



(6/25/23 Match report prepared by Jeff Swartz)

We held our third field target match of 2023 at FSA on Sunday, June 25. This was the day after the Midwest Airgun Show, so set-up was completed on Friday evening. We had been watching the weather forecast all week and at some points we contemplated cancelling the event due to threatening storms and rain. As the week went by, we started to see gaps in the storms that were predicted to move through our area rather quickly, so we decided to push through and have the event.

It seemed like an ominous sign when 15-20 minutes after the gates opened it started to rain. And it rained, rained some more, and kept raining for nearly an hour and a half. We saw the break in the storm coming on the weather radar and sure enough, the rain completely stopped just before our 11:00 AM start time. Everyone scrambled to the sight-in in line to get a few shots in before we held the match meeting and headed off to the course. Fortunately, we were only delayed 20-30 minutes from the planned start time. After the storm passed through, we started the match with no perceptible wind and warm though somewhat comfortable temperatures. A bit of wind picked up later in the match, but we didn't see another drop of rain.

The course was originally designed to be close to 33T. We removed 2 of the shortest lanes in the bowl area that is somewhat protected from the wind and moved them to an open unprotected field at a different angle from the rest of the course. That made this the longest course we've ever had, and our average distance jumped to 36 yards with 11 targets over 40 yards and 5 targets of 50 yards or more. There were few "gimme" targets and most of the near and middle targets had small KZ's. I was happy to hear many guess the Troyer rating in the high 31 to low 32 range, since the actual ended up at 34.27T. The most difficult target on the course was the wolf with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " KZ at 36 yards (48T), but interestingly enough, it had an 80% hit rate. We had one target malfunction with a spring coming lose that probably cost several shooters a point or two. It went undetected for about half the match since it was the near kneeling target and most assumed they missed, so no one asked for it be checked. Scores were a

little lower than usual due to the difficulty, but everyone was up to the challenge and there were solid scores from the top to the bottom of the leaderboard.

We had 10 diehard field target fans show up and chose to wait out the rain. The most travelled shooter was Mark Welker who came to the MAGS from Oklahoma. He heard about the match at the show and decided to shoot it since it was along the route he chose for his long drive home. He finished in first place as the only shooter in the Hunter Piston class, but more incredibly, he shot a 50 with his custom TX200 (on a 34.3T course). He seemed to effortlessly keep pace with the top PCP shooters and bested 2/3 of the entire field. Also shooting alone, in Open PCP, was a beard with Ted Andro behind it taking first with a 47. Chris Oldfield was the only Open Piston shooter and he finished with a 38. The remaining 7 were shooting in the Hunter PCP class, and Justin Roberts turned in another solid performance, shooting a 53 for first. Following 2 shots back was Jeff Swartz with a 51 for second place and Doug Cunningham in third with 50.

Before the match started, we gave away items donated by our sponsor Hawke Optics. Everyone received a Hawke sticker and one other item. We did a drawing to determine the picking order. Brandon Michaud was first, and he took the Hawke Nature Trek Monocular. We all had taken turns looking through it and everyone seemed to think it was pretty cool. The rest of the picks received Hawke hats and lens brushes. Don't forget that Pyramyd Air, Baker Airguns, and The Best Airgun are also sponsors and keep them in mind when you need to add to your Airgun collection or feed your need for lead.

Thanks to all who attended,

Jeff Swartz and Ryan Spanagel



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	Class	Name	Score / 60
1 st	Hunter PCP	Justin Roberts	53
2 nd	Hunter PCP	Jeff Swartz	51
3 rd	Hunter PCP	Doug Cunningham	50
	Hunter PCP	Ryan Spanagel	46
	Hunter PCP	Paul Nickerson	44
	Hunter PCP	Ana Rose Spanagel	39
	Hunter PCP	Brandon Michaud	34
1 st	Hunter Piston	Mark Welker	50
1 st	Open PCP	Ted Andro	47
1 st	Open Piston	Chris Oldfield	38

FSA Woods Course

Lane#	Loc	Target ID (or KZ)	Target Description	KZ, in	Notes	Dist, yds	Standing	Kneeling	Ext Up/Down	Ext Dark/Light	Windy	DF All	DF NoEnv
1	Near	T1	PP Box Turtle	3/8		16.0						42.67	42.67
Standing	Med	T29	AV Rat (ROF)	1 1/4	OLD 2	19.0	X					26.60	26.60
Standing	Far	T25	PP Rock Pigeon (AV Rat)	1 1/2		27.0	X					31.50	31.50
2	Near	T3	PP Blue Macaw	1/2		18.5						37.00	37.00
	Med	T7	PP Woodpecker (side swing)	3/4	OLD 4	31.0						41.33	41.33
	Far	T40	AV Rat	1 1/2		40.5						27.00	27.00
3	Near	T6	PP Standing Deer	3/4		21.0						28.00	28.00
	Med	T5	PP Coyote	3/4	OLD 5	36.0						48.00	48.00
	Far	T44	AV Rat	1 1/2		47.0						35.25	35.25
4	Near	T4	PP Tree Frog (AV Rat)	1/2		22.0						44.00	44.00
	Med	T28	AV Rat (ROF)	1	OLD 6	38.0						38.00	38.00
	Far	T15	PP Sitting Hare	1 1/4		44.0						35.20	35.20
5	Near	T9	PP Toucan	7/8		26.0						29.71	29.71
	Med	T18	PP Marine Toad	1 3/8	OLD 7	33.5						24.36	24.36
	Far	T24	PP Road Runner (AV Rat)	1 1/2		38.0						25.33	25.33
6	Near	T12	PP Murder Hornet (AV Rat)	1		25.0						25.00	25.00
Kneeling	Med	T16	PP Squirrel (side swing)	1 1/4	OLD 8	30.0		X				36.00	36.00
Kneeling	Far	T21	PP Owl (AV Rat)	1 1/2		38.0		X				38.00	38.00
7	Near	T14	PP Running Coon	1 1/4		40.0						32.00	32.00
	Med	T41	AV Rat	1 1/2	OLD 9	46.0						34.50	34.50
	Far	T22	PP squirrel (AV Rat)	1 1/2		51.0						38.25	38.25
8	Near	T8	PP Skunk	7/8		28.0						32.00	32.00
	Med	T20	PP Dragon (AV Rat)	1 1/2	OLD 10	43.0						28.67	28.67
	Far	T23	PP Opossum (AV Rat)	1 1/2		50.0						37.50	37.50
9	Near	T17	PP Beaver	1 3/8		33.0						24.00	24.00
	Med	T13	PP Attacking Grizzly	1 1/4	New Path	43.5						34.80	34.80
	Far	T42	AV Rat	1 1/2		55.0						41.25	41.25
10	Near	T10	PP Scorpion (AV Rat)	1		32.0						32.00	32.00
	Med	T43	AV Rat	1 1/2	New Path	52.0						39.00	39.00
	Far	T19	PP Cockatoo (AV Rat)	1 1/2		55.0						41.25	41.25
Total# Targets	Targets > 40 yds		Smallest KZ,in for targets > 45 yds		Avg KZ, in		Avg Dist, yds		Course Std Dev			Avg DF All	Avg DF NoEnv
30	11		1 1/2		1.18		35.97		6.29			34.27	34.27