

**TRAC match – October 8, 2024 – Tony Turchetta, match director**

**What a glorious day! With Tony Turchetta as match director today, we were expecting his torture chamber of terrors sorta match.....**

**NOPE!**

**Today, was anything but that. Beautiful blue sky, scattered clouds, sunshine, warm, but not hot, and just slightly breezy. Perfect shooting conditions that probably frustrated the daylighters out of our illustrious match director. Temps ranged from 85° to 95°, humidity in the low teens, and the breeze felt good in keeping us cool while only puffing around somewhere between nothing and maybe as much as 5 mph, but even that was infrequent. It was just a beautiful day!**

**The other side of that coin was Tony's course layout. He could not find any more ½" targets. He only used two 1 ½" targets, with one of them being his big, heavy bigfoot target, set at distance, and everything else either ¾" or 1" targets, all set at their maximum distances. He was planning for a 40 Troyer course, but ended up with a 37 Troyer. He did have one 54 Troyer target set. Had it been windy, it would have been his "ZERO" course layout. That is, due to difficulty, a zero score for everyone, darn near.**

**Mercifully, Mother Nature wasn't having any of that today.**

**With the wind taking a day off, here are the scores for the 8 shooters who did compete and were "ready" for Tony;**

**48/48 – Tony Turchetta / Daystate Blu-wolf / Hunter PCP – figures he would ace his own course, but that is still darn good shooting.**

**47/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 C / Open PCP – gotta play with the puffer gun sometimes.**

**46/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP**

**45/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP**

**43/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....**

**43/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP**

**41/48 – Tom Jadlo / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP**

**22/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP**

**Once again, the pit crew had the targets taken down in no time at all, but I will say that darn Bigfoot target is HEAVY! It was one made by Mike Smith, and Tony thought it appropriate to have it labeled with Mike's name and "RIP". If Mike were here and saw where it was set, even he would have uttered his signature descriptive phrase, "This is Bull\$#!%", with a smile on his face.**

**Yeah, we miss him.**

**Anyway, next week we have a bye week. No match due to BASF using the entire facility for some big shooting sports extravaganza. We get the day off.**

**The following week is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and thus, pistol/piston day with Larry as match director. We should all be going through target withdrawal symptoms by then and itching to get back in the saddle. If any of you experience anxiety due to this, you can always call the Airgun shooters crisis hot line at 1-800-.....er, I forget the rest of it.**

**That following Saturday, October 19, will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month and the monthly match at Mormon Lake, the last for the season. Reminders will be sent out beforehand. Remember, you can now sign up for the match by going to the club website and filling out the form online, thanks to Barb. (Thank you, Barb). She is wonderful person and certainly smarter than me in knowing how to do all of that. I just know how to type and wax poetic by spewing out verbal diarrhea. A big thank you to everyone who enjoys reading these weekly report blogs, and has mentioned it to me in the recent past. It is appreciated and makes me feel as I am doing my part in bringing you the latest and greatest. Because of all you guys, I will continue to do so to the best of my ability.**

**Can't pick on anyone this week as no one did anything "noteworthy", so I will sign off. Now, go practice, dammit!**

**Have a great week!**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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