

Port Colborne Field Target Club – Match 1 - April 28, 2007

The day was certainly not ideal for FT, but the six competitors that attended, ended the long winter layoff and had a great time knocking down targets. There was some light drizzle and we postponed the start of the match for just over an hour, resulting in very minimal precipitation during the match. It was windy and the temperature did not make it out of the fifties, but for late April it was an OK day. Seven of the ten lanes were covered with tarps, pretty well making the rain a non-factor.

Don and Ted rigged up the tarps over the shooting areas, as Dennis and I set out the course. We set out thirty targets on ten lanes for a sixty shot match, rated at 37.6 on the Troyer scale. We used the one elevated tree mount I was able to install and we plan on adding quite a few more in the next few months. We hope to have a good balance of up angle, down angle and level shots to allow competitors to gain experience shooting a wide variety of angled shots.

For Tom Peretti, it was his first field target match and he shot a very impressive score, on a difficult course, with his HW97. We hope to see Tom often during the matches coming up this season. Chris started his second full season of FT, but a drastic change in the rifle's velocity had him making his best guess at times, which can be a little unnerving. He still did very well. Ted has ventured into the PCP class and I am sure as he gains experience with his rifle, his scores will continue to improve.

Don and Dennis were very close in the end, even though Don had only dropped one point in the first half. Dennis was a little more politically correct and spread his missed shots around fairly. I felt very steady all day and ended up getting a couple of wind assisted misses on the day. The longer, windy shots accounted for the majority of dropped shots.

Awards were presented for the top three places in the PCP class and Tom buried the competition in the piston class to claim first.

We did a little more shooting on the practice range and some of the guys were able to shoot some rifles they had been wondering about.

Dennis and I had lots of help pulling up the targets and packing everything away. We are very grateful for the help.

The next match in Port Colborne will be on Saturday, June 23, 2007. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /60 T-Diff 37.6
PCP Division				
1) Tim M ^{ac} Sweyn*	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	58
2) Don Irvine*	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda	52
3) Dennis Eden*	ld/SS 04	Deben 10-50	CPH	51
4) Chris Nicholson	Pro Target	BSA 10-50	JSBH	50
5) Ted Gibson*	XS B50	Hawke	CPL	27
Piston Division				
Tom Peretti*	HW97	Leapers 8-32	H&N FTS	34

*Helped with match set-up and/or pulling up the targets