

TRAC match – April 16, 2024 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Yes, it is my turn this week to be MD. I was MD the first week of April, covering for Wayne, and I will be MD next week covering for Larry. Doesn't matter, we have fun regardless.

Compared to last week, today was wonderful. Pale blue skies, scattered high, wispy clouds, comfortable temps and “reasonably” light winds.

Temps ranged from 67° up to 75° with the humidity averaging in the mid-20% area. Winds were primarily out of the north, but like last week, shifted back and forth between NE to NW, and from zero up to 9 mph, with gusts as high as 12 mph. Not too bad, but still annoying, especially when it was YOUR turn to shoot.

We had 12 guys today. 11 shot the match, while one was working on his gun set up. Scores were indicative of conditions.....

44/48 – Tony Turchetta / Steyr LG110 puffer gun du jour, and tied with....

44/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere

43/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger

42/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere, and tied with....

42/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper

41/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf

40/48 – Peykan Beyrami / Thomas

39/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 TL#2 springer, and tied with....

39/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere, and tied with....

39/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate vintage Huntsman

35/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine

Only a 9-point spread top to bottom, so it was tight, and with the weather getting nicer, we were down to tee shirts by the end of the match. Spring is here!

Okay, this coming Saturday is the monthly 48-shot match starting at 10:00 on the pistol silhouette range at BASF. Reminder went out this past Friday. Next Tuesday is pistol / piston day. With 16 piston shooters at last month's Springer state shoot, it was a good showing for piston shooters. Likewise, there were 18 piston shooters at the Cajun Spring Classic this past weekend in Baton Rouge, LA. Springers are finally starting to make a comeback! About time!!

With Mike's passing last Thursday, today's match seemed to be a bit more somber. According to his daughter, Chelsie, he did not want a funeral. Instead, he wanted a party to remember him by. Sort of a “celebration of life”. Chelsie said that when all the dust settles, she will have a party at her new home for all of Mike's buddies, with his favorite foods, etc. When I learn more, I will pass that information along. One way or another, Mike

had an impact on a lot of folks' lives. He was a character and will be remembered as such. You may want to remember / recollect / relate your favorite "Mike" story, as I am sure there will be many.....

We sure are gonna miss you, buddy!

Respectfully submitted,

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