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Kicking Off a New Year

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Creaking bones and knuckleball pellets

by Kevin Allen

It was a happy, lazy day for a shooting match. Good thing too because we were a happy lazy bunch so soon after the holidays. but the inclusion of Gary Sanders from Daystate in our midst and a new rifle or two to drool over gave a little life to the creaking bones that made it out for our first Official Match of the 2003 FT Season.

The day saw two new shooters for us which is always a pleasant addition to the regular team of crusty dodgers. Greg Garner was representing the Piston

minded crowd with his trusty TX-200 and Doug Vinson brought Tim Ravabaugh along with him to try his hand at some metal critter shooting too. They both made a fantastic showing on what was decidedly a very tough course. We hope to see them both back again soon. Bring your friends! We love to see new faces.

It was a day of less than stellar shooting on this difficult 48 shot course. Only one point separated Doug Vinson from Kevin Allen for first and second while Robert Crocker was right on Kevin's heels only one point behind him to take third in Open Class. Greg Garner dominated Piston class so well I think he scared away all of his competitors. *smile*. Come shoot with us next month and give it a go!

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Open Class Champion

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	37	Doug Vinson	Air Arms Pro Target Ti	Nightforce 8-40x	Premier 10.5

Open Class

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
2nd	36	Kevin Allen	Air Arms NJR-100 Short	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB Exact 8.4
3rd	35	Robert Crocker	Air Arms NJR-100 Long	Nightforce FT 36x	Premier 10.5
4th	33	Walt Roller	Air Arms Pro Target	Burris 8-32x	Premier 10.5
5th	25	Ken Hughes	Daystate MKIII RT - .22	Nightforce FT 36x	Daystate 16.0
6th	24	Tim Ravabaugh (NEW)	Air Arms Pro Target Ti	Nightforce 8-40x	Premier 10.5
7th	21	Gary Saunders	Daystate Harrier SE	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB Exact 8.4

Piston Class Champion

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	13	Greg Garner (NEW)	Air Arms TX-200	Bushnell 8-32x	Beeman FTS 8.6

International Class

Place	Score	Name	Rifle	Optics	Pellet
1st	36	Kevin Allen	Air Arms NJR-100 Short	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB Exact 8.4
2nd	25	Ken Hughes	Daystate MKIII RT - .22	Nightforce FT 36x	Daystate 16.0
3rd	21	Gary Saunders	Daystate Harrier SE	Leupold Competition 35x	JSB Exact 8.4

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

Average Yards

29.88

Average Killzone Size

0.96

Match Difficulty

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.

A Visit from Daystate

Gary Sanders arrives with a nifty new rifle!

by Kevin Allen

Daystate is a class company. I just want to start out first and foremost saying that. They support the air-gunning community as a whole and the FT community especially wholeheartedly. They make the effort to get across the pond for our US matches and make themselves seen in a business that has few familiar faces any longer.

Gary Sanders, the owner and President of Daystate UK, and Daystate's Sales Manager, Tony Belas, together make a team that has a special place among the guys in Airgunning Atlanta. Ken and I have spent time in the UK to their wonderful hospitality. We've toured their manufacturing facilities and shared quality time with them in their favorite haunts (read that as we shared some pints at the local pubs).



Gary and Tony have visited Robert Crocker, Ken and myself allowing us to share our own special Southern hospitality. Which, I might add, includes teaching them to say "ya'll" when they are here. It still comes out far too proper, but they're trying hard and we're hopeful.

On this particular visit, Gary brought along a new rifle that he and his engineers have been working on furiously over the past eight months. The Daystate MKIII RT features all new electronic internals with an electronic trigger, firing safety, passive keyed rifle safe-

ty, and firing valve. Talk about turning the industry on it's ear with innovation! Gary brought us the gun to see, to take apart and question, to shoot and to enjoy. I assure we did all that and more to this beauty.

Robert Crocker got first crack at her and was impressed enough to place an order for one. He got her apart and was the first to see the revolutionary electronics as well as the new vertically mounted regulator. It's the small brass cylinder protruding downward from the air tube just in front of the brass stock screw mount point.



Ken had the fortune of receiving a set of the same electronics from the RT to upgrade his Custom harrier SE Daystate put together for him last year. Look to see this rifle a great deal over this next 2003 FT season. Ken's a proud papa and wants to show off his new baby. I know a lot of us are going to be doing double takes seeing Ken without the Purple People Eater (NJR-100 Short) he is kind of famous for using. Apparently purple is out in favor of blue for the new season.

Kevin and I got to ogle the new rifle and take some pictures while setting it up to be shot the next day at our monthly FT match. A NightForce FT 36x was added to her and we shot some strings across a chronograph to determine an 11fpe muzzle velocity and a 10 yard velocity to generate a Velocity Retention Factor. Those were then entered into my Airgun Trajectory Spreadsheet to generate a click chart for the next day's match.

Ken sighted her in and proceeded to amaze us all at his ability to pick up almost any rifle and shoot it well. The time lag from click to target drop on those 50 yarders was measurable believe me, but the .22 pellets he was shooting seemed to buck the wind a bit better than our .177s. We were all impressed by this beauty and can't wait to see what the future holds for Daystate and their imaginations.

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2003 Match Schedule

January

- 5th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 19th - AA Practice Match (Walt Roller's Place)
- 25-26th - Florida Super Bowl Match; Tampa, FL

February

- 2nd - Range Closed
- 16th - AA Official Monthly Match

March

- 2nd - AA Official Monthly Match
- 16th - AA Practice Match
- 30th - AA Practice Match

April

- 5th-6th - Cajun Spring Nationals; Baton Rouge, LA
- 13th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 27th - AA Practice Match

May

- 11th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 25th - AA Practice Match

June

- 7th-8th - Good Old Boys Match; Pulaski, TN
- 8th - AA Practice Match
- 22nd - AA Official Monthly Match

July

- 6th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 20th - AA Practice Match

August

- 1st-3rd - WFTA World Championships; Ireland
- 3rd - AA Practice Match
- 17th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 22nd-23rd - Badgerland Regionals Match; Bristol, WI
- 31st - AA Practice Match

September

- 14th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 20th-21st - AAFTA US Nationals; Plymouth, MI
- 20th-21st - Standing Stone; Port Royal, PA
- 28th - AA Practice Match

October

- 11th - Alan Zasadny Monster Match; Bristol, WI
- 12th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 26th - AA Practice Match
- 31st-1st - Roanoak Airgun Show, Roanoak, MD

November

- 9th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 23rd - AA Practice Match

December

- 7th - AA Official Monthly Match
- 21st - AA Practice Match

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

- January 19, 2003 - AA Practice Match
- February 2, 2003 - AA Official Monthly Match
- February 16, 2003 - AA Practice Match
- March 2, 2003 - AA Official Monthly Match
- March 16, 2003 - AA Practice Match
- March 30, 2003 - AA Official Monthly Match

Regional Matches

2003 Superbowl Match in Tampa, FL

- January 25-26, 2003 @ PAG and TBA
- Cliff Smith at csmith57@tampabay.rr.com

2003 Cajun Spring Nationals in Baton Rouge, LA

- April 4-5, 2003 @ BAC and BREC
- Ron Juneau at juneaur@bellsouth.net

Tennessee Valley Good Ole' Boy FT Match in Pulaski, TN

- June 7-8, 2003 @ Rox Sumpter's Place
- Roz Sumpter at (931) 424-5314

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