

Port Colborne Field Target Club – Match 4 - August 11, 2007

Fortunately, Dennis and I were able to set up the course on Friday evening, allowing a much earlier start on the practice range on Saturday morning. For the 777 match, we planned to make it a certain difficulty as promised before the match, but we really did not plan a difficulty for this match. We just placed the targets in places that seemed appropriate. The difficulty worked out to be T – 42.5, so I guess nasty seemed appropriate fairly often.

It was 85° by the start of the match at 11:00 AM and it stayed in the mid to upper 80s all day. The winds were light, but some strange gusts could certainly change a pellet's flight plan from time to time. It really was quite comfortable in the forest with all the available shade. We shot our first 30 shots before the break and everyone was down at least a few shots at the half way mark.

As we headed out for the second half, probably most of us were hoping we had completed the hardest section of the course. Well, it didn't work out that way. The nasty was sprinkled pretty evenly throughout, allowing for ample opportunity to drop shots here and there. The off hand target certainly accounted for more than its share of missed shots, but the other missed shots did not seem to have a particular pattern. I guess I'll just call that the result of a balanced course of fire.

Being the only piston shooter, Len got the inevitable comments on winning the division, but his score, the fifth highest overall, also brought high praise from everyone

Having a pretty steady day allowed me to finish at the top of the pcp division, but the excitement came for the second place scores. Chris and Don were tied for second and had a shoot off to decide second and third place. We placed a spinner at 50 yards on the practice range and Don hunkered down and nailed it. Chris' first attempt was unsuccessful, so Don secured second and Chris took third.

Everyone but Len, Dennis and I had places they had to be Saturday evening, so they took off and Len helped Dennis and me to pull up the targets and pack things away. The three of us stopped for a sandwich at Tim Horton's on the way home and were able to relax and unwind for a while. Dennis and I thank all who attended and are very appreciative of Len's help.

We hope to see everyone again on Saturday, September 29th at the Port Colborne FT club for the final scheduled match of the 2007 season in Port.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter PCP Division	Gun	Scope	Pellet All .177	Score /60 T-Diff 42.4
1) Tim MacSweyn	USFT	Deben 10-50	CPH	57
2) Don Irvine	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	Baracuda	53
4) Chris Nicholson	Pro Target	BSA 10-50	JSBH	53
3) Dennis Eden	TheobenMFR	Deben 10-50	CPH	51
5) Lanny Hann	CR97 SE	Leupold 8-40	Baracuda	42
6) Ted Gibson	XSB50	Bushnell 8-32	Baracuda	37
Piston Division				
1) Leonard Joe	FWB300	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL	44