

# Airgunning Atlanta



## Airgunning Atlanta (AA)

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## Momma's Got a Brand New Course!

Match Date: November 9, 2002

*by Kevin Allen*

It felt like we were shooting in the Moors in England when everyone arrived. The fog was thick and the air was slightly brisk but humid. You could barely see the targets on the Sight-in range much less shoot them. It was kind of nice since the new course was only partially visible as the competitors all made there way past it to the Sight-in range. The sleeping beast stayed out of sight and the tensions started building.

It was an interesting day for more than a couple of shooters. Robert Crocker and myself were shooting new Leupold Competition 35x Sidewheel scopes for the first time in competition. Ken Hughes had his Weaver T36x scope back from a repair at Weaver only the night before. I was also shooting a new NJR-100 short action that he had just gotten back from Tommy Garland's magical ministrations. That man is a wizard I tell you! Tommy himself was slowly bringing to life a new FWB P70 FT project rifle he's been working on as well. There was a raft of new equipment being sorted out this match to be sure.

And to top it off, Ken Hughes and myself had spent the last Sunday laboring over some great new ideas we've been kicking back and forth for a new, more challenging course. From the reactions of everyone involved, I'd say we have a hit on our hands. I'm sure it will get tweaked and prodded over the next few weeks, but take the time and make the effort to come shoot this beast before it goes away. It's challenging and fun without being so awful hard as to make you discouraged. Wade and Stylie we tip our hats to you for the great courses at this year's Nationals. Ken and I

both agreed they got our creative juices flowing. Great work guys!

This match saw the good old gang making the efforts to get to Covington. Robert Crocker's always smiling face sure was a nice surprise but we hope to catch Joe, Brad, Rod, Bill and Roz soon too. This match also marked the return of a very dear friend shooting with us again. David Still not only brought out his Pro Target to teach us a thing or two, he also brought out a new shooter to teach as well. It was great having Scott Perkins joining us for the match. We hope to see you around more in the very near future Scott! We have a large group of shooters to pull from all over the Southeast. We think the course is well worth the effort to make the trip, so we hope to see you all soon.

Doug Vinson is back in is old Iceman form. When he's on, it's very hard to shake him loose from the top rung of the ladder, and this match was no exception. The Joe Korick Ti conversion AA Pro Target in his hands was near flawless as he posted a 46 out of 48 to win the match. Fine shooting Doug as always! I'd also like to make special mention of Robert Simmons. Robert's been somewhat of a staple on our Sight-in range for most of the year but we haven't been able to get him out onto the course until the past month or so. I think we know now why. He didn't want to shame us all with his shooting prowess! Robert pulled off an incredible 25 out of 48 with a rifle that we later determined was only shooting 650fps instead of its normal 900fps! How me managed it is beyond me to be sure. The gang all gathered around as Ken and Robert Crocker helped disassemble the rifle after the match to find a broken guide and possible piston seal that had taken a Southern turn for the worst. That was some fine shooting Robert, to say the least.

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# AA West Fun Match

December 7th, 2002 at Walt Roller's house

by Kevin Allen

Walt's got a new place and he's just itching to break it in airgun style! So you know what that means. We're having our December Monthly match at Walt's place on the other side of GA. That's the Alabama side for Brad, Bill, Rod and Roz. \*HINT HINT HINT\*

The particulars are as follows:

- \* December 7th with a 10:00AM start time and a 9:30AM shooter's meeting
- \* 10 Lane, 40 Shot match with Open and Piston Divisions
- \* \$10 Entry fee will be refunded to the two

Division Champions

- \* Air Tanks not provided, so bring your own please or make provisions to share someone's
- \* Lunch at a local restaurant afterwards, so be planning some extra time for socializing.

There is an information sheet available in the Match Schedule section on the AA website, and included here as well, that includes directions. You can also use [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) to find directions using Walt's address below, or give him a call.

