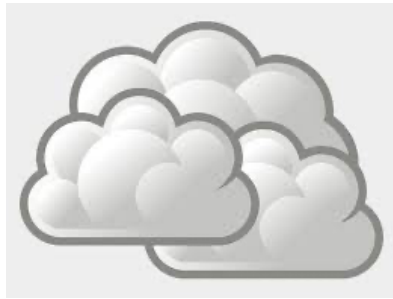


TRAC match – December 12, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director



Today was cloudy.....and somewhat cooler. How much cooler? Most shooters were wearing hoodies, and Wayne was wearing long pants.....that much cooler. We had lots of clouds with the sun peeking out only occasionally. The temps ranged from 50° up to 61°, humidity in mid-20% area, and wind was darn near non-existent; zero up to maybe 3 mph. It was just floating from here to there, mainly out of the north, but every now and again out of the east. Not enough to create any problems.

We had 14 shooters today! We had our usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / shoot thru twice / 48-shot match. We keep getting this turnout, we may have to increase lanes. That is a good thing. We had one new shooter today, as well. More on that later.....

The lower light conditions today did cause some range estimation issues for some of us, but not for all. Van didn't seem to have any problems with it!

48/48 – Van Tucker – shot clean with his Daystate Air Ranger. Darn good shooting!

46/48 – Wayne Mauler – shot his Thomas and mis-judged his 2 misses on lane 2, and tied with....

46/48 – Bill Cole – shooting his AA S510. I warned you to look out for this guy!

45/48 – Jesse Avery – shot his Daystate Redwolf

44/48 – Tony Turchetta – shot his Daystate Griffin and got caught on lane 2....which he set!

43/48 – Scott Hunt – shot his Brocock Sniper

42/48 – Larry Piercy – shot his Daystate Grand Prix (lane 2)

40/48 – Barry Diehl – shot his Daystate Revere. Lane 2 again.

39/48 – Chuck Jones – shared Tony’s Daystate Griffin and shooting FT for the first time. Seems as if Tony let him shoot his first 2 lanes without telling him he needed to shoot where the “holes” were. Such a guy! After that, Chuck shot like a man possessed! Great shooting for his first time at bat!

37/48 – Joe Pruzinsky – shot his Huntsman. Lane 2 again....and tied with....

37/48 – Stan Mountford – shot his Daystate Revere. Another lane 2 victim.

36/48 – Mark Kauffman – shooting his TX 200 back-up springer. We won’t talk about lane 2!!!

34/48 – Loren Braud – shot his Daystate Revere. Guess what? Lane 2...

32/48 – Pat Hayes – shot his Daystate Revere (popular gun). Yeah, lane 2

Did I mention we had difficulty with lane 2? The far target on lane 1 was at 49 yards. The near target on lane 2 was 47 yards, and the far target was 49 yards. It just looked.....different, and range estimates were all over the place.....except for Van’s young eyes! He is “supposed” to be working, but when you own your own company.....

It doesn’t matter. We all had a good time anyway. Today was just at Tony’s expense. He was soooo into what he was doing that on his last lane, he absent-mindedly set up just to the left of where the guys, who WERE shooting on that lane, were still shooting. Tony set up his bucket, got into position with his shooting sticks and gun, LOADED his rifle, and was getting ready to shoot until he was stopped and asked what he was doing! He was oblivious to the fact that the group in front of him wasn’t finished yet. A look of surprised shock came over him as the hysterical laughter kept building. I know. Chuck and I were shooting with him..... I told these guys, if you do something “noteworthy”, it will get noted. LOL.

Okay, this coming Saturday is our monthly match. A reminder did not go out because my email has been down since last Wednesday. COX kept telling me it was a server problem. Hopefully, this report will go out since they “fixed” it. I will attempt a group broadcast reminder.

With nothing more to report..... I think Tony contributed enough to today's festivities.....I will bid you adieu. You think we have fun? You betcha!

Respectively submitted

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