

TRAC match – June 11, 2024 – Tony Turchetta, match director

Well, summer is obviously here; it was a tad warm today, and will continue to be this way for a while, but with the cover overhead, it is tolerable and just something else to take into account when shooting these pesky little steel varmints week-after-week.

The day started out with a blue sky that was tinged with some high overcast / haze, that burned off to a beautiful brilliant blue. As stated, it is warming earlier; 86° at the start of the match and warming to 93°, with humidity in the mid-teens. That dryness makes the heat more acceptable.

Winds today were interesting in that they were light; 5 to 6 mph and anywhere from the SSE to the SSW. What made them interesting was the intensity; they would build abruptly and die down, only to do it again and continue for the entire match. Not quite a gust, but damn close, and shifting back and forth. This made Tony's 32 Troyer (difficulty rating) that much more challenging, but fun.

This set of factors somehow did not dissuade our resident "youngster" from once again taking top honors. An interesting item to note was that Van's father-in-law dropped in to watch the proceedings, possibly to verify these lofty scores, week-after-week, and possibly at the prodding of Van's wife? I can almost imagine that conversation;".....no, seriously, honey, I won AGAIN this week....."

47/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP....Van, you realize it is going to be extremely difficult to justify, to your wife, the purchase of ANY future gun at this point....."What do you need another gun for? This one shoots just fine!"

45/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

45/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Daystate Bluewolf / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP

39/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP.....*and to think that he asked to release a shot into the dirt, hit it on the first try, and wanted extra credit for it....*

38/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

32/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 TL#2 / Open Piston

31/48 – Pat Hayes / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

29/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

There was some concern over one target that was not acting properly. After the match, the target was examined to determine how it was “sticking”. The adjustment screw was loose, the spring assists were off the backers, the target was in need of lubrication, and the springs were coated with paint overspray. Being that this is an older target, it will be taken apart, cleaned up, springs replaced, lubed and put back together. Are we going to give those shooters extra points for this? Hell NO! Only one person shooting today had no problem with it. Everyone else “missed” it at least once. Besides, watching Van gleefully doing handsprings, would be too much to bear. His head is swelled enough. Out of concern for his well-being, we don’t want to see it explode.....LOL. Besides, the obvious disdain exhibited by his notation on his score card just smacks of “sour grapes”. (*Can you tell that I am having fun with this.....at his expense? LOL*)

One thing that you will find that is readily apparent is that we enjoy shooting with each other.....and poking fun at each other. We take no prisoners, but we wouldn’t trade this bunch of guys with anyone! We ARE Airgunners of Arizona!

This Saturday is our first match of the season at Mormon Lake. We checked and found that fire restrictions won’t go into place until next week. That being said, if you go to the shoot, enjoy, and have fun, but DON’T BURN THE PLACE DOWN!

Respectfully (sorta) submitted,

Mark Kauffman