

## The 777 “Knotty” Field Target Challenge Port Colborne Field Target Club – Match 3 – July 7, 2007

The 777 was a memorable day for the Port Colborne Field Target Club. It was our official opening match and fifteen shooters came out to support our club and Dennis and I are very grateful. Angie, my wife, helped with the shopping, brought the hot food out to the club after the match and helped set up the meal. Everyone enjoyed the meal and graciously passed their compliments on to Angie and myself for arranging it. The weather was typical summer weather for this part of the world, with temperatures in the mid eighties and variable winds.

After introductions for those who had not met each other, sighting in and a brief shooter’s meeting, we headed out at 11:00 AM to knock targets down. With half of the shots at T40+ difficulty, that was not an easy task. During the first half of the match, before the break, Chris made it look easy, coming in with a perfect score. There were a few others who trailed with only a couple of missed shots. George Harde shot very well and was in the top few at the break. The T39.7 overall difficulty of the match was quite apparent to everyone within a few lanes. Whoever came out on top was certainly going to have to earn it.

George Harde continued to shoot well and won the piston division with a 58/72, the sixth highest score overall. Tom continues to improve each match and will be a contender for the top spot in every match. With his self modified FWB300 and twelve power scope, Len shot an impressive match. It was great to meet Doug Harvey and have him shoot his first FT match with us. He did much better than I did in my first match that was not near as difficult as this one.

Chris withstood the pressure of the second half and only dropped three shots for the day. The average difficulty of the three missed shots was T65! From the first match Chris attended, I knew he would quickly become a contender. I am very pleased and proud of his accomplishments after only seven matches. I was able to hang on to second spot, while George Hamilton and Dennis tied for third. George had the longest string of hits without a miss and was awarded third place. Don was hurting a bit, but still managed a very good score. It was very good to see Bert and Will again and they both shot very well with Bert’s AA300. Lanny was next, followed closely by Doug and Ted. After quite a layoff, it was great to see Danny shooting with us again.

Our goals were to put on a challenging match to prepare for the Canadian Nationals and the Worlds and to officially introduce the Port Colborne facility to the field target community. I feel that Dennis and I achieved both of these goals with this match and look forward to a great future for our club.

We are very grateful to Angie for all her help and to all the guys that helped pull targets and get the club back in order. Thanks to everyone that attended and I hope to see all of you at the Canadian Nationals on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at the Waterloo Club.

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\* Tie broken by longest string of hits without a miss

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet All .177	Score /72 T-Diff 39.7
<b>PCP Division</b>				
Chris Nickolson	Pro Target	BSA 10-50	JSBH	69
Tim MacSweyn	USFT	Deben 10-50	CPH	67
George Hamilton	AA100	Nightforce 36	CPH	63*
Dennis Eden	Theoben MFR	Deben 10-50	CPH	63*
Don Irvine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	61
Bert Habicher	AA300	Simmons	Baracuda	54
Will Kwan	AA300	Simmons	Baracuda	49
Lanny Hann	Daystate CR97E	Leupold 20-40	Baracuda M	48
Doug Diver	Walther Dominator	Leupold 14.5-35	JSBL	47
Ted Gibson	B50	Bushnell 8-32	Baracuda M	46
Danny Reginato	AA300	Bushnell 8-32	Air arms	31
<b>Piston Division</b>				
George Harde	JW-65	Hawke 8.5-34	JSBH	58
Tom Peretti	HW97K	Leapers 8-32	JSBL	49
Len Joe	FWB300	Bushnell 4-12	JSBL	43
Doug Harvey	HW97	Leaper 16	JSBL	15