

TRAC match – November 28, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director



Remember last week's match report? Good! Today wasn't much different. The sky was heavily clouded and only started breaking up towards the end of the match. Today, however, the wind never stopped. It blew, it buffeted, it pushed us this way and that. It came at us primarily out of the NNE anywhere from 10 to 14 mph, as measured by Bill's windmeter on site. It gusted to 18 mph at times, as well, but it never stopped blowing!! Last week, at least it let up towards the end of the match. Not today. Most of the time we were doing vertical drive-by's on the target, and.....it was pistol / piston day!

With the wind doing its' thing, the temps were cooler, too, ranging from 59° up to almost 70° with a humidity level around 30%, and with a lack of sunshine, the day appeared sorta.....dull. This is more like March, kite-flying weather.

We had 10 shooters today and one visitor. He was from Denmark and wanted to see what we were doing. I think he was a friend of Tony's. He was incredulous upon learning we were actually going to shoot in this wind!

We were split up with 5 pistol shooters, 3 piston shooters, and 2 puffer-gunners.

In the pistol category.....

34/48 – Anthony Turchetta was shooting his HW44

29/48 – Wayne Mauler was shooting his FX Ranchero

21/48 – Van Tucker was shooting his Brocock Atomic, and tied with....

21/48 – Loren Braud, who was shooting his HW44

19/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Brocock Atomic

I did mention it was windy, right?

In the piston category.....

41/48 – Mark Kauffman shooting his TX200

33/48 – Joe Pruzinsky shooting his HW97, and tied with....

33/48 – Bill Cole shooting his AA Pro Sport

In the puffergun (PCP) category.....

44/48 – Mark Piritte, from Reno, NV, who was shooting Tony's Steyr LG110 for his first time shooting. He is another friend of Tony.

34/48 – Jesse Avery shooting his Daystate Wolverine.

Set up and tear down took next to no time, as usual, thanks to everyone pitching in. The guys operate like a well-oiled pit crew.

A few more members renewed their dues for 2024.

We are meeting one half hour later (0800) but more than a few seemed to still show up early anyway. With no more shooters showing up, we started at 0845 today.

From here on, you may want to check the NWS for the weather report so you know how to dress.....and what extra to bring with you.....LOL

I can tell you that after being blown around by the wind, followed by a bowl of chili at Wild Horse West, I was ready for a nap by the time I got home.

Nothing more to report, so I am going to sign off. I will however send out the match notice for CASA's state shoot in January, but under separate cover. A number of guys were interested in that, so I will send it to all....just in case.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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