

TRAC match – October 24, 2023 – Mark Kauffman, match director stand-in

This weather is really getting nice! Today, the sun rose during the drive to the range and showed the hot air balloons hanging in the sky and enjoying that first glimpse of the sun peeking over the horizon. The sky was a medium blue with scattered, puffy clouds. Temps rose from 72° up to 75° with humidity in about the 40% range and the winds were from the east to southeast on a clockwise rotation between 0 and 6 mph. Very doable, very mild, and totally enjoyable.

11 shooters today for pistol / piston Tuesday. With conditions being so nice, I decided to throw in a Monkeywrench, and something a bit different. Some would call it devious, but I call it just different. We shot the first half of the course as we normally would. The second half we shot standing! This is where things got interesting and where I got some great material for a match report.....heh, heh, heh.....!

In the puffer gun category.....

45/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his FX Dreamline. Oh, but wait! His first lane (standing) of the second half, he started to complain about his back and his legs, and he couldn't do this or he would be taken out by ambulance, or some such nonsense.....Jeeeee! So, he shot the rest of the match on his bucket.

38/48 – Van Tucker, shooting his Daystate Air Ranger shot the entire match standing! He put on a clinic with the way he shoots while standing on his own hind legs. Great shooting!

37/48 – Tony Pellegrino, shooting his Daystate Huntsman. Half of the match on his bucket and the other half standing. Another great display, and walking with just a compression sock on his new ankle!

29/48 – Barbara Pellegrino, shooting her Daystate Revere. She shot half the match kneeling and the other half standing. That is not easy to do, either. Another great display.....and tied with....

29/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Wolverine, and waiting for his springer to be repaired. Half bucket and half standing.

In the pistol category, we had 2 shooters.....

42/48 – Tony Turchetta, shooting his HW44 pistol, showed everyone how it is done. He shot the entire match from his bucket.

25/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Brocock Atomic.

In the piston category, we had 4 shooters....

31/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his TX200, and realizing just how much work is needed to shoot standing. Half in open position, and half standing.

28/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, shooting his HW77, and clearly NOT happy with Mark's decision to shoot standing.

25/48 – Bill Cole, shooting his HW77 springer.

22/48 – Loren Braud, shooting his brand new HW77 for the first time.

Wayne should be back in town by the time you read this, or tonight sometime. Larry back on the road again, but hopefully back soon.

For those of you desiring to shoot the state match, I will bring registration sheets (hard copies) with me next Tuesday for those who don't have a printer at home.

Next Tuesday is also Halloween, and I have a special treat (or trick) for those who attend the match. It should be fun. I even have some legitimate prizes.

On a more serious note, I did hear from Mike Smith that he is back in the hospital again this morning. He has had more than his fair share of health concerns, and I ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers. It is not fair what he is going through, but he is a trooper. We may tease him relentlessly, but he is one of the good guys. We miss his good-natured sarcasm, which he excels at.

With nothing more to report at this time, I shall sign off.....and then go take a nap.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman,

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