

TRAC match – August 20, 2024 – Larry Piercy, match director

I heard of a new term of endearment this past week. It is “GUNPA”. It is just like a regular grandpa, but more fun, and he has guns!

That was the case today, in that Scott Hunt brought his grandson, Henry, to the match. Henry seemed to have outshot Gunpa Scott today, but more on that later....

This morning started out feeling a bit more humid than recent matches. It was 41% which made the air temp of 91° feel even warmer.....and “sticky”. As the match went on the temp eventually rose to 97°, while the humidity dropped to 33%. Interesting how that works. And, although there was some cloud cover on the drive to the range, that all burned off to give us a clear, BRIGHT day of shooting. I am ready for autumn.....

NWS forecast, for this area, indicated 5 mph winds out of the southwest. HmMMM.....

At 0800 winds were 9 mph out of the southeast.

At 0830 winds were 7 mph out of the East Southeast

At 0900 winds were 7 mph out of the south

At 0930 winds were 12 mph out of the south southwest, and...

At 1000 winds were 10 mph out of the south southwest with gusts of 17 mph at one point.

The winds fluctuated in the single digits most of the match, came at us from varying directions, but were never quite.....calm.

Larry traded with me as match director for this week, seeing as he is not going to be here for the next several weeks, so he set a fairly challenging course that centered on the mid to far ranges. There was only one short target, set at 18 yards. Needless to say, the course set up, coupled with the wind conditions, coupled with the BRIGHTNESS (trying to range the targets) played games with the pellets directed downrange....

45/48 – Tony Turchetta / Theoben GSX 600 (pretty gun) / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 springer / Open Piston

39/48 – Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Van Tucker / Herr Ranger / Hunter PCP

37/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Tsar / Open PCP

32/48 – Henry Hunt / Gunpa’s BRK Sniper / Unlimited (Scott’s grandson)

24/48 – Scott Hunt / TX200 springer / Hunter Piston (Henry’s Gunpa)

Gotta give credit to Loren, who showed up this morning to help us set up, but due to conditions, decided not to press his luck with trying to

shoot. The heat (and probably dehydration) from last week, knocked him on his keister for a few days afterwards. He didn't want to do that again. The reason I have to give him credit is that he knows when to say "UNCLE" due to conditions. The rest of us are not that smart. We did have fun, and I am currently rehydrating as I write this little snippet.....with a Jack 'n lemonade. Don't give me any crap, I'm hydrating..... Just got the match report and score cards from this past weekend, so I will get that onto the website in the immediate future.....as I rehydrate. Not going to depart without giving credit once again to the PIT CREW! These guys are great as setting up and tearing down in the most dire of conditions....sorta. I also heard something else that perfectly describes this lingering summer heat...

.....and was attributed to William Shakespeare (doubtful)

"Shall I compare thee to a summers' day?.....Fine!....."

Thou art a sticky, uncomfortable mess, and thou goest on interminably.

Art thou happy, now?"

Next week is pistol / piston Tuesday. Dress accordingly. Bring fluids. Drink them!

Respectfully submitted.....and cooling down and feeling no pain.

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