

2015 US Field Target Nationals Match Report



Photo Courtesy of Ed Canoles

This year the Nationals were hosted by the Tar Heel Air Gun Club on the property of Will and Ginger Piatt in Ennice, NC. The property is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway and is at approximately 2800 feet elevation. It's a beautiful landscape and a tranquil setting.

Background

The decision to make a bid for the national match was made in September 2014 after the club had its first match on the property. Chris Berry and I raised the possibility with Will and he said yes. We contacted Leo Duran and sent in the details of the club and the proposed site. Five club members went to the Heflin Nationals in October 2014 and took notes on the great event that Ken Hughes and his team put together. The green light was given by the Board of Governors at the 2014 AAFTA meeting for THAGC to host.

Sponsors

Sponsors were great! From our club Lexington Air guns and Airgun Hobbyist Magazine stepped up. David Slade's Airgunwerks once again helped out with a generous donation of items.

Nationally, Crosman, Airguns of Airizona, Umarex, Precision Airguns, Pyramid Air, BKL, and Trenier Outdoors made generous contributions to make this event possible.

Personal Thanks

Will and Ginger Piatt were gracious with the use of their property and their time. Will cut most of the lanes himself and started grooming the property for the event early. Ginger put up with us in and around her house and was key to making sure the shooters did not go hungry.

Chris and Stacy Berry were invaluable in ways too numerous to list. Chris and Stacy made many trips from their home in Mount Pleasant to Ennice. They were responsible for trophy design, shirt design, sponsor interaction, BOG interaction, and many other aspects to make the match successful.

Every member of THAGC volunteered in some way, whether it was chronograph station, sight in range, tearing down the course, emotional support, or financial support.

I'd especially like to recognize the following: Mark Lapointe for his efforts on the www.thagc.com site. He kept it updated and working and helped during the match. Joe Magarelli made the fabulous lane number markers helped during the three days. Chris Corey arrived Thursday to help and brought a much needed air tank. Ammon Piatt, John Ford, Paul Porch, Don Armstrong (who also brought an air tank), and Kevin Kunkle helped during the three days. Artie Claudino served as the Chronograph Marshall.

Rodney Allen did not hesitate when I asked him to host a church service Sunday morning and help out whenever asked.

Thanks to Jessica Piatt for helping with food setup and taking some great photographs!

Finally, thanks to Brad Troyer for preparing the targets in advance, serving as auctioneer and delivering the AAFTA targets back to storage.

Now to the match reports!

Scott Allen
Nationals Match Director

2015 AAFTA NATIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday afternoon was beautiful as twenty shooters took to the lanes. The MD for pistol was Chris Berry.

Hunter Pistol

T1 Charles Garvey 46	FX Ranchero, Bushnell 12x, JSB 7.9
T2 Ron Robinson 42	Crosman 187, Leupold 3-9, JSB 8.4
T3 Lonnie Smith 41*	Crosman 1700p Hybrid, Burris Compact 4-12, JSB8.4
T4 Bob Dye 41*	CZ200/Pardini, UTG4-12, AA10.34
T5 Scott Hull 39	Marauder, UTG 3-12, JSB 8.4
6 Fred Mannis 38	1720T, Tasco 2-7, JSB 7.9
7 Craig Evans 33	1720T, UTG 3-12, AA 8.4
8 Bill Day 32	FX Ranchero, Accura Chek 12, JSB 7.9
9 Paul Walker 15	1720T, Weaver 3-12, JSB 8.4
10 Armstrong 12	1720T, Hawk 3-12, JSB 7.9

* by shoot off

Open Pistol

T1 Tyler Patner 43	1720T, Hawk 3-12, AA 8.4
T2 Leo Duran 42	Steyr LP1, Hawk 3-12, JSB 8.4
T3 Riz Marquez 41	LP1 Rizzynator, Bushnell Elite 3-12, JSB 7.9
T4 Paul Plauche 39	1720T, Hawk 3-12, AA 8.4
T5 Mike Vredenburg 37	FX Ranchero, Hawk 3-12, JSB 8.4
6 Matt Sawyer 31	Tessero Twin Master, Viper 10x, AA8.4
7 John Eroh 29	Tessero Twin Master, Viper 10x, AA8.4
7 Chris Berry 29	1720T, UTG 3-12, AA 8.4
8 Chris Corey 27	1720T, UTG 3-12, AA 8.4

9 David Slade 22
10 Eric Roehle 5

Rapid Enforcer, Hawk 4-12, JSB 8.4
P1 Magnum, 2x Beeman, JSB 7.9



Charles Garvey on the way to winning Hunter Pistol



Tyler Patner presented with First Place Open Pistol Trophy

2015 AAFTA NATIONAL RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

California won the team match (Riz Marquez, Jim Whitlesey, George Doganis, Lonnie Smith. Team captain Scott Hull.

