

Waterloo Field Target Club - July 17, 2005

The weather forecast for the day was grim to say the least. High heat, high humidity and a very good chance of thundershowers were what we had to look forward to. Given this forecast, we decided to set the match up on the 100 meter range. Since there are bench rest set-ups in all 12 lanes on the range, you would think the scores would be unreasonably high. Not so. Since the range has burms on three sides, the wind is very unpredictable in speed and direction. It seemed to alternate between pushing the pellet, in varying degrees, either left, right or down. The uncut weeds on the course also added some spice. As can be seen, the scores are probably a little lower than normal for a match. But we got to shoot and were fortunate we were under the roof later in the match during a fairly intense thunder shower.

We trimmed weeds with pellets, played the wind and generally had a good day. Anything over 30 yards meant a possible wind problem, with the 50+ targets sometimes needing better than an inch hold off left and occasionally right. I tried to hold a little high in the kill zone, just in case the pellet was pushed down. I managed to keep 56 of them in the zone to take top spot and Dennis was right there with 55 to take second. We thought there might be a shoot off for third until Don misread his own range and dropped two late in the match. This put Mike third and Don at fourth. Bert's gun had been leaking, but seemed to work fine during the match. We finally got to see George's Whiscombe, which he is in the process of getting set up. Noel and Hans were knocking targets down and having a good time as usual.

We tore down the targets and had a meeting to discuss the Canadian Nationals in August. We made some decisions and seem to be on track for another good match this year. After that we took advantage of the people there and worked on repairing and replacing some of the shooting platforms on the course. Hans and Bert had done five or six lanes in the past weeks and by the time we were done there were 20 lanes ready to go and two more that need a little more work. Thanks very much to Hans, Bert, Mike, Don, and Dennis. Hans will hopefully recruit some help to put paint or stain on the new plywood.

I am looking forward to the Nationals in August and meeting up with old friends and possibly meeting a few new ones this year. George Hamilton will have a few other US shooters joining him this year and we are looking forward to greeting all of them. I hope all of our regular and occasional shooters will be able to attend and make this a great event.

I will put out a final flyer, with all the details in the coming week. See you in August.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60 T-Diff 32
1) Tim M ^{ac} Sweyn	USFT 04	Tasco 10-40	CPH	56
2) Dennis Eden	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	55
3) Mike Ferarra	AA NJR	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	52
4) Don Irine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda	50
5) Bert Babitcher	AA s300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda	46
6) George Harde	Whiscombe JW60	Hawke 8.5-34	Baracuda	41
7) Noel Sedman	AA s300	Bushnell 4X	CPL	32
8) Hans Bormann	HW100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda	27