TRAC match – August 18, 2026 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Bright, sunny day. No clouds. Completely different from past weeks. The forecast stated 5 mph winds from the east……that would have been nice if it happened. The first half of the match, we experienced mild "ghost" winds, somewhere from Zero to 6 mph, just wafting in and out, from various directions, totally annoying, and where most of our damn misses came from!!! Late in the first half, and throughout the remainder of the match, the wind was anywhere from 6 to 13 mph, and gusting briefly to 16mph. You KNEW where it was coming from, calculated (SWAG – Scientific wild ass guess) where to hold, take your shot, and hit! Give me a consistent wind any day. Oh, and the temps ranged from 99° to 102° but with humidity in the low 20% area. That was completely doable, even though it felt a bit warm……. Okay, it got hot. One of the guys noted that his phone said it was 105°. Everybody agrees that the shade canopy is a GODSEND!

Okay, the basics out of the way, we had 7 guys on hand today; 2 springers and 5 PCP's. We shot the course in a shade over 2 hours, and with ZERO clean scores. You can thank the challenging course and the wind for that. Nobody was immune from misses today……but we all had a good time, regardless.

46/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP
44/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
43/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP
42/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with…
42/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
37/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston
29/48 – Stanley Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

Next Tuesday is Pistol / Piston Day. It should be interesting to see who will participate due to the heat. Just think, we only have a little over a month to go for some cooler temps….Hahahahahahaha……! Yes, it has been, and continues to be a warm summer. Of course it could always be worse, so you gotta look at the bright side.

With nothing else to report on, other than that next July and August, the guys are considering an every-other-Tuesday format, due to the heat. Let us know your feelings on this. Better yet, CALL Larry and tell him. He has nothing better to do while his shoulder heals.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kauffman
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Some day everything will make perfect sense.
So, for now laugh at the confusion, smile thru the tears.
And remind yourself that everything happens for a reason….
……Like showing up next Tuesday to shoot springer!