

# October 20, 2002 Match Results

The weather sure made the last match interesting. The temperature made it up to the mid 40s for a short time and the wind was brisk, gusting close to 20 miles per hour at times. On our first break, we had a real good shower, which made the break a little longer, but didn't slow things down much. With some hot chocolate and warm clothing, things were great.

Hans thought of a new way for us to set a match up and it was real interesting, particularly the last round. There were twelve turkey targets in twelve lanes and two shots were taken per lane. Three rounds were shot and the kill zones became smaller for each lane. The kill for the first round on every target was 1.24" and the average difficulty was 24.8T. For the second round, the reducer was changed to 1", to make an average difficulty of 30.7T. The last round was shot with a .625" kill and had an average difficulty of 49.2T. This gave the 72 shot match an average difficulty of 34.9T. With two targets at 40+ yards and 3 more from 30-36 yards, the reduced kill zones were a real challenge in the wind. Significant holdover was even necessary for the 20 -29 yard targets. Doping the wind correctly was definitely the formula for success.

The hit percentage in round one was 81.8%, for round two, it was 77.1% and for round three, it fell to 66.1%. Playing the wind to hit a .625 kill at 42 yards is a challenge. The scores were quite good considering the difficulty of the course and harsh weather conditions. I think the cold may have gotten to Hans and Noel as well as some others to a lesser degree. I felt good for the whole match, losing one to the wind and just released the trigger at the wrong time to miss the second, ending up with a 70/72 to take first. Danny mowed down the targets with his .22cal AA410 to score a 66/72 and second place. Dennis was kicking himself for a few of the misses on the larger kills, but managed a 65/72 to take third. The three of us each took home a frozen turkey for our efforts.

The fun match was rather explosive and a lot of fun. Numbered wooden stakes, about 1' tall, were placed in the ground at various ranges, from low 20s to just about 30 yards. They had 2" square targets on them, with about a .5" bullseye. We drew numbers to see which one we would shoot at and then had to shoot an offhand shot to try to hit the bull. On the first round I very uncharacteristically hit the bull on my offhand shot. The top half of the stick disappeared and the blast certainly got everyone's attention. There were two more hidden and detonated by two other shooters. George, Doug and myself were the fortunate ones and were rewarded with one of Hans' field targets each.

Many thanks to Hans for thinking up this unique match and for supplying the targets and kill zone reducers. The fun match was a blast and another one of Hans' ideas.

The Christmas shoot will be on December 8th and I'm sure there will be some fun targets again this year. I look forward to seeing everyone again to shoot the breeze as well as some targets and scarf down some pizza.

Tim MacSweyn

<b>Shooter</b>	<b>Gun</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Pellet</b>	<b>Total /72</b>
1) Tim MacSweyn	ld/SS #4	Bushnell 36X	CPH	70
2) Danny Reginato	AA 410 .22	Bushnell 6-24	Kodiak	66
3) Dennis Eden	ld/SS #5	BSA 10-50	CPH	65
4) Mike Ferrara	NJR100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	58
4) Doug Diver	Rapid 17 MkII	Burris 8-32	Baracuda	58
6) George Harde	TX200	Bushnell 8-32	FT Trophy	47
7) Noel Sedman	Huntsman	Bushnell 4-12	CPH	34
7) Hans bormann	AA 410	Bushnell 8-32	Baracuda	34