

# Daystate Red Wolf Dominates Extreme Benchrest

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## Extreme Benchrest 2018, Mesa, Arizona



Now in its eighth year and established as one of the most prestigious air rifle target events on the international shooting calendar, the 2018 Extreme Benchrest Championships took place in Arizona, United States from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Hosted by premier distribution and retail giant, **Airguns of Arizona**, the now-famous desert ranges saw 160 airgun shooters from across the globe compete shoulder to shoulder for the high-value prizes up for grabs in the various disciplines held over the course of the four-day competition.

With Extreme Benchrest attracting the best of the best, both shooters and their equipment are pushed to the very limits of precision. It's therefore rare to see any one air rifle dominate at all levels – but 2018's event saw one gun rise unerringly to the fore: the **Daystate Red Wolf**!



Alvaro Lopez takes aim at the Extreme Benchrest.

With an already proven pedigree in the hunting field since the launch of this new rifle at the beginning of the year, we were hopeful the **Red Wolf** would fare well in Extreme American Field Target disciplines. But with the high-precision event attracting so many other stellar air rifles by necessity, even we could not predict the impressive haul of victories the new **Red Wolf** would ultimately amass in the hands of some of the world's finest marksmen.

The first result to come in for the Daystate was in Field Target, where shooters battled it out over a difficult course of knockdowns laid out to a very testing 100 yards. Ultimately, it was **Airgun Nation's** Michael Wendt who emerged victorious, with his **Red wolf** carding a maximum score no less – 40 out of 40! Despite a field littered with high profile shooters and famous airgun brands, Daystate then went on to lock-out the entire podium, with Red Wolf shooters Ben Spencer and Tony Turchetta joining Wendt for the medals ceremony!





Michael Wendt from Airgun Nation, out of the American Field Target Course.

American Field Target Sniper Class					
Place	Score	Mulligan	Name	Calibre	Rifle
1	40	1	Michael Wendt	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
2	38	1	Tony Turchetta	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
3	38	1	Ben Spencer	0.177	Daystate Red Wolf
4	34		Tony Star	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
5	32		Bobby Corcoran	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
6	31	1	Chad Ketner	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
7	30	1	Dan Fujimagari	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
8	28	1	Eldon Thomas	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
9	28		Thayne Simmons	0.22	FX Impact
10	27	1	Tom Adams	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
11	27	1	John Bagakis	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
12	26	1	Alvaro Lopez	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
13	26	1	Joe Broncato	0.22	RAW
14	24		Tom Costan	0.22	Evol
15	22		Sandy Corcoran	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
16	21		Micke Bricker	0.22	Cricket
17	21		Garrett Kwaksten	0.22	Steyr
18	21		Fred Phillips	0.22	Brocock Compatto
19	20		Ken Hicks	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
20	19		Tony Belas	0.22	Brocock Bantam Sniper HR
21	18		Ted Wuollet	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
22	18	1	Gianna Torres	0.22	FX Crown
23	15		Mark Maher	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
24	15		Lauren Parsons	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
25	15		Sebastian Lopez	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf

### American Field Target Results

Next was 50-metre Benchrest – a target-based competition based on precision and consistency. Historically, this has been the preserve of other air rifle manufacturers, but 2018 saw a complete turnaround. The three top places not only went to Daystate shooters, but winner Sandy Corcoran, and runners-up Dan Fujimagari and Ken Hicks Jr. each used a Red Wolf to beat the gusty winds, carding scores of 707, 706 and 701 respectively. Another Red Wolf lock-out!



50m Benchrest Winners



50 Yard Benchrest Unlimited Class					
Place	Name		Score		Rifle
1	Sandy Corcorran		707		Daystate Red Wolf
2	Dan Fujimagari		706		Daystate Red Wolf
3	Ken Hicks		701		Daystate Red Wolf
4	Esteban Figueroa		697		FX Impact
5	Tony Turchetta		696		Daystate Red Wolf
6	Luis Munoz		695		Daystate Red Wolf Serie Rosso
7	Joe Brancato		693		
8	Bill Miller		693		Daystate Red Wolf
9	Eldon Thomas		692		Daystate Red Wolf
10	Jeff Crisler		692		RAW
11	Allen Surratt		687		RAW HM500
12	Chris Brauda		686		RAW
13	Dave Litt		683		Thomas
14	Shane Kellar		683		Daystate Red Wolf
15	Tom Adams		683		Daystate Red Wolf
16	Brian Miller		681		Daystate Red Wolf
17	Alvaro lopez		680		Daystate Red Wolf
18	Thayne Simmons		677		FX Impact
19	Bobby Corcorran		675		Daystate Red Wolf
20	Charles Ketner		675		Daystate Red Wolf
21	Tom Moyle		674		Brocock Bantam Sniper
22	Claudio Flores		674		Brocock Bantam Sniper HP
23	Irwin Segerman		674		RAW HM1000
24	Mark Maher		671		Daystate Red Wolf
25	Angelica Toro		669		FX Impact

