

Waterloo Field Target Association July 20, 2003

The forecast was for a sunny morning, followed by increasing clouds and chance of rain as the day progressed. The weatherman got most of it right but not all. It was dull and there was light rain when Dennis and I arrived just after 8:30, but the rain stopped while we set up targets and even when we shot the first half of the match. The rain started as the second half started and became progressively worse. The highest winds and heaviest rain coincided with Dennis, Don and Mike shooting the long-range lanes that are also the least protected from the rain. Their scores took a beating during this section. Wind is bad enough on 50 yard plus targets, but add in a good downpour and it is miserable. The nice sunny weather came during the teardown. After the first half there were some great scores. Mike had only dropped one and Andrew had only dropped two, followed by Dennis, Don and I who had only dropped four. It was shaping up as a great race.

In the afternoon, Mother Nature kind of changed the playing field and affected some more than others. Pellets seemed to have a mind of their own as the wind and rain sent them on trips to the edge of the targets or wounding the critters by hitting them in the leg rather than the kill zone. For some reason Id/SS #4 just kept sending the pellets straight to the kill zone, so while scores were taking a beating, I managed to somehow clear the course in the afternoon and ended up with a high score of 57/60. My squad partner, Danny, pulled out a second with a score of 49, edging out Mike by one point. In just his third match, Don shot a 45 to take fourth and Dennis, one point back took fifth. Hans shot well and Noel enjoyed himself like he always does. Well, the next one is our big Canadian event, the National Championships. Brian will be coming back to defend his title and lots of shooters will be hoping to be the one to go home as the champion this year. If everyone shows up, there could be close to twenty shooters, including our three good friends from the US, Brian, George and Billy. I will send out an outline of the match and any pertinent information in an e-mail later this week. I hope to see everyone there and we are going to have a great time as we always do.

Tim MacSweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60 T-Diff 34
1) Tim MacSweyn	Id/SS #4	Deben 10-50	CP 10.5	57
2) Danny Reginato	AA S300	Bushnell 6-24	AA	49
3) Mike Ferarra	NJR 100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	48
4) Don Irvine	Steyr LG 100 FT	Deben 8.5-34	CP 10.5	45
5) Dennis Eden	Id/SS #5	BSA 10-50	CP 10.5	44
6) Hans Bormann	Pro Target	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	36
7) Noel Sedman	Huntsman	?	CP 10.5	8
Andrew Horodecky				Dnf
Bill Horodecky				Dnf