

TRAC match – April 14, 2026 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

Today was Tony's turn as match director, and we are never sure who we are going to get, or what kind of match we are going to be subjected to. Tony Torquemada, Tony the tormentor, Tony the Terminator, Tony the Torturer, who knows. Today was no different. We think he suffers from insomnia because by the time we get to the range, he already has it set up. Then instead of starting at normal time, he wants to start early. He seems to have this abundance of energy. Wish I had some of that, at times.....

Today's match actually looked.....normal, until you looked at KZ sizes. They were small, and they were out there. He claims he set it up based on about a 36 Troyer. The term "Aim small, hit small" was again prevalent today. The weather was even nicer than last week, albeit a bit cooler. It started out in the high 50's and only warmed to the upper 60's, with humidity in the mid-30% bracket. Almost too cool, but doable. Wind for the first half of the match was negligible, but picked up in the second half and didn't know which way it wanted to attack us. Yes, it did the typical BASF shuffle, from the north, then south, then east, then SW, it was all over the place and constantly shifting. Building up, then letting down, then shifting in intensity and direction.

One thing I haven't really addressed in any detail, is the "felt" wind under the canopy. It seems to compress and force its way under and through that opening, almost like a venturi. What appears to happen down range, is greater at the firing line, so we have several criteria to look at. Just something else to think about. The sun today was bright, but not brilliant, and again, no clouds anywhere. The past couple of days it was mostly cloudy, but why it picks Tuesdays to clear up is beyond me. The distant haze was still there.

We had 15 shooters today, but only 14 shot the match. Van sat on the sight in range and was working on his TX200. Didn't get much of a chance to interact with him. We had 6 other piston shooters and 7 precharged shooters plugging away at the targets.

In the precharged category...

40/48 – Anthony Turchetta / TM1000 / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

40/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Peykan Beyrami / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

35/48 – Scott Hunt / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP

32/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

30/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

28/48 – Hubert Serreyn / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

26/48 – Wayne Mauler / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

I believe most, if not all of these guys will have their piston guns in play for this coming weekends state piston championship.

In the piston category...

40/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

37/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston

36/48 – Erick Ajax / HW-97 / Hunter Piston

26/48 – Stanley Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

19/48 – Ben Spencer / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

18/48 – Larry Piercy / AA TX200 / Open Piston

DNS – Van Tucker / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

We are looking at a pretty good turnout for this weekend for the piston shoot. We will set up late on Friday afternoon in order to be ready for Saturday morning. We know we have shooters from AZ and CA coming, and all 3 categories will be represented; Open, Hunter, and WFTF. I, for one, am looking forward to it, so long as my knees cooperate.....LOL! See you then.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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When you plan for it, it is possible.

When you schedule it, and do it, It is REAL!

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