

TRAC match – April 2, 2024 – Mark Kauffman, match director, filling in for Wayne

It is April already! I only got punked once yesterday.....but good! Rotten  
b@\$%#!d....!

Today was gorgeous! Clear, bright blue cloudless sky. Temps ranged from 54° at beginning of match up to 61° at end of match with humidity swinging from 77% down to 59%, especially considering the rain we had we had the last few days. Even the winds were light and variable; zero to 7 mph from the west to SSW in direction. Very nice day.

We had 10 shooters who braved these horrific conditions (as I was leaving the house, my wife told me it was 22° in Flagstaff) to shoot our usual 6 lane / 2 targets per/ twice thru / 48-shot match.

No perfect scores today, but close.....

47/48 – Tony Turchetta / FX Crown bee (yellow jacket colored stock) & tied with....

47/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger

46/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper

43/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere, and tied with....

43/48 - Mark Kauffman / TX200 TL#2 backup springer, and tied with....

43/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere

42/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere

41/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine.....and a new personal best

34/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Huntsman (vintage)

24/48 – Loren Braud / HW77 springer

I also witnessed an ingenious device in use today; a wind indicator consisting of a small, pellet tin sized can, and filled with belly button lint! My shooting partner pinched out a small fingerful and released it into the air to show wind direction. It worked! Thought I would share this with those who want to try the same.

Finally, I stopped in to see Mike Smith, who is back in the hospital, this time with low blood pressure. Of course, I initially went to the wrong hospital. Called him, he told me the correct hospital (sorta like musical chairs with him). He is in good spirits, but is itching to get back home to put his TX200 springer.....Yes, Mike has a springer.....back together. He is looking forward to rebuilding strength so he can learn how to shoot it, and he is enthused about doing it, too! Sending along a pic of him trying to stay awake. He says to say HI to the group.

With nothing else to report, other than pre-warn everyone that Tony is match director next Tuesday, I will sign off.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman  
Secretary and fill-in MD, Airgunners of Arizona

Oh.....one last thing.....

I did get an email from Brandon Hobbs, the BASF range Liasson officer, about picking up spent brass on the range and putting it in appropriate container, when done shooting. I noticed that he included everyone on the user group roster, soooooo.....

I returned an email.....with "copy all" and let him know that I planned to tell our group about the brass pick up. (I did tell the group today) Then I signed off on the email with my name, Airgunners of Arizona.

Let's see how many "get it".

Have a great week. MK