyone to show up; but to our surprise we had 10 shooters and a few coaches. Most had rain gear and or umbrellas- it was a light rain; but pretty consistent.

I was not expecting to shoot; but people showed up- a couple people, mostly Adreee Tiffany, were shooting, so I decided to at least sight in. I got wet and then the rain slowed down enough to sucker me and everyone else in.

John teamed us up in small, fast, groups. I was teamed up with local hot shot Brent Saunders- we both shoot without a harness. There were a few old familiar faces and some that have been around but don't shoot as often. Dominic Lee brought some family, in town from California- shoot rifles; but not FT- all 3 of them shared a RX2- so unlimited air power.

Like I said winds were light so Brents HW100 didn't have much advantage over Ricks EV2- so a pretty even match. Rick missed a couple on the across the valley shot (bad clicking), Brent didn't, then Brent missed something and Rick didn't. It was pretty even till Brents PCP started shooting low- somehow he was running low on air. The EV2 gets enough shots for a couple/3 matches- so maybe an advantage to having a low power PCP???

Last week John Mickel tried making a sheet with the published distances- this weekend we also had the Troyer numbers listed. Sort of levels the scope wars. Some looked at the distances, some didn't. I trust my scope and click values and my numbers didn't match the published distances; but didn't worry and still knocked down the target.

The PCP/Open class was won by Rick Knowles, 35/40 points, with an EV2 @ 12 FPE, no harness and a Nikko scope- so shooting International Class too- the only one. Second place was Brent Saunders, HW100/Nikko, shooting a 33.

The Spring Piston Class was won by Howard Lee, shooting his ProSport/Leapers for a 28- he said he was a little under the weather- or maybe it was from over training- several people noted seeing Howard at the Tacoma Air Rifle Range. Second place was Terry Cook, shooting his FWB 300/Hawke for a 26- pretty good shooting and even hitting the 54 yard target with a 10 Meter Match Rifle. Terry and his 300 were doing pretty good last winter during the indoor BR Matches- a pretty resourceful rifle- at least till he gets his regular regular FT rifle repaired. Jim Poh was on their heels with a 21 with his TX200/Bush combo.

A new Air gun shooter Tom Krugman showed up with a TX200/Hawke and somehow ended up in the Springer class- it took him a few lanes to get going; but got things figured out for next match.

The Hunter Class was for the most part a Dominic Lee family group, with Dominic taking the high score with a RX2/Bush- they all used the same rifle. The Lee family group didn't get to shoot one lane- so we pro-rated(?) their scores to about what they would have expected to get for the last lane.

So Dominic scored a 49, Vincent Yan, 47, and Victor Yan scored a 40.

The other Hunter class shooter was Andree Tiffany, 39, with a RWS 34/Leapers combo. Andree was the go getter of the Match- the rest of us was huddled under cover while he was out sighting in the rain- so I guess we all owe the match to Andree for making us feel guilty- thanks for guilting us into another fun match.

We are getting pretty good about bringing all the rain gear to the rifle matches- mixtures of jackets, pants, ponchos and umbrellas- even a couple rifle rain jackets and scope covers. And of course the buddy to hold the umbrella over you while your shooting!

It's rained at 3 of 3 of the Capital City Matches- so we should be due a dry match; but they were all fun- thanks John another fun day on the FT Range. Sure beats waiting for the Match reports online!

