

Eastern Field Target Competitor's Club (EFTCC) At Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA) - EFTCC @ DCPA 4/13/2003

Open Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Robert Barton	56	93	Steyer ZM LG100FT	B&L 8-32	10.5 Premiers	915	19.5	1X
Bob Ford	44	73	CRX	Hakko5-20	10.5 Premiers	870	17.7	1X
Paul Bishop	42	70	P70JR	Elite 4200 6-24	8.6gr FTS	565	6.1	
Roy Ruppert	41	68	CRX	Burris 8-32	10.5 Premiers	860	17.2	
David Hatlee	34	57	Harrier SE	ScopeChief 6-20	10.5 Premiers	875	17.9	1X
Jock Elliott	31	52	Daisy Valiant	BSA 4-16	8.4gr JSB Exact	565	6.0	
Tom Diorio	20	33	QB78 PCP "A" Team	Blazer 8-32	8.4gr JSB Exact	790	11.6	2X
Steve Proscher	12	20	QB78	Tasco 10-40	7.9gr Premiers	713	8.9	
Hans Apelles	53DNC	88	NJR100	B&L 8-32	10.5 Premiers	910	19.3	1X

Spring Gun Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Paul Cray	48	80	TX200	B&L 8-32	8.4gr JSB Exact	865	14.0	1X
Joe Dennis	34	57	TX200SR	B&L 8-32	8.4gr JSB Exact	812	12.3	
Tom Owen	31	52	R9 - 20 cal	6-12x40	14.3gr FTS	625	12.4	
Mike Cohen	30	50	R9	Elite 4200 6-24	7.9gr Premiers	820	11.8	
Kyle Kammerer	18	30	R7	BSA 2-7	8.4gr JSB Exact	571	6.1	
Ray Apelles	49DNC	82	FWB300	Trophy 6-18	8.4gr JSB Exact	570	6.1	

Junior Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Daniel Diorio	72		QB78 PCP "A" Team	Blazer 8-32	8.4gr JSB Exact	790	11.6	
Timothy Szlaski	46		QB78	RWS 3-9	8.4gr JSB Exact	690	8.9	
Michael Proscher	43		QB78	Tasco 10-40	7.9gr Premiers	713	8.9	
Venkat Jambavat	37		Crossman 760	Open Sights		450	3.6	

Off-Hand (Standing) Class

Name	Score	%	Gun	Optics	Pellet	Velocity	FTLBs	75 YD
Gopal Jambavat	39	65	Walther Dominator	Walther	10.6 gr Barracuda	800	15.1	
John Way	36	60	RN10	Leupold 14.5-35	10.5 Premiers	875	17.9	
Joe Giunti	29	48	Falcon FN12	Elite 4200 6-24	10.6 gr Kodiak	820	15.8	
Doug Taylor	15	25	Diana 36	4.2 Weaver	10.6 gr Kodiak	725	12.4	

Field Target Match Review **EFTCC@DCPA 4/13/2003**

Match review written by Paul Bishop

It is unbelievable how one person can get addicted to a sport like Field Target. I had been looking forward to the first FT match of the year with a bitter sweet anticipation. The winter was long and I hadn't done much shooting over the past 5 months, so even though I couldn't wait for the match to begin, I also had my doubts as to how well I would do. The question kept coming into my mind, "did I loose my edge over the winter"?

April 13th had finally arrived and I asked my future Son in Law to join me at the match since he fancies himself a good shot and he has never tried this sport. I am always eager to get someone interested in this sport and supply them with the help that they need to get started. We had drove the 3 hours to get to the match, but the drive seemed much shorter since I had someone there to talk to, or maybe it was because I was looking forward to the match more than usual since I had not shot since January. We arrived at the range about 8:00 am and we were the first ones there. The weather had blessed us with a bright sunny day and there were no leaves on the trees so not being able to see the targets should not pose a problem this time. The wind was dead calm and we couldn't have had better conditions, as it was not that cold either. Ray Apelles had asked me to shoot my FWB P70Jr in the handicap class, instead of my usual spring gun, so that he may be able to tell if the amount of handicap targets were correct to even out the disadvantage that the guys shooting in the sub-9 ft/lbs division faced. I reluctantly agreed to do so. I had just spent the past few weeks getting my gun built up and making a stock for it. This year I am going with a TX 200 mkIII in one of my custom FT stocks. I really wanted to shoot the TX to see what it was capable of, but agreed to help Ray

