

## Fourteenth Annual Republic of Texas Grand Prix Match Report



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Since 2015, the Rep of TX State Championship and AAFTA Grand Prix has operated through a rotation among the 4 club venues in Texas. This year it was Dallas Field Target Club's turn to host the match, September 15-16, at Elm Fork Shooting Sports just east of the DFW airport in urban Dallas.

The weather forecasts in the week leading up to the match had threatened to ruin what would be a two-day event with three events... Rifle matches on Saturday and Sunday, with the Pistol match Saturday afternoon. So match organizers Kevin Enzian, Buddy Holland and myself crossed our fingers, as there was precious little time available for Thunderstorm delays.

As it turned out, nary a raindrop intruded all weekend when we were on the range. It was typically hot for mid September, and extremely humid. Combined with dead calm wind conditions, it was the muggiest weekend we've ever seen at the dedicated FT range at Elm Fork.



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Participation numbers this year were the best we've seen in Texas in 5 years or more... Twenty Four folks showed up to play, including 2 folks from Oklahoma, AND seven of our good friends from Louisiana. We couldn't be happier to see all you folks from Baton Rouge, so I must first thank all of you for coming. Thanks also to the handful who trekked in from points in south Texas, too. As everyone knows, Texas is a huge state.

The rifle match was segmented into 60 shots on Saturday, on the usual 15 lanes, 4-shots each with one standing and one kneeling lane. To permit an early departure on Sunday for the out-of-state and southern Texas commuters, Sunday's Rifle match was 40 shots on 10 lanes with a similar number of kneeling and standing shots. The rifle difficulty was 32.7 Troyer on Saturday and 32.6T on Sunday for the 100 shot, GP qualifying match.

The pistol match was 40 shots, pre-set among ten of the rifle lanes without reset strings, in typical Texas style. Changeover from Saturday rifle to Saturday pistol, then back to Rifle for Sunday is tedious (repainting and moving a couple targets and strings) but went without a hitch... about 20 minutes per change. For GPs of 30 or so participants, this is a nifty idea, since it doesn't require participants to take an extra day off work, spend an extra night in a hotel with meals, etc.



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Saturday's match started promptly at 9am and concluded by 12:15, in time for some Texas BBQ lunch. I was very pleased that everyone shot their matches with good pace. Timers were available, but none of the two shooter squads ran behind. On Sunday, we shot 3-person squads on the 10 lanes, yet still finished in just 2-1/2 hours, followed by a catered Tex-Mex lunch, then awards presentations. I think everyone was well incented to get off the range before the skies opened up (which they did in the evenings). Great job all.



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Blissfully there were no ties in the scores among the trophy placings. So shoot-offs were not necessary this year. I'd like to think this was due to good course design (LOL).

Setting the Grand Prix Rifle standard for the weekend was Mike Vredenburg, shooting 90/100 in Open PCP. This fine score was followed by Terry Vanpool, who – for the second year in a row – won Hunter PCP, this time with 88 points, 2 ahead of Bob Dye's 86, the closest contested match of the weekend. Baton Rouge shooter Griff Crutti walked away with Hunter Piston honors with a fine 75. And Jeff Cloud shot an exceptional 82 to claim the WFTF Piston title. Robert Droege must have felt alone in WFTF PCP class, yet shot a stellar 84 regardless.

The Grand Prix Pistol Match was won by Leo Duran, with a superb 35/40, followed by Robert Droege with a 30, with Mike Vredenburg taking third with a 28. The pistol match was shot at 36 Troyer, the maximum difficulty rating allowed.



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Once again thanks to everyone who drove to Dallas for this annual event, especially the crew from LA. And a special thanks to Kevin Enzian (above), who was indispensable in helping this old Match Director on bad knees make it through the weekend. See y'all next year.

