

TRAC match – April 7, 2026 – Wayne Mauler, match director

I would love to find out what the NWS uses to forecast weather in specific areas.....like BASF. You can plan a course if you know what to expect. Take today, for instance. The forecast called for mostly sunny. Check. It called for 5 to 10 mph winds out of the NE, shifting to SW in the morning. Huh??? We got nothing. It wasn't dead calm, but close. For the first half of the match, we were hard pressed to get a puff of anything. Then a little bit in the second half, mainly from the south. It wasn't until late in the match that we got anything significant, maybe as much as 3 to 7 mph, briefly....

Enough of that, we had perfect conditions and the guys that shot today took advantage of this. It was sunny and clear. Not a cloud anywhere. Maybe hazier than normal because of the humidity. Humidity started at 40% and dwindled to 25%. Temps were 68° up to 81°. Just a really nice day. Take advantage of them when they come because we wont always get them, especially here.

We had 14 shooters today, with 8 of them shooting piston. Great practice for the upcoming State Piston Championships in just over a week from now. Six lanes, what we thought was going to be a challenging course, shoot through twice for a 48-shot match. We only had one malfunction; Carl started shooting and had a major malfunction. From what he described, it almost sounded like he broke a mainspring. What happened? He got a pellet jammed in the bear trap of his gun, without him realizing what it was. This was figured out after the match when we attempted to help him find/fix the problem. Oh, well.....

In the PCP category...

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

48/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

47/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP

46/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

46/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air –“Friggon”- Ranger / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

In the Piston Category...

47/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

41/48 – Erick Ajax / HW 97 / Hunter Piston

39/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 “Norma Jean” / Hunter Piston

38/48 – Anthony Turchetta / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

37/48 – Stan Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

32/48 – Loren Braud / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

27/48 – Larry Piercy / AA TX200 / Open Piston

13/16/DNF – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston

As stated earlier, we will be contesting the state piston championship on April 18 and 19 here on the pistol silhouette range. So far, the weather forecast looks favorable, but the weather is fickle, so.....

That is all to report for now. Piston practice will continue to fine tune these marvelous machines. If you have one, what are you waiting for? You are not going to get a better chance than this to showcase what we have developed on a national stage. Besides, it will be fun!

Next Tuesday, Tony Turchetta will be match director. No idea what he has concocted to test us, but test us he will. Count on that. See you then....

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kauffman
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IF you believe in yourself, anything is possible!