

Hi Airgun Fans

DeSoto Airgunners held our Mothers Day Field Target Match with a turn-out of 11 enthusiastic competitors. The week leading up to today's club match could be described as tropical with near equatorial temps and humidity. Fortunately we had a welcome reprieve on Sunday as a 'cold front' and a thin overcast sky kept conditions unexpectedly comfortable, under 90 degrees for most of the match. Occasional gusts felt refreshing and added to the challenge on a few long distance shots.

Chip and Dennis set the course with help from early arriving volunteers. Before Event Marshal and Club Scribe Ron z arrived Scott had all the targets painted and sorted for the days event. Dennis and Chip were configuring the course. Carl arrived early on his classic motorcycle and brought a clever fixture he made for mounting our tree target.

Today's 48 shot event was spread over 8 lanes (3 targets per) with lane 5 designated a kneeling lane. Lane 7 was the off-hand standing lane and was shot from atop the club's airplane boarding ramp.



DeSoto Gun Club acquired this near antique airplane boarding ramp several years ago. Shotgun enthusiasts use it in their "Running Rabbit" matches.

No idea how it was ever transported to the DeSoto Gun Club range .

Several Field Target Divisions were represented in today's event. Gary and Ron G. practiced their WFTF skills – they are planning to compete in the 2024 World FT Event later this year. Lindsay shot Hunter with a TX spring-piston rifle while Bill shot a modified 'unlimited' Hunter style.

Dennis earned today's **TOP GUN** recognition with a score of 46, dropping only 2 shots.



Cliff looks on and scores while Dennis cleans another lane.

Event Marshal and Club Scribe RonZ had an abbreviated time shooting today as an O-ring on the air cylinder failed. Ironically, among the several hundred parts identified in the Styer Manual and in their detailed diagrams, the LG100 air cylinder O-ring is not called out as a separate part. It's not identified at all! That fact has become this reporter's excuse for not replacing the (failed) seal in over 15 years! (*LESSON: Preventative Maintenance Pays*)

The Gray Beards

Ron Z (l) and Gary P. (r) smile for a snap during this Mothers Day FT Match



Lindsay (foreground) scans the next lane as John sets up for a tree shot.

Six of today's 11 participants were shooting in 3 distinct Hunter Divisions.



No Mom's On The Lanes

Linda, M, a mom and an enthusiastic shooter with DeSoto Airgunners is taking some time away to address medicals. We missed her (and Jerry) and wish them a speedy return to the lanes.



Scott steadies himself for the shot while Chip works on his sun tan in the background

Scott was **High Hunter** today, scoring 42 points.



Here's the shooter's view while standing atop the boarding ramp on Lane 7. This was a designated forced position lane for off-hand shots. Ron G (above) and Gary P. both shooting sub 12 fpe, ended with tie scores in the WFTF Division



Carl (l) watches and scores while Bill tries his hand with a new bipod in Hunter FT .

This was Bill's first time moving from a bum bag to a bucket seat.

A quick shout-out to Carl : He configured that 2 piece bracket and velcro fixture for side mounting a tree target *(Thanks)*

Thanks to Gary for sharing all the photos in this report.

Also thanks to everyone who volunteered with event housekeeping (painting targets, positioning them on the lanes, running strings, collecting fees, assigning squads, and for putting our toys away. *(I think that' partial list includes about every-one of us today) .*

New Season New Game

Shifting to the Benches - The thermometer has had a head start along with some oppressive humidity, Undaunted, DeSoto Airgunners Summer Swelter Benchrest Series will begin next month and run through hurricane season.

SCORES and EQUIPMENT MATRIX

Division / Name	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	<u>Score</u> 48	Notes
OPEN PCP					
Dennis D.	Thomas	March 8-80	JSB 13.4	46	TOP GUN
Cliff S.	TM1000	Sightron 10-50	AA 10.3	35	
Ron Z.	Styer LG100	Nikko 10-50	JSB 10.3	DNF	O-Ring Failure
WFTF PCP					
Gary P.	Thomas FT	MarchX 10-60	AA 8.4	38	Sub 12 fpe
Ron G	Delta Wolf	Hawke 8-32	AA 10.3	38	Sub 12 fpe
HUNTER PISTON					
Lindsay M.	TX200	B & L 6-24	AA 8.4	15	
HUNTER PCP					
Scott A.	Daystate Pulsar	Sightron 10-50	AA 10.3	42	HIGH HUNTER
Chip W	FX Crown	Sightron 10-50	AA 10.3	36	
John T.	Thomas	Sightron 10-50	JSB 13.4	35	
Carl P.	Avenger 22	Aztec FFP	Crosman 14.3	27	
UNLIMITED PCP (Hunter)					
Bill S.	RAW TM1000		JSB 10.3	19	No Forced Positionals