

Ten hearty airgunners contested the July TEXtreme Bench-Rest Silhouette competition; the weather living up to the season and locale. However the “warmish” weather had little deterrent effect(s) on the shooters levels of enthusiasm, as most contested multiple classes. In fact, half of them contested **all three** classes, only one shooter contested a single class, for a total of 25 score-cards posted.

Maddening as the tricky, shifting/swirling winds were for shooting airguns at tiny targets to 100 yards, they kept the match heat-stroke free, and the shooters’ spirits high. Said winds also confirmed again on the score-cards exactly what you’d think given the ballistics differences between the three classes.

Derrick Wall captured the Slug class win, his excellent 35/40 proving high score of the day. I started to say “high score of the match”, but realized 35/40 was also high score of the rimfire BRS match shot earlier... in cooler temps and less-demanding winds. DW used a .22 AGT Vulcan 3 topped with an Athlon Helos scope, shooting 34 grain VK slugs 1010 FPS. Besides his Match Winner hat-pin, Derrick also won a ten-in-a-row (pigs) hat-pin. Fantastic shooting, D!

Chuck Misenheimer’s 31/40 was good for second in Slug class with his Athlon scoped .25 Daystate, shooting 37 grain Zan slugs 906 FPS. Chuck also took home a ten-in-a-row chicken pin. Good shooting, Chuck.

John Tafoya was “hot” on Chuck’s heels with a 30/40 for third with his .25 Daystate Heritage topped with a Tract Optic Toric scope. JT also shot 37 grain Zan slugs, at 935 FPS, and also won a ten-in-a-row pig pin. Good shooting, JT.

Chuck Misenheimer prevailed for the 80 Foot-Pound Class win with his Athlon scoped .22 Daystate Safari, posting an excellent 33/40. He shot 25.4 grain JSB Redesigned pellets at 942 FPS, also adding a ten-in-a-row pig pin for his efforts. Fine shooting, Chuck.

Jim Martin took second in the 80 FP class, posting a 31/40 with his .25 Daystate Safari wearing a Sightron scope. He shot 34 grain JSBs at 890 FPS. Jim also generously donated a hundred-dollar bill to go toward a third set of silhouette swingers. That will allow us to shoot relays of 12 shooters rather than just eight, thereby shortening the time required to complete matches regardless how many shooters enter. **MANY THANKS, JIM!** Jim is owner of Trailers Plus in Weatherford; so Y’all go see Jim for all your trailer needs.

John Tafoya finished third in 80 FP Class by posting a 29/40 with his .22 Daystate Red Wolf. John’s rig wears a Tract Optic Toric scope, and he shot 25.4 grain JSB Redesigns at 970 FPS. Good shooting, JT.

The 35 FP Class proved John’s redemption, winning it with an excellent 29/40 score. He shot 18.13 JSBs at 930 FPS through his .22 Daystate Red Wolf topped with an Element Helix scope. Very good shooting, John.

Chuck Misenheimer finished second in the 35 FP match by posting a 27/40 with his .22 Hawke Optics scoped Daystate Safari. Chuck shot 18 grain pellets at 950 FPS... **UH-OH!!!** Sorry Chuck; if that’s true, you’re disqualified. Please adjust your velocity to no more than 930 FPS, Bud.

Correction- Jim Martin took second in 35 Foot Pound class with a 22/40. Jim shot 18.1 grain pellets at 900 FPS through his Athlon scoped .22 FX Maverick. Good shooting, Jim.

Jim Clarke finished third in the 35 FP match. Jim used a Hawke scoped .22 Daystate Red Wolf, shooting 18 grain pellets 930 FPS. Good shooting, JC.

Seven of us enjoyed an excellent group dinner after the match at my favorite Mexican restaurant in China Spring; always a bonus in my book. Despite the July Texas heat, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did Saturday.

The next scheduled TEXtreme airgun match will be another Bench-Rest Silhouette match the first Saturday of August (the 6th). However, it occurs to me that extreme heat could qualify as another weather-related reason to cancel a match. Considering this has been an extremely droughtful Spring and early Summer, and drought years historically also record the hottest temperatures, this lifelong OLD Texan can feel a mighty hot Summer a-brewin’! So at this point let’s say if forecasts for August 6th are for 100+ degrees the match could be cancelled. And if forecasts call for 102 or more, **FORGET IT!**

Happy Airgunning Everyone,
Ron