



Northeast Ohio Airgunners (N.O.A.) May 5, 2019 Match Report

The Field Target season is finally underway here in Northeast Ohio, and we have a great turnout at our first match of the year. Initially scheduled for April and rescheduled due to the unpredictable weather, we ended up having some stellar weather for the match. Temps were in the low/mid 60s, and the sun came out in full force a few lanes into the match.

With 26 shooters in attendance, we had our normal match briefing from Tyler (wearing a sombrero to celebrate Cinco de Mayo) and everyone set out for the field course. The course was set on the long side, with an average target distance of 37 yards, but thankfully, most targets were sporting full size kill zones. This was a relief to most, considering there were some very tricky and sometimes strong winds blowing through the lanes. The course difficulty was a 29.8T before wind was factored in, and a 33T after wind. It was a great test for the first match of the year, and very humbling to say the least.

With many of the vines dying that kept some lanes well protected from wind last year, the wind took its toll on everyone. It seemed to be constantly shifting from left to right, and it became clear early on that the wind on target was different than the wind on the firing line. Early on in the match, the sun came out and sent the dandelions in the open field sections of the course into full bloom. Yellow targets became almost impossible to pick out in the sea of yellow weeds. It was quite a site to see.

Tallying the scores, we had a few shoot-offs to decide the fates of two classes. In Hunter PCP, Bill Rabbitt and Jeff Little tied with scores of 51/60. In Hunter Piston, Ed Loaskie and Dan Putz tied at 43/60. We set two targets, one 3/4" KZ at around 40 yards and another 1.25" KZ at around 50 yards. One shot per target, if you hit the first target, you moved onto the second, simple. Dan went first, hitting the first target and missing the second in some very tricky wind. Ed was able to hold his nerve and match Dan on the first target, and then was able to outfox the wind on the second target to take the win for the day. Congrats Ed, great shooting! In Hunter PCP, Jeff went first, taking down both targets with his new to him Steyr in quick fashion. Bill stepped up but could not match Jeff on the first target as the wind kicked up, giving Jeff the win. Very well done to both of you.

With our Hunter classes decided, the other class winners were Keith Walters in Open PCP. Keith shot his new Thomas very well, putting up a 51/60 (matching Bill and Jeff's scores in Hunter). And in WFTF PCP, Tyler Patner scored a 52/60 for the match high score. Also, a big shout out to Maddex Belmont shooting a 40/60 in the junior division. Juniors take 4 shots at the close target on each lane, which was no easy task on this course considering some of the "close" shots were in the 40 yard range. Maddex shot well enough to take out his Dad, Mark, by a few shots. Nicely done!

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it out, we really enjoyed the day and it was a great way to kick off the 2019 season. Our next match is just two weeks away, on May 19th. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

MATCH RESULTS				
	Rifle	Scope	Pellets	Score/60
Hunter PCP				
Jeff Little	Steyr LG110	Sightron 10-50x	JSB 13.4	*51
Bill Rabbitt	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke Sidewinder 6.5-20	JSB 10.34	51
Dennis Himes	Day State Red Wolf	Hawke Sidewinder 4-16	JSB 10.34	50
Tom Himes	Day State Red Wolf	Hawke 10-50x	JSB 10.34	49
Rick Smelko	Gauntlet	Aztec Emerald	JSB 10.34	45
Tim Baylor	Day State Red Wolf	Athlon Midas Tac 6-24	JSB 13.4	44
Dave Hitchcock	Daystate Red Wolf	Hawke 10-24x	JSB 10.34	41
Rob Lewandowski	Steyr LG 110	Hawke Sidewinder 6-24	AA 10.34	41
Ted Andro	Daystate Regal	UTG 3-12x	JSB 10.34	41
Doug Cunningham	Raw TM 1000	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.34	40
Joe Tricomi	Air Arms S500	Hawke 6-24x	JSB 10.34	40
Donnie Reed	Daystate Wolverine R	Hawke airmax 8-32	AA 13.4	39
Mark Belmont	Marauder	UTG 4-16x	JSB 10.34	37
Bob Lewandowski	Marauder	Hawke Sidewinder 6-24	AA 8.44	29
Dave Kovach	Air Arms S500	Bushnell 6-24x	JSB 10.34	26
Jim Donahue	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke Sidewinder 6.5-20	JSB 10.34	22
Ben Arnold	HW100	Tac Vector Sentinal 8-32	JSB 13.4	18
Hunter Piston				
Ed Loaskie	TX 200	Hawke ED 10-50x	AA 10.34	*43
Dan Putz	Walther LGV	Bushnell Engage 6-24	JSB 10.34	43
Open PCP				
Keith Walters	Thomas FT Carbine	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.4	51
Roger Barker	Air Arms Pro Target	Sightron 10-50	JSB 10.34	40
WFTF PCP				
Tyler Patner	Anschutz 9015 HP	NightForce AtacR 7-35x	JSB 8.44	52
Jeff Paddock	EV2	Leupold Comp 35x	JSB 8.44	46
Jerry LaRocca	Anschutz 9015 HP	Sightron 10-50	JSB 8.44	42
Briquelle March	Discovery	Bushnell Elite 8-32	CPL 7.9	26
Junior				
Maddex Bellmont	Marauder	UTG 4-16x	JSB 10.34	40
				*shoot-off