

## **Waterloo Field Target Club – Christmas Fun Shoot 2000**

**December 17, 2000**

It was a perfect day for field target, 35°, wind gusting between 10 and 20 mph and 100% humidity. You could see the moisture in the air. Imagine, some people were actually cold and wanted to get indoors. The outdoor section consisted of 12 targets set out in snow about a foot deep, with drifts over 2 ft deep. We tramped down narrow lanes in the snow so that the target could be seen. George Harde set up one target where you had to shoot through a length of hollow log to down a rat and another one in a cage, where you had to shoot through a hole in the grid to hit the kill zone. A few pellets ended up in the log and the cage also had a few bent wires at the end. They were great fun to shoot. Thanks George. When the FT section was over, Dennis and Mike were tied at 22 each and we headed in for hot pizza.

The indoor range is 20 yards long and Hans had it all set up for the next 3 sections of the match. The first station involved 15 offhand shots, 5 at 10 yd, 5 at 15 yd and 5 at 20 yd. The paper target was a groundhog with a red sticker in the center of the kill zone that you had to hit in order to score a point. Bill, who is a newcomer to the sport, was the class of this event, scoring 14/15 with his side-lever RWS springer. Bill and his son, Andrew competed for the first time and did very well.

The second indoor station was a creation by Hans that was fun and challenging. He used a BBQ rotisserie motor and his machining ability to create a spinning chalk holder. Nine pieces of chalk were put into the holders on the ends of the arms of the spinner and held in place with a hand set screw. One piece of chalk at a time, on the move, appeared above a wall. You could see about 3/4" of the chalk sticking up. You had 9 shot to turn the chalk into chalk dust. Tim cleared this one, hitting all nine pieces of chalk.

The final station was a haunted house with small skulls peering out windows. The skulls were glued on short sticks that fit into the windowsills. A light turned on and you had 60 seconds to clear the 5 skulls out of the widows before the light turned off. A few people cleared this one, but I felt that Bill, doing it with a side-lever springer was quite impressive.

The whole object of the match was to have fun and that was certainly accomplished. Having Bill and his son, Andrew, there was great and I hope they become regulars. We each purchase a small gift to exchange at the end. The winner of the match chooses first and so on. All of the gifts are wrapped, so there is no real advantage to anyone.

Special thanks go to Hans for setting up the range and doing the calling to get people there. All of us appreciate his efforts and enthusiasm for the sport. Now comes the long wait until the spring match in May. My silent pellet trap is going to take a beating for the next few months. After 2 full season in this sport, I really feel a part of it and look forward to a great 2001 season.

Tim MacSweyn

### **Results**

<b>Shooter</b>	<b>Gun</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellet</b>	<b>FT /24</b>	<b>G.H./15</b>	<b>HH /5</b>	<b>MT /9</b>	<b>Total /53</b>
1) Dennis Eden	Th. 17 FT	Leup	Baracuda	22	10	5	7	44
2) Mike Ferrara	NJR 100	Leup	Baracuda	22	8	5	8	43
3) Tim MacSweyn	s300	Tasco	Baracuda	18	8	5	9	40
4) Danny Reginato	s300	B&L	Baracuda	12	11	3	7	*33
5) Bert Habicher	s300	Simmons	Baracuda	13	8	4	8	*33
6) Hans Bormann	s300	Leup	Baracuda	12	7	4	8	31
7) George Harde	TX 200	Simmons	Baracuda	11	10	3	6	30
8) Bill	RWS	?	CP	11	14	5	0	29
9) Andrew	RWS	?	CP	4	6	3	4	17

\* Tie broken by neither one caring which place they had

(FT - Field target) (GH - 5 off hand at 10, 15 + 20 yd.) (HH – Haunted house)

(MT - moving chalk at 20 yd.)