

2013 ROT Match Results (submitted by Scott York)

		Name				
	Class	Last	First	Longhorn Course	Aggie Course	Totals
1	Hunter	Witkowski	Doug	54	51	105
2	PCP	Alsup	David	53	49	102
3	WFTF	Rushton	Harold	47	49	96
4	Hunter	Bey	Ted	46	48	94
5	PCP	Edwards	Styleie	42	52	94
6	PCP	Sumpter	Roz	48	45	93
7	PCP	Reedy	Phil	41	52	93
8	PCP	Vredenburg	Mike	45	47	92
9	Hunter	Robinson	Ron	49	43	92
10	WFTF	Apelles	Ray	39	50	89
11	WFTF	Ray	Robert	44	45	89
12	Hunter	Hull	Scott	37	49	86
13	Hunter	York	Scott	38	47	85
14	Hunter	Lababedy	Matt	37	40	77
15	Hunter	Garza	Carlos	34	38	72
16	Hunter	Dye	Bob	30	38	68
17	WFTF	Ruf	Veronika	28	26	54
18	PCP	Ingram	Johnny	49	DNF	49
19	WFTF	Medina	Hector	21	24	45
20	Hunter	Robinson	Kim	19	22	41
21	PCP	Kennedy	Kelly	37	DNF	37
22	Hunter	York	Alex	17	14	31

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2013 Republic of Texas Field Target Round-up Match Report

Perhaps because the Yegua Airgun Club in Somerville, Texas will be hosting the 2013 U.S. Field Target National Championships, many of field target's "big guns" came out to contest the 2013 Republic of Texas Field Target Round-up. The field of competitors read like a Who's Who of American field target legends. Perusal of the ROT score-boards leaves no doubt about not only the quality of the competitors in attendance, but the challenging conditions they encountered (or perhaps... *endured*).

Though both rifle courses featured reasonable Troyer factors averaging 37 to 38, unseasonably cool conditions and extremely gusty winds for Saturday's rifle match exaggerated those Troyer factors enough to reflect in no uncertain terms on the score-boards. That is, with one notable exception.

In spite of near-brutal wind conditions, Hunter Division shooter Doug Witkowski made field target history by recording the high score of the day in a major FT championship. Doug's awesome score of 54/60 also held up as the high one-day score of the week-end, and takes on a heightened perspective considering the many FT legends contesting 2013 ROT. That his two-day score of 105/120 also prevailed as the high aggregate score of the week-end by a solid 3 points makes Doug's historic feat even more poignant. That Doug walked away with the Hunter Champion award is almost a mere foot-note, considering how dominantly he did it. I'm considering changing divisions!

While we're on the subject of Hunter Division, Ted Bey's excellent aggregate score of 94/120 was good enough for second place. Good shooting, Ted. Defending ROT Hunter Division champion Ron Robinson took home the third place trophy with a 92/120.

Reigning PCP Division National Champ and AAFTA Grand Prix PCP National Champion David Alsup's fine score of 103/120 earned him another PCP Champion title. Style Edwards' score of 94/120 earned him the second place PCP trophy, just nipping Roz Sumpter's 93/120 third place. Roz also took home the High Senior trophy.

Recognize any names yet? We're not done...

Some guy named Harold Rushton captured the WFTF Champion trophy with a fine 96/120. Given the challenging winds and pop-guns the WFTF shooters use, that's a fine score! Ray Apelles prevailed in a shoot-off over Robert Ray to take the second place trophy, both of them having posted scores of 89/120. Like I said, an FT Who's Who.

Unfortunately only two piston shooters attended 2013 ROT. Not enough entrants to field a Piston division, Veronica Ruf and Hector Medina competed in WFTF Division.

Young Alex York shot his first-ever field target match, with a little help from dad Scott York. Alex's excellent 31/120 bodes well for his future in field target. The emotion between father and son as Scott awarded Alex the High Junior trophy rates as the high point of my ROT week-end. Suffice to say Dad wasn't the only adult choking back tears!

Ted Bey's perfect 44/44 pistol FT score capped his ROT week-end in fine form by adding a Pistol Champion trophy to his second place Hunter Rifle trophy. Ted is only the second shooter to clean a PFT course at Yegua. Great shooting, Ted!

Ron Robinson's 39/44 took the second place PFT trophy. New field target LEGEND Doug Witkowski added a third place Pistol trophy to his historic Hunter Rifle Champion trophy with a 36/44. All eight pistol competitors contested Hunter Pistol class.

Altogether 22 shooters attended 2013 ROT, making it officially an AAFTA Grand Prix event. What the score-boards might lack in quantity of attendees is certainly made up for in quality of competitor; those competitors getting an excellent preview of the 2013 National Championship venue.

Dozens of man-hours invested in target tuning, maintenance and leveling paid off. The matches progressed smoothly with only one 15 minute delay and a few short delays to correct routine target and winder issues. Apparently only one target was deemed unfit the whole week-end. All shooters were awarded those two points.

The level of field target talent in attendance at 2013 ROT was matched only by the level of camaraderie and goodwill displayed. Though the Yegua core members were completely exhausted by week-ends end, the rewards felt worth the efforts invested. It was a good Nats warm-up for all parties involved.

Self proclaimed "world-renowned airgun author" (and shameless capitalist) Ron Robinson took advantage of the ROT week-end to hawk his brand-new airgun book titled *Airgun Chronicles- Thirty Years of Airgun Testing and Competition*. Otherwise it was an extremely enjoyable and memorable field target week-end.

No doubt many shooters with 2013 National Championship inclinations will be scrutinizing the ROT score-boards closely. Now THAT'S some interesting reading!

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