

BCSA (Binghamton, NY) - August 12th, 2023 Match Report

Broome County Sportsmens Association (BCSA) Field Target Match Report

The early weather forecasts for this month's match day was calling for a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. We chose to roll the dice and move forward. As the match day arrived, the forecast even got a little worse. No turning back now. With the course set and the canopies up this time it was Match On!







Despite the weather forecast we had 16 people on hand for the day! To those that took the gamble, we were rewarded with a pretty decent day! We had a brief little round of sprinkles that didn't last for more than a couple of minutes. The rest of the day consisted of sunny skies to gray skies with a very annoying switching wind that went from near non-existent to gusty. The heavy severe storms never materialized till around 4:00pm...well after we were all on our way home! Glad we decided to move forward with the match!

Besides us monthly regulars, Doug and Betsy Dunlap along with Rich and Brian Sarama made a returning trips. Karen Ries brought along a container of Lemon Poppyseed muffins for breakfast.....Thanks Karen! Staying with last months theme of newly purchased equipment, Rich came sporting a new FX Crown in a GRS stock to replace his FX Impact M3 that he has been using.

Rich with his new Crown



The course of fire was 10 lanes with 3 targets per lane. 2 shots per target with the shooting order being left, middle, right. There was also the usual 1 standing lane and 1 kneeling lane. The stats for the days 60 shot course are as follows:

Total# Targets	Targets > 40 yds		Smallest KZ,in for targets > 45 yds	Avg KZ, in	Avg Dist, yds	Course Std Dev	Avg DF All	Avg DF NoEnv
30	15		1 1/2	1.25	36.37	8.23	39.59	32.46

Had a cold line due to a target that has been in service all season, but chose this day to be a very bad uncooperative little Gnome!!! This is a gnome faceplate that we had cut that is mounted to a Gamo frame. The linkage between the paddle and face is the same one we use for our home brewed High Power field targets. It was a 3/4" KZ an was placed at 14 yards. The hits on the paddle were unmistakable. For some reason the linkage was causing the target not to fall with the hits from rifles with greater than 15 fpe. The linkage will be replaced before the next match.

Even with the ever changing weather for the day, Brian VanLiew was able to pull out an awesome score! Brian shooting Open PCP ended up with a 58 out of 60. Next nearest score was a 44. Both Karen Ries (Hunter PCP) and Greg Shirhall (Hunter Piston) achieved this. Just behind them were Chuck Senkus and Doug Rogers who both had 43's in Hunter PCP. The others followed behind and their scores can be seen below.

After the conclusion of the rifle match, everyone jumped in and helped pick up and pack away the rifle targets and pull the strings for the High Power targets. With everyone either pulling in the unused targets, winding strings, pulling strings for the high power targets.....it looked like a well oiled efficient machine!! Thank You All!

Before the start of the High Power match, we had the drawing to determine our 50/50 winner. This time we enlisted the help of Glenn Thomas to be the official ticket puller! After mixing up the tickets in the bucket, the winning ticket was drawn. The winner this time around was Stephan!! Stephan chose to not take the money and donate it back to the club.....Thank You Stephan, Greatly Appreciated!!!!

High Power Field Target Time!

The course of fire was 6 lanes with 5 lanes having 4 targets per lane and 1 standing lane having 2 targets in it. All lanes were shot left to right with a total of 44 shots. The course stats were as follows.

Total# Targets	Targets	Smallest KZ,in for targets > 45 yds	Avg KZ, in	Avg Dist,	Avg Dist,	Course	Avg DF All
	> 50 yds			ft	yds	Std Dev	
22	14	1 1/2	1.76	167.73	55.91	3.71	36.79

As with the little nasty Gnome, we had a couple of cold lines due to some target hang up issues! Never happy when there are target issues....especially on targets that have been in service before. We are using 2 Paul Porch targets and 2 standard S&S field targets (not the high power version!!) along with homemade targets that consist of Gamo/Crosman frames, reinforced paddles and faceplates along with a modified linkage. The target issues were caused by the bolt through the faceplate catching on the AR steel gong that was welded to the standard paddles. Luckily, Nathan Thomas had is battery powered hand grinder in his truck, so a quick grind and problem was solved!!

Homemade targets



After 2 matches on these homemade targets, they continue to impress. No false falls with faceplate hits and the little hangup issue that arose this time around will be corrected before the next match. Also, Chuck Senkus donated some new animal faceplates that he torched out of 1/4" steel! We'll add them to the mix to add even more variety...Thanks Chuck!

