

TRAC match – June 23, 2026 – Mark Kauffman, match director

I get the feeling there is a new guy/gal working for the NWS and playing a game called, “Cover you’re a\$\$”. Why? The weather forecast for today was “mild” winds in the morning, 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Somebody clearly is guessing.....

During sight in this morning, it was quite pleasant, with calm winds. At the start of the match, they were still fairly calm, but out of the west. Then they shifted to the north, then northwest. Pretty soon, they shifted to the south, then SE. By the end of the match, they had hit darn near every compass point and fluctuated between Zero (infrequent) to about 9 mph. Add to that, the BASF swirl factor, and we were just about fit to be tied. It wasn’t obvious unless you looked for it; it was subtle. Otherwise, it was a lovely day; sunny without a cloud in the sky. The sun was bright but not blindingly bright. Temps ranged from 91° up to 97° with humidity in the upper teens.that’s doable.

I am covering for Larry today.....again. He is on the mend, but I have not heard from him, so I am just assuming. We had 7 shooters today. I guess the heat is causing some to stay indoors. Wayne was not feeling well and thus absent. Otherwise, those of us in attendance were separated into 3 classes. Three puffergunners, who all claimed they forgot it was pistol /piston day, three piston shooters and one pistol shooter.

The puffergunners.....

48/48 – Scott Hunt / Daystate Redwolf...not his springer / Hunter PCP

47/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere...not his springer / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost...not his springer / Hunter PCP

The pistol shooter....

24/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol

The piston shooters....

47/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter piston

46/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

34/48 – Bill Cole / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

I have noticed a particular phenomenon.....When shooting at larger kill zone targets (1 ½”) at reasonable distances, all the shots seem to be

congregated in the center of the kill zone. When shooting at smaller kill zone targets (3/4" to 1") at the same distances, the face plates take a beating.....Hmmmmm.....

Next Tuesday will be the 5th Tuesday of the month and Jesse will be the match director. He has taken over the 5th Tuesday to replace Joe, who is tied up at home. We do miss him. Anyway, he has some interesting ideas of how he wants it set up. Come out and support him.

Other than that, nothing else to report. I will bid you adieu!

Respectfully submitted,
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Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive!
Mike Smith