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# www.AirgunningAtlanta.com

AA news and updates, just a click away

by Kevin Allen

Hopefully all of you are aware of the new Airgunning Atlanta website by now. This is being hosted on a new server with our own domain name so you can use the easy to remember web address above to get your AA information and tidbits. The plans for the future are coming to fruition so I wanted to give you guys a peek into where we will soon be taking [www.airgunningatlanta.com](http://www.airgunningatlanta.com)

**Field Target Q&A:** Many little tidbits are stored away in the minds of all the great shooters we have in Airgunning Atlanta. The wonderful part is that they are always shared with the simplest of questions. I'm going to try and tap that knowledge base and put "how to" articles with pictures on how to properly setup a scope for FT shooting, how to clean and sort pellets, how to position yourself for comfortable sitting, kneeling and offhand shooting, etc. to help out new shooters. Our drive space is plentiful so many pictures will accompany these articles to make things easier for those visitors needing it. Encouraging new shooters to our sight is a primary goal of our website.

**Match Results:** The match results along with the course setups will be tracked from the point that the website came online. David Still was kind enough to file mine all of the old match data from our previous

site so that I can migrate it to the new website. Soon all of that old data will be available in one place with a consistent interface. This has been a highly requested feature so I'm working diligently to accurately get it completed.

**Goodies:** I have added links and information to my Ballistics spreadsheet as many of you know. The sheet is free and I've proven that the numbers work very well on my rifle and Ken's. Look to see a more in depth article very soon on these pages outlining strategies to get the most out of this software for your own personal use. There are also some graphic files that can be printed out for sight-in and hunting simulation targets under the Goodies link off the main page. Nose around and see if any of them interest you.

**Links:** This section is something I'm very proud of because of the monumental effort it took to compile it. The links are broken down into subsections to help you find the most information, the fastest. It's just a click or two to find manufacturers, dealers, repair centers, AAFTA clubs and non-AAFTA clubs. Please email me if you find anything lacking, or a broken link. I'll be all over it to correct it immediately.

The goal is a simple one. When people think of Airgun shooting online, I want them to think about Airgunning Atlanta!

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Lane #	Target #	Feet to Target	Yards to Target	Target Name	Killzone Size in inches	Difficulty Modifiers					Target Difficulty in Troyers
						Stand	Kneel	Up / Down	Dark / Light	Windy	
<b>1</b>	1	33	11	Rat	0.300						36.67
	2	87	29	Blackbird	0.750						38.67
<b>2</b>	3	92	31	Rattlesnake	0.750						41.33
	4	105	35	Tree Frog	0.835			x			52.40
<b>3</b>	5	51	17	Woodpecker	1.000			x			21.25
	6	134	45	Crow	1.580						28.48
<b>4</b>	7	48	16	Rat	0.335						47.76
	8	110	37	Snail	0.925						40.00
<b>5</b>	9	54	18	Alligator	1.000		x				27.00
	10	96	32	Bird	1.750		x				27.43
<b>6</b>	11	127	42	Ground Hog	1.000						42.00
	12	150	50	Crow	1.575						35.71
<b>7</b>	13	63	21	Rat	0.465						45.16
	14	88	29	Coral Snake	0.490						59.18
<b>8</b>	15	111	37	Squirrel	1.060						34.91
	16	152	51	Rabbit	1.570						36.54
<b>9</b>	17	98	33	Bird	0.771						42.80
	18	72	24	Sparrow	1.160						20.69
<b>10</b>	19	61	20	Turkey	1.500	x					26.67
	20	80	27	Crow	1.150	x					46.96
<b>11</b>	21	55	18	Squirrel	0.625						28.80
	22	113	38	Red Bird	1.000						38.00
<b>12</b>	23	63	21	Frog	0.575						36.52
	24	104	35	Javalina	0.890						39.33

Average Yards	Average Killzone Size	Match Difficulty
29.88	0.96	37.26

Target Difficulty	Troyer Range	# of targets	Standard Classes	
			Score	%
Easy	<20	0	0	
Moderate	20 - <30	7	14	29%
Hard	30 - <40	8	16	33%
Expert	40+	9	18	38%
	Total	24	48	100%

Using the Troyer Difficulty Scale, this is rated as a HARD Match.

I wish to thank Brad Troyer and Ray Apellas for their work, on which, this spreadsheet was based. I have liberally used their formulas and basic guidelines while adding my own features and changes.

