

Canadian National Field Target Championship

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Results Chart

Rank	Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Red /60	White /60	Total /120 T-31
	PCP Class						
1	Don Irvine**	Steyr LG100FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	59	56	115
2	Tim MacSweyn**	Ld/SS	Deben 10-50	CPH	58	54	112
3	Mike Ferrara	NJR100	Leupold 16-40	Baracuda	56	54	110
4	Dennis Eden**	Ld/SS	Deben 10-50	CPH	56	53	109
5	Greg Sauve	Steyr ZM100	BSA 10-50	CPH	50	58	108*
6	Les Grable	Walther Dominator	Nikko	CPH	50	58	108*
7	Phil Herman	USFT	Hacko 8-32	JSBH	52	50	102
8	Bert Habicher	AAs300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda	44	49	93
9	Magdy Hassouna	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	36	51	87
10	Chris Nickolson	Logun Solo	Bushnell 6-24	JSBH	53	Abs	Sat 53
11	Hans Bormann**	HW100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda			DNF
	Piston Class						
1	George Harde**	JW65	Hawke 8.5-34	JSBH	55	45	100
2	Ken Reeves	TX200	Bussis 8-32	CPL	49	50	99
3	James Jackson**	HW97K	Hawke 8.5-34	JSB 8.4	43	36	79
4	James Sumpter	TX200SR	BSA 10-50	JSB 8.4	38	35	73
5	Zach Harde**	HW97	Hawke 6.5-26	FTS	29	34	63
6	Josh Jackson**	HW97K	Hawke 6-24	CPL	23	32	55
7	Ted Gibson	HW97K	Hawke 6-24	.22 CP	21	28	49

* Tie decided by shoot-off ** Set up targets for the match

Match Report

Another Canadian National match is in the books. The weather was as close to ideal as one can realistically hope for early in August. Temperatures were warm, but not uncomfortable and there was lots of sunshine on Saturday and Sunday. There was very little wind on Saturday and just enough to make things interesting, but not aggravating, on Sunday. We had a total of eighteen shooters, including five Americans that came up to join in the fun.

The twenty lanes were set up on Friday by a variety of club members, as shown on the chart, and the odd numbers were shot on Saturday, the even number shot on Sunday. Saturday's course was rated at 30 on the Troyer scale and Sunday's course came in at 32, to give an average for the match at 31. Difficulty of targets ranged from 10 to 60 to allow everyone to get a decent score, but there was definitely an element of challenge for any competitor.

On Saturday, with ten lanes to shoot and eighteen shooters, we put two shooters in each squad instead of three. The result was that even with a break after five lanes and an 11:00AM start, most squads were done by 2:30 in the afternoon. This allowed us to have a great lunch and complete our long range fun shoot all by about 5:00PM. Don Irvine checked in with a 59/60 in the PCP class and George Harde shot a sizzling 55/60 in the piston class to take a lead into day two in their respective divisions. Phil Herman was the long range champ, scoring a 47/50 and he received a multi paddle spinner for his achievement.

On Sunday, we started at 10:00AM and again used the two per squad set up. Competitors in each class were matched with the individual closest to their score. This resulted in some great competition right through the ranks. George Harde had a sizable lead, which evaporated very quickly on Sunday and he ended up scoring a one point victory over Ken Reeves, who made a great comeback on a difficult course. In the PCP division, Don Irvine and I were tied briefly, but Don's consistent shooting resulted in a three shot victory for him in the PCP division and I held on to second.

In PCP class only two points separated third through sixth and a shootout between Greg Sauve and Les Grable was needed to decide fifth and sixth. Mike Ferrara came third, followed by Dennis Eden and Greg won the shootout after the second round of shots. The piston division top five was rounded out by James Jackson, James Sumpter and Zach Harde.

Hans had a mishap with his gun early on day one and was unable to complete the match. Chris Nicholson finally got to meet the crew from Waterloo on Saturday and shot very well. He had obligations on Sunday and was unable to attend. After being somewhat disappointed on Saturday, Magdy had a great day on Sunday. Bert also had two solid days, with Sunday's score, on a difficult course, being five points higher. Josh Jackson was not real pleased with his score on day one, but came back and shot very well on day two. Ted was trying to get those .22 pellets through those tiny holes and did a great job, showing improvement as the match progressed.

On Sunday, most squads were finished by shortly after 1:00 PM and we had lunch at that time. The shootout came after lunch and then Lisa Harde handed out the class awards. Lisa then called out the names in order of finish for each competitor to choose a prize, with everyone receiving at least two prizes and some ended up with three.

The meals on both days consisted of make your own subs and a variety of salads, vegetables, fruits and dessert. Lisa was in charge of setting the meals up on both days and did a remarkable job. Trudy Sumpter helped Lisa with the meals and many thanks to both of them.

All in all it was a great weekend of making new friends and enjoying the company of old friends. The sportsmanship displayed through the whole match was something every competitor should be proud of. Thanks very much to George, our match director, Lisa, for taking care of the meals and awards, all the guys who set up the course and everyone who took part, making this a very successful event. I hope to see all of you again next year.

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