

Canadian National Field Target Championship
Hosted by the Waterloo Field Target Club on July 25th & 26th, 2009
Match Report by Tim MacSweyn

On the days leading up to the match, the weather forecast changed almost hourly, but it was never a good forecast. The day before the match, the outlook for Saturday was bleak, but Sunday had some promise. As it turned out, that was fairly accurate, as the rain certainly fell on Saturday, but for the most part, Sunday was quite pleasant.

In anticipation of the rain, tarps were put up over the shooting areas on the lanes for Saturday, but a communication breakdown resulted in lanes 13 and 15 being left uncovered. That created some problems when the rain hit during the last hour of the match. The rain let up enough for most everyone to complete their lanes. On Sunday, we all headed out before the match to cover all the lanes for Sunday. Wouldn't you know that the tarps kept more sun off of us than the few drops of rain that fell for a couple of minutes during the match. So in spite of the weather, the match was completed successfully. I certainly believe that the concern about the weather was greatly overshadowed by the excellent shooting that was going on during the match.

In the Hunter Division, Dennis L. and James J. shot together on the Saturday and were very close until Dennis' experience in the Hunter Division began paying off and he started to build a lead. In the meantime, Rob was having a good day as well. Selma and Chris both shot well, but unfortunately were only able to attend on Saturday. On Sunday, Dennis L. and James both had very good days, but Dennis was able to add a little to his lead and claimed the title of Canadian Champion in the Hunter Division. James took second in his first experience in the division and Rob was third.

The Open Piston Division provided some excellent scores considering the weather and the effect it can have on the spring guns. On Saturday, all five shooters were near or over the forty mark and George Harde and Bill were both fifty plus. On day two, George Harde and Bill continued to battle for the top spot. James S., Len and Ted all improved their scores over Saturday. George captured the title of Canadian Champion in Open Piston, and Bill chose the perfect match to score personal bests on both days to claim second. James S. made a good run on Sunday to claim third, while Ted and Len rounded out the scoring at fourth and fifth respectively.

Our lone shooter in the Junior Hunter sure did have a great day shooting, posting a great score on the one day he was able to participate. Braden is the Junior Hunter Champion.

In the WFTF PCP division, there were four competitors, but only two were able to make it on both days. Chris N. and Tom J. both had other obligations that only allowed them to participate on one day. Tom P. followed a great score on Saturday with another good score on Sunday to become Canadian Champion in the WFTF PCP division. Jordan moved into the FT section of competition and was awarded with a second place finish. Chris N. placed third and Tom J. came in at fourth.

The Open PCP division turned into the Greg and Don show fairly early as they were paired on day one and both shot perfect 60s on the day to set up the showdown on Sunday. Dennis E. and I had our own competition going, coming in tied at 56. Les, Magdy and Bert all shot good scores on Saturday. George Hamilton and Hans did not finish the course after the rain.

On day two, Don and Greg continued to keep pace with each other and once again finished tied to force a shootout. The shootout started with a .75" kill zone at 43 yards, which proved a little too easy for both of them, so it was moved back to 46 yards. Don got his shot off first and pulled it slightly left to record the first miss. Greg took his time lining up the shot and then, with 15 seconds left on the timer, realized he had not cocked the action. He calmly cocked the gun, steadied his aim and took the target down with a few seconds to spare. I thought he was a music teacher, but maybe he has the potential for a career in drama. Greg is the Open PCP Match Champion and Don, as the top finishing Canadian, successfully defended his Canadian Champion award. I was fortunate enough to edge Dennis E. out for third; leaving Dennis at fourth and Les had a great day Sunday to claim the fifth position. Bert also had a real good day Sunday and ended up sixth. Magdy was unable to attend on Sunday, Hans did not finish the course and George Hamilton did not participate Sunday.

So, in spite of the weather and some small glitches that are inevitable at a two day match, this will go down in my mind as another successful Canadian National match. Many thanks go to George Harde, James J, Hans and Bert for preparing the course and organizing the match. Thanks to Lisa Harde for organizing the squads and overseeing scoring, the meals and awards. Thanks also to Trudy Sumpter and Virginia Hamilton for helping Lisa with her tasks. Having ten people all set up two lanes each was also a great help and thanks goes to all of them for their efforts and interesting lane settings. As always, the overall success of a match is ultimately decided by the participants; sincere thanks go out to all who attended the match.

The prize table held some great items that were donated by local businesses and other organizations. Everyone received at least one prize and a few ended up with two. Many thanks go to Shooter's Choice, Cameron's Flower Shop, Crossroads Restaurant, St Jacob's Home Hardware, Picard's Peanuts, New Dundee Pottery, A Vicious Cycle, Waterloo Field Target Club and the Port Colborne Field Target Club, who all contributed to the prize table.

With this match successfully completed, planning has already started for next year's event to be hosted by the Port Colborne Field Target Club. We are aiming for the second weekend in July, the 10th and 11th and this date will be confirmed shortly. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the FT season and I look forward to seeing many of you at FT matches.

Tim

Results Chart

Rank	Name Class	Sat. /60 T30.4	Sun. /60 T28.2	Total /120 AvT29.3	Rifle	Scope	Pellet
	Open PCP						
1	Greg Sauve US	60	57	117*	Steyr LG100	Nikko 10-50	JSBH
2	Don Irvine**C	60	57	117*	Steyr LG100FT	S&B FT	JSBH
3	Tim MacSweyn **C	56	56	112	USFT	Tasco 8-40	CPH
4	Dennis Eden **C	56	54	110	Theoben MFR	Leup. Comp 35	CPH
5	Les Grable US	49	55	104	Steyr LG100	Nikko	JSBE
6	Bert Habicher**C	41	51	92	AA-S300	Simmons 6.5-20	Baracuda
7	Magdy Hassouna C	45	DNF	45(Sat)	FWB P70	Deben 10-50	JSBH
8	George Hamilton US	31DNF	DNF	31DNF	AA Pro Target	NF 36X	CPH
9	Hans Bormann**C	12DNF	12DNF	24DNF	HW100	Bushnell 8-32	Baracuda
	Open Piston						
1	George Harde**C	53	56	109	TX200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
2	Bill Shikatani C	50	53	103	Diana 54	Bushnell 8-32	JSBJ .22
3	James Sumpter US	41	48	89	TX200SR	BSA 10-50	JSBL
4	Ted Gibson**C	41	44	85	TX200	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
5	Len Joe C	38	43	81	FWB300	Bushnell 5-15	JSBE
	WFTF PCP						
1	Tom Peretti**C	54	43	97	AA-S410	Bushnell 8-32	JSBL
2	Jordan Jackson C	33	26	59	AA-S200	Bushnell 8-32	CPL
3	Chris Nickolson C	55	DNF	55(Sat)	Pro Target	BSA 10-50	JSBL
4	Tom Jackson C	DNF	36	36(Sun)	AA S400	Nikko Diam	JSBL
	Hunter Division	/120	/120	/240			
1	Dennis Leite**C	101	104	205	QB78	Leapers 8-32	JSBH
2	James Jackson**C	93	99	192	HW97K	Hawke 8-32	CPL
3	Rob Billiard	85	85	170	QB78	Leapers	JSBL
4	Chris Tye	78	DNF	78(Sat)	QB78	Bushnell 3-9	JSBL
5	Selma Hassouna	60	DNF	60(Sat)	DS Harrier	Nikkon	Baracuda
	Junior Hunter						
1	Braden Meeboer C	81	DNF	81(Sat)	CR 2289	Cent Point 4-16	JSBL

* Shoot off ** Set up lanes C – Canadian US – American **Bold – Canadian Division Champions**

