

Oregon State 2015 Field Target Championships Match Report – June 27-28, 2015

Even with the shade of the oaks and a 50% cloud cover providing some relief, the unusually very hot and humid weather for Southern Oregon, baked the competitors on Saturday. Sunday we did get a break with almost total cloud cover and more normal summer weather for Ashland.

The thunderstorms they forecast, never materialized, and the wind I had hoped for didn't happen either. We had calm winds, as calm as I've seen here at my place, we almost always have at least down drafts from the mountain as the heated air in the valley rises. It was very weird weather for Ashland. To the groans of the competitors, I waited as long as possible to start Saturday's match, watching the trees to no avail for some movement. The weirdest part is that today is back to normal 3-10mph winds in the morning with 20 mph gusts developing by noon. Go figger:-)

Dan House wins the prize for longest traveled with his journey from Montana, although LD and Vince also traveled over 1,500 miles to attend. We had JD Dodge and Sue Vogel travel down from Washington. Northern California also provided many competitors.

The Diablo club must have had twice the shooters that attended, than I had from my own state of Oregon! And they really cleaned up on the awards too. Great shooting guys, and thanks for making the journey. We did have quite a few cancellations for various work & health related issues, and we missed you folks, I hope to see you next time.

AoA generously donated an HW 50 for our grand prize, and they also sent their sales rep. Larry Piercy with their really cool sales van, full of great air guns and accessories. Larry also filled folk's air tanks before and after the match. THANKS SO MUCH TO AIR GUNS OF ARIZONA. Please support them with your air gun purchases.

The course Troyer including up/down and shade factors was 30.1 on Saturday, and 29.8 on Sunday. The many steep up and down hill shots got most folks out of their "comfortable" shooting positions, especially in the non bipod classes. I had a few more lanes with long shots last yr, but, at those closed lanes, I really need more protection (like a \$2,500 8' high fence) from an errant shot at the freeway. So, next year I might have them open again, and one more I can do at the end for some long shots. But, for this year in order to make the "avg no wind Troyer" for AAFTA GP, and make a difficult to clean course, that really challenged the top shooters, but that they could come close to cleaning, I had to use my shade, uphill and downhill terrain and some smaller kzs at difficult Troyer distances to balance my other desire to have 40 to 60% scores doable by the masses.

The Free Style class got a good footing for our Western league, with Alan Hull, Andrew Yee (Kevin's young son), and our own member Randy Ebersol deciding late to join in with Larry Durham.

Alan only missed one shot each day! LD was only one point behind him on Saturday, but his gun fell over and he had to waste some shots to get back his zero on Sunday, but he still recovered to shoot the 3rd highest score of the match! Andrew Yee, shot an amazing score of 80/102 for being a new shooter. But just think about who is teaching him!... Watch out dad, this kid will be kicking your own *** soon! Randy also shot a very high score 82/102, considering his level of experience, and that he built his own rifle from a Crosman 2250 pistol, with no trigger mod!

Kevin Yee brought his "A" WFTF piston game as usual, and won again in the combined piston class, also posting the 5th highest score overall along with Son Lu in WFTF PCP. But Jeff Carmello (Hunter Piston) was on his heels the whole way until the final few lanes. Scott Hull, Jim Poh, and Vince Pacheco also had small kz and temp/shift issues, but couldn't deal with them as well as Kevin and Jeff I guess ☺ there is always next time.

The WFTF PCP Class had only three contestants, with Son Lu posting the win and a 5th place overall tie, with a great score of 92/102. Gabriel Lucero 82/102 and Mark Gravelle 79/102 also shot good scores under the trying conditions.

The Diablo club also gets the win in Hunter PCP with Lonnie Smith 90/102 getting the high score ribbon. Mike Culbertson and Jim Cyran got the ribbons for Second and Third.

The Open class PCP was very tightly contested, I led after day one with a 48/51, with 7 shooters within three points. Riz the "consistent" shot a 47/51 day one and 48/51 day two... Meanwhile, I pooped out day two with a 45/51, but it was good enough to take second in the open class, and remain the Oregon State Open class champ. Third and fourth places took a shoot off between Larry Piercy and Jim Whittlesey, that Larry one after many attempts at breaking the tie. Chris Merritt was only one point behind.

Only eight folks contested the pistol match Saturday afternoon, And Riz took another first place ribbon home for the Diablo club.

