

## 2017 Utopia Shootout Results

The days leading up to the Utopia Shootout Were filled with plenty of wind with more promised for Saturday. Now wind in the canyon is feared because it bounces around so quickly that one can never get settled into a solid shooting condition so everyone was on edge waiting on the morning to dawn. Based on the forecast, we decided to go ahead and post all the wind flags we had but did not position them in front of any particular bench. Saturday morning came with overcast skies and plenty of wind but not as strong as had been predicted.

Thirty shooters gathered for the match and we quickly realized we had a challenge not faced before in this match. Two young shooters aged nine and eleven were entered today. We have never run a youth class at our match so they were shooting alongside everyone else. Now this was a bit of a challenge because they were Sam Duke's grandsons and Jason and Stephanie Leavelle's sons. You have to know they have been taught well. The day just got a lot more interesting for sure.

The first round came and went with twelve shooters having a clean board; eleven year old Luke Leavelle being one of them. After the second round, six were still clean and Luke was still hanging with the best. Round three left only three shooters clean. Round four took its toll on yours truly and then round five slipped up on the remaining two and again no one shot clean for the day. Five rounds is a great equalizer over a day's shooting.

When the shooting finished, Darrel Martin had prevailed with a fine score of 950. Congratulation Darrel on winning the first match of the year. Tad Emert followed closely in second place with a score of 930. Mike Cockcroft finished third with a score of 910. A strong showing for Mike after a couple years layoff. Joe Duke was fourth with a score of 890 and Sam Duke fifth with 850 points. The two boys? Well, Luke finished ninth with 750 points and Lawson was twelfth with 730 points. A fine showing by two youngsters for sure. These two boys are going to be strong competitors for a long time to come. Guess it is time for the rest of us to start working on our game.

Below are the full match results and I would like to point out that Stephanie Leavelle was in seventh place. Not only does she make the best banana pudding around, she shoots well and is pretty to boot. Jason is a lucky man!

We want to say a big "Thank You" to each one of you who showed up to shoot with us and see you in Hallettsville on May 20.

### 2017 UTOPIA SHOOTOUT

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Name	POS	L	M	S	L	M	S	L	M	S	L	M	S	L	M	S	Small Target Hits	Medium Targets Hit	Large Target Hits	TOTAL POINT	PLACE
Darrell Martin	11B	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	1	4	24	9	5	0	1
Tad Emert	1B	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	0	2	3	23	10	4	930	2
Mike Cockcroft	2A	1	2	2	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	22	10	5	910	3
Joe Duke	6A	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	1	4	1	2	3	22	9	5	890	4
Sam Duke	7C	1	1	5	1	2	5	1	2	3	1	2	4	0	2	4	21	9	4	850	5
Larry Kluttz	1C	1	2	5	1	1	5	1	1	3	1	2	5	1	2	3	21	8	5	840	6
Stephanie Leavelle	5A	1	2	5	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	1	4	19	9	5	800	7
Denny Henderson	8C	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	5	18	9	5	770	8
Luke Leavelle	9A	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	4	18	8	5	750	9
Donnel Gaines	5C	1	2	5	1	2	4	0	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	2	17	10	4	750	10
Gary Worlow	12B	0	2	3	1	2	5	1	1	3	1	2	2	0	1	5	18	8	3	730	
Lawson Leavelle	9B	1	1	4	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	0	0	1	2	4	18	7	5	730	

Danny Barringer	12A	1	2	5	1	2	1	1	2	5	1	2	2	1	2	3	16	10	5	730
Jonathan Stigall	4A	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	0	4	1	0	2	1	1	3	19	5	5	720
Kris Whitman	7A	1	2	3	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	2	4	17	8	5	720
Dennis Reed	10C	1	1	5	1	0	4	0	0	5	1	0	3	1	2	3	20	3	4	700
Jason Leavelle	9C	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	5	1	2	3	16	8	5	690
Scott Deal	6C	1	0	4	1	2	5	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	17	6	5	680
Evan Ralph	10A	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	3	15	9	5	680
Duane Thomas	5B	1	0	5	1	0	4	1	1	4	0	0	3	1	0	4	20	1	4	660
Arnold Jewell	3B	1	2	3	1	1	4	0	1	5	1	2	1	1	1	3	16	7	4	660
David Pohl	4C	1	2	5	1	1	4	1	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	2	18	4	3	650
Hubert Kelsheimer	3A	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	14	9	5	650
Bryan Braswell	3C	1	0	3	1	0	5	1	0	3	1	1	5	1	0	3	19	1	5	640
Paul Dunnaghan	6B	1	2	0	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2	2	0	2	3	13	10	4	630
Nick Woods	2B	1	0	5	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	0	1	2	3	14	7	5	610
Lance Modawell	8A	1	2	5	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	12	10	5	610
Dick Cunningham	10B	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	0	3	1	0	4	1	0	3	16	2	5	570

Wayne Young	2C	1	0	4	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	9	3	3	360
Richard Kelsheimer	12C	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	3	7	4	