

TRAC match – March 12, 2024 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

We experienced yet another glorious day of attempting to thin the hoard of pesky steel critters, which continue to weekly invade the pistol silhouette range, by our noble vanguard of pellet launching air gunners.

That is another way of saying that we came, we shot the living \$%!& out of the targets scattered downrange, then bitched and whined ad nauseum about the misses, gathered them up afterwards, and then left. How badly were they shot up, you ask? Let's just say that Jesse had to take ALL of them home in order to be repainted. Yeah, that bad!

It was a beautiful day to shoot, though! The skies were blue with BRIGHT sunshine and high altitude, thin, wispy clouds scattered here and there. Temps ranged from 55° up to 66° with humidity levels at about 40%. The winds were light and variable, between 5 and 7 mph on average, coming out of the east and gradually working their way around to the SSW by the end of the match. I include the weather report each week for those who want to learn the wind patterns at BASF and also because it irks the daylighters out of Larry for having to read a weather report. We also set a new attendance record today. We had 17 competitors on hand to blast the crap out of the aforementioned metal marauders. And blast them, we did!

In open piston class;

35/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200

31/48 – Larry Piercy / Diana 56TH (that stands for thumb hole)

In hunter piston class;

39/48 – Tony Pellegrino / TX200

33/48 – Terry Markham / TX200

27/48 – Wayne Mauler / TX200

24/48 – Anthony Turchetta / TX200

15/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / HW97

In hunter PCP class;

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere

43/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger

42/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Red Wolf

41/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper

40/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere

36/48 – Brian Esler / RAW TM1000

34/48 – Barbara Pellegrino / BRK Ghost – shooting standing, kneeling, and bucket randomly

34/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine

26/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere

DNF – Beverly / RAW TM1000 with a severely leaking air tube that prevented her from finishing, after cleaning her first lane!

With Tony, the tormentor, Turchetta as match director, the course was our usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / shoot through twice / 48 shots. Tony is known for his challenging courses and once again, he did not disappoint. Today, there was nothing set under 25 yards. He claims the Troyer difficulty factor was in the "moderate" range. Yeah, right! Compare the scores to make a determination on that statement. We still had a good time.

Now for the good news / bad news section of this dialog....

Good news; This coming Saturday is the first annual "Spring Fling" spring piston state championship. We will set the course early on Friday afternoon, followed by a sight in session for anyone needing additional practice. Saturday morning, we will open up for late registration/check

in starting at 8:00, followed by sight in until 9:45 at which time we will have a shooter's meeting and lane assignments. Match will start at 10:00 and will be 52 shots.

Bad news; We will not have Tuesday TRAC matches for the next 2 weeks due to EXPO, this time. So, the next TRAC match will be Tuesday, April 2. It always seems to be something..... Not to worry, we will remind you prior to the next date.

That's it for this week's episode of "Where'd that f@#%\$&g pellet go?" See you Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,

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