



(Match report prepared by Jeff Swartz)

The fourth 100-yard benchrest match of 2023 was held at Fairfield Sportsmen's Association on Saturday, July 15.

It wasn't a great start to a match, but it turned out to be a record-breaking day. Those that showed up around 9:00 AM were greeted with an absolute downpour. The rain came down in buckets for quite a while. Luckily, Ryan had already hung practice targets, so everyone was able to get warmed up for the match while it rained. We could see a break in the storm coming on the weather radar, so everyone signed in and targets were prepped. The break in the rain looked like it would only hold for an hour or two, so we started the match about a half hour early as soon as the rain let up. We also ran all three cards consecutively without scoring in between to try to get all 3 in before the next wave of storms. And we were successful! The rain may have played a role in our record-breaking day. The lull between storms seemed to bring with it cooler temperatures and very calm breezes as opposed to the heat induced winds that this course is known for.

After scoring the first round of cards, Robert Steele jumped into the lead with a 237 5X that for a brief moment would be a record high. Robert shot another great score in the second round, a 232 3X. That makes him only the second shooter to have 2 cards of 230 or greater in a 3-card match. The only other shooter to accomplish that feat, Jeff Swartz, lit the second round on fire with a 240 10X card that would become the highest score we've ever seen at FSA. That phenomenal score cut Robert's lead to just 1 point. The favorable conditions started to deteriorate in the 3rd and final round and Jeff shot a 225 4X that locked up 1st place with a 693 16X total. Robert posted a 218 0X putting him in 2nd place with 687 8X. Jeff's 693 16X score also set a record for the all-time highest 3-card series at FSA. Chris Oldfield, who just picked up his new FX Crown from Baker

Airguns the week before the match, finished in 3rd place with a 676 9X total and also posted a 230 card.

The rain that came down while we were scoring the first match began to ease, so we prepped for a second 3-card match. We had one group of 5 shooters participating in our .22 caliber showdown. A Hawke hat and lens pens were waiting for the top 2 scorers. Ryan Spanagel took the top spot with a 642 5X and Brandon Michaud finished second with 624 3X. Four others enjoyed an open caliber shoot with Ritchy Tuazon finishing with the high score of 674 1X followed closely by Tom Cox with a 672 11X.

After the first match, we did a no cost raffle for our loyal FSA benchrest shooters. Ritchy Tuazon's ticket was drawn first and he selected the Hawke Nature Trek monocular and every other person in attendance received either a Hawke hat, lens pen, or drink cozie. Thank you, Hawke Optics, for your generosity.

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Thank you to all who attended,

Jeff Swartz and Ryan Spanagel

ASA 3-Card (Match #1 / Main Event)

Place	Name	Caliber	Score		Score		Score		TOTAL	
			#1	X	#2	X	#3	X	SCORE	X
1	Jeff Swartz	0.30	228	2	240	10	225	4	693	16
2	Robert Steele	0.30	237	5	232	3	218	0	687	8
3	Chris Oldfield	0.30	230	6	226	2	220	1	676	9
4	Garry Barnes	0.30	226	1	232	4	216	1	674	6
5	Sharon Moore	0.30	229	3	225	4	216	4	670	11
6	Robert Moore	0.30	219	1	229	5	218	0	666	6
7	Keith Frye	0.30	210	2	224	3	218	4	652	9
8	Ritchy Tuazon	0.30	209	1	218	1	216	3	643	5
9	Ryan Spanagel	0.30	213	2	214	3	215	5	642	10
10	Brandon Michaud	0.22	217	3	219	2	200	1	636	6
11	Ana Rose Spanagel	0.30	216	5	209	0	199	0	624	5
12	JR Schnipke	0.22	201	4	194	2	203	2	598	8
13	Tim Swan	0.30	198	0	174	1	205	1	577	2
Avg			217.9		218.2		213.0			
Max			237		240		225			

Equipment

Place	Name	Rifle	Scope	Ammo
1	Jeff Swartz	FX Impact M3	Sightron 45X	.30 / 44.75gr
2	Robert Steele	FX Impact M3	Element Titan	.30 / 44.75gr
3	Chris Oldfield	FX Crown MKII	Leupold	.30 / 44.75gr
4	Garry Barnes	FX Impact M3	Hawke Sidewinder	.30 / 44.75gr
5	Sharon Moore	FX Crown	Sightron	.30 / 44.75gr
6	Rob Moore	FX Crown	Sightron 10-50	.30 / 44.75gr
7	Keith Frye	DS Red Wolf	Sightron 10-50	.30 / 44.75gr
8	Ritchy Tuazon	DS Delta Wolf HP	Discovery 5-40x56	.30 / 50.15gr
9	Ryan Spanagel	FX Impact MKII	Hawke Sidewinder FFP	.30 / 45.06gr
10	Brandon Michaud	FX Crown	Vector Minotaur	.22 / 25.39gr
11	Ana Rose Spanagel	FX Crown MKII	Athlon Argos BTR	.30 / 44.75gr
12	JR Schnipke	DS Red Wolf	Vortex Venom	.22 / 25.39gr
13	Tim Swan	Skout Epoch	Sightron 10-50	.30 / 56.00gr

ASA 3-Card (Match #2 / .22 Focused)

Place	Name	Caliber	Score		Score		Score		TOTAL SCORE	X	
			#1	X	#2	X	#3	X			
.22 - 1	Ryan Spanagel	0.22	222	1	221	4	199	0	642	5	1st
.22 - 2	Brandon Michaud	0.22	210	0	203	0	211	3	624	3	2nd
.22 - 3	Jeff Swartz	0.22	205	1	211	3	201	1	617	5	
.22 - 4	Tim Swan	0.22	207	4	196	1	207	2	610	7	
.22 - 5	Keith Frye	0.22	215	0	199	2	187	0	601	2	
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Open - 1	Ritchy Tuazon	0.30	225	4	228	6	221	3	674	13	
Open - 2	Tom Cox	0.30	224	4	224	5	224	2	672	11	
Open - 3	Robert Steele	0.30	202	1	201	3	191	2	594	6	
Open - 4	Ana Rose Spanagel	0.30	196	2	186	0	183	0	565	2	
Avg			211.8		207.7		202.7				
Max			225		228		224				

Equipment

Place	Name	Rifle	Scope	Ammo
.22 - 1	Ryan Spanagel	FX Impact M3	Athlon Argos BTR	.22 / 25.33gr
.22 - 2	Brandon Michaud	FX Crown	Vector Minotaur	.22 / 25.39gr
.22 - 3	Jeff Swartz	FX Impact MKII	Hawke Frontier 34mm	.22 / 25.39gr
.22 - 4	Tim Swan	FX Crown	Sightron	.22 / 25.39gr
.22 - 5	Keith Frye	DS Red Wolf Safari	Hawke	.22 / 18.13gr
Open - 1	Ritchy Tuazon	DS Delta Wolf HP	Discovery 5-40x56	.30 / 44.75gr
Open - 2	Tom Cox	FX Impact M3	Hawke Sidewinder	.30 / 44.75gr
Open - 3	Robert Steele	Skout Epoch	Sightron 10-50	.30 / 56.00gr
Open - 4	Ana Rose Spanagel	FX Crown MKII	Athlon Argos BTR	.30 / 44.75gr