

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



WOW! What a glorious day! After last week's arctic plunge, today was absolutely beautiful. We had a cloudless, bright blue sky, temps that ranged from 48° up to 55° with humidity averaging in the mid-40% range. The wind? Try light breeze was between zero and barely 5 mph and primarily out of the north. It was about as perfect as it could possibly be for this time of year.

And guess what? We had 14 guys show up to enjoy this phenomenal weather. One of them, Mervyn, was a friend of Tony Pellegrino, and shooting with us for the first time.

We had our usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / shoot thru twice affair with only one of those lanes having somewhat of a gimme set of targets. Could have / should have designated it an offhand lane, but after we started shooting, well, what the heck.....we left it alone.

With 6 lanes and 14 shooters, we had two squads of 3 competitors. No problem; we moved thru the course pretty good and only had one hiccup; Larry's gun sprung a leak. Air leak, that is. He was going to back out, but ended up sharing a gun with the match director (that would be me!)

Good scores today, as well....but no clean scores;

47/48 – Van Tucker, shooting his Daystate Air Ranger only missed one shot, and was tied with....

47/48 – Tony Pellegrino, shooting his Daystate Huntsman, also missed only one shot

46/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his TX200 springer, and tied with....

46/48 – Bill Cole, shooting his Air Arms 510, and tied with....

46/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his Daystate Huntsman

45/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, shooting his vintage Daystate Huntsman, and tied with....

45/48 – Wayne Mauler, shooting his Thomas, and tied with....

45/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Redwolf

43/48 – Larry Piercy, shooting Mark's TX200 springer....and wishing it were his, and tied with....

43/48 – Anthony Turchetta, shooting his Impact Air GSX200 (?)

42/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Daystate Huntsman

41/48 – Terry Markham, shooting his tiny little Thomas (looks like a derringer with a huge scope on it)

38/48 – Loren Braud, shooting his HW77 springer (at under 12 fpe)

34/48 – Mervyn shot his first FT match with us by sharing Tony's Daystate Huntsman

Everybody was shooting so well in these windless conditions that when there was a miss, all you could hear was a few polite euphemisms, followed by laughter from the peanut gallery. This just added to the hilarity of the situation. Hey, we were having fun, mainly by not freezing our toockus's off!

And guess what else? We get to do this again this coming Saturday for our first monthly match of the New Year. It is also going to be our Founder's Cup match.

Look around the country at the various weather reports of freezing, snowing, heavy rain, blowing wind, and related nasty winter weather and you can understand why we live here. Where else can you shoot year-round?

Where? No, you can't. They don't shoot FT there. I just talked to Bill Corder over the weekend. He says to say hi to everyone, and also that it was in the teens in Florida. His skinny lizard backside was freezing, but he sounded in good spirits. Talked to Mike as well. He has been home for almost a full week, but is down to 130 lbs and really missed his burgers from Wild Horse West.

We still hope for the best for him. He can be a royal PITA, at times, but we still miss his constant harassment.

With nothing more to report, see you guys on Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,

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