

TRAC match – February 11, 2025 – Tony Turchetta, match director

It is the second Tuesday of the month and, yes, it is Tony the Torturer's turn to torment us with his infamous torture tournament, which today, turned out rather....."EGAD!".....tame!

.....**What???**

Yes, Tony must have taken his nice pills today and set up a normal course of fire. He stated that he planned on having all targets between a 30 and a 36 Troyer difficulty factor. What has gotten into him? Granted, 20 of the 48 shots were beyond 45 yards, with one target set at almost 56 yards, but.....that is not normal for him. Alas, read on purveyors of the pellet.....

With the heavy cloud cover, we still had a nice sunrise. Oranges and pinks from the eastern horizon. Several hot air balloons were up and floating in anticipation of the sunrise. Forecast winds out of the east at 5 – 10 mph.....didn't happen. It was dang near calm, albeit a gentle breeze drifting about, mostly out of the north. The cloud cover obliterated the sun for the first half hour of the match, creating a rather dull and dreary visual. The clouds gradually thinned out, but never really moved out, however the sky did brighten for the remainder of the match. The wind appeared to have slept in this morning as it was between zilch and 3 mph and slipped in from various directions. The alarm clock must have gone off abruptly because the last half hour of our shoot the wind increased dramatically to a buffeting 10 mph and came at us primarily out of the south, complete with the usual BASF fishtailing.

This nicely set up course, along with the cloudy conditions and then the wind at the end made for a very nice, challenging course of fire. Good job, Tony!

We had 14 shooters on hand today to do battle, once again, with the steel beasts, while utilizing our usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / you know the drill. The air temps were somewhat coolish at between 52° to 61° and humidity around 30%. No numb fingers today, but layered outerwear was present. Hey, it may not be spring quite yet, but we are moving in that direction.

Scores were rather good as well, with one particular stand out.....

Our fearless match director cleaned his own course!

48/48 – Tony Turchetta / Steyr LG110 / Hunter PCP – Great shooting!

45/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 / Open PCP and tied with....

Larry Piercy / Daystate Tsar / Open PCP

44/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Erick Ajax / Daystate Red Wolf / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Rick Eaton / Steyr LG110 / Hunter PCP

37/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Huntsman / Hunter PCP

33/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

Upon completion of the match and acknowledgement of scores, Jesse Avery presented Tony with the AZ perfect score “Clean Sweep” pin, which Tony is proudly displaying on his hat and a big smile on his face.

This marks the last TRAC match for February. Evident in the parking area for the entire west side of the range complex, the circus tents are already being erected for the End-of-Trail Cowboy action shooting event that will be taking up all of these ranges, including what we use, for the remainder of the month. The TRAC matches will return the first Tuesday in March.

Also, this coming Saturday’s monthly match will be contested on the Small-Bore Range, which is located just east of the main range/main range building. Considering the predicted rain for the end of the week, the range conditions may be interesting, but Saturday’s weather is forecast as being sunny, with a high of 65°, and calm winds. No reason not to come out and shoot.

With nothing more to report, we will see you on Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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