

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC)
At
Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA)
NY State Championships ~ EFTCC @ DCPA - 11/17/2002

New York State Open Champion

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
John Way	48	80%	941	RN10	Leupold 14.5-35	10.5 Premiers	860	17.2

Open Class

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Dennis Verhagen	37	62%	725	AAS200	Trophy 4-12	7.9 Premiers	870	13.3
Tom Watters	34	57%	667	Watters FT 1	Swift 8-32	8.6 gr FTS	870	14.5
Joe Dennis	26	43%	510	Falcon 19W	Swift 8-32	10.5 Premiers	890	18.5
Tom Owen	25	42%	490	QB78 PCP "A" Team	Blazer 8-32	8.4 gr JSB	790	11.6
Roy Ruppert	22	37%	431	ProTarget	Tasco 8-40	10.5 Premiers	860	17.2
Ray Apelles	51DNC	85%	1000	NJR100	Nightforce 36FT	10.5 Premiers	915	19.5

New York State Spring Gun Champion

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Paul Bishop	43	72%	1000	ProSport	B&L 6-24 Elite	8.6 gr FTS	895	15.3

Spring Gun Class

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Bob Paulsen	29	48%	674	TX200	Storey 36X	7.9 Premiers	940	15.5
Glenn Storm	15	25%	349	RWS 46	Banner 6-18x50	8.6 gr FTS	745	10.6
Tom Diorio	4	7%	93	Daisy 131	4x	7.9 Wadcutter	630	7.0

New York State Junior Champion

Name	Score	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Bevin Watters	68	1000	Falcon	Simmons 6-18	10.5 Premiers	870	17.7

Junior Class

Name	Score	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Danielle Diorio	49	721	Daisy 131	4x	7.9 Wadcutter	630	7.0
Michael Mercadante	44	647	QB78	RWS 3-9	7.9 Premiers	600	6.3
Danielle Mercadante	16	235	QB78	RWS 3-9	7.9 Premiers	600	6.3

New York State Off-Hand Champion

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Jim Wilcox	36	60%	1000	Axsor	B&L 6-24x40	7.9 Premiers	830	12.1

Off-Hand (Standing) Class

Name	Score	%	Norm	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Vel	FLBs
Hans Apelles	33	55%	917	NJR100	B&L 8-32	8.4 gr JSB	790	11.6
Joe Giunti	26	43%	722	FX Excaliber	Swift 6-18	22cal Prem	650	13.4
Gopal Jambavat	21	35%	583	FX Excaliber	Swift 6-18	22cal Prem	650	13.4
Mohan Jambavat	7	12%	194	Axsor	B&L 6-24x40	7.9 Premiers	830	12.1

NY State Championships ~ Field Target Match Review EFTCC @ DCPA 11/17/2002

Well the weather was less than desirable and the driving conditions for shooters from the north seemed like the match could have very well been a bust. The non-stop rain for 4 days prior to the match and forecast for 100% rain on match day forced us to take drastic measures. We scrapped the plan we had been organizing for 2 months and started over. Luckily I was able to get last minute approval from the DCPA officials and acquired use of 2 of the heated ranges for the entire day's shoot. DCPA has 4 ranges. (2 heated pistol ranges where you shoot through windows to the targets that are outdoors, 1 outdoor but covered range, and

the Airgun only range which is completely uncovered) SO with approval to use the 2 heated and covered pistol ranges a new plan was devised. We used the Outdoor covered rapid fire bay for 2 sitting lanes and one other sitting lane through a door that leads from range 1 out to the target range. That gave us but 3 sitting lanes so they were made very difficult. Using the rest of range 1 and range 2 for 12 additional standing lanes yielded a 60 shot match on 15 lanes with 2 targets per lane. If it was not for DCPA's facilities we would have had to call the entire event off and probably not been able to reschedule with it being so close to Thanksgiving. Anyway a Big THANK YOU goes out to DCPA and its membership.

Now with this being a last minute affair we were not able to plan the target layout as much as we normally do. The original plan for the NY State championship was a 29 difficulty but this one ended up being a 36. Longer shots off-hand push up the difficulty pretty quickly even with full sized kill zones. With the heavy rains after the match setup many of the targets were partially under water so changing them just before the match would have been difficult

Despite the weather we had 20 shooters participate. There 3 juniors that had never shot Field Target before, one of which had never picked up a gun before. But Danielle's little brother Michael (Mercadante) showed her the ropes. Michael had shot in some of DCPA's Junior Silhouette matches. Danielle Diorio showed her father how to shoot her rifle as they shared it throughout the match. Danielle had placed first in her division at the DCPA Junior Silhouette Championship so she is also an accomplished shooter. Bevin Watters and father Tom Watters are both accomplished FT Shooters and this was their first time with us as well. Joe Giunti brought 2 new shooters for the Off-Hand class (Gopal and Mohan Jambavat). Gopal is an accomplished Pistol shooter. He shared Joe's airgun and I saw him knock down (from the off-hand position) some of the targets that the sitting shooters had trouble with. Wait till he gets his own equipment. He is going to do well very quickly. Dennis Verhagen and Glenn Storm were also First time shooters with us but neither was new to FT as the scores above clearly shows. Thanks to all who made the trip out in the treacherous conditions.

Now with all of the diverse conditions and difficult targets a score of 50% would have been exceptional. And still all of the NY State champions had well beyond that score. My hat goes off to each and every one of you. Some interesting notes about the match were..... Every shot seemed to create a splash in the puddles around the target. Whether it was the pellet splatter coming off the target, the pellet completely missing the target or the target itself making the splash as it went down. There was more action during this match than any other I can remember. You could actually see those completely missed shots as the splash clearly gave them away. I know as I had 2 of those on the same target. No Metal at all. Just splashes past the target. I laughed so hard after the first shot that I probably missed the second because of it. Other points were that there were no target malfunctions and not one cold line. That says a lot about a match. No one remembers when there are no cold lines but they sure remember when there are. No one got wet throughout the match and no one timed out either. Thanks to all the shooters that helped with the target cleanup after the match. It was greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes to Paul Bishop, who showed up a day early, for the help with the target setup in the rain on Saturday night. Door Prizes were donated by DCPA and the Beautiful awards were purchased from Bob Zimmerman, pictures of which can be found in the online photo album (URL below).

Even with the high level of competition we all had a lot of fun at this very difficult Impromptu setup match. Thanks to all of the shooters who made it so successful. This was our most highly attended match to date. If the weather had been better, so that the regular shooters could have attended, we would have had 30 shooters or more. Thanks to Joe Dennis and Dennis Verhagen for keeping me laughing throughout the match. These guys make the match even more fun than it already is.

After the match I received a few emails from shooters that could not attend. One shooter had to attend a funeral and a number of shooters had family in the hospital. Our prayers and condolences go out to the Cohen, Bowne and Heusinger families.

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

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

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.

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