

**TRAC match – January 2, 2024 – Wayne Mauler, match director**

**New Years Day + 1.**

**Might as well start out the new year right with a ch-ch-ch-chilly TRAC match. Temps today were only a chilly 39° but “warmed” to a balmy 46° with humidity as high as 81% but dropped to 66%, and with little to no wind. Thank goodness for that! We only experienced 3 – 5 mph winds briefly, with calm breezes the rest of the time. I know, the guys from Flagstaff area are probably laughing at us flatlanders for complaining about it. Hey, that is why we relocated to a warm climate. We are getting older and the bones and joints feel it when the sun isn’t warming us. How chilly was it? Shooters were using hand warmers. Tony had one under his stocking cap and not sure where he stashed the other one.....no, I don’t even want to think about that. Maybe that is why he had a smile on his face, although he did dump a whole tin of pellets while shooting. Barb walked off with the wrong scorecards, everyone else was bundled up and shivering, but I didn’t hear anyone’s teeth chattering. Maybe someone else did, but didn’t report it. Again, thank goodness the wind wasn’t blowing, as it is prone to do. Maybe that is why Larry wasn’t there today. He bundles up when the temp drops only a few degrees below normal. Sort of looks like Ralphie’s little brother from the movie, “A Christmas Story”. Don’t laugh, its true! You should see him. For all the layers, you wouldn’t recognize him anyway..... OK, enough of that.....**

**We had 13 competitors today! Wow! And we had some surprises, too...**

**48/48 – Matt Pellegrino, shooting mom’s Daystate Revere for his first ever FT match, cleaned the course. This is Tony and Barb’s son, who is visiting over the holidays, and apparently eating them out of house and home. Great shooting! But.....he was tied with....**

**48/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Redwolf and cleaning the course for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row. Again, great shooting.**

**45/48 – Tony Pellegrino, shooting his Daystate Revere, and tied with....**

**45/48 – Anthony Turchetta, shooting his Bluwolf after collecting enough spilled pellets off the deck in order to do so.**

**44/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his Daystate Revere.**

**43/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Daystate Revere.**

**41/48 – Barb Pellegrino, shooting her new BRK Ghost. Same gun that Tony shot last week, and forgetting to tell Barb he changed all the settings. She managed to figure it out and get them corrected....LOL**

**39/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his Steyr LG110. Yeah, I gotta dust off my puffer guns once in a while.....and tied with....**

**39/48 – Wayne Mauler, shooting his Thomas.**

**38/48 – Van Tucker, shooting his Herr Ranger.**

**37/48 – Loren Braud, shooting his Daystate Revere....and tied with....**

**37/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, shooting his vintage Daystate Huntsman.**

**27/48 – Bill Cole, shooting his Daystate Revere.**

**That is about it for this week. On deck for next week as match director will be Anthony Turchetta. Knowing his devious mind, expect anything from his course set up. Check the weather report and dress accordingly. ‘Tis the season.....**

**Respectfully (tongue in cheek) submitted,**

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