

TRAC match – July 2, 2024 – Wayne Mauler, match director

More Heat.....! Yeah, this is summertime in the desert. Today was just about a repeat of last week regarding temps, only a bit warmer. It was already 91° when we got here at 7:00 am. When we started shooting at 8:00 it 95° with 37% humidity and when we finished around 10:00, it was 99° and 31% humidity. As a reference, Larry's truck indicated 103° after the match, and as I write this, it is currently 110°. Yeah, a tad warm.....

The wind today was again, near non-existence. It ranged anywhere from zero to a max of 7 mph at one point. It floated/meandered somewhere in between for the duration and mostly from the Southeast, but swirling here and there. The biggest obstacle today was the SUNLIGHT. Good grief, was it bright! Brilliantly, blindingly bright without a cloud in the sky where we were shooting. The kind of bright to make your pupils nothing but pinpoints that left you wondering if the distance was 35 yards or 55 yards when trying to range find.

Did that deter anyone from attending today? HELL NO! We had 14 sweltering shooters that were not going to give up a weekly get together to shoot for a little heat and near-blindness. Not this group!

And guess what? Larry was back! A few of the guys looked at him as if to ask, "who's the new guy?" Jesse wanted to know how he could be club president if he was just new to the club? Tony stated that he just saw his picture last week on the side of a milk carton! This kind of attention really makes a certain someone feel missed, until they notice everyone reloading.....LOL.

Top dog today was.....

46/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Van Tucker (him again?) / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

45/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

45/48 – Barbara Pellegrino / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

45/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

44/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Tsar / Open PCP

43/48 – Tony Turchetta / FX DRS / Hunter PCP

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

42/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

39/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

39/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Tony Pellegrino / TX200 springer / Hunter piston, and tied with...

38/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 springer / Open piston (tail end Charlie, today)

Wayne had the targets set up today for Independence Day! Each target face was covered with a patriotic image of Uncle Sam, firecrackers, stars, or sunglasses.....and a few with burgers being flipped on the grill. Hey, a lot of folks that we call our forefathers sacrificed a lot of time, effort, thought, blood, sweat, and lives so that we can get together to shoot Airgun and enjoy the freedom to be able to do so. Hopefully all of you will be prominently displaying your American flags to proclaim your patriotism on Independence Day.....regardless of how hot it gets.

See you next week.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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