

TRAC match – July 16, 2024 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Well, with the little bit of a storm that went through the area last night, it may have been enough to contribute to the great conditions we experienced today at our weekly mental health therapy session. The temps were noticeably cooler, ranging from 90° up to 93° and humidity in the mid 30% bracket. The skies showed patchy clouds that burned off as the day progressed. It was bright, but not glaringly so, and the wind was rather mild at the range, even if the NWS recorded winds ranging from zero up to 9 mph. Direction basically out of the south, but shifting back and forth from SSE to SSW as recorded at Deer Valley Airport, just south of us. All in all, a very pleasant day for shooting.

It must have been a very desirable day for flying, as well, because the aerobatic pilot that likes to fly in this area, was up and about and obviously enjoying himself immensely. If you are paying attention, it can be a bit disconcerting when he revs, then stalls his engine, and a period of time passes before he restarts. That is about the only thing that tended to interfere with our desire to thin out the onslaught of the hoard of invading steel critters. Not to fear, our perilous pellet crusaders managed to thin them out, all rather handily.

Strangely, I can picture a bunch of dudes wearing medieval armor and blasting away with pellet guns, with the targets falling right and left, all while perched atop charging stallions, adorned with similar armor plate. Now, THAT would make an interesting graphic as a recruiting poster!

Alas, today's most fearsome dude was actually a dudette! The fair Lady Barbara was our top shooter today.....again!

48/48 – Barbara Pellegrino / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

46/48 – Tony Pellegrino / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

46/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 C / Open PCP

45/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

39/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Leshiy 2 Sparrow (cute little new gun) / Hunter PCP

35/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

35/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP

19/48 – Stanley Mountford / TX 200 springer / Hunter piston

We had our usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / 48-shot match with 5 targets / 20 shots situated out between 45 and 55 yards. Fortunately, the wind was cooperative today, which made it a most enjoyable outing.

Again, we would like to thank immensely, those who show up early to help set the course in record time, and also to everyone who helps tear down the range, again in record time. We are literally blessed with great members who contribute freely to get a lot of work done in little to no time at all. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Upcoming events; this coming Saturday is our monthly match at Mormon Lake. Fire restrictions are at low levels, so you guys should have a great day of shooting in the cool pines.

Next Tuesday is the 4th Tuesday of the month and, as such, will be pistol /piston day (Someone did suggest Jerry Springer Day, with added amusements). Larry Piercy is scheduled as match director.

I will not be able to make the next couple of weeks matches due to being cast into the role of caregiver again, as my wife is having knee replacement surgery. The last time I was in this position, my wife and daughter conveniently bought an amber, battery powered, rotating light, complete with remote control, to summon me every time she needed something. THAT was only moderately annoying. I got the last laugh on that; she used it so much that the batteries went dead.....LOL!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman