

TRAC match – August 15, 2023 – Mark Kauffman, match director

The NWS called for a 40% chance of rain. What did we get? Scattered clouds, with more clouds moving in due to the WIND. Yes, boys and girls, the wind machine was working today! The wind was anywhere from 10 to 17 mph out of the East to SE and gusting from 17 to 20+ mph. Fun stuff, and that is not meant sarcastically. Why do I say that? Because when you “guess” (as in SWAG) the hold off, place your cross hairs on the target accordingly, and press the shot, AND your target drops, there is sooooo much satisfaction involved that you just can't stand yourself.

Yeah, more so for some, but not all, at least not all the time. I was seriously hoping for rain, but we had scattered clouds that increased during the match. It was sunny, but hazy and the temps were 93° up to 99° with humidity about 30%. Not bad, but the wind machine was well oiled today, with the gusts coming about mid-match. It had fun knocking the orange lane marker cones all over the place.

We had 8 guys today shooting a variety of hardware and only one springer....me!

47/48 – Barry Diehl shot his Daystate Revere and didn't seem to have a problem at all with the wind.

45/48 – Tony Turchetta, likewise didn't seem to have a problem with the wind, only sweat, while shooting his FX Crown Bee (good looking rifle)

44/48 – Jesse Avery (my shooting partner for the day) was on fire shooting his (new) Daystate Wolverine. He was very quietly having fun!

39/48 – Bill Cole, back from eyeball surgery, shot his Daystate Huntsman

38/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, who told me, in no uncertain terms, what I could do with these Airguns, shot his Daystate Huntsman.....it was with a smile, though.

37/48 – Stanley Mountford, shot his Daystate Redwolf

33/48 – Mark Kauffman, shot his TX200 springer, and holding anywhere from .5 to 3.5 mildots off the killzone to hit the target at <12 fpe, but still having fun.

28/48 – Eric Halquist, shooting his Brocock Bantam

What the heck, we all had a good time! We also had visitors! Larry Piercy stopped by on his way up to Utah, and had Robert Buchanan in tow. They were

only on site for about 10 minutes, but stopped by just to prove they were still alive and to watch the action at the end of the match. The fun part? Nobody missed a shot while they were here! How's that for showing off for a bunch of old farts?

This coming Saturday is the monthly match at Mormon Lake with Barry and Van as match directors, seeing as Larry is going to be in Utah, and Wayne is not yet back from vacation. If you plan on shooting, take your rain gear just in case.

Next week is pistol /piston Tuesday. Wayne will be back, but I will be gone. Hey, these things happen and I gotta keep momma happy or ain't nobody happy.

Respectfully submitted,

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