### 50 Yard benchrest Results

With hunting and target orientated courses already being tamed by the **Red Wolf**, next up was the Speed Silhouette discipline, which tests not only the shooter's loading dexterity, but also the speed at which they can acquire and then drop the metal knockdowns under pressure of the clock. Adding to the speed-shooting spectacle this year was the wind and torrential rain that had turned the hot, dry desert ranges into an even tougher arena than ever. Yet despite challenging climatic conditions, one air rifle was to emerge to the fore – yes... the electronic Daystate! No fewer than eight of the 10 finalists took up their position with a Daystate in their shoulder, **Red Wolves** being the dominant force among them. Again, first, second and third places in the Pro Class went to competitors shooting a Red Wolf, with winner Michel Wendt being joined on the rostrum with runners-up, Tom Adams and John Bugacca.



The Wolf Pack line up for the Knockdown Silo Final.

Pro Class Knockdown Silo Final			
Place	Name	Time	Rifle
1	Michael Wendt	1:10.23	Daystate Red Wolf
2	Tom Adams	1:15.18	Daystate Red Wolf
3	John Bagakis	1:18.55	Daystate Red Wolf
4	Dillon Treloar	1:25.54	Daystate Air Wolf
5	Ken Hicks	1:26.05	Daystate Red Wolf
6	Tim Gillingham	1:28.90	FX Impact
7	Tony Turchetta	1:31.27	Daystate Red Wolf
8	Thayne Simmons	1:35.58	FX Impact
9	Claudio Flores	1:35.98	Brocock Bantam Sniper HR
10	Tony Star	-	Daystate Red Wolf

Knockdown Silo Results

Finally, the Championships' Extreme Benchrest finale. With a prize pot of \$5,000, it's the event everyone wants to win, but not one for the faint-hearted. Two qualifying shoots at 75 metres whittle the field down to a 30-man final, where everything's to play for at the extended range of 100 metres. As if that's not extreme enough, a howling wind and the earlier monsoon-like conditions conspired to make 2018's competition one of the toughest ever. It would take a special shooter, and a special rifle, to take victory...

The dominant grip of Daystate's 2018 **Red Wolf** flagship was to be broken in the final. Against all the odds – the extreme conditions and the threat of no fewer than 12 **Red Wolf** shooters taking their places in the Pro Class Final – it was a rifle from Daystate's sister company that scooped the spoils. Claudio Flores from Patagonia Airguns steered his **Brocock Bantam Sniper HR** to win the Championships' top gun prize, and take a very well-earned cheque for \$5,000 back home to his native Chile.





Claudio Flores shooting his Bantam Sniper HR

Pro Class 100 Yard Finals					
Place	Name	Score	X's	Calibre	Rifle
1	Claudio Flores	215	2	0.22	Brocock Bantam Smiper HR
2	Justin Welch	214	0	0.30	FX Impact
3	Fredrik Axelsson	212	3	0.30	FX Impact
4	Dan Fujimagari	212	3	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
5	Ted Bier	211	3	0.25	FX Impact
6	Shane Kellar	210	2	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
7	Val Simmons	209	2	0.30	FX Impact
8	Ken Hicks	209	2	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
9	Tony Turchetta	207	1	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
10	Estaban Figueroa	205	2	0.30	FX Impact
11	Travis Patten	205	2	0.30	FX Crown
12	Barry Diehl	205	0	0.30	FX Impact
13	Jon Reimers	204	1	0.30	FX Crown
14	Irwin Segerman	203	2	0.30	RAW HM1000
15	Peder Gullikson	202	2	0.30	FX Impact
16	Don Golembleski	200	3	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
17	John Bagakis	198	1	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
18	Louis Munoz	195	0	0.30	FX Crown
19	Thayne Simmons	194	2	0.22	FX Impact
20	Chad Ketner	193	0	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
21	Austin James	192	2	0.25	FX Impact
22	Alvero Lopez	189	3	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
23	Michael Wendt	189	1	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
24	Troy Hammer	186	2	0.25	Kral
25	Steve Buchanan	184	1	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
26	Angelica Toro	184	1	0.30	FX Crown
27	Lauren Parsons	183	0	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf
28	Alex Parlogean	181	1	0.30	FX Impact
29	Justin Jacobson	167	1	0.30	FX Impact
30	Carlos De Carvalho	135	0	0.22	Daystate Red Wolf

## 100 Yard Extreme Benchrest Results

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With all the results in other Competitions could now be decided. The Gilbert Grand for the best result with a .22 rifle was won by Claudio Flores.