

TRAC match – January 20, 2026 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Today's match could easily have been a carbon copy of our Founders Cup match this past Saturday. Clear, cloudless skies, temps about the same; 54° up to 63° with humidity around 30%. The only thing different was the wind...

...It was WORSE!

It averaged about 19 mph, with gusts up to 31 mph. When we didn't think it could get any worse, it gusted to 35 mph. Bill Cole was there with his Kestrel to prove it. It was blustery. It was brutal. It was kite-flying weather! Then just about the half-way point of the match, it almost stopped! Just like that, it settled down to the forecast 5 – 10 mph velocity and at times almost.....EGADS!.....stopped!! You heard me right, it almost stopped. This weather is really strange, but I guess this is what we can expect for the foreseeable future, who knows. We shot anyway. We got blown around quite a bit, but we still shot.

We did our usual 6 lanes with a bit of twist... We included a standing lane. Yeah, in this wind we shot on our hind legs.....twice! Once in the first half and again the second half. At our debrief after the match, I asked what everyone thought of it. Of the 10 shooters, a few were enthusiast about it. Others were quiet. I got the fickle finger of fate from Tony. It wasn't your usual standing lane either. There were four targets, set at 10, 15, 20, and 25 yards. One shot at each, but only if you knocked it down. You had to knock down the previous target in order to proceed to the next. Only one person cleaned it....Once! We will have to think about that one in the future.....

And like Saturday's match, we only had two shooters score above a 40 on the course. Here are the scores and stats;

43/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

38/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Uragan 3 / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

38/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston

35/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

34/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

32/48 – Erick Ajax / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

28/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

17/48 – Larry Piercy / AA TX200 / Open Piston

After the match.....sitting around in dead calm.....we held a debrief, announced scores, and discussed this, that, and something else. Next Tuesday is Pistol / Piston Tuesday with Larry Piercy as MD. He DID say something about needing six $\frac{1}{2}$ " targets, and mentioned something about naming the match, "Know your dope", if that is any indication. I did mention that if he didn't have enough, we could drill out some of the 3/8" targets, which brought an immediate, NO! I guess that didn't go over so well.... Here is hoping that the wind won't act up, again.

With nothing more to report, I will sign off.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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*Ever notice that when geese fly in a "V" formation,
one side is longer than the other?*

That's because there are more geese on that side