

1st Annual Alameda vs. Foster City Rod and Gun Club Challenge

by Ashley Custodio

"PULL" Bang! Bang! Dead pair!

That was the sound that filled the morning air at the 1st Annual Rod and Gun Club Challenge between Alameda and Foster City at the illustrious Quail Point Hunting Preserve and Sporting Clays.

Nineteen total club members (both clubs) came out to participate in the first ever club challenge. Ten members from Foster City and nine from Alameda came up on Sunday morning to test their skills. This was a matter of who could walk the walk and talk the talk!

After all the members checked in, they were split up between four squads, the heckling and egging of each other soon began! As each club member sized up their competition, the question of who'll take the win was running through everyone's minds.



Squad 1

Tony Piccinni, Al Piccinni, Mike Dickinson,
Danny Timmons, Ashley Custodio



Squad 2

Harry Thodos, Eric Waite, Pete Waite
Garrett Torres, Evan Thodos



Squad 3

Mike Kruger, Bob Kruger, Frank Dignon
Jim Dignon, Jim Murphy



Squad 4

Roger Hatin, Mickey Profumo, Robert Perata,
Darold Givens

The target presentations were set up as a variety of incomers, crossers, chondels, close range and even those that you can barely see which some referred to as a "fly" or "UFO".

Regardless, we all shot at them or at least tried to shoot at them with the best of our abilities. If we didn't hit them, at least some of us looked good out there!



After the shooting was done, we all came back in with a very humbled look on their faces and were treated to a wonderful lunch provided by Quail Point. The top 5 scores from each club were tallied up and when all was said and done, Alameda victoriously took the win by 110 points. Their total team score was 395 points to our 285 points.



The top individual score for the event was an impressive 91 points by Mike Dickinson of Alameda. Coming in second was Frank Dignon with 87 (Alameda) and then Ashley Custodio (FC) with an 81. The scores thereafter took an amazing turn for the worse, BUT...that didn't matter! Everyone that showed up, accepted the challenge, shot and socialized, in my book are all winners!

Everyone had a fantastic time and all are already looking forward to next year's challenge! Both clubs have decided to obtain a perpetual trophy with both Club's logos on it, and the winning team will have the honor of hosting the trophy until the following year's event.

So dust off your favorite piece, get out there and shoot some targets! We've got to redeem ourselves!

Thanks again to those that participated!

(More pictures can be seen on the FCR&GC website.)