

TRAC match – December 19, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Twas the week before Christmas,

That point is moot,

Ten intrepid airgunners gathered,

All ready to shoot,

.....so we did!.....so much for poetry....

Yeah, it doesn't rhyme but who cares? We just get together and shoot, and have fun doing it. Today, the weather was incredible. Total cloud cover. The skies were brightening, but still somewhat dull and dreary looking. Temps were rising from 57° up to 61° but took a nosedive the last hour and became noticeably chillier. It also drizzled during that same timeframe; just a steady light rain. Something akin to a persistent sprinkle. Not much, but it did make the air smell.....fresher. Wind was damn near non-existent; from zero up to maybe 6 mph. Toward the end of the match, it did increase to about 9 mph. Pick a compass point, any compass point, the breeze swirled, floated in and out, and otherwise made a minor nuisance of itself from just about every direction.

How is that for descriptive? Got that picture firmly planted in your mind?

.....Good!.....now, I can get on the good stuff.....

We had 10 shooters today. We had a covered firing line today. We had great shooting conditions. Easy on your eyes. We are spoiled.....and I love it! Just saw an article in one of the British Airgun rags about covered firing lines. LOL; they are just figuring it out. Maybe they read our match reports. Who knows?

No perfect scores today, but a lot of good ones. Nothing under a 35/48!

46/48 – Barry Diehl – shooting his trusty Daystate Revere, and tied with....

46/48 – Anthony Turchetta – shooting his Steyr LG110 – different day, different gun.

45/48 – Van Tucker – shooting his Air Ranger (not the German Herr Ranger)

44/48 – Jesse Avery – shooting his RedWolf

43/48 – Tony Pellegrino – shooting his wife’s pretty, new BRK Ghost. (note; she still shoots it better!)

42/48 – Mark Kauffman – shooting his TX200 springer (TL#1) and tied with....

42/48 – Stanley Mountford – shooting his Daystate Revere

41/48 – Wayne Mauler – shooting his Thomas

40/48 – Joe Pruzinsky – shooting his classic vintage Huntsman

35/48 – Pat Hayes – shooting his Daystate Revere

Next Tuesday is the last TRAC match of 2023 and will be pistol / piston. Yes, it is the day after Christmas, but if you need an excuse to get out of the house, you know where to come.

Also, for 2024 we are going to spread out the match director duties so that the same person doesn’t have to do it each week;

1st Tuesday each month – Wayne Mauler

2nd Tuesday each month – Tony Turchetta

3rd Tuesday each month – Mark Kauffman

4th Tuesday each month – Larry Piercy

5th Tuesday – for those months that have them – Joe Pruzinsky

Want to become an occasional match director? It is not difficult. All the guys are there to help you set up and tear down anyway. It is a good way to take a hands-on role in helping to run the club.

Speaking of that, anyone out there interested in running for a club officers’ position? How about as an assistant, to learn the role? The more members contributing, the less each of us actually has to do. Call it, spreading the wealth. Besides, I could really use an asst secretary.....

And lastly, we want to wish all of our members a Very Merry Christmas. Take care, be happy, stay healthy.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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