

TRAC match – November 18, 2025 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Well, we are certainly getting our fair share of weather lately! Although it rained last night again, it deluged on the way to the range this morning, and was pouring upon arrival when I picked up our range permit / invoice. There was no one on the main range and the guys inside the main office just chuckled when I said we were going to shoot today. I didn't even bother to stop at our CONEX container to pick up targets, etc, but went straight to the range to see who might show up.

I had gotten a number of texts and emails prior to leaving home, stating "*I won't be there today*", but was actually amazed to see there were 4 others waiting on site. In a short while another few vehicles arrived, we all chatted and tried to make a determination whether this was even worth it, and getting mixed responses. Although the DG (decomposed granite) that makes up the range deck drains really good, it was one gooey, muddy mess. So, like the deranged individuals that we are, and to quote a military term, we "Embraced the Suck!"

We went and got targets, etc, but did modify things somewhat. We only got the 25- and 30-yard sight in targets, just to verify zero, and only set up 4 lanes / 2 targets each / plan on shooting 3 times through, if conditions stabilized / 48-shot match. Conditions gradually got worse; The wind picked up, to the point that there were white-caps on the puddles (I kid you not!), and it rained on and off throughout. At once point we were watching the puddles dance violently from one extended downpour, with the sky darkening dramatically. Oh, fun stuff. We were here, so why not do it? If it ain't rainin', you ain't trainin'....

Heavy, dark cloud cover to the point where it was difficult to see downrange at times. Temps ranged from 57° up to 63° and humidity in the upper 80% range. With that much rain, I often wondered what constitutes 100% humidity? Treading water, maybe? Wind was consistent out of the ESE to SE between 9 and 16 mph, with gusts up to 20 mph at times. Why did we subject ourselves to this? Beats the hell out of doing honey-do's at home.....and maybe because we are rebelling about fully growing up? LOL!!!

Okay, so I set the stage and the actors have been announced. Here are the amazing scores that were obtained by the 8 of us who remained, shooting on a not-too-easy course, while the others went home.....

45/48 – Stanley Mountford.....”Stanley???” / FX Dreamline / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

44/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Grand Prix / Open PCP, and tied with...

38/48 – Bobby Corcorran / USFT / Open PCP

36/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 springer / Open Piston, and tied with...

36/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

Well, there you have it. We came, we shot, we conquered, and yes, our sanity might be questioned, but what the heck? We will have stories to tell to our grandchildren.....LOL! Better luck next week.

Speaking of next week, it is the 4th Tuesday and will be pistol /piston day with Larry as match director. Same time, same station.....

With nothing else to report, other than that we did stay dry, I will sign off.

Respectfully submitted,
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“Beware of bacon sandwiches! A really good friend of mine ended up in the hospital after eating a bacon sandwich. IT WAS MINE!”