

# Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club

## ~ Arnold Farm Shoot ~

October 21, 2000

The sun was barely up when the shooting started ~ on the sight-in range at the (Bob) Arnold Farm on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The raucous squawking of huge V's of Canada geese filled the chill morning air as 15 shooters zeroed in on targets from 10 to 100 yards! Focus being given to the 75 yard mark, since it was announced that halfway through the Match there would be an extra lane (non-scoring) with a single 75 yard field target on it. Every competitor who knocked it down with either or both of his 2 shots would be awarded a special little certificate recognizing the feat ~ and become charter members of an elite 75 yard club! ~ the membership list of which will be maintained by Ray Apelles.

The weather was perfect as we worked our way around the 11 lanes laid out in a horse-shoe shape in the October woods. The course was set up as a *fun shoot* ~ not preparation for the Nationals! ~ and the final scores reflect this fact. Two shooters tied for first place with perfect 60 scores and two tied for third place with 58s ~ these places being decided by a timed spinner target suspended on a threaded rod ~ shooting at the same time, the first one to spin the target all the way to his side of the rod (6 revolutions in either direction) won. Results:

1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Abe Diaz ~ 60  
2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Joe Harrison ~ 60  
3<sup>rd</sup> place ~ Ray Apelles ~ 58  
4<sup>th</sup> place ~ Hans Apelles ~ 58

Other finishes were:

Open Class:

1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place as above  
Earl Brooks ~ 49  
Singson Tiu ~ 41

Piston Class:

Bob Arnold ~ 46  
Stan Lipinski ~ 45  
Mark Sivatko ~ 43  
Dale Benson ~ 32 (off-hand)  
Justin Castle ~ 32 (first match)  
Bill Weinreich ~ 28 (first match)  
Jim Wilcox ~ 26 (off-hand)  
Mike Tinsley ~ 26  
John Arnold ~ 15 (first match)

Note that of our 15 shooters 20% (3) were *first time field target competitors* ~ and they'll be back!

Perhaps a cliché voiced by one of the shooters while enjoying a great lunch (provided by Sarah Arnold, Margaret Vogel & Betty Brooks and included in the \$10 registration fee) sums up the day for all of us ~ he said, "It doesn't get any better than this!"

Earl Brooks

Oh, and the 75 yard target ~ 4 shooters hit it: Hans Apelles 2X, Abe Diaz 2X, Dale Benson (Off Hand) 1X & ... yours truly 2X ~ "...even a blind squirrel finds an acorn every once in a while."  
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