

TRAC match – October 1, 2024 – Wayne Mauler, match director



Remember last week's windy match report and how windy it was?

TODAY WAS WORSE!

Yes, it was bright and sunny with a few scattered clouds here and there. The temps ranged from 94° up to 102° with the humidity ranging from 20% down to 8%. That is not bad, but this is frickin' October. It is supposed to be getting nicer, not hotter! Oh, and the best part.....

IT WAS WINDIER!

The wind at its lowest velocity was claimed to be 3 mph by the NWS (good luck!) and was as high as 11 mph with continuous gusts up to 19 mph. Buffeting, blustery, and hot! Absolutely lovely conditions for the 14 shooters competing today. The winds were predominantly out of the NNE, shifting to NNW, some easterly and then flip-flopping back and forth. We did somehow avoid getting sandblasted by the.....sand, and other grit on the range. It did get a bit milder in the 2nd half of the match, but not by much.

As stated, we did have 14 shooters today. Ed Brockway is back from his summer sojourn from Wisconsin.....where there was no wind.....and immediately started asking about how to figure it out. Henry was in the house! Scott Hunt's grandson joined us today as well.

Here are the scores, which really were not too bad considering conditions.....

47/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

46/48 – Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

45/48 – Van Tucker / Herr Ranger / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

43/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

37/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Gran Prix / Open PCP

36/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

35/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 TL2 springer / Open Piston

31/48 – Henry Hunt / BRK Sniper / Unlimited, and tied with....

31/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

YES – Henry tied with his granddad but beat him out in the first miss tie-breaker! That is pretty good shooting in this kind of wind, and being blown around.

We did have a lost and found item, that was eventually found. Turns out that Van Gogh.....er, Van Halen.....er, Vanderbilt.....er, Van Tucker, Yeah, that's it. Van lost his fluffy little French tickler, feather, windicator thingee, that was attached to his rifle, but came loose and floated away. He was almost heartbroken looking for that thing. Fortunately, one of our intrepid members brought him out of his misery by locating the errant.....thingee.....and returned it to him. All is well again.

With nothing else to report, except for a vote taken to eliminate wind for next week, which was met with a mixed bag of responses, we announced scores. The pit crew, having done their job, and all targets returned to storage, except for those being repainted by "Q", we departed the premises, with 5 of us repairing to Wild Horse West for burgers.

Next Tuesday will be Tony Turchetta as match director. The following Tuesday we will have a bye week, due to some other affair going on at BASF.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Kauffman

Secretary, and only shooter foolish enough to shoot a springer today,
Airgunners of Arizona, Inc.