

TRAC match – April 30, 2024 – Joe Pruzinsky, match director

Another gorgeous day for our weekly steel critter safari. Clear, medium blue, cloudless skies, with some distant haze. Temps in the mid-70's and humidity in the low-20's. Wind was consistent out of the south, between 6 and 9 mph, with minor gusts here and there. A moment of calm followed by a puff of wind and then continuing. Wonderful conditions for shooting. During the brief sight-in period, we noticed ground movement around the targets, primarily the farther targets. There were a lot of little bugs crawling around. These were about an inch in length, yellow bodies with black markings, and a somewhat elongated head that was red. Pretty little Ugg-a-bugs (Iron Cross blister beetles) that made wonderful targets! A few of us were kept occupied by popping them off as they skittered here and there. Simple pleasures for simple minds. Hey, we're easily amused. Tony Pellegrino thought they were trying to kill and eat him. Not likely.....

Joe actually took the time beforehand to design the course today. Did a good job of it, as well. There were only a few gimme targets, but otherwise well thought out, laid out, and challenging..... with no clean scores. With 13 shooters competing today, we filled all 6 lanes.

47/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger – he was top dog today – Woof! Woof!

47/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Theoben GSX600

45/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas, and tied with....

45/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere, and tied with....

45/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine

44/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Tsar

43/48 – Mark Kauffman / Steyr LG110 (old school), and tied with....

43/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Huntsman (older school), and tied with....

43/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper, and tied with....

43/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere

42/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200, our lone piston shooter, and tied with....

42/48 – Jesse Avery / Daystate Redwolf

41/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere

All darn good scores considering that the lowest score was still better than 85%. Gives you an idea of what all this shooting is doing for our collective proficiency levels.

You may be wondering how we list the tied scores in a particular order. Well, it is done based upon the shooters first miss. If you have your

first miss earlier in the match, your score gets listed in the lower position. If you miss later in the match, it goes further towards the top. Sorta like, "Oh, I get it, now...." Of course, that didn't bother Van one little bit today. Like they say, beware of the man with only one gun, he probably knows how to shoot it! Problem is that air guns are like potato chips, you can't eat just one!

We did have a cold line at one point during the match. No one moved forward to fix a target, instead we sat there and watched a roadrunner walk across the range, then skitter a bit, then walk some more until he made his way across the entire course. The fact that we were there, didn't bother him a bit. A few minutes later, he turned around and walked back again, albeit a bit further out. Pellets? He didn't care about no stinking pellets.... Anyway, Loren says to say hi to the troops. He is home from the hospital after having taken a fall and contracting a subdural hematoma (he got a boo-boo on his noggin). He still has the occasional headache and some equilibrium issues, but is itching to shoot! He will be back in short order after rehab.

That is about it for this episode, of "Dammit, why did I miss.....again?" See you next week. Wayne Mauler will be the match director. C'mon out and join the fun!

Respectfully (tongue in cheek) submitted,
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Corrected, edited, and resubmitted.....without apology, but thanks to all those who emailed the letters to the editor.....one after the other.....! MK