

TRAC match – February 14, 2023 – “Valentine’s Day” – Wayne Mauler, match director.

Wow! What a difference a week can be. Last Tuesday it was cold and windy. This Tuesday, it is.....cold, and windy, and wet! Yeah, I know. Not much difference, but.....today was dull, and dreary, and dark, and damp.....and colder, it seemed. We had low, dark cloud cover. The wind was coming, as forecast, out of the south east at between 9 and 12 mph, with slight gusts of 16 to 18 mph. They weren’t much different, but they gradually built up. The good thing is, it was only one directional and somewhat predictable. The temps started out at 44° and only “warmed” to 46°, but it felt like it was getting colder with the wind. But this only lasted for the first 2 or 3 lanes.

Then it started to rain.... Well, not real rain, just like a heavy mist, with emphasis on the heavy. Okay, maybe a light rain. Take an individual raindrop and break it up into 8 pieces kind of raindrop. Basically, a heavy mist. Made it hard to see the targets, kind of thickness to it. It was wet. Get the picture? The humidity was in the upper 70% to low 80% range. If it is raining, isn’t that 100%? What do they do, measure the distance between raindrops?

And what were the 8 of us doing? We were shooting our damn bb guns in this. Why? Because we could! We could have been home attending to honey-do’s, or we could have been out camping.....ROFLMFAO!!! What a wonderfully miserable day, but we made the most of it. If it ain’t rainin’, you ain’t trainin’..... The name of the game today was wind hold-off, or more accurately, how much to hold off. In most cases, it turned out to be a lot! Barry stated that one of his misses was 5 mildots from where he was aiming. It just didn’t seem natural aiming that far out of the kill zone!

There were actually 9 of us today, but Wayne, the trooper that he is, came out to help set up and then snoozed in his truck. He even brought a pillow this week! Better here than home attending to honey-do’s!

Okay, so you have the weather pictured in your mind’s eye, now here’s the scores...

46/48 – Larry, shooting his Tsar and wearing an electrically heated vest. He was warm and toasty. Probably the only one who was.

45/48 – Van, who decided to skip work, borrow Barry’s Redwolf, (his is in the shop) and kept dropping pellets because his fingers were so numb, he couldn’t feel the pellets!

44/48 – Barry, who shot his Revere, and was tied with.....

44/48 – Scott, who shot his Brocock Sniper.

43/48 – Jesse, shot his Wolverine, and was tied with.....

43/48 – Todd, who got his FX400 back from the repair shop.

41/48 – Joe, who shot his vintage Huntsman.

35/48 – Mark, shooting his TX200 springer is last, but not least.

There were several notables missing, whose names you usually see here. We are not going to tell you the couple who decided to go camping, but you can guess....LOL

Note; we will not have a TRAC match for the next 2 weeks because of winter range cowboy action shoot, but we will have our monthly match this coming

Saturday. The weather report is forecast being in the mid-70's! Imagine that!

As I sit and type this, it is raining even heavier outside, and I am being warmed by a cup of hot chocolate, liberally laced with Bailey's. I might just go make another one!

Happy Valentine's Day! Anyone actually know who "Valentine" is?

Respectfully, and still trying to warm up, submitted,

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