TRAC match – August 25, 2026 – Mark Kauffman, match director (again)



Get ready for a warm one! Today was warm. I won't go so far as to say it was hot….strike that! It was hot! It was 99° when we got there this morning, and when I left the range building after paying the range invoice, my car said it was 115°. Okay, it was hot! Humidity was in the mid-teens, but the wind was interesting. It was primarily out of the north. NNW with occasional shift to NNE (ask me how I know this). It definitely made its' presence known to those of us in attendance; 10 – 15 mph, with frequent gusts up to 18 mph and somewhat predictable. We were able to figure where to hold, when we weren't being blown around. I can almost guarantee it DID evaporate the perspiration!!!

Today was pistol / piston day, and once again, most of the shooters watched the weather report before NOT heading out to the range. Result; there were only 5 of us mentally deficient souls on hand to once again do battle with the steel hoards invading the range. We DID hold them off, so you can be proud of our efforts. We also DID heavily hydrate, as well……thank goodness!

In the puffer gun category, after rebuilding his puffer gun….
46/48 – Van Tucker / (expletive) Ranger / Hunter PCP

In the pistol category…
31/48 – Carl Forrey / Crosman 1720T / Hunter pistol

In the piston category…
42/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter Piston
41/48 – Stan Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston
39/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

There were only a few true misses, according the after-action inspection of the targets. More than enough edge splits were recorded….lots of them, or the scores would be higher. Jesse (Q) will probably be busy grinding the edges of the KZ flat again, cuz they were certainly peened over…..LOL!

That's it. With only 5 shooters, we each took a lane and moved right along and finished in just under 2 hours…..even with my bad knees! As usual, set up and tear down took next to no time at all, especially with everyone helping. I don't want to sound remiss, but with everyone chipping in, it helps tremendously, and I thank the guys for continually stepping up. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted.
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I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade….
…then find someone whose life has given them vodka,
…and have a party!!!