

Waterloo Field Target Club

Christmas Match – Saturday December 8, 2007

We enjoyed a great day of shooting, drinking hot chocolate, eating and most importantly, socializing. For December, the weather cooperated very well. It was partly sunny, about -2° C and there were diminishing winds as the day progressed. There was a real nice coating of snow on everything outdoors, that was about 8” deep on the lanes and low areas had up to a foot of snow. We had no trouble spotting the targets.

Twelve shooters took advantage of the good weather and headed to the outdoor field target course. It was a 30 shot match, set up on five lanes. There was a great variety in the difficulty ranges from lane to lane, but the average was 31 on the Troyer difficulty scale. The cold and icy shooting surfaces were not factored into the difficulty.

The top three in Piston division were, Tom (21), Zack (20) and James and Will tied at (17). The top PCP shooters were Dennis (29), Don (28) and Chris (24). At this point, we headed indoors to shoot on the indoor range.

The indoor shooting consisted of ten shots to hit nine pieces of chalk that were rotating and coming about three quarters of an inch above a wall for a brief time and then disappear behind the wall. Good timing and a steady hold were needed. Don, Chris and Tom all managed to dust eight of the nine pieces of chalk. The scores were then added to give the results on the chart below, with shooters listed alphabetically.

Early in the afternoon, sub sandwiches were delivered by Ron Jackson, so we were either shooting on the indoor range or eating; what a great combination. Thanks for bringing the grub, Ron. George ordered lots, so I think even Chris was full by the time we were finished.

After all the shooting and eating was done, we exchanged gifts and the guys picked up a lot of great things. The plaques for the top three shooters in Piston and PCP division for the 2007 season at Waterloo were then awarded. The top Piston shooter was George, followed by Len and then Tom. The Top PCP shooter was Don, followed by Dennis and Tim. These awards are new this year and gauging from the reaction, may become annual awards at the Waterloo and Port Colborne clubs. Great idea George.

It was gratifying for all of us to witness the presentation of the final award of the season. It was a lifetime achievement award that was given to Hans Bormann for pioneering the sport in Canada and continuing through all the years to contribute in so many ways to the sport of field target and the people involved. George did an excellent job of presenting the award and expressing gratitude from all field target shooters in Canada.

Thanks to George and all who helped to make this a fun and memorable day. I look forward to seeing everyone on the lanes in the spring of 2008. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Tim MacSweyn

* Set up an outdoor lane

Shooter	Gun	Scope	Pellet	Score /39 FT-T-Diff 31
PCP Division				Ft-Chk-Tot
Dennis Eden*	Theoben MFR	Deben 10-50	CPH	29 – 4 T33
Ted Gibson	Solo	Bushnell 8-32	Baracuda	21 – 6 T27
Don Irvine*	Steyr FT	S&B 12.5-50	JSBH	28 – 8 T36
Tim MacSweyn*	HW100	Leapers 3-12	CP .22	21 – 2 T23
Chris Nicholson*	AA 400FT	Bushnell 8-32	JSB	24 – 8 T32
Piston Division				
George Harde*	Diana 46	Bushnell 3-9	CPL	12 – 3 T15
Zach Harde	HW97K	Hawke	CPL	20 – 6 T26
James Jackson	HW97K	Hawke	CPL	17 – 7 T24
Jordan Jackson	HW97K	Hawke	CPL	9 – 5 T14
Will Kwan	HW97K	Leapers 8-32	JSBL	17 – 7 T24
Tom Peretti	HW97K	Leapers 8-32	JSBL	21 – 8 T29
Bill Shikatani	Diana 54	Bushnell 6-24	JSB EX .22	13 – 7 T20