Dottie Slade was the high lady, **Greg Sauve** the high senior, **Sebastian Gerz** the high junior.

Match high score: Ken Hughes, WFTF PCP 98 out of 120.





Sunday offered some of the most challenging conditions heretofore seen in the AAFTA nationals – wind, rain and fog, but what a difference a day makes, Sunday was beautiful!



Ammon Piatt shooting on Sunday.

Hunter PCP

A great battle on Day 1 ended with Ron Robinson, Charles Garvey, and Bill Day tied for first with several shooters including Ammon Piatt and Bill Rabbitt close behind. At the end of the day Sunday Ammon Piatt came out on top shooting his Will Piatt built Evanix Rainstorm.

	First Name	Last Name	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
T1	Ammon	Piatt	36	46	82
T2	Ron	Robinson	37	43	80
T3	Bill	Rabbitt	36	41	77
T4	Bill	Day	37	34	71
T5	Lonnie	Smith	33	36	69
6	Bob	Dye	29	39	68
7	John	Eroh	35	29	64
8	Charles	Armentrout	29	32	61
9	Phil	Eakley	28	33	61
10	John	Ford	12	44	56
11	Andrew	Burns	26	28	54
12	Paul	Porch	25	24	49
13	Charles	Garvey	37	DNF	37
14	Thomas	Ryan	20	14	34
15	Sue	Tenney	11	23	34
16	Fred	Mannis	9	20	29
17	Vince	Sempronio	16	12	28
18	Paul	Walker	DNF	23	23
19	Don	Armstrong	19	DNF	19
20	Susan	Smith	10	8	18
21	Benjamin	Smith	9	7	16
22	Rodney	Allen	2	10	12
23	Sarah	Allen	1	6	7

Hunter Piston

There were not enough shooters for a class in 2014 in Hunter Piston but that changed this year because in NC Hunter Piston is very popular. It is popular in large part to the encouragement of Ed Canoles.

Gerald Long put some distance between himself and the rest of the field on Saturday with his TX200 and held tight to his lead on Sunday as only eight points separated 2nd through 6th places.

	First name	Last Name	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
T1	Gerald	Long	30	20	50
T2	Kevin	Kunkle	14	21	35
T3	Michael	Finchum	21	11	32
4	Joe	Magarelli	20	9	29
5	Eric	Brewer	10	18	28
6	Ed	Canoles	14	13	27
7	Ray	Johnson	10	12	22

Riz Marquez shooting a 47 on Saturday in his improvised rain gear on his way to win Open PCP:



Open PCP

Open PCP saw one of the other breakout performances on Saturday with Riz Marquez blistering the course with a 47 with his Steyr LG110. Solid shooting on Sunday allowed him to maintain his lead until the final shot. Danny Ayers also shot well on Saturday and took second. Third and fourth place were decided by a tense shoot off between Mike Greenburg and Jim Whittlesey.

	First name	Last Name	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
T1	Rizalde	Marquez	47	44	91
T2	Danny	Ayers	44	42	86
T3	Jim	Whittlesey*	38	45	83
T4	Mike	Vredenburg*	36	47	83
T5	Dottie	Slade	35	43	78
6	Waldemar	Gordils-Rios	31	46	77
7	Robert	Seiden	30	41	71
8	Chris	Merritt	23	44	67
9	Nathan	Thomas	25	41	66
10	Roz	Sumpter	31	34	65
11	Pedro	Abreu	29	35	64
12	Michael	Koratich	31	31	62
13	Larry	Piercy	20	41	61
14	Will	Piatt	29	29	58
15	Manuel	Gonzalez	25	31	56
16	Ron	Carlson**	6	48	54
17	Edwin	Tubens**	11	38	49
18	Chris	Corey	15	32	47
19	Pat	O'Brien	18	26	44
20	Dennis	Eden	17	23	40
21	Noel (Skip)	Tenney	20	dnf	20
22	Stan	Lapinski	3	dnf	3
23	Mark	Oehlberg	3	dnf	3
	* By shoot off				
	** Bumped from Open >12fpe				

Open Piston

Scott Hull shot his Diana 54 in Open Piston to earn yet another national championship.