Pistol Results:

Open PCP

First Place - Riz Marquez - Open PCP - 36/40
Second Place Tie- Scott Hull - Open PCP - 31/40
Second Place Tie - Mark Gravelle - Open PCP - 31/40
Third Place - Dan House - Open PCP - 17/40

Pistol Results:

Hunter PCP

First Place - Scott Schneider - Hunter PCP - 32/40
Second Place Tie - Alan Hull - Hunter PCP - 29/40
Second Place Tie - Lonnie Smith - Hunter PCP - 29/40
Third Place - Gabriel Lucero - Hunter PCP - 16/40

Free Style Rifle Class

First Place - Alan Hull - Free Style - 100/102
Second Place - Larry Durham - Free Style - 94/102
Third Place - Randy Ebersol - Free Style - 82/102
Fourth Place - Andrew Yee - Free Style - 80/102

Open PCP Rifle Class

First Place – Riz Marquez – Open PCP – 95/102
Second Place – Wayne Burns – Open PCP – 93/102
Third Place (won Shootoff) – Larry Piercy – Open PCP -91/102
Fourth Place – Jim Whittlesey – Open PCP -91/102
Fifth Place – Chris Merritt – Open PCP – 90/102
Sixth Place – Tim Mac One Murray – Open PCP 87/102
Seventh Place – Bob Pont – Open PCP – 81/102
Eighth Place – Scott Schneider – Open PCP – 68/102
Tenth Place – Ronnie Easton – Open PCP – DNF 46/51

Combined Piston Rifle Class

First Place – Kevin Yee – WFTF Piston- 92/102
Second Place – Jeff Carmello – Hunter Piston – 89/102
Third Place – Scott Hull – Open Piston – 75/102
Fourth Place – Vince Pacheco – Open Piston – 63/102
Fifth Place – Jim Poh – WFTF Piston- 60/102

WFTF PCP Rifle Class

First Place – Son Lu – WFTF PCP- 92/102
Second Place – Gabriel Lucero – WFTF PCP – 82/102
Third Place – Mark Gravelle – WFTF PCP – 79/10

Hunter PCP Rifle Class

First Place – Lonnie Smith – Hunter PCP – 90/102
Second Place – Mike Culbertson – Hunter PCP – 80/102
Third Place – Jim Cyran – Hunter PCP – 74/102
Fourth Place – Gordon Stipe – Hunter PCP – 69/102
Fifth Place – JD Dodge – Hunter PCP – 66/102
Sixth Place – Sue Vogel – Hunter PCP – 32/102

Results for all classes combined:

Overall Match High Score – Alan Hull – Free Style – 100/102
2nd Highest Match Score – Riz Marquez – Open PCP – 95/102
3rd Highest Match Score – Larry Durham – Free Style – 94/102
4th Highest Match Score – Wayne Burns – Open PCP – 93/102
5th Highest Match Score Tie – Kevin Yee – WFTF Piston- 92/102
5th Highest Match Score Tie – Son Lu – WFTF PCP- 92/102
6th Highest Match Score Tie – Larry Piercy – Open PCP -91/102
6th Highest Match Score Tie – Jim Whittlesey – Open PCP -91/102
7th Highest Match Score Tie – Lonnie Smith – Hunter PCP – 90/102
7th Highest Match Score Tie – Chris Merritt – Open PCP – 90/102
8th Highest Match Score – Jeff Carmello – Hunter Piston – 89/102
9th Highest Match Score – Tim Mac One Murray – Open PCP 87/102
10th Highest Match Score Tie – Randy Ebersol – Free Style – 82/102
10th Highest Match Score Tie – Gabriel Lucero – WFTF PCP – 82/102
11th Highest Match Score – Bob Pont – Open PCP – 81/102
12th Highest Match Score Tie – Andrew Yee – Free Style – 80/102
12th Highest Match Score Tie – Mike Culbertson – Hunter PCP – 80/102
13th Highest Match Score – Mark Gravelle – WFTF PCP – 79/102

- 14th Highest Match Score – Scott Hull – Open Piston – 75/102
- 15th Highest Match Score Tie – Jim Cyran – Hunter PCP – 74/102
- 16th Highest Match Score – Gordon Stipe – Hunter PCP – 69/102
- 17th Highest Match Score – Scott Schneider – Open PCP – 68/102
- 18th Highest Match Score – JD Dodge – Hunter PCP – 66/102
- 19th Highest Match Score – Vince Pacheco – Open Piston – 63/102
- 20th Highest Match Score – Jim Poh – WFTF Piston- 60/102
- 21th Highest Match Score – Dan House – Open PCP – 55/102
- 22th Highest Match Score – Ronnie Easton – Open PCP – DNF 46/51
- 23th Highest Match Score – Sue Vogel – Hunter PCP – 32/102

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