

TRAC match – June 3, 2025 – Wayne Mauler, match director

I am sitting here trying to decide what kind of report to write. Understand that I have been gone on vacation for just about three weeks (Hey! I am retired; I can do that \$#!%, but I haven't had one in 6 years.) Six states, 3000+ driving miles, temps as low as 31°, elevations as high as 11,980 some feet, snow, rain, a very nice, unexpected pub, beautiful scenery, great people, and then I decided to make the first Tuesday match after I get home. I wasn't even awake yet.....

Did I mention they started the match today at 8:00? WTF????

Today appeared to be a wonderful day to shoot. the sky was clear after the past few days of rain. Lake P.S. Avery, on the west side of the range was halfway dried up, but still had lots of water in it. We stayed away from it. The temps ranged from 79° up to 82°....Great! The humidity.....well, that was up at about 58%. Not too bad, but after my last month's experience, it felt to me like I was swimming in air, and, summer hasn't even gotten here yet. The SUN, after the light from it was magnified by the air density, was **BRIGHT**. Glaring bright. The kind that fries your eyeballs, causes eyestrain, and turns your pupils into pinpoints. That glare is something we always contend with, but I almost forgot about in the recent past weeks.

Mercifully, the wind wasn't a factor today. Anywhere from the south to southwest, between nothing and maybe 6 mph. A bit swirly downrange, but nothing we aren't used to.

Six lanes of two targets per / shot thru twice, were set up today. The distances/kill zone sizes didn't look out of place, until you got behind the scope and tried to range them. I thought it was just me, but my shooting partner seemed to be talking to himself, under his breath, for the entire second half of the match. Ten guys showed up to shoot today. We had 3 piston shooters and 7 puffer gun shooters. I didn't realize how much I missed these guys and was really glad to see them. I like shooting on Tuesday's. Just not today. Today, I somehow forgot how to shoot! Here are the scores;

45/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Daystate Alpha Wolf / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Wayne Mauler / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

37/48 – Peykan Beyrami / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

32/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

26/48 – Necataly “Nick” Barbosa / HW97 / WFTF Piston

23/48 – Loren Braud / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

Before I get too much farther, I want to personally thank Wayne Mauler for writing this past month’s match reports, and to all the guys who helped him and Tony run the matches this past month. I needed the break, but I really liked the way they took care of things. Great Job, guys!

So, as I sit here in semi-darkness writing this report, sipping a nice bourbon ‘n Coke and letting my eyes readjust, I only have a few closing comments;

- Speaking with Larry, who is back from jolly ole England, but not at the match today because of a “possible” sniffles / cold, he stated that the hats promised from the piston shoot will be distributed and sent to those out of town.
- Same hats will be handed out with registration of PCP state shoot/ Grand Prix
- Same hats will be made available for sale to those who want to purchase an extra
- Boonie hats are now available for \$40 (we had a price increase). The remaining older boonie hats (dated) are available, while supplies last, for \$35.
- Registration for the state PCP championships should be on the club website, and can be submitted whenever anyone is ready to do that.

So, with nothing else to report, other to say that I am glad to be back and need a vacation after my vacation, I will bid you adieu.....

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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.....One last thought. After hearing the term “cattywampus” used liberally today, I would like to know what your thoughts are to describe this term, as pertains to field target shooting.

No, you cannot replay with F’d up. You need to put some thought into your response. Something we can all learn from and relate to.....and use with understanding in the future. Thank you.