	First	Last	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
T1	Scott	Hull	27	23	50
2	Eric	Roehrle	9	19	28
3	Sebastian	Gerz	4	13	17

Scott Hull shooting:



WFTF PCP

Ken Hughes did well enough on Saturday with his LG110 to stay within a point of Paul Plauche and turned up the intensity on Sunday to take match-high score in WFTF PCP on the way to a 2-point victory over Paul. Luis Nevett and Harold Rushton posted identical scores each day and met for an exciting shoot off to determine 3rd and 4th place.

	First	Last	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
T1	Ken	Hughes	46	52	98
T2	Paul	Plauche	47	49	96
T3	Luis	Nevett	39	53	92
T4	Harold	Rushton	39	53	92
T5	Greg	Sauve	36	50	86
6	Jeff	Paddock	34	49	83
7	Matthew	Sawyer	35	46	81
8	Tyler	Patner	28	50	78
9	Brian	Vandenboom	38	39	77
10	George	Doganis	32	44	76
11	Lukas	Richter	26	50	76
12	Tom	Holland	24	52	76
13	Chris	Berry	31	40	71
14	Peter	Brooks	22	46	68
15	David	Slade	18	35	53
16	Giuseppe	Avanzo	10	42	52
17	Clifford	Smith	11	40	51
18	Mark	LaPointe	17	29	46
19	Ron	Brown	21	24	45
20	Craig	Evans	17	27	44
21	Juan	Ugueto	11	dnf	11
	Keith	Knoblauch	DQ	>12fpe	



WFTF Piston

There are lots of stories in WFTF Piston, but the one to remember is Brad Troyer's stunning performance! To put his performance in perspective, second through sixth place were only separated by 6 points at the end of the match and Brad won by 22 points over second place shooting his TX200.

	First	Last	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
T1	Brad	Troyer	31	46	77
T2	Hector J	Medina	20	35	55
T3	Jerry	LaRocca	22	32	54
T4	Matt	Brackett	19	32	51
T5	Ray	Apelles	21	30	51
6	George	Harde	16	32	48
7	Paul	Bishop	17	29	46
8	Manuel	Morales	17	27	44
9	Randy	Smith	18	22	40
10	Leo	Duran	11	26	37
11	Kevin	Yee	11	16	27

