TRAC match – September 22, 2026 – Mark Kauffman filling in for Larry

First off, Larry is doing fine after his recent medical procedure, and he thanks everyone for their kind thoughts. A few of us want to get a remote that we can use to make him dance at the matches when he resumes shooting. Cruel? …..Nah!

Today was the fourth Tuesday, thus pistol / piston day……which several shooters forgot, and brought PCP's with 'em instead. Understandable considering this past weekend was the PCP state championship. That match report will come out once all the info and scores (just got them today) is disseminated. Meanwhile, today was quite pleasant. Nice and "cool" (relative term for the desert), with temps ranging from 81° up to 90°, but with lower humidity (average high 20%) and a breeze that was wonderful! That breeze came out of the north, but worked its way around to the SE at between Zero to 8 mph. It picked up noticeably towards the end of the match. The sky was partly cloudy which made it easier on the eyes, as well. It was a great day to be out on the range, especially when you consider there were no clean scores!

We also only had 9 guys show today, again understandable with the state shoot just a few days in the past. We had 5 piston shooters and 4 puffer gun shooters. No pistols today, although I did see one on the line…..briefly……and was then put away. That shooter thought better of it and pulled out his springer.

In the puffer gun category…
47/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP
46/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
36/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP, and very sportingly shot his second shot on each lane offhand.
16/DNF – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP, and discovering a lose shroud on his barrel causing (dramatic) point of impact shift.

In the main event, the piston category…
47/48 – Anthony Turchetta / AA TX200 HC / Hunter Piston
46/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston
42/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston
35/48 – Loren Braud / HW98 / Hunter Piston
34/48 – Bill Cole / HW77 / Hunter Piston

It is interesting to note that the same target on the same lane caused most of the misses from all 5 shooters, namely the far target on lane 6. Yes, we will check that for proper function…..

That said, we had a surprise visit from Martin Martin (m^2) who stopped by on his way home from vacation! That was nice of him.

On another note, we got only 20 response votes on the BOG nominees. As expected, Dave D'Agostino and Carl Forrey were overwhelmingly chosen by the club members as our votes for AAFTA Board of Governors. These will be submitted for the final vote at nationals. Good Luck to both of them.

Larry has put together a survey, which will be sent to those attendees of this past weekend's state shoot. This, to the best of our knowledge, has not been done before, but indicates how much Airgunners of Arizona is committed to improving the sport of field target by getting actionable feedback. That's the good part. It also indicates that Larry has way too much time on his hands just sitting at home……!

With nothing more to report (I am still thinking of ways to rip Larry a new one without him being able to do anything about it), I will sign off.

Respectfully submitted.
Mark Kauffman
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We don't stop playing because we grow old,
We grow old because we stop playing.