

TRAC match – January 23, 2024 – Larry Piercy, match director



What a miserable day!

.....end of report. Period! I can tell you are not buying that B.S.....

Okay, here goes.....It rained the entire way to the range, it rained while setting up the course. Fortunately, because it was pistol/piston day, we didn't have to slog thru excessive amounts of mud, but enough.

We had heavy, low clouds (obviously), light to heavy rain and blowing "mist" as the NWS likes to call it. The kind of "mist" that stings your face as it coats your glasses, and causes you to clean them off frequently. It was.....cool, bordering on cold, temps hanging in at 52° and humidity fluctuating between 90% and 100%, which made it feel colder. It rained the entire match and felt like it kept getting colder as the day wore on.

Wind was anywhere from zero to 8 mph and seemingly coming from everywhere; first from east, then north, back to east, then SW, then back east again, but always shifting.

Visibility, fortunately, was okay for the distances being shot, but the hillside beyond the end of the range was slowly disappearing due to low clouds and fog. I haven't experienced fog this heavy in quite some time.

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There were 9 miserable competitors on hand today. They started out in high spirits, but you could tell they were becoming more miserable as the match went on because they kept getting quieter. Thank goodness we had a canopy overhead, or we would have been even more miserable.

The scores were actually pretty darn good, considering the conditions;

We only had 2 pistol shooters;

43/48 – Tony Pellegrino shot a Brocock Pathfinder for the first time today. Good shooting!

33/48 – Wayne Mauler shot his FX Ranchero

In the piston category, we had 5 springer shooters;

48/48 – Mark Kauffman, shot his TX200 and cleaned the course.

47/48 – Loren Braud, shot his HW77 with recently installed 12 fpe kit. He loves that gun.

46/48 – Larry Piercy shot his Diana 56 TH and was tied with....

46/48 – Bill Cole, shooting his HW77

37/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, shot his HW97, also at 12 fpe.

In the puffer gun category, we had 2 shooters;

48/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his Daystate Revere and swearing it is a springer!

46/48 – Pat Hayes, shot his Daystate Revere also.

Scores were good, but it was still a miserable day. Prior to leaving, a warning was issued to make sure that the guns were dried off and oiled immediately upon getting home to prevent rust, and hanging everything else up to dry out. We certainly have had some interesting weather conditions in the immediate past. But, as I have heard before; If it ain't rainin', you ain't trainin'.

It rained all the way home, too, and at some places it was quite heavy. It finally slowed to a light drizzle within 2 blocks of my house. Figures! Did I mention it was a miserable day? Well, we do need these from time to time to remind us how spoiled we are with the sun shining most of the time.

Next Tuesday, Joe Pruzinsky will be the match director. See you then.

Miserably submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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