

Port Colborne Field Target Club – Match 6 – November 3, 2007

We definitely won the weather lottery for a match in November. The temperature stayed between 10 and 15°C, the sun shone for most of the match and the winds were light. The forest still had enough foliage to give some shade and protection from the wind, while providing great colour.

We started the match an hour later, at noon, to allow the temperature to rise in order to sight the guns in at about 9 or 10°C. Sighting in cold temperatures and having much warmer temperatures during the match can cause some problems which we were able to avoid.

Eight of us were fortunate enough to be able to participate in this match. I know many had family or work obligations that kept them away, but would have loved to have been there. Pete was able to show up when work was cancelled for the day and was able to participate in his first field target match. He performed very well with the equipment he had and I certainly hope he enjoyed it. Mike Turner came out to see what FT was all about and fortunately tagged along with Don and me during the match. We were able to discuss all kinds of things pertaining to airguns and field target and had a great afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of Pete and Mike during the 2008 season.

Four groups of two headed out to the course at noon in just amazing conditions for a November match. Don, Chris and Dennis were all right on from the start and fittingly ended up the top three in the PCP division.

The cooler weather tends to affect the spring guns a little more, but the scores sure do not look like there was much of a problem. It was a close race, with Len just edging George out for first and Zach shot a great score for third.

Some had places to be that evening and left right after the awards were presented and the rest of us made short order of pulling targets and cleaning up. The help we get is always greatly appreciated.

The five governors for CAFTA that were present at the match headed to Tim Horton's for some food and our first official meeting. We made excellent progress towards modifying and solidifying our Shoot Rules. The discussions have continued online and rules that keep the Canadian open concept as well as provide classes for limited categories are emerging. I believe the result will be a real win-win scenario.

The Christmas Fun Match is the last item on the 2007 Schedule. It will be held at the Elmira Rod and Gun Club and is hosted by the Waterloo FTC. We will have an outdoor field target course and some fun shooting activities on the indoor range. We will follow that with a meal and awards for the 2007 overall winners in each division from the Waterloo matches. It is a great way to finish the season.

I look forward to seeing those that are able to attend the Christmas Match and for any that cannot, be safe and keep practicing; the spring will be here before you know it.

Tim M^{ac}Sweyn

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet .177 unless stated	Score /60 T-Diff 38.6
PCP Division				
1) Don Irvine*	Steyr FT	Deben 10-50	JSBH	57
2) Chris Nicholson*	Steyr FT	Leup. Comp 40X	JSBH	56
3) Dennis Eden*	TheobenMFR	Deben 10-50	CPH	54
4) Tim MacSweyn*	Id/SS	Deben 10-50	CPH	50
5) Pete	QB Deluxe	Tasco 4-9	RWS SP .22	DNC
Piston Division				
1) Leonard Joe	FWB300S	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL	45
2) George Harde	RWS TX200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL	43
3) Zach Harde	HW97KL	Hawke 6.5-26	JSBL	39

* Set up lanes for the match