We had 12 people out of the 16 people participate in the High Power Ft match. This is still new to a lot of us since we mostly limit ourselves to the standard field target rifles at 55 yards. With more and more getting some bigger calibers we'll keep doing it and hopefully continue to get things figured out.

Jim Danvers took his skills honed from his long range pesting gig and showed that he could come out on top of the match. Jim shot a 33 out of 44. The tricky winds only intensified for the High Power match, so it was a definite challenge! Behind Jim was Chuck Senkus with a 29 and Brian VanLiew with a 28. The rest of us fell in line behind them. Nathan had some issues with his Impact M3 so he and his dad Glenn (they were sharing the rifle) took DNF's on their last lane. Pretty sure he'll get the issue sorted before the Pyramyd Air Cup in a couple of weeks!

And as always, after the match was finished, everyone remaining jumped in and we made super quick work of the cleanup! Tearing down the canopies and packing away all the targets and blocks! All the help is GREATLY appreciated! Another great daydespite the ominous weather forecasts!!

Pictures for the day can be seen here: <https://imgur.com/a/983XUzn>

The Results: Rifle Match Results (60 shot match)

Name	Class	Rifle	Optics	Pellet	Score
Brian Van Liew	Open - PCP	FX400FT	Nikko Diamond 10-50	AA 10.34	58
Nathan Thomas	WFTF - Piston	Walther LGU	Bushnell 8-32x40	AA 8.44	36
Karen Reis	Hunter - PCP	Thomas	Sightron	JSB 13.4	44
Douglas Rogers	Hunter - PCP	FX Crown	Hawke ED 10-50x60	JSB 10.34	43
Chuck Senkus	Hunter - PCP	BRK Ghost	Athlon Argos	JSB 13.4	43
Stephan Hottenrott	Hunter - PCP	USFT	Delta Stryker	JSB 10.34	41
Glenn Thomas	Hunter - PCP	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke 5-20	JSB 10.34	33
Jim Danvers	Hunter - PCP	HW100	Athlon	JSB 10.34	35
Betsy Dunlap	Hunter - PCP	Benjamin Marauder	Hawke	JSB 10.34	35
Rich Sarama	Hunter - PCP	FX Crown	Element helix	FX 10.34	34
Doug Dunlap	Hunter - PCP	FX400	Hawke	JSB 14.3	23
Brian Sarama	Hunter - PCP	AV Avenger	Hawke Vantage	FX 10.34	23
Bill Campbell	Hunter - PCP	Gamo Arrow	Sniper	JSB 10.34	7
Louis Hopewell	Hunter - PCP	Benjamin Marauder	Sniper	JSB 14.3	7
Greg Shirhall	Hunter - Piston	Walther LGU	Bushnell 6-24x40	AA 8.44	44
Paul Manktelow	Hunter - Piston	Air Arms TX200	Hawke 6-24x56	Fx 8.44	30

High Power FT Match Results (44 shot match):

Name	Class	Pistol/Rifle	Optics	Pellet	Score
Jim Danvers	High Power FT	RTI Prophet	Blackhound	Javelin 33 gr	33
Chuck Senkus	High Power FT	BRK Ghost	Athlon Argos	JSB King Hvy 33.95	29
Brian VanLiew	High Power FT	FX Maverick	March FX 5-40	JSB King Hvy 33.95	28

Greg Shirhall	High Power FT	FX Maverick	Athlon Helos Gen II 6-24x56	JSB 44.75 gr	22
Doug Rogers	High Power FT	Daystate Wolverine	Delta Stryker	JSB King Hvy 33.95	10
Bill Campbell	High Power FT	Air Force Talon	Westhunter	JSB 25.3	9
Betsy Dunlap	High Power FT	FX 400	Hawke	JSB 18 gr	8
Paul Manktelow	High Power FT	Cometa Lynx	Athlon Talos 6-24x50	Falcon 13.43	8
Doug Dunlap	High Power FT	FX 400	Hawke	JSB 18 gr	5
Louis Hopewell	High Power FT	Hatsan Factor	Westhunter	JSB 25.3	4
Nathan Thomas	High Power FT	FX Impact M3	Athlon Midas Tac 6-24x50	JTS 25.3	14
Glenn Thomas	High Power FT	FX Impact M3	Athlon Midas Tac 6-24x50	JTS 25.3	9