TRAC match – October 6, 2026 – Wayne Mauler, match director.

Unusual day today; the range was closed to the general public (BASF staff meetings) and only those with a reservation were permitted to enter. I had gotten an email from BASF advising this and also given the gate code. Got there earlier than usual (before 7:00), and all 9 of our shooters entered before 7:30. While sitting on the gate waiting for our guys to show, there were a LOT of others looking to shoot that could not enter. Maybe I should say there were a LOT of pissed off people who drove a distance to get there without knowing they couldn't shoot. Mercifully, it wasn't directed at me! I am glad we make reservations well in advance.

Anyway, it turned out to be a beautiful day; sunny with only scattered clouds. Temps ranged from 82° to 90° and humidity from 42% dropping to 32%. The wind was a different story. It was reported (NWS) at 8 mph for most of the match, dropping to 5 mph at the very end, but felt higher than that. It also came at us initially from the North to NE, and moved around to an easterly direction until finishing (for us) out of the SE. There were brief periods of gusting, but was otherwise predictable, and for the most part, we worked around that and had a great shoot.

46/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP – nothing seems to affect this guy!
45/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
43/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP
41/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
38/48 – Wayne Mauler / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP
36/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP
36/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston
34/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP
34/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM 1000 / Freestyle PCP – Yeah, I finally got around to trying the bucket and sticks method of shooting. It is stable aiming, and my knees don't hurt so much, but…….

With everyone getting there early, we were finished with warmup and ready to go by 8:15, and finished shooting, targets picked up, and stored away in the Conex by 10:15 !!! And this was shooting 6 lanes / 2 targets per / twice thru the course / 48-shot match. Jeez, these guys shot fast today.

Next week is Anthony Turchetta's turn as M/D, so come prepared for anything. With it being October, and the weather/temps getting nicer, for the most part, this pattern may continue until next June, or so. Looking ahead at next week, it appears we might get some more rain over the weekend and into early next week. Yes, I look at this stuff and try to look out for you guys and keep you informed. Keep your fingers crossed…..

Respectfully submitted,
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I think I have discovered the meaning of life,
You just hang around long enough until you get used to it.