

TRAC match – January 31, 2023 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Your faithful scribe is back again, filling in for Wayne, who is under the weather with all the wet and cold stuff we have been having in the recent past. He is on the mend, but his doc wants him to refrain from any wet weather until he is fully healthy. We were supposed to have a 70% chance of rain today, with showers likely, but only got a brief drizzle.

On a similar note, Jesse is also on the mend after his recent surgery, and seems to be doing well. A big shout out of GET WELL SOON to both of these guys. They will be back in the saddle before you know it.

Today, being the last day of January, was forecast to have rain. We drove through pockets of the wet stuff on the drive in this morning, and you could definitely smell it in the air, but there was no evidence of any rainfall at the range. This is good because we didn't want to slog around in the mud, setting and retrieving targets. The cloud cover was heavy and low, the temps started around 46° and only "warmed" to 52° by the end of the match. It was overall a really dreary looking start. As stated earlier, we did get about 10 minutes of light drizzle that came back on us out of the north.....

.....PSA – pull your guns out of your cases and give them a good wipe down so they don't rust. This is for the guys that attended today.....

Okay, back to the report..... Oh, yeah, the wind was light and breezy during the first half, coming from the north, then northwest, but floating back and forth. For a brief bit, it was coming out of the west to southwest. That darn hill in front of us causes whatever wind there is, to swirl and drive you nuts, even when blowing lightly. Later in the match, it picked up in velocity and shifted direction yet again, coming out of the northeast. It blew only between zero and 7 mph, but was enough to divert the pellet in flight. Fun stuff!

We only had 5 shooters today. We set our usual 6 lanes / 48-shot match, and shooting one shooter per lane, it moved along pretty good and we were finished in about 2 hours.

46/48 – The Turk shot his Steyr LG110 for top honors. See what a little practice does?

43/48 – Springer-dinger Mark shot his TX200 springer, and was tied with.....

43/48 – Lightning Larry, who shot his Daystate Tsar

41/48 – Joe was shooting his vintage Huntsman. I think he likes that gun!

32/48 – Jake, from State Farm, shot his HW97k springer

As the match progressed, the sky lightened up and patches of blue shown through and near the end, we actually saw shadows, so we knew the sun was poking through somewhere behind us.

We were fortunate not to get any measurable rain, but looking around the valley, there were areas with really dark cloud cover and you could see the rain falling in the distance. It is all good; makes you appreciate the sunny days.

We shoot the first two Tuesdays in February, then get to take a 2-week break from the action. We'll keep you posted.

Respectfully submitted,

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