

## Golf Scored Field Target Match A Shooting Competition Where Low Score Wins !

It was a fantastic sunny day, perfect for a golf outing or for a Field Target Shoot. In southwest Florida, Desoto Airgunners Club has combined the fun and frustration of golf with the challenges of air rifle field target shooting in their annual Golf Scored Field Target Match. This year's event was held under a cloudless deep blue sky and with very little wind. Temperatures gently rose from the low 60's at sight-in to around 80 at the conclusion of the match.

With the price of fuel so high it was good to see several shooters able to carpool for their trek across the state to share in the fun. We enjoyed a turnout of 11 shooters ( 4 Piston, 7 PCP shooters) and one very serious observer who promised to join in very soon. A few competitors chose to shoot by "International Rules" and doing quite well. Today's event included 7 lanes, a total of 20 targets (golf holes if you will) which challenged shooters and included a couple forced position off-hand targets. Considering the difficulty of the course the scores were pretty tight except for Donovan Taylor's smoking performance with his new USFT rifle. He managed a PERFECT SCORE of ZERO ! Phenomenal Shooting !

Also of note in the Piston Division.....Dick Otten.....dedicated long time field target enthusiast achieved a FIRST PLACE effort with a score of 22. Dick reminded me this was his best placing in any piston event since 1999. Enjoy your well earned glory Dick !

Just to review this game...as in golf... low score wins. Up to three shots are allowed in attempt to knock the target down. Miss all 3 shots at the target and you score a 4. Hit on your third shot, score a 3; hit on your second shot, score a 2; hit on your first shot, a "hole in one", you score it a 1..AND, you'll have the *option* of taking another shot at that same target. If you kill it again you are scored a "0" for that target. However, if you miss on that second shot, you score a 2 for that target. This risk - reward factor becomes a big part of the game. Knowing which target to "double up on" can sometimes be key to winning a golf scored match. *[Donovan bravely chose all of them.]*

There were enough (apparently) "easy" targets that even the most conservative of shooters were tempted to take that second shot after a good first shot. As we all know even the simple ones are never a sure thing. There was agony across the face of several shooters after missing a "gimme", specially when their score ballooned from a potential zero to a 2 when they missed their elected second shot.

A fun time was had by all and I would suggest that other Clubs give this unique twist to Field Target Shooting a try.

**MATCH RESULTS:**

Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Score
<b><i>PRECHARGE:</i></b>				
<b>Donovan Taylor</b>	<b>USFT</b>	Sightron III 50	JSB-H	<b>0 !!!</b>
Jim Baumann	Marauder	Burris 8-32	CPH	12
Roger Guilnette	USFT	Nikko 10-50	CPH	13
Ron Zeman	Steyr LG100	Nikko 10-50X	JSB-H	13
Bill Liles	AA ProTarget	Bush Elite 8-32	JSB 8.4	14
Ed Escue	Huntsman	Hakko 8-32	CPH	22
Bill Shade	Marauder	Hawke 8-32	CPH	23
<b><i>PISTON:</i></b>				
<b>Dick Otten</b>	<b>TX200SR</b>	Nightforce 36	JSB 8.4	<b>22</b>
Fred Poole	TX200	Bush Elite 6-24	JSB 8.4	23
Cliff Smith	TX200	B&L 6-24	CPL	24
Jim Getzen	AA ProSport	Hawke 8-25	AA FT	27



Competitors gather for a group snapshot



Division Winner Donovan T. Shooting his USFT Air Rifle ( note the wind indicator on his gun)



Shooting the Off-Hand Lane



This is NOT your fathers BB gun !



Match Director Dick Otten (left) Reviews Safety Rules and Squads the Competitors.