

TRAC match – October 31, 2023 – HALLOWEEN – Wayne Mauler, match director



Yes, Wayne is back, but as promised, we had something special for those who shot today's TRAC match. It was Trick's and Treat's Day!

The Treats ended up being targets that were a bit closer than normal. It was Tricks, because even Mother Nature knew it was Halloween and caused the frickin' wind to howl like a banshee.

It was also Treats because the targets were either gravestones or skulls, all of them. So, today we shot in a cemetery, or skull orchard.....same thing.

Gorgeous day, in that it was bright and cloudless without a hot air balloon in sight. Why? Refer to Mother Nature above. Temps were in the high 60° to low 70°, single digit humidity, but the wind made it feel cooler.....sweatshirt weather cooler.

The wind came at us primarily from the NE, with slight variations on that. Sometimes north and a bit NW, and even a little east. The wind was not below 6 mph and as high as a buffeting 14 mph with gusts as high as 26 mph.

With the course set as it was, you know, the usual 6 lanes / 2 targets / twice thru / yada yada, we also had a modified scoring; If you knocked down the near target on first shot, you got 2 points, and immediately moved to the far target. If not, you got a second shot and could only score 1 point. Theoretically, you could fire 24 shots for 48 points. Some of these intrepid wind shooters did just that, but it gets better.....

After we were finished the main course, we had a skills target to attempt. At 10 yards, we had a regular playing card set up edgewise to the firing line. You were given up to 2 attempts. IF you cut the card in half, you got 2 points. If you just cut the card, you got one point. And it gets better.....

If you wore some kind of costume today, you got an additional point! Only one person did that.....sorta. That would be Tony Turchetta, wearing his ghost busters tee shirt, with a ghost hoodie, and shooting his BRK Ghost. Yeah, he put the effort together, so I gave him a point for that....not that it helped that much.

So, how did the 11 shooters fare.....?

50/48 – Jesse Avery – shooting his Daystate Redwolf, cleaned the course and cut the card in half on his first shot!

49/48 – Wayne Mauler – shooting his Thomas, cleaned the course and just cut the card on his first shot.

48/48 – Barry Diehl – shooting his Daystate Revere only missed one shot on the course, but cut the card for one extra point.

48/48 – Van Tucker – shot his Daystate Air Ranger and cleaned the course, but shot a goose egg on the playing card. Soooooo close!

46/48 – Stanley Mountford – Shot his FX Dreamline and scored a 44 but cut the card in half on his first try.

46/48 – Anthony Turchetta – Shot his BRK “Ghost Buster” for a 44. He cut the card for a point and got an extra point for costume.

43/48 – Bill Cole – shot his Daystate Revere and scored 41. When told it was his turn on the card, he responded “Do I have to?”, and then proceeded to cut it in half. I think he amazed the daylights out of himself.

41/48 – Mark Kauffman – shot his TX200 springer and scored a 40 and only cut the card on his attempt.

40/48 – Ron Swanson – shot his Helix Element. Scored 40 on the course and a goose egg on the card.

39/48 – Pat Hayes (new member) – shot his Daystate Revere – scored a 38 on the course and got one more point for cutting the card.

29/48 – Loren Braud – shot his Daystate Revere (what is with all these Revere’s?) shot 28 on the course and almost cut the card in half, but just cut it. There was a lead streak across the entire card surface!

And it gets better.....

We had actual awards. Some were Treats and some were Tricks. Randomly filled grocery bags that were numbered and presented in order of finish. There was a Guinness, a Harp, a Smithwicks, a Gatorade, a Dr. Pepper, a granola bar, 2 tins of pellets and 2 genuine Arizona Love Stones.....

What is a genuine AZ Love Stone, you ask?.....a frickin' Rock! Makes a great paper weight at home. They were even lettered accordingly. I went to no expense to make them look nice, too. Even washed them....

And a good time was had by all!

Okay, it is that time of year again when you can renew your club dues for 2024. If everyone renews before the end of the year, I can make up and laminate all the cards at one time. This is, however, the local branch of the international procrastinators club, and some of you will intentionally try to punish me for my efforts at wanting to take care of your best interests by waiting clear into 2024. How is that for a guilt trip?

Also, the registrations for the state shoot are trickling in.....slowly.

And last but not least, NOMINATIONS for club officers are also being accepted. Let us know who you would like to nominate someone for office to guide this club into the future. Someone PLEASE nominate someone for secretary.....

Oh, wait, one more. If you, or someone you know, is interested in sharing the fun by being named as one of the responsible persons at BASF, who is then eligible to help run the matches at Ben Avery, let us know. We have 3 currently, but would like to share the duties of running the matches so the 3 of us are not overly burdened all the time. Match director is not a difficult job and running a Tuesday match, say once every other month, wouldn't kill you.....and it would give us a break, as well.

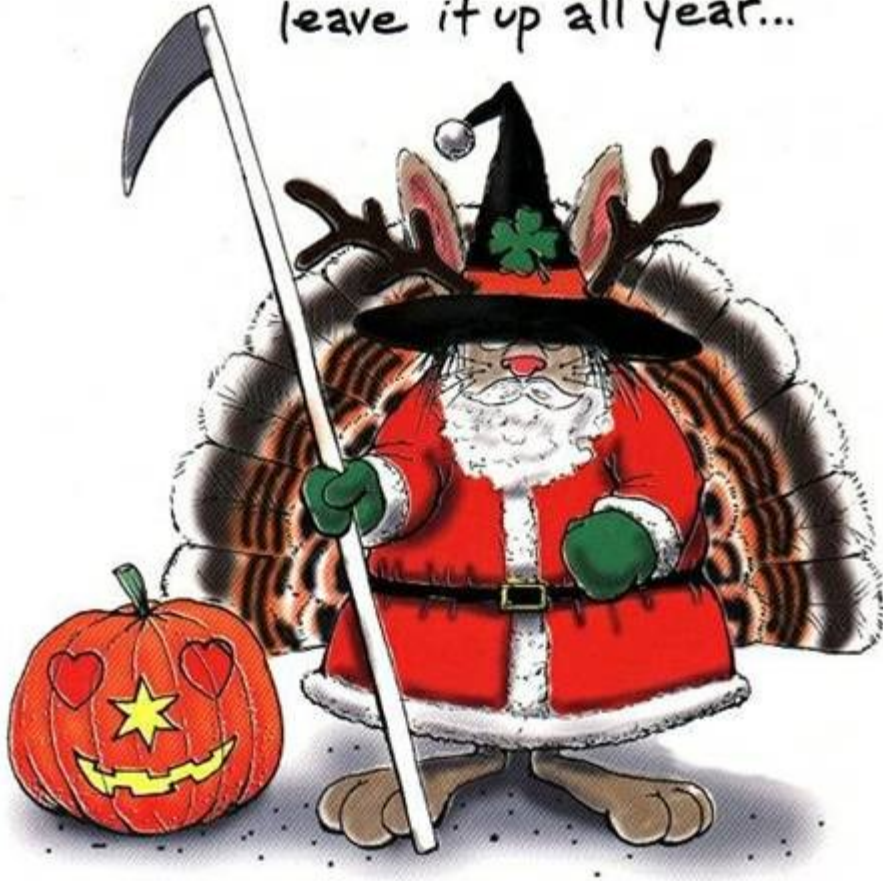
I think that is it for this week. Next Tuesday (hell, try tomorrow) is already November!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman, intrepid scribe

Airgunners of Arizona, Inc.

It would save me a lot
of trouble, if you'd put
this on your frig and
leave it up all year...



Happy.....Everything!