

TRAC match – August 26, 2025 – Larry Piercy, match director

You guys remember when I mentioned in last week's report that it was expected to rain later in the week? Well, it rained last night. It was a doozie of a storm and it followed a Haboob! A what? For the uninitiated, a haboob is a hell of a dust storm. This wall of dust, several hundred feet high, through which you cannot see \$#!T, picked up most of Pinal County with the wind coming from the southeast and was deposited on everything exposed in Maricopa County, which included my car. This was immediately followed by a large thunderstorm that wet down everything resulting in a condition known as blowing mud. We needed the rain and we might have actually gained another inch in elevation, too. Regardless, my car was a mess, but it did cool the air temperature down and made shooting this morning very nice, albeit a bit more humid. As a point of interest, my wife just informed me that last night's haboob made national news today, with some impressive video taken, showing this solid wall of dust....hold on, there's the phone....

.....Okay, now my daughter just got off the phone with me, as she is watching it on the news back in NJ and wanting to know if we are okay.... I will get this report written eventually.....sorry. Now, where was I.....?

Temps today during the match ranged from 79° up to only 84°! That's the good news. The humidity ranged from 74% down to 58%. It felt cooler but a lot muggier. The cloud cover also contributed to keeping the temps down, with the scattered clouds causing the sun to play peek-a-boo and create either shadow or glare. There was hardly any breeze today, as well. NWS recorded winds from zero up to 3 mph, some of which we felt coming from the east and working their way around to the south. Just different conditions in which to play with our adult BB guns, and play we did.....

Today was pistol / piston day and Larry had the course set with only ½", 1", and 1 7/8" targets. Even with last night's storm, the range did not look too worse for wear. We had 11 shooters today with 8 shooting springers, 2 shooting pistols, and one puffer gun. That would be Barbara. In her defense, she did shoot half the course off the bucket (Hunter class), with the other half shot either kneeling or standing. She did pretty well, so we shall start the scoring with her....

44/48 – Barbara Pellegrino / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP – half bucket/half forced position.

In the Pistol Category....

34/48 – Anthony Turchetta / HW 44 / Hunter pistol

25/48 – Paul Wilkerson / BRK Pathfinder / Hunter pistol

In the Piston Category....

48/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open piston

46/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 pro / Hunter piston

45/48 – Stan Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter piston

41/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter piston, and tied with....

41/48 – Wayne Mauler / AA TX200 / Hunter piston

39/48 – Larry Piercy / AA TX200 / Open piston

36/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

31/48 – Bill Cole / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

That is all for the report, but we do have a new feature to include. We are going to call it the “Celebrity Quote Game”. At every match there is always “something” noteworthy that happens. Sometimes it gets reported, sometimes it doesn’t. Today’s Celebrity Quote may just be epic.....

Who said, ” ***If you stare at that target any longer, it’s going to F***ing melt!***”

Not sure what we can offer the contest winners, but we can include the winner’s names, in order of response, in next week’s match report. Be the first on your block to take advantage of this exclusive offer.....ROFLMFAO!

I can honestly say, those of you who do not attend our weekly matches, have no idea what fun you are missing.

Respectfully (sorta....) submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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