

TRAC match – June 20, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director (hobbled)

Yeah, you read that correctly. Wayne has a boot/brace contraption on his right foot (the same as Jesse did, just not the same one) to stabilize his foot/ankle for now. He also had his wife, Sue, acting as chauffer, and to keep him from doing something foolish. Gotta thank Scott Hunt for getting there early and loading the targets, blocks, etc. in his vehicle and hauling back and forth from the container to the range. Of course, the rest of the crew gets there early to help set the course and tear down afterwards. We pride ourselves in having a finely oiled machine. Now if we could just figure out how to turn off the wind during the match....

We had 13 guys show up to do battle with the steel critters today, and Stanley even brought along a friend of his to shoot. It was Patrick's very first FT match, and he shot well! Here's the scores....

47/48 – Tony Turchetta – top gun again, shooting his “Bluewolf” (I have to check his score card 'cause he shoots a different gun each week, it seems.)

46/48 – Mike “2-bagger” Smith shot his Thomas (you are wondering where he got that nickname, aren't you?)

44/48 – Stephen Kountz shot his Daystate Wolverine, and was tied with....

44/48 – Bill Cole, who shot his Huntsman. I told you to watch this guy. He knows how to shoot!

43/48 – Scott Hunt, minus grandson, Henry, shot his Brocock Sniper

42/48 – Mark Kauffman, shot his TX200 TL#2 (backup) springer, and tied with....

42/48 – Patrick Hayes, who shot a “bluewolf” for his very first match, and tied with....

42/48 – Van Tucker, shooting his Daystate Air Ranger, and tied with....

42/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his FX Dreamline (42 is a popular score)

40/48 – Jesse Avery, shot his Daystate Red Wolf, followed by....

39/48 – Wayne “the gimp” Mauler shooting his Thomas and sporting a boot!

37/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Air Ranger and healed from his scorpion sting.

27/48 – Eric Halquist, shooting his Brocock Bantam

The course today was set a bit ambitiously, with 3 lanes having doable targets and the other 3 lanes set on the long side. For instance, a ½” KZ at 20 yards is a 40 Troyer. A 1” kz at 38 yards is a 38 Troyer. Anything over a 30 Troyer is considered “hard” and anything over 40 is considered “expert”. That worked out fine today because the weather was quite nice the first half. The second half, almost on cue, got a bit windier.

The first half, the wind was anywhere from 0 to 7 mph and coming out of the southwest and fluctuating in that quadrant. The second half, it picked up to between 7 and 12 mph, with direction shifting from the north, all the way around to the SSE and doing a bit of “fishtailing”. I think that is where most of the misses came from. Set up for one direction, press the trigger, and the wind has already shifted. I know that is where my misses came from. It is all fun. Irritating, but fun.

The sky, once again, was clear and cloudless, with some distant haze. Temps ranged from 84° to 91° with the humidity in the mid 20’s%. the sun was squintingly bright. That is probably just a step or two before blindingly bright. Thank goodness we have the shade canopy over our heads.

And in case you are wondering, I am still collecting data from this past Saturday’s match at Mormon Lake. That match report will get posted when I can put everything together, onto the website, then posted. Barry and Van did a great job running that match in Larry’s and Wayne’s absence.

Next week is the 4th Tuesday. It is pistol / piston day. If you only have a pcp, puffer gun, you can shoot that. You’ll just hear about it.....LOL

The following Tuesday will be the Fourth of July; Independence Day. We will have a shoot! If you are not working that day (and you know who you are), c’mon out and shoot. Here’s a thought, if you want to shoot, email me and if we have a sizable group willing, we will arrange to have a full course set up to make it worth your while. Besides, the only other thing you would do is sleep in! Wear you most patriotic attire, and come out and be counted.....and have fun! Give it some thought.....

Respectfully submitted,

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