

TRAC match – September 9, 2025 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

We are getting into September, with slightly lower temperatures, today from 88° up to 97°, and humidity that still feels muggy, around 36%. The skies were clear, with just a few distant clouds, but it was BRIGHT! The wind behaved itself, for the most part, and flip-flopped between SSE and SSW anywhere from 5 to 7 mph. A very doable shooting basis.

With Anthony (Tony Torquemada) as match director, a very challenging course was set up and laid out. The lowest Troyer factor target was a 30T. The course averaged a bit over 34T, and there was not a single gimme target on it. And I will go on record, again, stating that I hate those \$%&@# 3/8" kill zones! Of the 12 shooters in attendance today, there were a few of us that missed at least one of them....LOL! Aggravating, but fun.

Getting right into the scores...(yeah, some of you, and you know who you are, only want to see numbers! You are missing out on life.....)

48/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and my partner for today. He did squeak some shots in at 3:00 and 9:00 with that goofy, shifting wind, but nailed them all. Great shooting!

47/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

47/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Thomas / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Tom Jados / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

43/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Anthony Turchetta / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Barbara Pellegrino / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and shooting a hybrid match position. The close targets on the first half were shot offhand. The long ones were shot off the bucket/sticks. She came to her senses and shot the 2nd half normally.

40/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter piston – the only piston shooter today.

38/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 / Open PCP – Did I mention that I hate 3/8" kill zones?

37/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

That is all for today's mental health therapy session. NO celebrity quotes today! Maybe because Barb was present, the outbursts were

restrained. There WAS a lot of jibber-jabbering, but nothing that could be heard. Last weeks celebrity quote was by Anthony Turchetta, but only one person got that right.....LOL

I will say that we started early today; 8:15 and finished by 9:45. With Tony as match director, it is more of "Hurry up, lets go". He does have good reasoning though; he gets to go home and play with his 4-year-old grandson that they babysit. Hope he is teaching him how to shoot!

Wayne would have been our 13th shooter, but was feeling under the weather, so left to go home. In checking in on him prior to writing the match report, he is feeling much better. Just wanted to let you guys know. I know you were concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kauffman
Secretary, Airgunners of Arizona, Inc.

.....and on a personal note, and something that weighs heavy on my mind, Thursday, Sept 11 marks the 24th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York. Over 343 of my brother firefighters, along with NYPD and the Port Authority officers saved literally thousands of other innocent lives by sacrificing theirs. Please keep them in your thoughts and offer a prayer. Thanks.
Mark