
AIRGUNNING ATLANTA

November - December 2000

Georgia State Championship

Match Results, November 18, 2000

by Ken Hughes

On, November 18, Airgunning Atlanta hosted the Georgia State Championships. We were delighted to have some of the best and most-traveled field target shooters in the U.S., including such notables as Wad Sutherland, John Sutherland, Stylic Edwards, Robert Crocker, George Hamilton, Don Vanderwerker, Terry Schults, Ike Gatwood, Roz Sumpter, Brad Troyer, and Rod Bradley. A sincere "thank you" to everyone who attended. Your commitment to the enjoyment of field target shooting is what makes this game great.

The weather was the main topic of conversation in the morning. The temperature was near freezing, with light wind and overcast skies. A bonfire was built to try to help warm people up, body and spirit. This was Airgunning Atlanta's first attempt at a "frostbite open," and teeth were heard chattering on the range. No one had a temp shift during the match, because temperatures remained cold. As the match was ending, sleet and rain began, and continued into the night.

The course of fire was divided into two sections. Lanes #1-8 faced the east side of the road and lanes #9-16 faced the west side. All shooters were squadded in pairs on lanes #1-8 for the first round. It was decided, due to weather considerations, and how quickly we completed the first round, to re-squad and shoot lanes #9-16 before lunch. Both courses were set up around a score of 32 on the Troyer difficulty scale, with lanes #1-8 having larger kill zones at longer distances, and lanes #9-16 having smaller kill zones at shorter distances. Several lanes tested the shooter with forced kneeling or offhand shots. These had generous kill zones but were at adequate distances to be challenging. The mix of targets and placements kept the game fun and interesting. The shooters' comments about the course were all positive -- except for the ones they

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missed. We did have one target malfunction; so two points were awarded to all shooters.

The course design and layout, registration and scorekeeping were expertly handled by our own Joel Hansel. The handsome, sandblast-relieved oak plaque trophies were designed by Lori Simpson, and donated by Lori and David Simpson. The course and target prep took a team of hard-working people. We thank Walt Roller, Tommy Garland, Doug Vinson, Dave Simpson, Joel Hansel and Ken Hughes for their time and hard work.

When the match ended, the conversation turned to food, which was provided by Deborah Hughes and Helen Howard. The menu was BBQ chicken, homemade vegetable beef soup, cornbread, baked beans and other munchies. All of these were much enjoyed. Our thanks to the ladies for enduring cold and rain to serve us all a good hot lunch.

It is our pleasure to announce (fanfare) that the 2000 Georgia State Open Class Champion (drum roll) was Doug Vinson (54/60). The 2000 Georgia State Piston Gun Champion (drum roll) was Rod Bradley (42/60). There was some good shooting on a difficult course. Doug won his title in a long and challenging shoot-off against another Georgia shooter, Walt Roller. Doug was also the match winner. High Senior shooter went to George Hamilton. High Lady shooter went to Lori Simpson

Airgunning Atlanta is already discussing plans for a spring 2001 regional match, so watch the AAFTA newsletter for the announcement.

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The Airgunning Atlanta Club has developed a web site on the World Wide Web. Information about our AAFTA Club is now available through the Internet to prospective and current members. The site includes schedules for our local matches as well as dates for national tournaments and airgun shows. Results from our monthly field target matches are posted within 48 hours of match completion. Links to many popular airgun sites have been incorporated into our site.

The web site can be found at <http://www.gajobs.com/airguns>. You should visit our web site often to plan ahead on which tournaments you wish to attend. Each tournament and airgun show page provides a convenient link to more information about the upcoming tournament or airgun event. Your comments are welcome and should be directed to airgun@gajobs.com.

UPCOMING AIRGUNNING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Level</u>
January	13	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
January	27	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
February	10	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
February	24	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
March	10	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
March	24	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
April	7	Airgun Show of the West	Reno, NV	Show
April		Airgun Expo	Little Rock, AR	Show
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April	7 & 21	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
April	14	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
May	5 & 26	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
May	12	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
June	9	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
June	23	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
July	7	Airgunning Atlanta Practice Match	Covington, GA	Local
July	14	Airgunning Atlanta Match	Covington, GA	Local
August	11	Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show	Damascus, MD	Show
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August	24 - 26	World Field Target Championships	Newbury, England	World
October	5 - 7	US Field Target Nationals	Hernando, MS	National
October	13	Maryland State Championships	Damascus, MD	Regional

[Practice matches every two weeks unless same as monthly AA match](#)

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