

TRAC match – December 9, 2025 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

The above title says it all, especially the part where Tony the tormentor is listed as match director, and he certainly lived up to his reputation today! Somehow, he keeps forgetting about wind when setting a course.....HIS brand of course. I think it started when he tried to open the storage container and finding the lock upside-down and difficult to see the numbers. Of course, he was wearing his headlamp flashlight and was well before the sun rose. We heard a few choice comments about that.

The target placement was certainly challenging, and during the duration of the first half of the match, and abundant subsequent misses, I kept hearing him state, *"Why do I keep doing this?"* I know that for a fact; I was shooting with him today. And there was a LOT of color commentary coming from the congregation.....very colorful, but nothing that could be published in this report. I think Tony thrives on the verbal abuse....LOL!

It appeared to be a lovely day. The sun came up to reveal a clear sky, beautiful blue color, no clouds, and mildly cool. Temps ranged from 52° up to 63° with humidity as high as 43% dropping down to 29%. The headwind, primarily north to northeast, was rather brisk, making the temps feel cooler. Wind velocity was from 6 to 15 mph and variable, but dropping down dramatically in the second half. Although it felt like it had stopped, it was still moving; something we should coin, "the BASF swirl". Is that descriptive enough? The hillside to the north, coupled with the side berms of the range tend to direct and redirect the wind. This effect has been documented in numerous TRAC match reports, so is nothing new.

A brief word about his course set up..... It looked, at first glance, to be a normal layout, but when rangefinding the targets and working out distance, you realized the kill zones were small and the distances weren't. Tony also had lane 6 designated as a standing lane (*"I promise I won't do that again...."*direct quote by Tony). It was certainly doable, but again, the wind.....

We'll let the scores tell the story to those who were not present....

38/48 – Van Tucker / Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

35/48 – Anthony Turchetta / FX Crown bee / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

35/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

34/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
34/48 – Stanley Mountford / FX Dreamline / Hunter PCP
32/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP
29/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston
27/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
27/48 – Barry Diehl / Uragan / Hunter PCP
26/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston
20/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston
20/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

With 3 perfect scores shot over the last three matches, I think Tony wanted to make sure it did not happen on his watch! LOL! It was a fun match, even if the wind was moving everyone around and caused your eyes to water. We can still get together, have fun, and continuously curse him for this torture. Just think how much we are learning!! Then there is the mental fatigue that makes taking a nap when you get home quite enjoyable. Why do you think these reports are not posted hours earlier???

Ohhh.....Don't forget annual dues. Barb has that set up on the website to make it easy for everyone.

Respectfully (.....Yawn.....) submitted,
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*Wife calling downstairs to her husband; "Do you ever have that painful piercing feeling as if someone is stabbing you like a voodoo doll?
Husband; No.....
Wife; How about now?*