with fine tuning his handicap class. The key to the handicap class is to have targets that will reliably trip with a low power hit. All targets are tested with a low power 2-3 ft/lb pistol once the target is placed in the lane. I knew that if I hit the KZ, with my pellet coming out of my P70jr at just over 560 fps, it would trip the target. Also in the handicap class, if you have a scope below or keep your scope below 12 power, you have the ability to use a cheat sheet giving you the specific distances. I chose to use my Elite 6-24 at full power and range find the targets. Ray, who was also shooting in the handicap class, chose to use a cheat sheet since his scope was not as good at range finding. It would be interesting to see the difference in my score and his score to see if having the set ranges really is an advantage.

My future son in law and I proceeded to the sight in range and after a quick demonstration and a 10 minute talk about what he needs to do to operate the rifle that he borrowed from me, we began practicing. I only needed several shots to see that my gun was dead on from the last time that I used it. My confidence was increased as I was able to hit the small spinners out at 40 yards. Shouldn't be a problem for me to knock over the targets in today's match unless.....yep, I had to go and put that little sliver of doubt in my mind.....the wind could pick up once the sun rose and heated the ground as it usually does.

Now I can't wait to get the match started before the wind picks up. I know that even a slight breeze will play havoc with the path of a pellet traveling at 560 fps and I am not as good in judging for the wind as I should be or as others are. The registration for the match took a bit longer than normal because of the fact that some new EFTCC safety rules were introduced to comply with the already in place rules of the DCPA range. Shooters were required to read the rules to be followed and verify their reading with a signature. The number of shooters came one short of tying the all time attendance for a single match at EFTCC, so we had an excellent turn out for the first match of the year.

Once the sight in range was closed and everyone proceeded to the firing line we all noticed that some things had changed. There were some new lanes cut and spaced to bring the previous total of 10 up to 13. According to Ray, this was done in anticipation of the increased turnout for the up and coming North East Regional match to be held in August. We then had the shooters meeting and proceeded to the lanes. It seemed that as soon as we were up at the firing line, the wind did indeed pick up and proceed to get worse as the morning progressed. At times it seemed we were getting 20-25 mph gusts, but it could have been less than that and it seemed more because I was more worried about it than usual, do to the fact that I was shooting with "Team Wimp". That is what we call the shooters in the handicap class that show up with the 10 meter guns and the R7's.

When all was said and done, I ended up with third place. Not too bad considering the conditions and how shaky I was from excitement for finally being able to shoot after a several month hiatus. I do feel that Ray had an advantage using the cheat sheet. Even though my scope range finds well, at the longer distances, the pellet from a low powered gun really starts to drop off. On a 18 ft/lb gun the vertical difference in 50 yards and 51 yards may only be a quarter of an inch, but on a 6 ft/lb gun the difference is more like a half inch so you have a higher margin of error. So between the cheat sheet and the fact that Ray can gauge the wind better he ended up a few shots higher than I did shooting handicap. A special note and congratulations to: Robert Barton - for his fine shooting and getting a 93 percent. Paul Cray - as I would have been hard pressed to top his score even if I did shoot in the spring class. Ray Apelles for shooting a 10 meter spring gun and shooting a score that beat most of the PCP guys even though he had to use a cheat sheet to do it. ☺ Gopal Jambavant – for this only being his second FT match and shooting a new gun and winning the standing class. Also, I would like to thank all the Juniors for showing up and shooting, for when they get old enough to compete with us old farts, they will already have a jump start on their skill and discipline.

Paul Bishop

The Junior Club Champion Stats, Full match results 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/efdcc>

The remaining EFTCC Field Target Match schedule for the year 2003 is as follows: **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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