

TRAC match – July 7, 2026 – Wayne Mauler, match director

It was a little warmer today.....STRIKE THAT.....It is starting to get **HOT**! Today's temps ranged from 97° to 100° and was 104° when we were leaving the range. Humidity hovered in the high teens.....and it is gonna get worse. As I write this, it is currently 111°. Ever notice how the heat tends to suck the energy right out of you? Today was one of those days. However, we are grateful for that shade covering, otherwise we would be really baking.

Today's sky was once again, clear and cloudless, but the haze has increased and it didn't "seem" as if it was as bright. Oh, it was plenty bright, just not that blistering, brilliant white that burns your eyeballs.....or maybe we are just getting used to it... Winds today are what the NWS calls "light and variable". Yep! That they were, variable in that they were everywhere. Made for a fun shoot with no clean scores, also. These phantom winds were from 3 to 8 mph and coming from multiple directions. During your shot prep, it is coming from one direction, then as you break the trigger, you find out it has shifted....again. You knew it from the grunts and groans up and down the shooting line.

We had 10 shooters today doing battle with our hoard of steel critters. They were set in the usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / blah-blah-blah/ 48-shot match. You know the drill. Here are the scores...

47/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP
46/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
46/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 springer / Open Piston
45/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
45/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
45/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
43/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP
42/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
38/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP

Scores were not bad, ranging from 98% down to 79% for this challenging little course. Next week is normally Anthony Turchetta's turn as match director, but with the roofers taking their good ole' time working on his

house, he won't be there. Dodged that bullet.... Not sure who will take over, but one of us will step up. Larry threatened to show up as well. Not to shoot, just to harass! For those who didn't know, he took a backwards tumble in the recent past and managed to break his shoulder. I wouldn't wish that on anyone. He is on the mend, just can't shoot for a while yet. Bee-itch and complain; yes. Shoot; no.

This coming weekend is Martin Martin's (M²) EBR styled match up in Williams, AZ. The following weekend is our monthly match at Mormon Lake....minus the bowhunters. Apparently, one of our members stopped in at the site after they departed, and found they left it somewhat of a mess. We can pride ourselves with being good stewards of the land....regardless of where it is.....that we take care of whatever property we shoot on. Maybe because we are more responsible and mature.

Nothing else to report just now. Reminder for our match will go out the week prior via email.

Respectfully submitted,
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You grow up the day you have your first real laugh.....at yourself!