

**Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC)  
At  
Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)  
EFTCC @ DCPA - 9/29/2002**

**Open Class**

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Bob Ford	50	83%	CRX	Hakko 5-20x56	10.5 Premiers	875	17.9	2X
Paul Schafer	42	70%	Daystate CRX-ST	B&L 8-32x40	10.5 Premiers	878	18.0	1X
Jock Elliott	39	65%	Valiant	Bushnell 4-12	JSB Exact 8.4GR	565	6.0	
Peter Morris	24	40%	FWB P70JR	Burriss 8-32	7.9 Premiers	591	6.1	
Hans Apelles	53DNC	88%	NJR 100	B&L 8-32x40	10.5 Premiers	915	19.5	

**Spring Gun Class**

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Paul Bishop	48	80%	AA ProSport	B&L 6-24x40	FTS 8.6GR	900	15.5	1X
Paul Cray	45	75%	TX200	B&L 8-32x40	JSB Exact 8.4GR	900	15.1	1X
Kyle Kammerer	27	45%	R7	Bushnell 2-7	7.9 Premiers	559	5.5	
Tom Owen	22	37%	R9	4-12x40	Diablo 14.3 gr	625	12.4	
Joe Dennis	21	35%	TX200	Optimata 5-20x50	7.9 Premiers	920	14.9	
Trudy Bishop	10	17%	R7	Bushnell Scopechief 4-14	FTS 8.6GR	560	6.0	
Roy Ruppert	4	7%	TX200	Leupold 6.5-20	7.9 Premiers	840	12.4	

**Off-Hand (Standing) Class**

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
John Way	36	60%	RN10	Leupold 14.5-35	10.5 Premiers	875	17.9	1X(seated)
Jim Wilcox	34	57%	Axsor	B&L 6-24x40	7.9 Premiers	830	12.1	
Joe Giunti	33	55%	RWS Excaliber	Swift 6-18	.22 Premiers	649	13.4	
John Quiter	16	27%	AA TI	Burriss 8-32	10.5 Premiers	815	15.5	
Ray Apelles	40DNC	67%	NJR 100	Nightforce 36FT	10.5 Premiers	915	19.5	2X (OH)

**Field Target Match Review EFTCC @ DCPA 9/29/2002**

The EFTCC match on September 29 was an excellent event for a number of reasons. First, the weather was a real Goldilocks special: not too hot, not too cold, and very little wind blowing. You could hardly ask for better conditions. Second, a near record number of shooters turned out. Third, the atmosphere was very collegial, and it seemed that everyone had a good time.

Ray and Hans had everything organized in their usually efficient way. The course was ready; and the sight in lanes were shipshape and Bristol fashion. There were even some new electronic targets. Sometimes I think we shooters take The "A" Team for granted. The only drama of the pre-match gathering was Bob Ford managing to rip the bumper off his car coming out of his parking spot.

Perhaps Bob discovered a secret motivational tool, because he turned around and won the Open Class, followed by Paul Schafer in second. In the Spring Gun Class, Paul Bishop turned in the highest score, which was within a couple of points of the Open Class high, followed by Paul Cray, just three points back in second. In the off-hand class, there was only a four-point spread between first and third. In the end, it was John Way, first; Jim Wilcox, second; and Joe Giunti, third.

Now, at this point, I need to explain that Ray Apelles specifically asked me to write up the match from a personal perspective. So here goes: I call what happened in third place in the Open and Spring Gun classes "The Revenge of the Pygmy Blowpipes."

For some time, my brother-in-law Kyle Kammerer and I had been discussing the possibility of shooting low power guns in field target matches, simply because we felt the low power guns were easier to shoot well. At the same time, Ray Apelles had been considering the idea of “handicap” targets. These targets – which were closer and generally had larger kill zones than the standard targets -- could be shot by off-hand shooters and anyone who showed up with a sub-9-foot-pound gun. The handicap targets would be optional for these shooters. If they preferred, they could shoot at the “standard” targets instead. For the 60-shot match on September 29, Ray decided to experiment with 6 handicap targets that, like the standard targets, would require two shots apiece. In addition, if a sub-9-fp shooter were also using a 12X or less scope, he or she could be given a “cheat sheet” (if desired), showing the range to the targets.

So Kyle brought an R7; I brought a Daisy Valiant, and Peter Morris showed up with a P70 Jr. We were squadded together, in what we christened “Team Wimp.” Peter cleaned the first lane, but then struggled for much of the match because he just put a scope on the P70 the night before.

For Kyle and I, though, Ray’s experiment with handicap targets proved a success. We each shot personal bests – me by a point or two and Kyle by a point. It proved, to my satisfaction anyway, that there is a lot to be said for guns that are easy to shoot well, even if they give away a lot in the power department. (During the entire match, I had only one “mystery” shot; that is, one where I missed by had no idea why.) We each ended third in our class.

I think that says something for the handicap target experiment. It helped to equalize the disparity between the high power guns with higher power optics and our pygmy blowpipes. At the same time, the match wasn’t so easy for “team wimp” that we ran away with it. On balance, it seems right where it should be. Further the availability of handicap targets opens the doors for “field target on a budget.” For way less than \$300, you could put together a low power springer and a low power scope and have a chance of being competitive. It also opens the doors for re-purposing scads of 10-meter match guns without having to re-tune them. What’s not to like?

-- Jock Elliott, Airgun Correspondent, The Accurate Rifle magazine.

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 for the year 2002 is **November 17th, - Sunday** ~ The New York State Championship. 12 Plaques have been ordered from Bob Zimmerman. There are Plaques for NY State **Open, Piston, Standing, and Junior** Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class as well. You need not be a NY state resident to win.

The EFTCC Field Target Match schedule for the year 2003 is as follows: **January 26th, 2003 - Sunday** ~ Traditional Mid-Winter Indoor/Outdoor Off-Hand Only Match. The competitors will be within the confines of the heated shooters building while the targets will be outside in the frigid conditions. / **April 13th, 2003 - Sunday** / **June 1st, 2003 - Sunday** / **August 9th & 10th, 2003 – Saturday & Sunday** ~ North East Regionals / **November 16th, 2003 - Sunday** ~ New York State Championship.

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