

Canadian National Field Target Championship
Hosted By The Waterloo Field Target Club
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Results Chart

Rank	Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Sat. /60	Sun. /60	Total /120 T-31
	PCP Class						
1	<i>Greg Sauve US</i>	Steyr ZM100	BSA 10-50	CPH	59	58	117
2	Tim MacSweyn**C	USFT	Deben 10-50	CPH	57	57	114
3	Dennis Eden**C	Ld/SS/TheobenMFR	Deben 10-50	CPH	52	59	111
4	Don Irvine**C	Steyr LG100FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda M	59	51	110
5	<i>Matt Bingham US</i>	SteyrLG110	Nikko St 10-50	JSBH	55	53	108
6	<i>George Hamilton** US</i>	AA100	Nightforce 36	CPH	53	53	106
7	Magdy Hassouna C	Steyr LG110	Nikko St 10-50	Baracuda M	54	47	101*
7	Bert Habicher**C	AAs300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda	50	51	101*
9	<i>Les Grable US</i>	Walther Dominator	Nikko 10-50	CPH	52	46	98
10	<i>Kristen Bingham US</i>	Falcon FN19	Bushnell 8-32	JSBH	43	50	93
11	Chris Nickolson C	Pro Target	BSA 10-50	JSBH	59	Abs	Sat 59
12	Ted Gibson C	XSB50	Bushnell 8-32	Baracuda	Abs	43	Sun 43
13	Hans Bormann**C	HW100	Leupold 18-40	Baracuda M	20	Abs	Sat 20
	Piston Class						
1	George Harde**C	JW65	Hawke 8.5-34	JSBH	47	54	101
2	Tom Peretti C	HW97K	Leapers 8-32	JSBL	49	46	95
3	<i>James Sumpter US</i>	TX200SR	BSA 10-50	JSBL	44	50	94
4	Len Joe C	FWB300	Bushnell 4-12	JSBL	46	42	88
5	James Jackson**C	HW97K	Hawke 8.5-34	CPL	40	42	82
6	Zach Harde**C	HW97	Hawke 6.5-26	FTS	40	32	72
7	Josh Jackson**C	HW97K	Hawke 6-24	CPL	30	33	63

* Tie ** Set up lanes C – Canadian US - American

Match Report

I am entirely convinced that everyone who took part in the Canadian Nationals this year was treated to a great weekend of shooting and camaraderie. The weather you would order for a match is exactly what we got. Temperatures were in the mid seventies, humidity was low, winds were light Saturday and quite calm Sunday and the sun was smiling down on us. It was just a perfect weekend to be outdoors.

The setting up of the course on Friday was a real team effort. Seven people, as indicated on the chart were responsible to set up lanes, varying from one lane up to four. Cooperation like that sure helped to make George Harde's job as match director a little easier. The course difficulty was varied, allowing everyone to enjoy the match, while providing plenty of challenge as well. The average Troyer rating for the two days combined was thirty-one. Saturday's average was slightly higher than Sunday's, although the number of very difficult targets per day was about the same.

Our squads of two headed out at 11:00 AM on Saturday and depending on where they started, had varied experiences. The lanes that were limited for distance contained some nasty little kill zones to provide a challenge. On the longer lanes you were shooting into a head wind or a cross breeze light enough to make you undecided about compensating for it. Some guessed right, some guessed wrong.

At the break, after thirty shots, there were quite a few pcp shooters who had not missed a target yet, or who had missed only one. Some were chasing pellets to correct for an impact shift, while nerves can have an affect when it is least expected. When the shooting was over, Chris, Greg and Don were all tied at the top of the pcp division, scoring 59/60. In the piston division, Tom found himself in first, followed by George Harde and then Len Joe.

A supper of make your own subs, along with salads, veggies, fruit and dessert was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone that brought in items for the meal. We sat and talked and then headed back down to the practice range to shoot or just socialize. Dennis had to confirm all his numbers on another gun since something was amiss with the numbers for short range targets on his ld/SS. Greg was trying to decide which pellets to use on Sunday and Les was making sure that Dominator was doing its part. It was after 8:00 PM before we all left and allowed George and Virginia Hamilton to get some peace and quiet.

When I was a kid, there were days I wished would go on and on. That was Sunday for me. The conditions were perfect and so was the company. Unfortunately Chris had commitments that would not allow him to attend on Sunday, but Ted was able to join us for the Sunday course.

We headed out a little earlier to allow us to finish up in time for those who had a long drive ahead of them. As is usually the case, the day of shooting brought some ups and down for a number of shooters. With his MFR numbers confirmed, Dennis was the top shooter of the day, dropping only one shot. Unfortunately, Don was down about eight shots before he corrected his scope settings. George Harde was really knocking them down and made a great comeback. James Sumpter had a much better day and came within one shot of a tie with Tom for second. Kristen scored seven points higher than her previous day and was obviously very pleased with one shot in particular that she made. Hans' scope gave up and he was unable to participate on Sunday. Quite a few stayed the same or within a shot or two of their Saturday score.

Greg took the top pcp award with an outstanding score of 117/120. I was able to place second with 114/120 and with his great shooting on Sunday, Dennis placed third with 111/120, edging Don at 110/120 by one shot. Matt Bingham rounded out the top five, shooting 108/120.

George Harde, with an impressive day on Sunday, ended up with 101/120 to take top honours in the piston division. Tom shot well both days, scoring 95/120 for second, followed by James Sumpter at 94/120. Len Joe continues to shoot great scores with his FWB300 and using a low power scope. Len's score was 88/120, putting him fourth and a good day on Sunday brought James Jackson up to fifth, recording 82/120.

Kristen's super shooting literally made the rest of her division seem invisible and she walked away with the Top Female Award, scoring 93/120. The ageless wonder, George Hamilton, won the top senior award with 106/120.

George Harde is the 2007 Canadian National Champion in the piston division and I am fortunate enough to have the same title in the pcp division.

We enjoyed another meal on Sunday after the match. We are all very thankful to Virginia Hamilton and Trudy Sumpter for setting out the food each day and doing most of the clean-up as well. They are both great ladies.

We then held our draw, where everyone was able to claim a prize to take away with them. We, especially Zack, are very grateful to Shooter's Choice in Waterloo for donating a Walther BB pistol for our prize tablet. Many thanks also to Illingworth Imports for donating a rifle scope. Thanks to George Hamilton who donated a special prize as well. George Harde and I presented the awards in all the categories and then came the toughest part of the weekend, the goodbyes.

Everyone that attended the match helped to make it a success. Thanks to the six US competitors who made the trip and to the Canadian participants who made it out to our Nationals. A big pat on the back goes to George Harde for organizing a memorable match.

For the first time, the Canadian Nationals will be at a different venue in 2008. Dennis and I would like to invite everyone to attend the 2008 Canadian Nationals in Port Colborne, Ontario, at the Port Colborne & District Conservation Club. The date will be available soon for those who like to long range plan.

Take care and I hope to see you on the shooting lanes soon.

Tim