

# Contest Report

## 2023 Colorado Pattern Challenge

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June 17-18, 2023 (Arvada, CO)

The 2023 Colorado Pattern Challenge (“CPC”) was our 14<sup>th</sup> annual event in as many years. I’m incredibly proud of what the CPC has become and what it represents. The CPC is a first-rate contest with extraordinary hospitality. The numerous individuals that help put this event on (each year) are dedicated to making this a high-quality contest and an experience that is enjoyable and friendly.

This is only made possible by the effort and commitment of the *Arvada Pattern SIG*, which is comprised over a dozen dedicated pattern flyers of all classes. As usual “*Team-A*” makes the CPC go (these guys are the best). I also want to give a special shout-out to our caterers, *Bill and Annie Gray*. Bill and Annie kept everyone well fed, with home-cooking, all weekend. *The flying was great, but the food and hospitality were even better!* Thanks also to the rest of the AAM crew: *Dan U., Chris H., Bill and Linda B., Scott W., Lanny H. and Johnny B.* People give me far too much credit for putting on the CPC... these are the folks that make the CPC such a great success.

I’d also like give a special thanks to *John Bentley* (D8) who brought the D8 Scribe and did the score keeping. He was assisted by his venerable partner, *Bill Wallace* (D7) from Hemet, CA. As usual things ran smoothly and without interruption. These guys have really got that “*scoring thing*” down pat. Thanks again guys, and please come back next year!!!

Once again we had, what I consider, an extremely talented and competitive group of contestants. There were 18 competitors from all over the west and mid-west reaches of the US including ID, CA, TX and CO. And, once again, we had substantial participation in the Intermediate and Masters classes with very talented flyers, several of whom are expected to participate in 2023 NATs. The contest also included our (now perennial) EDF pattern event with both Basic and Advanced classes.

The weather for the CPC was exceptional, save a brief thunderstorm that blew through at noon on Saturday. After that it was sunny skies and light wind. We really didn’t know what to expect as this has been a cool wet spring here in CO. We had to dodge the occasional rain storm all week leading up to the event, but the weatherman predicted nice weather for the weekend and that is what we got.

The 18 competitors populated 6 AMA/FAI classes and 5 of those also participated in the EDF (electric ducted fan) event. The classes broke down as follows: 3-Sportsman; 5-Intermediate (one of whom did not compete); 3-Advanced; 3-Masters; 2-FAI Silver; and 2-FAI. There were 2 and 3 in EDF Basic and EDF Advanced, respectively. Out of 18, 12 of those competitors are *AAM’s own*. *Pattern is alive and well in our little corner of NSRCA D6.*

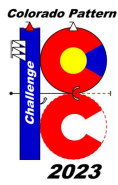
Another hallmark of the CPC is sponsorship. We continue to have tremendous support. This year’s Sponsors included:

**Boca Bearing**  
**Smart-Fly**

**F3A Unlimited**  
**Bob Smith, Inc.**  
**Horizon Hobby**

**RTL Fasteners**  
**Balsa USA**

In particular, I want to give a shout out to *F3A Unlimited* for their on-going and substantial support. *Mike and Anna* are incredibly generous and have continued to support our event for many, many years.



# 2023 CPC (AMA & EDF)

## Club

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	002	Bill Whichelo	2000.00	1000.00	1000.00	<del>1000.00</del>			
2*	001	Kevin Archer	1926.85	980.90	945.95	<del>0.00</del>			
	003	Ryan Murphy	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>			

## Sportsman

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	102	Dmitriy Bastunskiy	4000.00	<del>979.63</del>	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	<del>1000.00</del>
2*	104	Doug Wardlow	3926.46	1000.00	975.00	<del>939.73</del>	974.64	976.82	<del>878.48</del>
3*	103	Landen Jekel	3675.80	945.22	907.64	906.99	915.94	<del>906.61</del>	<del>0.00</del>
	101	Jesse Melick	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>

## Intermediate

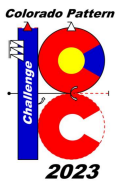
Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	207	Bill Whichelo	4000.00	1000.00	<del>973.61</del>	<del>969.18</del>	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
2*	201	Kevin Archer	3950.61	996.24	1000.00	984.59	969.78	<del>930.85</del>	<del>924.76</del>
3*	204	Bill Bancroft	3853.87	969.40	929.13	1000.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>835.59</del>	955.34
4	208	Gerald Britsch	3413.07	814.28	<del>779.08</del>	856.00	<del>0.00</del>	856.87	885.92
	202	Tim Seyfarth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>
	203	John Blum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>
	205	Rick Redden	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>
	206	Chris Doerr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>

## Advanced

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	301	Bill Grey	3997.44	1000.00	997.44	1000.00	1000.00	<del>945.91</del>	<del>967.45</del>
2*	302	Lanny Hansen	3993.58	993.58	1000.00	<del>986.25</del>	<del>992.11</del>	1000.00	1000.00
3*	303	Bill Peck	3542.09	920.21	<del>835.18</del>	871.25	847.87	<del>846.54</del>	902.76

## Masters

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	401	Chris Hogue	4000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	<del>1000.00</del>	<del>1000.00</del>
2*	403	Charles Schone	3932.30	998.67	<del>946.45</del>	961.83	<del>922.44</del>	994.07	977.73
3*	402	Scott Wait	3640.98	923.84	<del>894.17</del>	<del>881.24</del>	895.54	907.25	914.35
	404	Clifton Bradford	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>



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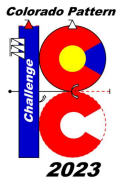
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### F3A Silver

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	502	William Wallace	3998.49	<del>977.02</del>	<del>967.98</del>	998.49	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
2*	503	John Bentley	3992.79	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	<del>936.09</del>	<del>933.72</del>	992.79

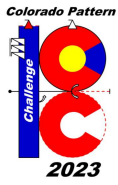
### EDF

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1*	C03	Dan Underkofler	2000.00	<del>648.88</del>	1000.00	1000.00			
2*	C02	Bill Wallace	1966.88	1000.00	966.88	<del>964.19</del>			
3*	C01	John Bentley	1878.38	<del>913.86</del>	944.49	933.88			



## F3A Preliminary Standings

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4
1*	602	Daniel Underkofler	3000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	<del>0.00</del>
2*	601	Joseph Pirozzoli	2916.80	994.95	952.90	968.95	<del>0.00</del>



# F3A Semi Final Standings

TBL Not Used

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Preliminary	Panel 1	Panel 2
1*	601	Joseph Pirozzoli	2000.00	<del>972.27</del>	1000.00	1000.00
2*	602	Daniel Underkofler	1981.07	1000.00	<del>951.92</del>	981.07



**JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE**



**John Bentley? and Bill Wallace**



**Linda Bancroft and Annie Grey**



**Time to Take Cover**



**Plenty of Room at the Inn**