

TRAC match – May 9, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Today's match was almost a carbon copy of last week – absolutely beautiful! Blue, cloudless skies, temps ranging from 75° to 82° and reasonably mild winds.....same as last week. Today, they floated in on us from the east and then around from the south, with the predominant direction being SE. They were from 6 to 8 mph, with moments of comparative stillness. During this build up and die down period, it would cause the pellets to float where you didn't want them to go. Like outside the killzone!

I mentally analyzed what this is comparable to.... You know when you throw a stick into a moving stream of water, the stick will go in a predictable direction, following the flow of the water. When the wind blows, you can pretty much determine where the pellet will go. But when it hits those still areas in a pond, the stick will shift and spin around, following the swirls and eddies. Well, the pellet will do the same thing. The big secret in knowing where the pellet will go, is learning how these swirls and eddies work. When somebody, anybody, figures that out, let the rest of us know. We would appreciate that! LOL.

We had 15 shooters today! And that did not include two-bagger Mike! This is a bit over 40% of the paid club membership! Amazing!! It has us talking about the possibility of setting up a full course instead of our usual 6 lanes. It is gratifying seeing all of these folks out enjoying the sunshine and fresh air, getting some exercise, reveling in the camaraderie and staying young! How's that for putting things into perspective? Yes, I can get philosophical from time to time, but don't expect too much of it. Makes me want to go get another Guinness....

.....Hold that thought.....

Okay, I am back. "Hello darkness, my old friend.... I've come to drink with you again....." Priorities. It enhances my creative juices when writing reports. You're welcome to try it sometime.... More on that later...

We had some good scores today, again;

47/48 – Tony (Turk) was shooting his Steyr LG110. How many guns does this guy have? Seems to shoot a different one every week. Sheesh!

46/48 – Barbara shot her Huntsman Revere and was tied with....

46/48 – Larry – shooting his Daystate Tsar, and followed by....

45/48 – Tony (Barbara's hubby) – shooting his Huntsman. These three were gone for over a month, then come back and clean our clocks! He was tied with....

45/48 – Wayne – shooting his Thomas, who was also tied with....

45/48 – Scott – Shooting his Brocock Sniper.

44/48 – Todd was shooting his FX Royale 400, and tied with....

44/48 – Barry (basketball Jones) who shot his Revere (popular gun....)

43/48 – Mark, shooting his TX200 springer, followed by....

41/48 – Van, who was shooting his Daystate Revere (another one!)

39/48 – Jesse shot his Daystate Redwolf

36/48 – Joe, shooting his Huntsman, and tied with....

36/48 – Stanley, shooting his FX Dreamline, followed by....

30/48 – Bill, who just joined the club today, and shooting his Huntsman

25/48 – Jimmy, shot his Avenger

That's a lot of shooters! If you weren't here, you missed out.....again. it reminds me of an email that I recieved after last weeks match. It simply said that we SUCKED! We are out here having fun and they are stuck at work and not able to participate.....yet! Something to look forward to once retirement is at hand. I did respond with several alternatives to ease the pain....LOL.

We are getting more shooters out to our weekly matches than most clubs get at their monthly matches. Seems we are doing our job rather well. That being said, find an excuse to get out of work on Tuesday mornings and come join us. Looking at this subjectively, imagine how many clubs we could piss off by posting what we do weekly, that they have trouble doing once a month. I think if we are going to build the sport, we are on the right track!

As for the previously mentioned match reports, I want to offer our shooters an opportunity, again, to contribute their thoughts in the match reports. It is not hard to recollect what you experienced during the matches when talking with

friends about what occurred during the matches. Think about offering your thoughts to be included when the reports are written. I say this because our monthly match is coming up the Saturday after next (May 20). It would be nice to get different perspectives. It needn't be much, maybe just a line or three of how you viewed the match. Just wanted to plant that seed. Maybe you saw something differently than this old, decrepit scribe.....who is almost in need of another Guinness..... Give it some thought. I would value your insight.

Respectfully submitted,

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