APPENDIX A

EQUIPMENT LIST

First Name	Last Name	Rifle	Pellet	Scope	Division	Power Plant
Pedro	Abreu	Air Arms Ev2 Benjamin	JSB 10.34	Hawke sidewinder 8-32x50	Open	PCP
Rodney	Allen	Discovery	JSB 8.44	Center Point 4-16x40mm	Hunter	PCP
Ray	Apelles	Diana 54 Bullpup	AA 8.4 gr	March 5-40	WFTF	Piston
Charles	Armentrout	Styer LG100	JSB 8	Viper 3-12	Hunter	PCP
Don	Armstrong	RAW HM1000	10.5 CPH	Hawke 6-24x50	Hunter	PCP
Giuseppe	Avanzo	Steyr LG110	JSB 8.4	Khales 10-50	WFTF	PCP
Danny	Ayers	RAW TM1000	AA 10.3	Sightron Siii 10-50	Open	PCP
Chris	Berry	Steyr LG110 ft	Air Arms 8.4	Sightron 10-50x60 Sightron SIII 10-50 MOA	WFTF	PCP
Paul	Bishop	HW 98	H&N FTT 8.6	FT	WFTF	Piston
Matt	Brackett	Air Arms TX200III	AA Fields 8.4g	Hakko 10-50x56	WFTF	Piston
Eric	Brewer	AA TX200	JSB 8.44	Sightron 10-50X60	Hunter	Piston
Peter	Brooks	Steyr LG100	JSB 8.4g	BSA 10-50	WFTF	PCP
Ron	Brown	Air Arms FTP900	JSB 8.44	Aeon 8x32x50	WFTF	PCP
Andrew	Burns	RAW TM1000	Air Arms 10.3	Aeon 8-32x50 SF	Hunter	PCP
Ed	Canoles	R9	CPL 7.9	Optisan Viper 3-12x44	Hunter	Piston
Ron	Carlson	Rapid Air	JSB 8.4	BSA 10-50	Open	PCP
Chris	Corey	Steyr LG110 Daystate Airwolf	CPH 10.5	March X 8-80	Open	PCP
Bill	Day	MTC	JSB 10.34	Sightron 10-50x60	Hunter	PCP
George	Doganis	Steyr LG110FT	JSB 7.87	March 10-60	WFTF	PCP
Leo	Duran	HW97	JSB 7.9	March @40X	WFTF	Piston
Bob	Dye	RAW TM1000	AA 10.34	Optisan Viper 4-16x 50mm	Hunter	PCP
Phil	Eakley	TM100	JSB 10.34	Optisan Viper 8-32	Hunter	PCP
Dennis	Eden	Air Arms FTP900	Exact 8.4	Schmit & Bender FT 10-50	Open	PCP
John	Eroh	Air arms s500	Air Arms 10.34	Aeon 6-24x50	Hunter	PCP
Craig	Evans	Challenger	jsb 8.4	AEON 8-32x50	WFTF	PCP
Michael	Finchum	HW97	CPL 7.9	Hawke sidewinder 4x12	Hunter	Piston
John	Ford	FX Independence	JSB 10.3	Center Point 4-16	Hunter	PCP
Charles	Garvey	FWB	10.3 jsb	Aeon 12x	Hunter	PCP
Sebastian	Gerz	Weihrauch HW-97	jsb 8.44	pursuit X1 6-24	Open	Piston
Manuel	Gonzalez	Custom	jsb 8.4	leupold comp.	Open	PCP
Waldemar	Gordils-Rios	MPR-FT	aa 8.4	nikko stirling 10-50x60	Open	PCP
George	Harde	Air Arms TX-200	JSB 7.9	Sightron SIII 10-50	WFTF	Piston

Tom	Holland	RAW TM 1000	Air Arms 8.44	Sightron Siii 10-50x60	WFTF	PCP
Ken	Hughes	Steyr LG110	JSB 8.4	Leupold Comp 35x	WFTF	PCP
Scott	Hull	Diana 54	AA 10.3gr	UTG 6-24x50	Open	Piston
Ray	Johnson	HW95	CP 7.9	Optisan viper 3x12 Leupold 35 x 45	Hunter	Piston
Keith	Knoblauch	Steyr LG 110 FT Walther	JSB Express	Competition	WFTF	PCP
Michael	Koratich	LG300XLT	JSB 10.4	Hawke SW 8-32x	Open	PCP
Kevin	Kunkle	Walther LGU	AA 8.44	Sightron SIII FT @12x	Hunter	Piston
Stan	Lapinski	RAW TM1000	JSB 8.4	Sightron 10-50x60	Open	PCP
Mark	LaPointe	Styer LG110	JSB Exacts 8.44	Hawke SR Pro 8-32x56	WFTF	PCP
Jerry	LaRocca	AA TX200 MKII	AA 8.4	Bushnell 8-32x40	WFTF	Piston
Gerald	Long	Air Arms TX200	JSB 7.9	Optisan Viper 3-12	Hunter	Piston
Joe	Magarelli	Weihrauch HW-97	H&N FTT 8.64	Optisan Viper 3-12	Hunter	Piston
Fred	Mannis	CZ 200	AA 10.3	Aeon 8-32x50	Hunter	PCP
Rizalde	Marquez	Steyr LG110 FT	AA 10.3	Sightron 10-50 Sightron SIII 10-50X60	Open	PCP
Hector	Medina	CCA WFTF D54	AA 8.44	MOA-H	WFTF	Piston
Chris	Merritt	MAC 1 USFT #27	AA 10.35	Nikko Sterling 50X	Open	PCP
Manuel	Morales	Air Arm	JSB 7.9	10-50x60	WFTF	Piston
Luis	Nevett	Steyr LG110	AA 8.4	Sightron SIII 10-50	WFTF	PCP
Pat	O'Brien	TM1000	JSB 8.4	Nikko 10-50	Open	PCP
Mark	Oehlberg	Steyr LG-110	AirArms FT heavy	Falcon Menace 10-50	Open	PCP
Jeff	Paddock	Air Arms EV2	JSB Express 7.9	Leupold Competition 35X	WFTF	PCP
Tyler	Patner	Steyr LG110 ZM	JSB Express 7.9	March 10-60x52	WFTF	PCP
Will	Piatt	LG110ft	AA 10.3	Sightron 10-50x60	Open	PCP
Ammon	Piatt	Evanix Rainstorm	JSB10.3	Hawke Sidewinder 8-32	Hunter	PCP
Larry	Piercy	Daystate CR-X	JSB14.3	Nikko Sterling 10-50X60	Open	PCP
Paul	Plauche	Steyr LG110	AA 8.44	Sightron SIII 10-50x60	WFTF	PCP
Paul	Porch	Daystate MK 4 IS Benjamin	H&N 8.4	Nikko 10-50 TargetMaster	Hunter	PCP
Bill	Rabbitt	Marauder	JSB 10.3	Hawke Sidewinder 6.5-20	Hunter	PCP
Robert	Ray	Steyr LG100	JSB 7.9	Sightron 10-50x60	WFTF	PCP
Lukas	Richter	Daystate GP	JSB 7.9	March 10-60	WFTF	PCP
Ron	Robinson	RAW TM-1000 Air Arms TX 200	JSB 10.3 Air Arms Diabolo Fields 8.4	SWFA 3.5-15X	Hunter	PCP
Eric	Roehrle	Mk3	8.4	Aron 10-40 x 56	Open	Piston
Harold	Rushton	Steyr LG110	JSB Express 7.9	Leupold Competition 35	WFTF	PCP
Thomas	Ryan	HW 100	JSB-10.3	Hawke Endurance 6-24x50	Hunter	PCP
Greg	Sauve	Steyr LG100ZM	JSB 7.9	March X 8-80	WFTF	PCP
Matthew	Sawyer	AA FTP900	AA 8.44	Nikko Diamond 10-50*60	WFTF	PCP
Robert	Seiden	styer 110 Benjamin	AA10.34	march 8x80	Open	PCP
Vince	Sempronio	Marauder	AA 10.3	Hawke 8-32x56	Hunter	PCP
David	Slade	FWB P70 FT	JSB 8.4	Bausch and Lomb 6-24	WFTF	PCP
Dottie	Slade	TM 1000	JSB 10.3	BSA 10-50	Open	PCP

