

TRAC match – February 6, 2024 – Wayne Mauler, match director



Virga; trails of precipitation that fall from the underside of a cloud but evaporate before they reach the earth's surface.

That pretty much explains the conditions we encountered at today's TRAC match, plus it was so dark from the solid, heavy cloud cover, we were not sure we would be able to see the targets. Yeah, it looked like it was going to downpour at any moment. Looking around the area, the virga was evident in various places, and we did get dripped on frequently. Temps ranged from 61° to 64°, with humidity in the upper 40% bracket. The wind did its' usually BASF racetrack directional variations but was only blowing between 3 and 9 mph. Name the direction, that is where it was coming from. Just a dull, dreary day.

To make life more interesting this morning, Tony Turchetta managed to get there early. You guessed it; small killzone targets set at challenging distances.

.....maybe he didn't like the Darth Vader reference from last week, but.....a fun time was had by all!

We had 13 shooters participating today, which included a new guy. Some time in the past, Paul Wilkerson contacted us through the website, and then showed up this morning, sighted in his gun after we had already started the match, shot the second half of the match, and then joined the club.....on the spot! He shot a Daystate Wolverine and did get more than just a few hits, but apparently enjoyed himself.

Paul, we apologize for you having been subjected to Tony's course set up, but.....how do I put this delicately.....Feces occurs. Seriously though, welcome aboard!

Taking top honors today was none other than our fearless leader.....

46/48 – Larry Piercy, shooting his Daystate Tsar

44/48 – Tony Turchetta, shooting his FX Crown Bee and missing the same target 4 times!

43/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Daystate Revere, and tied with....

43/48 – Scott Hunt, shooting his Brocock Sniper, and tied with....

43/48 – Van Skywalkter, shooting his Daystate Revere

42/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Redwolf

41/48 – Stan Mountford, shooting his Daystate Revere, and tied with....

41/48 – Bill Cole, shooting his Daystate Revere

39/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his Steyr LG110 (yes, a puffer gun)

36/48 – Pat Hayes, shooting his Daystate Revere

34/48 – Wayne Mauler, shooting his Thomas

12/48 – Loren Braud, shooting his HW77 springer

After the match and announcement of scores, Larry presented a series of 4 different logo samples to determine the most popular which will be used as a sticker for our guns at the upcoming springer championships in March. IF I am not mistaken, he is going to forward to the rest of those who did not attend today's match for their opinion and choice.

We will be shooting next Tuesday and then have off for two weeks due to the end of trail cowboy action shoot. And guess who is match director next week? Yep, it is Tony Turchetta.....Greeeeeat!

Upon packing up to leave, we were introduced to something that hasn't been seen here in quite some time; a sky full of Matamus clouds. Do a google search for an accurate description. It was, however, neat to view.

And yes, it is still raining.....but we need it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman,

Secretary, Airgunners of Arizona, Inc.

Oh! Almost forgot to mention.....

My grandson was at the house yesterday and got the website working. We found a back door approach to getting it viewable again. It is a legacy site (it's old) and not supported, so it "could not be fixed". They only want to sell us a new website. We are working on that also and are aiming for sometime between now and next November, when our subscription needs to be renewed.....MK