

TRAC match – February 24, 2026 – Larry Piercy, match director

Winter in Arizona is fickle.....one day it is nice and the next it is nasty. It is either fricken' cold and windy and you're freezing your Katoockas's off, or it is shorts and tee shirt weather, and you're sweating your katoockas's off. Today was the latter. Amazing.

We were utilizing the Frank L. DeSomma memorial range today. We used the canopy for our sight in range and were out on the back 40, behind the 100-yard berm for our match. Oh, and it is was pistol / piston day, so we were shooting out into the desert. What a treat!

The sky was blue, with scattered clouds all over. The sun was out and very glary, but the weather was warm; 64° up to 73° with mid-20% humidity. NICE! No wind today, either. Oh, we got some in the second half the match. With our position on the north side of the berms, we got a SW wind blowing left to right at the firing line, and to make things interesting, we got a SE wind, banking off of the high-power range berm going right to left down range. No perfect scores today.

We had a good mix of both pistol shooters and piston shooters, and only one puffergun shooter today. Here are the scores...

In the puffergun category (getting it out of the way to start with)
43/48 – Sheldon Ajax / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

In the pistol category...

46/48 – Anthony Turchetta / RAW TM1000 / Hunter pistol

43/48 – Carl Forrey / Crosman 1720T / Hunter pistol

40/48 – Hubert Serreyn / Benjamin ? / Hunter pistol

34/48 – Barry Diehl / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol

33/48 – Larry Piercy / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol

32/48 – Ed Brockway / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol

16/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Atomic / Hunter pistol

12/48 – Wayne Mauler / FX Ranchero / Hunter pistol

In the piston category...

45/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

44/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

43/48 – Van Tucker / AA TX200 / Hunter piston

42/48 – Erick Ajax / HW 97 / Hunter piston
41/48 – Scott Hunt / AA TX200 / Hunter piston
26/48 – Bill Cole / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

At this point we are not sure whether shooting on this range is viable, or just a novelty. Seems like more than a few guys were collecting different colors and types of stones laying around; greens, reds, even a few authentic Arizona love stones, and a few variations that I had never heard of prior to today. The guys knew what they were, though. Didn't know they were rockhounds.

The novelty of the day, though, seemed to be the new club cargo trailer, obtained yesterday. It is 5' x 8' with a ramp, and will haul the equipment needed for Mormon Lake. Between Larry and Barry, they will outfit it as needed. This should save a lot of wear and tear on individual members vehicles, and we got it for a great price, too! We looked at several and at various locations, but this one seemed to be the best bang for the buck.

That is all to report at this time. We will be back at the pistol silhouette range next Tuesday, and more familiar ground.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kauffman
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