

TRAC match – August 27, 2024 – Mark Kauffman, match director  
Today was pistol / piston Tuesday, and I switched with Larry as MD for the day, due to a prior commitment which prevented him from being here. And what a day it was! This was just about as perfect shooting conditions as we could possibly have asked for! I check the NWS forecast prior to the match to know how to plan for it. We were supposed to have 5 – 10 mph winds out of the NE, shifting around to the SW later....

**THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN!**

We had temps that ranged from 90° up to 94°, humidity as low as 12% and as high as 30%. I have no idea why that much fluctuation. It was like a see-saw. But, the wind..... the wind was darn near dead calm the entire match! It started at 8 mph out of the NE for a very brief period, then..... NOTHING! Toward the end of the match it was 2 – 3 mph out of the SW, but that's it!

The sky was clear and blue, with scattered big puffy clouds that hung in the air and shaded the sun, somewhat. Obviously, the wind in the upper atmosphere was not moving, so it wasn't moving on the ground either. That's rare! We took advantage of that and just shot.

We set the targets in the mid to far range, with the closest being about 15 yards. Planning for wind, the targets were set to take advantage of, and be challenging, based on the forecast. With no wind, these were ideal conditions for both pistols and piston guns.

We had 11 shooters competing today; One PCP shooter, 3 pistol shooters, and the remainder piston shooters.

In the PCP category;

34/48 – Van (Gogh) Tucker / Herr Ranger / Hunter PCP **STANDING!** Yes, Van shot the entire match offhand. Great shooting!

In the Pistol category;

46/48 – Wayne Mauler / FX Ranchero / Hunter pistol (personal best) – **AMAZING!**

34/48 – Barry Diehl / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol

23/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol (personal best)

In the Piston category;

48/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 TL1 / Open piston

47/48 – Tony Pellegrino / TX200 / Hunter piston

39/48 – Bill Cole / Diana 54 / Hunter piston

37/48 – Scott Hunt / TX200 / Hunter piston (personal best)

35/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

30/48 – Stan Mountford / TX200 / Hunter piston/unlimited (he used a rangefinder, as he was still setting up his scope)

29/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / HW97 / Hunter piston

We started at 8:00 am and the last shooter finished at 10:10 am. By 10:15 am, the targets / blocks / clamps / strings were collected and loaded on the truck! FIVE MINUTES! The pit crew outdid themselves. These guys are great and the most fun bunch of shooters that I have had the privilege to shoot with. Tease and torment each other to no end. Thank You.

Next week is.....SEPTEMBER! Summer is almost over and we should be able to start looking at milder temps and leave the stifling heat behind. This is why we live in Arizona. See you then....

Respectfully submitted,

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