

TRAC match – February 4, 2025 – Wayne Mauler, match director

For the past two weeks we reported on the wind, the cold, the bad weather during our TRAC matches.....

That was called “Winter”!

Today the temps started in the upper 50’s and warmed to 75° by the end of the match. The humidity started out at 41% and plummeted to 21%. The skies were mostly cloudy but the clouds gradually dissipated with the wind from the upper atmosphere moving them around. We had patches of bright sunshine which transitioned to dullness with cloud cover. Sorta like a light switch being turned on and off.....constantly. Such a fun way to try to rangefind!

Can we call this “Spring”? If so, that was a quick 2-week winter! It is still to be determined if we are out of the woods concerning cold weather just yet, but we are hopeful.

We witnessed a gorgeous sunrise this morning! The cloud cover mentioned above reflected the sun’s rays just before it crested the eastern horizon with brilliant oranges and highlighted the rich blue of those areas of the sky not obstructed by clouds. That was such a pretty sight, and it was captured by the solitary hot air balloon hanging in the sky to the south of us. Magnificent!

We had 13 shooters congregate this morning, with several quite optimistically wearing shorts. It should be noted also that with the fine conditions, the course was set on the longish, mid-to-upper 30 Troyer factor, target settings.

There was one particularly interesting target placement with a ½” KZ set at 45 yards! When asked, at the shooters meeting, who the smartass was that tried to sneak that one past us, all eyes automatically shifted to one person. When turning around to see who they were all looking at, Tony Turchetta was observed to have an ear-to-ear Cheshire cat smile, that he miserably failed to try to suppress. It was only noticed when the targets were being checked for stability, direction, and proper functioning prior to the start of shooting. When viewing this particular target, the question that materialized was, “What is wrong with this picture?”

Seeing that Tony is next week's match director, may I suggest that he be watched....carefully...during the course set-up. He is devious, and will try to slide anything in, even if he knows it won't work.

Okay, getting back on track, the winds today were quite mild, ranging from non-existent to between 10 and 14 mph at various times, and one instance of a recorded gust of 21 mph. Most of the time, though, the winds floated around from east, up to north, back down to south, then southeast. These winds did affect everyone.

Well, almost everyone.

Apparently, the wind did not blow when Ed was shooting. Why? How? No idea. Please note the scores....

48/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP – Yeah, Ed shot clean today. Note that it was not an easy course, either. Great shooting!

45/48 – Larry Piercy (now fully retired) / Daystate Tsar / Open PCP

44/48 – Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Tony Turchetta / Daystate Alphawolf “dumb” (?) / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

42/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

39/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

37/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

34/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

25/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

Next week will be the last TRAC match for February, due to the End-of-Trail cowboy action shoot that will take up most the ranges on the west side of the complex. That includes us. And remember when I mentioned earlier in this report who the match director will be next Tuesday? Yep, it is his turn to torment us.....again. Tony always seems to have something mischievous up his sleeve. Be warned.

Also, the survey sent out to the members requesting a vote for either August or September for the state PCP championship / AAFTA grand prix

has been determined. By a score of 19 to 14, with one abstention and several of the paid members not responding, the state match will be moved to August for those who will be shooting the Pyramyd Cup, which happens to be scheduled in our regular September Mormon Lake time slot this year. That information will be published in the near future, both on the AAFTA website, our club website, and the various forums that we frequent.

Also, the Spring Fling state piston championship (no AAFTA grand prix) at BASF, will be Friday and Saturday, April 18 – 19, 2025. This information is also being finalized and will be published, the same as stated above.

That is all for now. See you next Tuesday.

Respectfully submitted,
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