

TRAC match – June 10, 2025 – Tony Torquemada, match director
Yeah, you read that correctly, Tony the torturer was at the helm today. He wasn't wearing horns nor cracking a whip, but he may just as well have been. I knew we were in for a "good time" when setting up the course and asking him where he wanted two particular targets, both one inch. He wanted them at 30 yards and 45 yards. I said, "Are you out of your mind???" I knew at that point, the rest of the course set up was going to be interesting and this was NOT going to be a piston friendly course. Hell, it was going to be a challenge for the puffer guns as well.....

Putting it into perspective, today's course was the usual 6 lanes. Six of the targets were from 45 to 55 yards, with one of those targets, the aforementioned 1" KZ at the 45-yard (45T) position. The other 6 targets were in the mid-range positions with a ½" KZ set at 22 yards (44T), and a ¾" KZ set at 36 yards (48T). I remember these because I made notes on the back of my scorecard for this report. I don't recall the others, but they were out there. Oh, we were in for a real treat!

Welcome to Tony's Tuesday!

As a counterpoint to Tony's agenda, the weather took pity on us. It was nice! Cloudless blue skies, but with the usual morning haze, temps that ran the gamut between 86° and 95° with humidity in the mid-teens. Nice. Wind did not pick up until later in the match and even then it was subdued; zero up to maybe 6 mph, but nothing to be concerned about. All in all, a nice day. Let's do this!

We had 15 shooters on deck today, with one additional onlooker playing blind man's bluff. I was tempted to holler "MARCO", and see if he would answer "POLO", but thought better of it. Larry, our intrepid club prez, had cataract surgery last week on one eyeball, and he is getting the other one done this Thursday. I am not sure the brightness of the sun today did either of his eyes any good. All of us were squinting through that glare today. Fortunately, it was not as humid as last week, so we felt a bit cooler, and that canopy overhead is a Godsend during these days and for the rest of the summer.

Here are the combined scores in order....

46/48 – Jacob Moser / Uragan / Open PCP (turncoat isn't shooting his
springer!)

46/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

44/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

44/48 – Van Tucker / Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Tom Jados / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

41/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Steyr LG110 / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

40/48 – Wayner Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

39/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

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

31/48 – Nectaly "Nick" Barbosa / HW97 / WFTF Piston

24/48 – Adam Paige / Brocock Sniper / Open PCP

19/48 – Loren Braud / BSA Ultra / Hunter PCP

As you can imagine, the "conversation" up and down the line, was, at times, "spirited". The dialog went anywhere from "WHAT?" to other verbiage that is better left unsaid, but undoubtedly imagined. Call this the "Tony Factor". Doesn't matter how much we berate him, he is just going to keep doing it when it is his turn as match director. He does do a great job and is commended for his efforts. Besides, he thrives on the (elder) abuse. Next week is my turn. I will work on something; maybe put bonus target in again. Who knows?

Also, I will not be asking for a response on any questions posed in these match reports. You guys don't seem to give a \$#!%, because I did not get a single response from last week's intellectually-minded question. Yeah, you are asking "what question?" Look it up.....

And, before I forget it, the prices for club merchandise as reported last week, was wrong. Our fearless leader must have had a senior moment. Ball caps - \$15 unless you shot in the piston champs, or will register for PCP champs. Otherwise, if you want one, it is \$15. Boonie hats - \$30 whether they are the few existing stock or new stock. 2023 Tee shirts - \$10 each while supplies last. They make good shooting shirts.

Well, that about wraps up this week's episode of "WTF is he thinking?". Don't forget, this month starts our monthly matches at Mormon Lake on the 3rd Saturday. That would be June 21.

Respectfully (tongue in cheek) submitted

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