

May 25, 2003 Match Results

The forecast for the day was rain, rain and more rain. Hans and I had talked on Saturday and were pretty sure we would have to set up the course on the 100 and 200-meter ranges and shoot from under the roof. Well the rain just never came and thankfully we were able to set up on the bush lanes as usual. With the new spring growth and mosquitoes not making an appearance yet, it was close to an ideal day for the match. The temperature was from high fifties to low sixties and the wind was light and variable.

We were very glad to see Don Irvine and Dr. Magdy Hassouna join us for their first FT match. Both fit in well and are knowledgeable shooters. Magdy was using a .22 rifle and 20X scope and did very well for himself. Don had his Steyr set up well and shot extremely well for a first outing. My first FT match result was not near as good as either one of these two new shooters. We hope to see them on a regular basis.

We were fortunate enough to have a junior shooter as well; Zack Harde shot his Diana 24 and achieved impressive results. He hit the metal on all but a few targets that were at extreme ranges for a gun that shoots in the 600 fps range. As his experience grows and his equipment changes, he will be an excellent shooter. His dad, George, is already considering an upgrade in the rifle department for his next match.

During the match I think everyone had a bit of rust to knock off from the long winter layoff. I had the classic, did not change the scope for a 47-yard target and planted one beautifully at six o'clock. Others had misses that they laugh at now, but well into the season, they will not miss that same shot.

Dennis, Mike and myself were fairly close all day, but with some luck and good guesses I was able to record a 56/60 to place first. Dennis was close behind with a 54 after having dropped a few targets due to a leaky valve that led to low air in the gun. Mike had some trouble on the long lanes with that unpredictable wind and recorded a 51 for third place. Three shooters, Hans, Don and Bert, were tied for fourth with scores of 48.

I was very happy to be out shooting again and catching up with the news from everyone. Having two new shooters was the icing on the cake. There are a couple more new shooters who could not make this match, but have their rigs just about ready for the June match. I am hoping this is a breakout year for Canadian Field Target as far as numbers go, if all the regulars continue to shoot and the number of new shooters continues to grow.

We'll have it again on June 22nd and I'm sure it will be a great time as usual. Have fun; shoot lots.

Tim MacSweyn

| Shooter | Gun | Scope | Pellet | Total /60 T-Diff |
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| 1) Tim MacSweyn | Id?SS #4 | Bushnell 8-32 | CPH | 56 |
| 2) Dennis Eden | AA NJC | Nightforce 8-40 | Baracuda | 54 |
| 3) Mike Ferarra | NJC | Leupold 18-40 | Baracuda | 51 |
| 4) Hans Bormann | Pro Target | Leupold 18-40 | Baracuda | 48 |
| 4) Don Irvine | Steyr FT | Deben 8.5-34 | CPH | 48 |
| 4) Bert Habitcher | AA s300 | Simmons 6.5-20 | Baracuda | 48 |
| 7) George Harde | TX200 | Bushnell 8-32 | Baracuda | 46 |
| 8) Will Kwan | TX200HC | Burriss 8-32 | Baracuda | 41 |
| 9) Magdy Hassouna | Daystate PH6 | Bushnell 4-20 | .22 Mosquito | 29 |
| Junior - Zack Harde | Diana 24 | BSA 2-7 | CPL | 30.5 |