

TRAC match – July 14, 2026 – Stanley Mountford, match director

You read that correctly; Stanley volunteered to be out fill-in match director; however, Tony Turchetta was in attendance. Turns out the roofers never did show up at his house.....again. That's okay, because Stan found and used the dreaded 3/8" kz targets stored in our conex container. He DID set up a most unusual course though. Tony would have been proud, if he hadn't broken his gun. More on that later.....

The news of the day was the weather. Today was fine, but last night we had a doozie of a storm roll through. Today was just lower temps, but much higher humidity. At the beginning of the match, the temps were 84 comfortable degrees, but with 62% humidity. Earlier, it was recorded at the BASF weather station as 72%. As the temps came up, and they did, to a high at the end of the match at 93°, the humidity dropped to 36%.

The big difference was the cloud cover. During the first half of the match, the clouds were heavy and dark, almost like it wanted to rain again, but in the second half of the match, they transitioned to big, white, puffy cumulus clouds, that sorta thinned out, and caused the sun to play peek-a-boo with the targets. They were easier to range-find during the second half. The wind was fairly constant at between zero and 5 mph, mostly out of the south, to southwest.

The match did start out with a cold lane almost immediately, and wouldn't you know it, it was on Stanley's Lane! We had a second cold lane later, but at the other end of the firing line. With 10 shooters in attendance, we had a good turnout. Larry even showed up to harass the troops. He is good at that, but we just try to ignore him.....

48/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP – Great shooting!!
45/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP
44/48 – Tom Jados / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
44/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
44/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
42/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP
41/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP
40/48 – Scott Hunt / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP
36/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

DNF – Anthony Turchetta / Daystate Bluwolf / Hunter PCP – He was doing really good, too. But something happened to his gun that caused it to “break”. Looks like he will have to use one of his several dozen other guns next week.....if his roofers show up and finish the job at his house. Good help is so hard to find these days.....

Okay, this coming weekend is our monthly match at Mormon Lake. The reminder was sent out this past Saturday, and a post was placed on the Airgun Nation forum announcing the same. As stated there, please bring your rain gear to ward off the evil spirits. There is no covered firing line up there, like there is at BASF.....Sorry.

Respectfully submitted,
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There's power in looking silly and not caring that you do!