**Republic of Texas AAFTA Grand Prix Rifle Match  
Dallas Field Target Club - Sept 15-16, 2018**

100 Pts Max, 3/8" to 1-1/2" KZs set at 10-55yds: 32.7 Troyer				Mostly Sunny: 88°-92° Hum: 90% Wind: Calm					
		AAFTA Division	Powerplant	Rifle Make/Model-Cal.	Rifle Scope Make/Model/Magnification/Objective	Rifle Pellet	Sat. Score	Sun. Score	Total Score
1	Griff Crutti	Hunter	Piston	Air Arms TX200 .177	Bushnell 6-24	AA 8.44	42	33	75
2	Bob Pacatte	Hunter	Piston	TX 200 MK II .177	Hawke Sidewinder ED 10-50x 60mm	JSB 7.87	34	26	60
3	Mike Dugas	Hunter	Piston	Air Arms TX200 .177	Hawke AirMax 30 4-16x 50mm	JSB 8.44	30	26	56
4	Kenny Altazin	Hunter	Piston	Air Arms TX 200 .177	Hawke sidewinder 30 6.5-20x 42mm	JSB 8.44	35	21	56
5	Jim Leggett	Hunter	Piston	HW97K .177	UTG 3-12x 44mm	CPL 7.9	26	24	50
6	Bobby McKee	Hunter	Piston	Air Arms TX200 .177	Hawke Airmax 30 4-16x 50mm	JSP 8.44	31	18	49
1	Terry Vanpool	Hunter	PCP	Steyr .177	Falcom M18+	AA Field 10.3	52	36	88
2	Bob Dye	Hunter	PCP	RAW TM1000 .177	Optisan Viper 4-16x 50mm (@12x)	AA 10.3	52	34	86
3	Kevin Enzian	Hunter	PCP	Air Arms S500 .177	Optisan Viper 4-16x 50mm	AA 10.3	48	32	80
4	Paul Walker	Hunter	PCP	Thomas .177	Sightron	JSB 13.3	47	31	78
5	Daniel Rowe	Hunter	PCP	Daystate Air Wolf .177	Hawke Sidewinder 30 10-50x 60mm	Daystate 8.44	46	29	75
6	David Abshire	Hunter	PCP	Benjamin Marauder .22	BSA 4-14x FFP	JSB 15.89	43	27	70
7	Buddy Holland	Hunter	PCP	Weihrauch HW100 .177	Optisan Viper 4-16x 50mm	JSB 10.3	45	24	69
8	Carey Hymel	Hunter	PCP	Thomas - .177	Hawke Sidewinder ED 10-50 x 60mm	JSB 13.4	45	22	67
9	Carl Rodenbeck	Hunter	PCP	Daystate Huntsman CI	Hawke 4-16x 50mm	JSB 10.3	33	19	52
10	Dave Cole	Hunter	PCP	BSA R10 Mk2 .177	Athlon Argos 6-24x 50mm	H&N 10.65	30	21	51
1	Mike Vredenburg	Open	PCP	Daystate GP .177	Nikko 10-50	JSB 10.3	53	37	90
2	Vance Lowe	Open	PCP	USFT .177	Nikon 10-50	JSB 13.43	51	35	86
1	Jeff Cloud	WFTF	Piston	Whiscombe JW50 .177	Sightron 10-50x 60mm	JSB 8.44	50	32	82
2	Randy Smith	WFTF	Piston	Walther LGU .177	Sightron SIII 10-50x 60mm	JSB 8.44	39	24	63
3	Craig Martin	WFTF	Piston	Air Arms TX200 .177	Sightron SIII 10-50x 60mm	AA 8.44	37	21	58
4	Leo Duran	WFTF	Piston	Whiscombe JW-70 .177	Elite 8-32x 40mm	JSB 10.3	33	25	58
5	Cliff Montgomery	WFTF	Piston	Weihrauch HW97k .177	Tasco Custom Shop 10-40x	8.64	31	13	44
1	Robert Droege	WFTF	PCP	RAW TM1000 .177	Sightron 10-50 x 60mm FT	JSB 7.87	51	33	84

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**Republic of Texas AAFTA Grand Prix Pistol Match  
Dallas Field Target Club - Sept 15, 2018**

40 Pts Max, 1/2" to 1-1/2" KZs set at 10-35yds: 36 Troyer Mostly Sunny: 90° Hum: 90% Wind: Calm						
		Pistol Div.	Pistol Make & Model	Pistol Scope Make/Mod./Mag./Obj.	Pistol Pellet	Total Score
1	Leo Duran	Limited	Steyr LP-1	Hawke 3-12x	JSB 8.44	35
2	Robert Droege	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Hawke 3-12x 50mm	JSB 7.87	30
3	Mike Vredenburg	Hunter	FX Ranchero	UTG 3-12	JSB 8.4	28
4	Kevin Enzian	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	UTG SWAT 3-12x 44mm	AA 10.3	26
5	Bob Dye	Hunter	CZ200S/Pardini #1	UTG SWAT 3-12x 44mm	AA 10.3	25
6	Craig Martin	Hunter	CZ200T/Pardini #2	Aeon 3-12x	AA 10.34	25
7	Paul Walker	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Hawk 3x12	JBS 8.4	19
8	Carl Rodenbeck	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	UTG 3-12x44	JSB 8.44	19
9	Randy Smith	Hunter	Crosman 1720T	Aeon 3-12 x 50	AA 8.4	18
10	Cliff Montgomery	Hunter	Airmax .22	Leupold 12x	H&N 14	17

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