



(Match report prepared by Jeff Swartz)

That's all folks. The 2023 Fairfield Sportsmen's Association outdoor airgun season has come to an end. The last 100-yard benchrest match was held on Saturday, November 4th. We didn't know whether to expect snow like we had at last years final match, or something a little nicer. We started the day with the temperature a little over 50 degrees, though it didn't really feel too cool. It warmed up nicely throughout the day as the overcast sky cleared up and blue skies prevailed.

Despite the start of the decline of temps and weather here in Ohio, we had 14 shooters fill every available bench. It was great to see the Skout team from somewhat nearby Pennsylvania show up in force. In fact, 6 of the 14 participants were shooting the Skout Epoch in a variety of calibers.

The shooting conditions were noticeably difficult during the first card of the first match. While the winds stayed in the 4-6 mph category, they shifted more frequently than a trucker driving a 15-gear transmission in the city. It wasn't uncommon to be watching the wind flags blow left to right, then close your non-shooting eye for a second to take and shot and then open it back up to see the flags blowing the opposite direction. It was some of the "twitchiest" wind we've seen. While the winds were tricky all day long, they did calm down significantly as the day progressed.

The scores on the first card reflected that wind difficulty with most hovering right around 200. The notable exception was a 217 shot by Jeff Swartz giving him a 9-point lead over the next competitor and a much larger margin over most of the field. But that didn't stop Luke Sowinski and Robert Steele from mounting a comeback. Luke cranked up the pressure, shooting 227 on his second card and a match high 233 on his third. However, it wasn't enough to overcome the early deficit, as Jeff held on to take 1st place with a 661-8X performance. Luke finished in 2nd just 2 points behind with 659-7X. Robert who closed out the last 2 cards with a 230 and 221 of his own finished in 3rd place with a total of 655-3X.

Once our "Main Event" was over, we decided to run a second match. Many shooters took the opportunity to shoot a different gun, swap guns with other participants and even shoot a different gun and caliber on all 3 cards. Due to having enough with experimentation, 3 of our 9 shooters chose to not shoot all 3 rounds which resulted in "DNF" finishes. Ryan Spanagel shot 3 very consistent cards in the low 220's to take 1st with 667-7X. Jeff Swartz finished 2nd with 661-9X and Luke Sowinski was 1 point back in 3rd place with 660-14X. Luke's 14X count was by far the highest of the day. Luke also shot two 230+ cards and Jeff and Robert had one each.

A big thank you to everyone in attendance and please make sure you thank all our sponsors (Pyramyd Air, Baker Airguns and Hawke Optics) by considering them for your air gunning needs. Buy local and buy in Ohio.

Jeff Swartz and Ryan Spanagel

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

Place	Name	Caliber	Score		Score		Score		TOTAL SCORE	X	
			#1	X	#2	X	#3	X			
1	Jeff Swartz	0.30	217	3	225	4	219	1	661	8	1st
2	Luke Sowinski	0.30	199	0	227	2	233	5	659	7	2nd
3	Robert Steele	0.30	204	0	230	3	221	0	655	3	3rd
4	Keith Short	0.30	193	1	219	6	222	2	634	9	
5	Ryan Spanagel	0.30	201	2	216	4	217	2	634	8	
6	Robert Moore	0.30	200	0	215	3	216	4	631	7	
7	Brandon Michaud	0.30	206	4	211	1	212	2	629	7	
8	Sharon Moore	0.30	196	0	204	1	220	5	620	6	
9	Joe Polanco	0.25	203	0	202	2	212	1	617	3	
10	Keith Frye	0.22	192	1	193	0	220	4	605	5	
11	Garry Barnes	0.30	208	1	200	0	190	2	598	3	
12	Bill Gardner	0.30	182	2	205	2	207	2	594	6	
13	Tim Swan	0.22	196	0	210	2	187	2	593	4	
14	Eric Jones	0.25	183	0	205	3	183	1	571	4	
Avg			198.6		211.6		211.4				
Max			217		230		233				

Equipment

Place	Name	Rifle	Scope	Ammo
1	Jeff Swartz	FX Impact M3	Sightron 45X	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
2	Luke Sowinski	Skout Epoch	Vector Minotaur	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
3	Robert Steele	Skout Epoch	Element Titan	FX .30 / 44.75gr
4	Keith Short	Skout Epoch	Sightron	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
5	Ryan Spanagel	FX Impact MKII	Hawke Sidewinder	FX .30 / 44.75gr
6	Robert Moore	FX Crown	Sightron	FX .30 / 44.75gr
7	Brandon Michaud	FX Crown MKII	Vector Minotaur	FX .30 / 44.75gr
8	Sharon Moore	FX Crown	Sightron	FX .30 / 44.75gr
9	Joe Polanco	Skout Epoch	Vector Zalem	JSB .25 / 33.95gr
10	Keith Frye	DS Red Wolf	Sightron	JSB .22 / 25.39gr
11	Garry Barnes	FX Impact M3	Hawke Sidewinder	FX .30 / 44.75gr
12	Bill Gardner	Skout Epoch	Hawke Sidewinder	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
13	Tim Swan	Skout Epoch	Vector Minotaur	JSB .22 / 25.39gr
14	Eric Jones	Benjamin Gunnar	Discovery	JSB .25 / 24.4gr

ASA 3-Card (Match #2)

Place	Name	Caliber	Score		Score		Score		TOTAL	X	
			#1	X	#2	X	#3	X	SCORE		
1	Ryan Spanagel	0.30	221	3	224	3	222	1	667	7	1st
2	Jeff Swartz	0.30	211	2	219	2	231	5	661	9	2nd
3	Luke Sowinski	0.30	215	3	214	5	231	6	660	14	3rd
4	Keith Short	0.30	215	3	204	0	223	2	642	5	
5	Bill Gardner	0.30	197	0	213	2	218	1	628	3	
6	Brandon Michaud	0.22	205	0	153	0	189	0	547	0	
7	Robert Moore	0.30	DNF		DNF		DNF		0	0	
8	Robert Steele	0.22	DNF		DNF		DNF		0	0	
9	Tim Swan	0.30	DNF		DNF		DNF		0	0	
		Avg	210.7		204.5		219.0				
		Max	221		224		231				

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1	Ryan Spanagel	FX Impact MKII	Hawke Sidewinder	FX .30 / 44.75gr
2	Jeff Swartz	FX Impact M3	Sightron 45X	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
3	Luke Sowinski	Skout Epoch	Vector Minotaur	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
4	Keith Short	Skout Epoch	Sightron	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
5	Bill Gardner	Skout Epoch	Hawke Sidewinder	JSB .30 / 44.75gr
6	Brandon Michaud	AvengeX/AA S510/???	???	.177/.22/???
7	Robert Moore	FX Crown	Sightron	FX .30 / 44.75gr
8	Robert Steele	Skout Epoch	Vector Minotaur	JSB .22 / 25.39gr
9	Tim Swan	Skout Epoch	???	JSB .30 / 44.75gr