

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC)  
At  
Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)  
**EFTCC @ DCPA - UK Challenge - 8/4/2002**

**Open Class**

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Brian Johnson	36	90.0%	AA ProTarget	BSA 10-50	10.5 Premiers	894	18.6	1X
Paul Schafer	21	52.5%	Daystate CRX-ST	B&L 8-32x40	10.5 Premiers	868	17.6	
Peter Morris	13	32.5%	FWB P70JR	Tasco 8-32	7.9 Premiers	580	5.9	
Ray Apelles	37DNC	92.5%	NJR 100	Nightforce 36FT	10.5 Premiers	910	19.3	2X
Hans Apelles	35DNC	87.5%	NJR 100	B&L 8-32x40	10.5 Premiers	910	19.3	

**Spring Gun Class**

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Paul Bishop	36	90.0%	AA ProSport	B&L 6-24x40	FTS 8.6GR	895	15.3	
Paul Cray	27	67.5%	TX200	B&L 8-32x40	JSB Exact 8.4GR	900	15.1	
Joe Dennis	15	37.5%	TX200	Optimate 5-20x50	JSB Exact 8.4GR	800	11.9	

**Off-Hand Class**

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Joe Giunti	18	45.0%	RWS Excaliber	Swift 6-18	.22 Premiers	650	13.4	
Larry Bowne *	16	40.0%	Beeman R9 20 cal	6-18 Trophy	FTS 11.2GR	770	14.7	1X
Jim Wilcox *	16	40.0%	Axsor	B&L 6-24x40	JSB Exact 8.4GR	880	14.4	1X
Craig Swinson	13	32.5%	ZM LG100	NF8-40x56	JSB Exact 8.4GR	833	12.9	
Ron Obuch	2	5.0%	Anschutz 335	Bushnell 3-9	FTS 8.6GR	650	8.1	

**Junior Class**

Name	Score	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75YD
Bridget Bowne	34	HW30	Bushnell 2-7	7.9 Premiers	600	6.9	

\* ties determined by shoot-off

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The day dawned as the weatherman had promised. A clear blue sky and a bright shining sun with virtually no wind. By 10:00am there were fourteen lucky people preparing to fire little lead pellets at an assortment of animals and birds which the A-Team had arranged, two to a lane, in the woodland glades of Dutchess County, NY. In addition to the standard Field Targets (Stoutenberg's) there were, as usual, a few others identifiable as being for juniors only.

This day's match was to be under rules with a little twist from the norm and when Ray called the shooter's meeting he stressed the changes for those of us who do not always pay attention to such mundane matters. It was to be a *sort of* English style event; one shot per target, timed action on each lane and no kill zone under one (1) inch. Ray assured us that the course was 'cleanable'. The timers were to be started as the competitor's eye went to the scope with an allowance of one minute per shot. In practice this reduced to two minutes per lane. In the event of a cold lane the timers were to be stopped and 10 seconds added to compensate for the interruption. No other UK rules were enforced except for anyone wishing to shoot the IC rules. I was allowed to wear my 'Bra', (limey for shooting harness), nobody yelled at me for the way my feet were arranged on the kneeling lane and any power up to 20 Ft. lbs. was permitted. The match was to be a forty shot event and to accomplish this course of ten lanes, twenty targets, was to be shot twice. These rules

amount to excellent practice for those whose competitive drive will take them to National and International matches.

As for the reality of the competition. Several of those present, including yours truly, were concerned about the need to perform the range finding and shoot on two targets within the two minute allowance. It proved to be a non-issue with very few Os recorded due to expired time. However, it did create a new pressure point until each of us realized that two minutes is normally quite adequate to do the job. The 'cleanable' course defeated everyone! Brian won the open class in his customary, quiet, methodical manner but even he missed 10% of the targets. I like Ray's description of 'cleanable course' with one target at a difficulty factor of 48. Second place in the open class was taken by Paul Schafer shooting in only his second match and his first with his own equipment. Equally remarkable was Peter Morris' third place effort with a perfectly standard P70Jr. The Off-Hand Class had five competitors and they achieved excellent results with a shoot off required for second place, won by Larry Bowne, giving Jim Wilcox the third place. The class was won by Joe Giunti, two shots clear of second place. Larry was accompanied by his daughter Bridget, the lone junior competitor, who shot a creditable 34.

Perhaps the loudest applause of the day should be for Paul Bishop who won the Spring Gun Class with a score which tied the Open Class winner and this for the second time in his last two competitions. Paul Cray was second with a score which placed him third overall on the day, also a laudable result. My efforts in this class were ruined by the high winds of 2-3mph, which blew in during the second half of the event.

During the course of the match there were several occasions on which a strange, loud wailing could be heard emanating from the depths of the forest. Was it a passing animal accidentally punctured by a .177 projectile? No. The disturbing noise was caused by Hans' latest modification to the A-Team's 75yd. target. An audio element activated as the target fell. We heard it five times. Brian (1) and Ray (2), but with remarkable skill the two shooters who tied for second place in the Off-Hand class both scored one hit. 75yds. off-hand, one with a break barrel piston gun. Excellent shooting by any standards.

In summary, the event was a roaring success as usual. The A-Team's organization, from the sight-in range through the entire match, was flawless. There were no glitches or hang-ups. Targets fell when hit, except for mine. Ray and Hans, as usual, did not count their scores in the match but they were of the usual high standard. The weather co-operated and the sun shone all day.

There were, however, several losers on the days match. Our friends and all airgunners who were unable to be with us lost an opportunity to shoot in perfect surroundings, enjoying excellent weather, a well run competition and the company of a fine group of folks. You should be there next time.

Joe Dennis.

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](http://www.bestweb.net/~ateamray))

The EFTCC Photo albums can be found at the following URL: <http://community.webshots.com/user/eftcc>

The remaining EFTCC Field Target Match schedule for the year 2002 is as follows: **September 29th, 2002** – **Sunday / November 17th, 2002 - Sunday** ~ New York State Championship.

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