

TRAC match – December 30, 2025 – Wayne Mauler, match director substituting for Joe Pruzinsky.



For the last match of the year, I believe the above illustration just about sums it up! It was WINDY! The BASF wind machine was functioning very well and at full power. For the most part, the wind was averaging around 15 mph, was very blustery, with gusts as high as 28 mph. Getting blown away is not just a figure of speech! For once, the minions at NWS were correct, and the hill side that we shoot into certainly did its' job directing it at us.

Otherwise, the sky was mostly cloudy. High wispy clouds that diffused the sun and cast a dull pallor over the range. Temps were not too bad; 54° up to 64° with humidity averaging in the upper 20% range. With the wind coming at us, mostly from the north northeast, it felt much cooler.

With 10 of us on hand to see out the last match of the year, the usual course was set up, but with the wind, targets were set inside of 48 yards, but pellets were still nudged this way and that. Noticeably absent was Tony Turchetta. A quick phone call determined, "I'm playing here with my grandson. Is anybody there in this wind?" Well, that answered that question. Needless to say, we conducted our shooters safety meeting behind the range building, where we were able to get out of the elements. With the sun occluded, we did not get any warmth by its' presence. So, we shot.....

46/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Stan Mountford / FX Dreamline / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP
40/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
38/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 / Open PCP
35/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Grand Prix / Open PCP
31/48 – Barry Diehl / Urangan / Hunter PCP
29/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston
28/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

Interesting results from the land of watery eyes and runny noses today, but we all seemed to have fun, and definitely enjoyed each other's company, which matters the most! So, after the pit crew did their amazing job, as always, and the scores were announced, we all bid each other Happy New Year, and were on our way.

Here is our wish for everyone to have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
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With Christmas recently past, I find that I prefer tinnitus over Mariah Carey!