## Open Class Champion

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	46	Doug Vinson	Air Arms Pro Target Ti	Nightforce 8-40x	Premier 10.5

## Open Class

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
2nd	41	Kevin Allen	Air Arms NJR-100 Short	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB Exact 8.4
3rd	38	Tommy Garland	FWB P70 FT	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
4th	37	Ken Hughes	Air Arms NJR-100 Short	Weaver T36x	JSB Exact 8.4
5th	36	Robert Crocker	Daystate CR-X	Leupold Competition 35x	Premier 10.5
6th	34	Walt Roller	FWB P70jr FT	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
7th	28	David Still	Air Arms Pro Target	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 10.5
8th	3	Scott Perkins	Air Arms Pro Target	Bushnell 8-32x	Premier 10.5

## Piston Class Champion

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	25	Robert Simmons	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 8-32x	Beeman FTS 8.6

## International Class

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	41	Kevin Allen	Air Arms NJR-100 Short	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB Exact 8.4
2nd	37	Ken Hughes	Air Arms NJR-100 Short	Weaver T36x	JSB Exact 8.4

## Directions to Matches

- Travel I-20 East to Exit 93 (Hazelbrand), turn right on Hazelbrand.
- After 1 mile, turn left on Hwy 278. (first major intersection)
- Drive approximately 2.3 miles and bear right on Hwy 142. (after the bridge)
- Drive approximately 3.5 miles, turn right on Woodlawn Road. (immediately after the horse farm and the 4J Arena sign)
- Drive approximately 0.5 miles to 1865 Woodlawn. (on right)
- Proceed through wooden gate and bear left on dirt road past travel trailer.
- Travel down the dirt road and through the wooded area for approximately 200 yards.
- At the open field (sight-in range), park anywhere.

## Upcoming Matches

### Local Matches

- November 23, 2002 - AA Practice Match
- December 7, 2002 - AA West Official Monthly Match
- December 21, 2002 - AA Practice Match

### Regional Matches

#### 1st Annual AA West Match in West, GA

- December 7, 2002 @ Walt Roller's House
- Walt Roller at (770) 646-7303

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# 2002 Airgunning Atlanta "West" Fun Match

- Match Director:** Walt Roller, 770-646-7303
- Match Time:** Saturday December 7, 9:30 am, Shooters Meeting @ 9:00 am
- Course:** This will be a 10 lane, 40 shot match with the possibility of an extension to as many as 12 lanes and 52 shots.
- Classes:** Open & Piston
- Subclasses:** International but only for scoring purposes
- Match Fees:** \$10 per entrant.
- Awards:** The Open Class and Piston Class Champion shooters will not be required to pay the Match Fees.
- Air Tanks:** Air tanks will not be provided so please make arrangements to bring your own or double up with someone that is going to be there.
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Walt Roller has himself a new house with a fair bit of property. He's been cutting lanes and thinking through a challenging course and has invited all to a day of shooting and fun. This is a fun match so bring your sense of humor. We will most assuredly be going out to lunch afterwards at a local restaurant so add some socializing time to your schedule for after the match.

We are planning to have a challenging and safe match but to be successful we will need your help. Here are a few things we would like to remind you of to help make this match go smoothly.

- Be safe, keep your gun pointed into the woods and away from other at all times. Be careful when handling your rifle so that you don't point it at others.
- Please be ready to shoot when it is your turn.
- When it is your turn to shoot, please keep your conversation to a minimum.
- If a target is thought to be malfunctioning, the malfunctioning target procedure detailed in the AAFTA handbook will be followed.
- All ties will be broken with a shoot-off.
- At this match, the targets will be shot from near to far.

## Directions

- From Atlanta go **West on I-20** for 31 miles Outside 285 to **Exit 19** and go **RIGHT**
- Turn **LEFT** at the **2nd Traffic Light** (Texaco Gas Station on your Left)
- Turn **RIGHT** at the **1st Traffic Light**
- Turn **LEFT after** crossing the **RR Tracks**
- Go 3.9 miles and turn **LEFT** onto **Morgan Road**
- Go 2.1 miles and turn **LEFT** onto **Smitherman Road**
- **#111** is the **2nd House** on the **RIGHT**

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