

Field Target Match Results

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC)

At

Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)

Name	Score	Gun	Optics	Pellet
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Match High

Joe Harrison	36	RN10-Ti	Burriss 8-32	10.5 Premier
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Open

Savvas Schinnis	23	Career 707 Rifle	Swift 6-18x40	10.5 Premier
John Quiter	20	CR94	US Optics 34x	10.5 Premier
John Joseph	18	Career 707 Carbine	Simmons Pro-Air 6-18	22 cal 14.3 Premier
Hans Apelles	DNC	NJR 100	Leupold 18-40	10.5 Premiers
Ray Apelles	DNC	Career 707 Rifle	Nightforce 36FT	10.5 Premiers

Piston

Luis Leon	16	HW77	Bushnell 6-18	7.9 Premiers
Bob Paulsen	15	TX200	Storey Custom 36	7.9 Premiers
Rosalie Paulsen	11	FWB124	Storey Custom 36	7.9 Premiers
Pat Zidek	1	Beeman R7	3 - 9 x 32	7.9 Premiers

Junior

Thomas Hudek	1	Biathlon Trainer	Tasco 4x15	7.9 Premiers
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EFTCC @ DCPA 4-8-2000 Field Target Match

Saturday's weather reports threatened a thunderstorm in the afternoon but that didn't seem to happen. With the supposed impending weather we had 11 soles show up for our first Field Target match of the season. The sight-in lane opened at 8am and there was already a breeze starting to kick up as the storm was preparing to role in. Joe Harrison Drove up from Philadelphia, John Quiter came in from New Jersey, and John Joseph and Savvas Schinnis drove in from Connecticut. Even with a potential Thunderstorm we had shooters come from quite a distance. The match was scheduled to start at 9:30 and we came close after a short shooters meeting at 9:45. Each lane had 2 targets with a corresponding target number flag at the target and at the firing lane. There was absolutely no reason for anybody to fire on the wrong target. Since we were shooting from the top of a hill most of the targets required a little bit of a downhill aiming angle. This proved to be interesting as some of the shooters did not account for the scope being higher then the barrel. They had a clear line of sight but sitting low as they were, created trophs in the dirt or hit some of the boulders we were shooting over. The ground at the firing points also was not level which gave you a little bit of a different balance while shooting then what you are used to when practicing. This was definitely more challenging then Hans & I had planned when we laid out the course a few weeks before. Although the targets themselves were not difficult due to kill-zone sizes and distances it did seem harder then expected due to the terrain and the 10 mile an hour wind that was blowing in with the storm. The hardest target in the match was a 1-¼ inch Prairie Dog at just under 50 yards. I held off the kill-zone for the wind on my first shot and the pellet proceeded to go directly under the crosshairs. So for the next shot I held dead center of the kill zone and proceeded to shoot into the ground 1 inch to the left of the

target face as I saw the leaves jumped just after the trigger broke. Now this wind was perplexing. Many people had trouble with a 1 3/8 inch kill-zone Rat on top of a hill at 34 yards. It wasn't much of a up hill shot, perhaps only 3 degrees, but the wind was making it tough. Another target set at 13.3 yards was a fox with a 3/4 inch kill zone. Not difficult except for the log that was running across the face that forced you to get good and low to clear it or kneel to get over it. Most people opted for under but and a few hit the log. Rosalie Paulsen (my sister) was having trouble right from the get go. It turned out she was not properly sighted in and it took almost half the course for her to figure out where to hold to compensate for the bad sight-in. Once John Quiter and I figured out where her shots were going and instructed her where to hold she started pounding them with a vengeance. To bad she was already so far behind as she could have probably added 50% or more to her score if she was sighted in correctly. Next time I know she will be ready for it, so watch out guys she has been shooting really well this year and its her time. Everyone finished shooting by 12:30 and all the targets were picked up and packed while I tabulated the scores and everything was cleaned up by 1pm. Trophies were given out and everyone was on their way without much delay. As was announced at the shooters meeting, Hans and wife Martha, Rosalie, Bob, Me (Ray) were going to an all you can eat dinner Buffet and we invited anyone interested to join us. Even though John Quiter and Joe Harrison had long drives home they joined us for dinner and we got to talk more about our favorite subjects, Airguns, Field Target, AAFTA, and match setups. Next time around more shooters may want to attend because this is where you have more time to ask questions and learn. One thing Hans & I have realized through Johns help is that although these targets weren't difficult in and of themselves the terrain made them harder. For the next match we will make the targets easier. We will use larger kill-zones and also move them in closer. The obstructions won't change much so the shooters will still have to be on their toes. Only one cold line was called because of a target not wanting to come back up. Other than that all targets functioned properly and no one had any targets to dispute. Thank you to all the shooters that came and for your help with the clean up. We hope to see you all at the next match.

The next scheduled matches for EFTCC to be held at DCPA are **August 5th**, **September 23rd**, **October 29th** this will be the New York State Championship. You need not be a New York State resident to win and there will be a NY State Open Champion and a NY State Spring gun champion.

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