

TRAC match – March 17, 2026 / **St. Patrick's Day** – Mark Kauffman, match

director

What a wonderful day for contradictions! The match report for last week went out listing the range for today to be the small-bore range. This was based upon the fact that February had 4 Tuesday's and the last two were on the DeSomma range. Well, in March, the first two were on the Pistol silhouette range and last two are on the small-bore range. That is absolutely correct. How do I know?

Because March has 5 Tuesdays, and today was the **THIRD** Tuesday!

Guess who had a brain fart? ME! Okay, I apologize. It is my fault, but in asking for assistance to haul the stuff to the range, about 6 or 7 guys showed up at the conex container to help haul the stuff, and then actually waited for me. What a pleasant surprise!

Another surprise.....The NWS actually got the weather forecast correct! Just last night, they upgraded the wind conditions to 5 – 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph, and actually got it correct! Well, we did not get the 25 mph gusts.....more like gusting at times to close to 20 mph, but still enough to drive us nuts trying to figure wind holdoff. The wind was, for the most part, coming at us from the WNW to the ENE and constantly shifting, and very blustery. Towards the end of the match, it was coming from the east, and for brief periods, it came at us from the southwest. Fun stuff! Irritating, but fun. The temps were pleasant; 73° up to 84° and with the wind, did not get too hot. Humidity was only in the upper teens. The skies were blue and sunny with scattered high wispy clouds, not that we saw them that much for trying to figure where to hold for the wind.

We had our usual 6 lanes.....and 17 shooters! We had 3 shooters to a lane for the first 5 lanes, and then just a pair of shooters on the last lane. The match still moved along pretty good.

With next week being pistol /piston Tuesday and with Larry as match director, we are going to let him figure out the best way to distribute shooters. And, for the second time in three weeks, BASF sent out too of their range personnel to check on us. Not sure why, because we do everything perfectly!!! The club just has to buy a first aid kit to have on hand instead of depending on one of us using our personal first aid kits in our vehicles. No big deal.....

Here are the scores and stats, and because we are getting more piston shooters, I am going to split them out.....

In the PCP category...

- 43/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP
- 42/48 – Peykan Beyrami / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP
- 40/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP
- 37/48 – Ben Spencer / BSA Union Jack / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
- 37/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
- 36/48 – Scott Hunt / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter ~~Piston~~ PCP
- 33/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
- 32/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP
- 31/48 – Beverly Esler / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP
- 27/48 – Brian Esler / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP
- 26/48 – Erick Ajax / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

Of note.....Peykan had the cutest little weather station mounted on his range caddy. It was yellow, had 4 cups spinning with the wind, and a direction arrow on top. Apparently, they are available on AMAZON and are good training aids. Don't know if AAFTA compliant, but it was novel!

In the Piston category...

- 34/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston
- 32/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston
- 27/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston
- 25/48 – Anthony Turchetta / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston
- 18/48 – Larry Piercy / HW97 / Open Piston
- 15/38/DNF – Stanley Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

Okay, next week, and for the next two weeks, we **WILL** be on the **SMALL-BORE** range for our Tuesday shoots.

Also, this coming Saturday, March 21, will be our monthly match on the Frank L. DeSomma / rifle silhouette range.....probably under the canopy if the temps are high. The NWS is calling for temps to be 103°! That would be a record for this early in the year. We will not jeopardize our members / guests by subjecting them to that heat / intense sun.

With nothing more to report, I shall bid you adieu!

Respectfully submitted,  
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*I have often wondered what people have against the horse I rode in on.....*