

Waterloo field Target Club Match III – July 11, 2004

We arrived early, set up the lanes and were looking forward to a super day of shooting. The weather was great, low eighties and light wind, and eight eager shooters. We also had some unwanted, eager guests, MOSQUITOES, lots of them that thought deet was BBQ sauce. We enjoyed the day in spite of them

It was a good match to get ready for our Canadian Nationals next month. We had a real variety of targets that challenged everyone, but no one seemed discouraged. That is what makes a match a good one for me. The Troyer difficulty was a moderate 31.4 with some nasty and tricky targets here and there throughout. As soon as you thought you were sailing clear, a humbling experience brought you back to reality. I know everyone missed shots that surprised and disappointed them. Hey, that's field target.

In the morning, Don had only dropped two shots and Dennis and I were close behind, having dropped three. Mike had dropped six and George eight. In the afternoon, Don kept up the great shooting and only dropped two more. Dennis had a great afternoon, dropping only one and tying Don for first. Mike shot the afternoon clear, while I dropped three more, tying Mike for third. We held the shoot-off on the 50 yard lane, with a 1.25" hole and some unpredictable breezes. Since Don and Dennis just kept hitting at 50 yards, we backed it up to 55 yards. For the first six rounds they matched each others hits and misses and finally in the seventh round Don emerged as the match winner and Dennis second. Mike and I started at 55 yards, since it was late, and both of us had hits in the first two rounds. In the third, Mike finally missed one, placing myself at third and Mike fourth. That was the first shoot-off I have been a part of and it was a neat experience. You cannot duplicate that pressure during practice, so I think it was a valuable experience for all of us.

I knew Don would hit the winner's circle before long and congratulations to him on his first of many. Magdy, unfortunately had some unresolved scope problems that made for a day that was not up to his proven ability. Congratulations to all the shooters and many thanks to those who helped set up and tear down the targets.

Don't miss next month's match; it will be our Canadian Championships on August 14th and 15th. We look forward to seeing all of our regulars and our good friends from the United States. See you then

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

**Set up lanes

* Shoot-off to decide place

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /58 T-Diff 31.4
1) Don Irvine**	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	*56
2) Dennis Eden**	ld/SS 05	Deben 10-50	CPH	*56
3) Tim M ^{ac} Sweyn**	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	*54
4) Mike Ferarra**	NJR100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	*54
5) George Harde**	TX200	Bushnell 8-32	JSB 8.4	50
6) Hans Bormann**	AA410	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	34
6) Magdy Hassouna	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	34
8) Noel Sedmann**	AA410	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	28