

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC) At Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)
EFTCC @ DCPA 4/7/2001

Open Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Robert Barton	53	88.3%	Styer - ZM LG100 FT	B&L 8-32x40	10.5 Premier	915	19.5	2X
Bob Ford	48	80.0%	CRX	B&L 8-32x40	10.6 Kodiaks	860	17.4	
Roy Ruppert	40	66.7%	Huntsman	Burriss 8-32	10.5 Premier	750	13.1	

Spring Gun Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Paul Bishop	36	60.0%	Marksman 60	B&L 8-32x40	7.9 Premier	840	12.4	1X
Paul Cray	27 *	45.0%	AA TX200	Bushnell 6-20x40	8.4gr JSB Exact	830	12.9	
Joe Dennis	27 *	45.0%	TX200SR	Bushnell 6-18 Trophy	7.9 Premier	833	12.2	

* = Tie determined by Shoot-off

Off-Hand (Standing) Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Brian Johnson	42	70.0%	AA S410	Bushnell 6-18 Trophy	.22 Premier	753	18.0	
John Way	34	56.7%	CRX	Burriss 8-32	10.5 Premier	850	16.8	

International Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Ray Apelles	58 DNC	96.7%	NJR100	Nightforce 36FT	8.4gr JSB Exact	785	11.5	2X
Hans Apelles	48 DNC	80.0%	NJR100	B&L 8-32x40	8.4gr JSB Exact	790	11.6	

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Written by Paul Bishop

The first FT match of the season was held on April 7th. Everyone usually associates April with spring like temperatures but this day started out **Cold**. Morning temperature was 22 degrees at my house when I left for the match and upon arrival, it did not seem much warmer. There was absolutely no wind, which in my opinion was a blessing, because the day before the wind was between 15-20 mph. I do not like shooting in the wind but Ray was hoping that the wind would play a factor in the match.

This was going to be an interesting match for me for several reasons. First off and most important, I would be delivering the A-team stocks to them after a 4 month manufacturing period of the custom wood and design. The stocks came out very nice and I was eager to deliver them so that Hans and Ray would have them for the FT season, which was starting to get into full swing. The other reasons that this match would prove interesting are, the gun that I would be shooting is a new gun for me that was just tuned by Russ Best and I have never shot in temperatures that cold for a competition. Upon an early arrival, I helped Hans set up the sight in range and then gave them the stocks so that they could get the actions into them and use them for that match. Watching Hans and Ray take the stocks (with all the anticipation of a child at Christmas) and install the actions was worth the 3 hour drive for me. After the action installation they took some practice shots at the targets and Hans said that there was no POI change from the old stock to the new ones. Ray was having a bit of trouble getting the gun to shoot well because it was adjusting to the cold and the scope dope was off a bit (by his own admission, not to mention that he forgot to charge the gun before shooting it because he thought it was full.....NOT). Over all they seemed very happy with the end result.

Now that the stocks were delivered I proceeded to get my equipment out of the truck and got down to business sighting in my gun. I was thinking that the cold would give me some problems with the POI, but upon firing around thirty shots with my gun at the smallest spinners out there, I found that I could not miss. I put my equipment away for the time remaining before the match and helped out a few of the other shooters. Roy Ruppert came with John Way, and again Roy did not have a gun ready to shoot so I loaned him my Huntsman FT to use for the match. A special recognition should go to Robert Barton for traveling the farthest (he drove down from Canada) with Brian Johnson being a close second to the longest distance driven. A total

of ten shooters showed up for the match, but Ray was disappointed to find none of the juniors showed up for the match. After all the shooters were done on the practice range, Hans and I picked up the targets and took the walk up the hill to where the matches are held. Ray handed out the score cards after placing the shooters into "squads" and we began the match.

The match was a thirty target (60 shot) match that was set up the day before. Upon a quick walk across the lanes to see how the targets were set up, I determined that it should not be that difficult to achieve a good score. The average difficulty was a 24 on the Troyer scale, with there being only one world class target in the whole match and I started thinking that it wouldn't pose too much of a problem with the way I was shooting on the practice range. WRONG! After the match started and completed the first lane, I noticed that my POI was low to the point that I missed a couple of shots. This was puzzling to me but I took the risk and adjusted my scope knob to increase the # of clicks by 4 and this put me on target again until the third lane where the POI dropped again. Well to make a long story short, I had to readjust my knob 4 times for a total of 18 clicks up by the end of the match. The temperature played havoc with my POI and by looking at the scores of Paul Cray and Joe Dennis to whom I was paired with, it seemed that they were having some trouble also. As the match went on the sun shining bright, warmed up the frozen ground and not only caused a little mud to form, but also caused the breeze to pick up a bit. I am thinking that this is just great, not only am I shooting a new gun (still getting used to it) but it is cold causing a POI shift and now the wind is starting to push the pellets side to side. I know that on one of the long shots (40 yards), I had to aim an inch off the paddle to take down the target and at the bonus shot of 75 yards I aimed 4 inches off the paddle (wind compensation) to be one of only three shooters that got the 75 yard target.

By the end of the match the temperature had risen to around 50 degrees and the wind was blowing around 5 mph and sometimes a bit more. I figured that if I was having this many problems then the other shooters would be having the same. The A team stocks being new did not seem to give Ray a disadvantage as he only dropped two shots for the whole match and Brian shooting in the Standing class seemed to excel in those conditions with a score of 42. When the match was near completion and the spring class was the last to finish we found that we had a tie for second place. It is always fun to have a shoot off at the end of the match. When the dust settled at the shoot off, Ray added the scores and handed out the ribbons. After the match was over we talked for a short time in the parking lot as we packed up our equipment and then Hans, Ray and I went to the Hometown Buffet (as this is the custom after the NY match) to have lunch before the 3 hour ride home. During the drive home I thought about the day and all that had transpired and was happy with the way it turned out and I am looking forward to the next match that will be in June.

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The following URL will go to the full album of pictures from the New "A" Team Stocks created by Paul Bishop which was previously mentioned: <http://community.webshots.com/album/35121094zHeDSd>

Full match results with Post Match Stats and pictures of the shooters can be found on the "A" Team's Web Site: (www.bestweb.net/~ateamray)

The remaining EFTCC Field Target Match schedule for the year 2002 is as follows: **June 2nd, 2002 – Sunday / August 4th, 2002 - Sunday** ~ This will be a British Style Match. Targets will be shot once, with 2 shot targets per lane, for a total of 40 shots. (Straps are not restricted). We will NOT be restricting the power limit to 12 FTLBS (except for the I.C.) but we will be using timers and timing per the British Rules (start timer when eye goes to the scope, 1 minute per shot = 2 minutes per lane). This will be a great practice match for those traveling Over Seas to shoot at the World FT Championship. / **September 29th, 2002 – Sunday / November 17th, 2002 - Sunday** ~ New York State Championship.

Particulars can be found on the "A" Team's Web Site. (www.bestweb.net/~ateamray)