

Waterloo Field Target Club Canadian Championships August 18 & 19, 2001

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	D1 /60	D2 /60	Tot. /120
Open Class						
1) Mike Ferrara	NJR 100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	57	51	108
2) Dennis Eden	Anschutz 2025	Leupold 35X	Baracuda	57	49	106
3) George Harde	TX 200	B&L 8-32X	H&N Trophy	49	55	104*
4) Danny Reginato	AA 410 .22	B&L 6-24X	AA	55	49	104*
5) George Hamilton	NJR 100	Leupold 13-38x	CP 10.5	59	44	103*
6) Andrew Horodecky	Pro Target .22	Bushnell 6-18X	CP 14.3	55	48	103*
7) Tim MacSweyn	AA s300	Tasco 8-40X	Baracuda	50	50	100
8) Bert Habicher	AA s300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda	52	46	98
9) Lanny Hann	CR97 SE	Leup 18- 40X	Baracuda	53	45	98
10) Bill Horodecky	Pro Target .22	Bushnell 6-18X	CP 14.3	53	44	97
11) Hans Bormann	Pro Target	Leuplod 18-40X	Baracuda	48	41	89
12) Will Kwan	TX200 HC	Burriss 8-32X	CP 7.9	46	29	75
13) Noel Sedman	Huntsman	Euro 4X	CP 10.5	31	32	63
14) Kevin Hann**	CR97 SE	Leup 18- 40X	Baracuda	50	Absent	50
15) Doug Diver	Anschutz 2025	Leupold 6.5-20X	Kodiak Match	49	Absent	49
16) Jeff**				20	Absent	20

*Tie broken by longest string of hits

**New Shooters

Saturday was a made to order FT day, with light winds (6 mph) and comfortable temperatures. Targets were set in the bush and some in the fields, with a blend of distances from 10-54 yards. George Hamilton from Florida shot an impressive 59/60 to lead all shooters. Mike and Dennis were close behind, each with 57. We welcomed 2 new shooters, Kevin and Jeff, who could only come for one day. We hope to see them both again.

Hans came up with another fun competition that involved 3 shooters trying to spat paint balls glued to paper groundhog targets. There were 38 targets set from 10 to 50 yards and a regular field target rigged to a timer to stop the time when all paint ball were splattered. It was great fun. A team consisting of Bert, Kevin and myself edged out the next best group by seconds.

Sunday was a different story. We have had one of the driest summers on record, but guess when Mother Nature decided to bring the much-needed rain. It started between 9 and 10 AM and just poured. We had all the targets ready on the bush trail, but it sure didn't look like that was going to happen. We decided to pull all the targets and set them up on the 100 and 200yd ranges, where we could shoot from under a roof. It was not ideal, but I sure wasn't driving the 2 hours home without shooting. We had to use the benches, because the grass and weeds blocked most of the kill zones from the sitting or prone positions. The scores for day 2 show how difficult the course was. There were strong winds and the direction was somewhat unpredictable due to the burms surrounding the ranges. George managed to dope the winds the best, shooting a 55 with his TX.

In the end, Mike put together 2 solid scores to win the title of "Canadian Champion" with a score of 108/120. Dennis was close behind with a 106 and George Harde, with a springer, was 3rd with a 104. Prizes for the match included beautifully made replicas of cannons, field targets and an interesting scope that contained a bottle of wine, all made by Hans. There were also tool sets, pocketknives and a variety of small prizes, some of which were donated by George Hamilton. Thanks George. The cannons are something to see. One is a replica of the first breach loading cannon, with everything but the tripod legs being made from polished brass. I took a quick count and there are over 30 parts that had to be made and polished on this one cannon. Dennis was fortunate enough to end up with that one. Prizes were on a large table and as you were called in order of finish, you went up and chose the prize you wanted. Every shooter received at least 2 prizes and some had 3.

For myself, the weather changed the match, but didn't take any of the enjoyment out of it. It was great to see George and Virginia again and God willing we'll see them again next year. Many thanks to Hans for organizing the match, coming up with a fun competition and being responsible for the prizes, many of which he made. Thanks to all the competitors who were a part of a great weekend of shooting and camaraderie.

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