Lonnie	Smith	Beeman HW97	JSB 8.44	Simmons Whitetail 6.5-20x	Hunter	Piston
Clifford	Smith	RAW TM1000 Airforce Condor	AA 8.4	BSA 10-50x60	WFTF	PCP
Susan	Smith	SS	H&N FT Trophy 8,64	Optisan Mamba 4-16	Hunter	PCP
Randy	Smith	AA TX200 SR	AA 8.44 H&N Baracuda Match	Viper 8-32x60	WFTF	Piston
Benjamin	Smith	Hatsan AT-44QE	10.65	Optisan Viper 6-24	Hunter	PCP
Roz	Sumpter	RAW TM1000	AA 10.3	AEON 10-40x	Open	PCP
Noel	Tenney	Daystate Panther	JSB 10.34	Nikko Diamond 10-50X60	Open	PCP
(Skip)	Tenney	Daystate Airwolf	H&N Barracuda	BSA 4-16	Hunter	PCP
Sue	Tenney	Hammerli AR20				
Nathan	Thomas	FT	AA 8.44	Bushnell elite 8-32	Open	PCP
Brad	Troyer	Air Arms TX200	Air Arms 8.44	Sightron SIII 10-50x	WFTF	Piston
Edwin	Tubens	HW 100	jsb 8.4	Nikko 10-50x60	WFTF	PCP
Juan	Ugueto	Steyr LG110	AA 8.4	Sightron SIII 10-50	WFTF	PCP
Brian	Vandenboom	LG110-FT	JSB 8.4	Sightron 10-50x60	WFTF	PCP
Mike	Vredenburg	Daystate Grand		Nikko-Sterling Diamond 10-50	Open	PCP
Paul	Walker	Prix	JSB 10.3g			
Paul	Walker	RAW TM1000	JSB 10.3	Hawke 8 x 32	Hunter	PCP
Jim	Whittlesey	USFT	jsb 10.34	Nikko 10-50x	Open	PCP
Kevin	Yee	HW97	JSB 7.9	Nikko Sterling 10-50X60	WFTF	Piston