

TRAC match – January 6, 2026 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Yes, boys and girls, it is January, as in 2026, and while the rest of the country seems to be freezing their catuckasses off, we get to play in these damn near balmy conditions. Let's face it, it is not gonna last forever, and old man winter is going to nail us at some point, but I, for one, am going to take advantage of this for as long as I can. We started out at 52° and 71% humidity and by the end of the match, it was 61° and 59% humidity. It was sunny, but did have partly/mostly cloudy of those high wispy things (cirrus....? Not that you care or anything). And most welcome was that the BASF wind machine was basically turned off today. Oh, there was a little bit. NWS says 8 mph at one point, but otherwise NOTHING!

As noted above, Wayne had the honor of being the first MD of 2026, and between him and the pit crew, set up a very nice course. Along those lines, the BASF gremlins did make sure that no one shot a perfect score today. It was either that or the remnants of the eggnog from New Years being polished off may have had something to do with that. Either way, the 13 of us that did show up, and do battle with the steel invader critter thingies had a good time today. We had our usual 6 lane set up, with a nice mix of KZ and distances from 11 out to 55 yards. Fun stuff.....

47/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

47/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

47/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Uragan 3 (another new gun?) / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 (#2) / Open Piston, and tied with....

45/48 – Barry Diehl / Uragan / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

45/48 – Ed Brockway (back from the frozen north) / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Grand Prix / Open PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston, and tied with....

44/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper (another new gun) / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Bill Cole / AA S510 / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Wayne Mauler / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

33/48 – Erick Ajax / HW97 / Hunter Piston

32/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

I must admit that going over the scorecards to verify numbers, there appears to be a few budding artists recording scores. Some are quite comical! Smiley faces, to frowning faces, to snowmen.... Doodling, but

certainly not boredom. Put another way, you can always set the alarm clock and come out and join us and enjoy this weather.....hint, hint, hint.

Also, I have “almost” everybody’s response to 2026 dues renewals. Once I have everyone’s desires known, I can laminate the new cards all at one time....Please? Either way, I will have them laminated and handed out within the next two weeks.

Okay, now I gotta play bad guy. Every now and again, we get shooters who are so excited to come out and play during the week, like today, that they forget to sign the waiver (required by BASF) and forget to pay for the match.....like today. We still have to account for everyone on site and pay the range fees for them.....like today. BASF does spot check from time to time.....but not today. A suggestion is to get into a routine of when you first get to the range, #1 – sign in and pay the match fee, #2 – then fill out your score card (complete) info, #3 – then get your equipment squared away and head for the sight in range. It just makes the match directors job that much easier. The pit crew does a marvelous job of getting there early and setting up, then tearing down afterwards, and are to be commended. When the remainder of the shooters trickle in, please take the time to help us take care of the needed paperwork. ‘Nuff said and thank you in advance.

Next week is Tony (Torquemada) Turchetta’s turn with his infamous torture tournament.....although he is lightening up on this.....somewhat. He does set up a challenging course, so come out and take advantage of his efforts. He does a good job and appreciates all the verbal abuse directed at him. Besides, he is such a lovable character anyway....

Larry Piercy also announced that our monthly match on Saturday, January 17 will be the Founder’s Cup match. I have no idea what he has planned for that, but the traveling trophy is being contested and is up for grabs to the match high scorer.

Other than hoping that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years celebration, there seems to be nothing more to report at this time. We did lose another member this past year, but cherish their memory, and enjoy the friendship and fellowship of all of our members every time we get together to play these wonderfully silly pellet gun games.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Kauffman  
Secretary, Airgunners of Arizona, Inc.

*.....with the new year upon us, I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise more.....  
....but that was 4 hours ago, when I was younger and full of hope!*