

TRAC match – March 31, 2026 – Jesse Avery, match director

Actually, Jesse set the course, but Wayne was the loudspeaker. Doesn't matter. It was a good layout with long, medium, and a few short targets set up. With the wind that we had, it was quite the challenge.....for some. Well.....for most. There were only 3 shooters scoring over a 40/48. The rest of us, well, we worked at it.

The wind today, as reported by the NWS, came from the SE to the SSE, to the south. What that meant for us, because of the berms on the small-bore range, was that the wind ENTERED the range from the above direction, hit the berms, and then did that swirly thing that it does. It changed directions constantly. The velocity was manageable, between 5 and 9 mph, but with the constant directional changes, was all over the place.

Other than that, the conditions were very conducive to a pleasant day at the range. It was mostly cloudy with high cloud cover. It was bright enough, but not brilliant or glaring, and easier on the eyes. Temps ranged from 79° up to 82° with humidity in the upper 30% bracket. It would lightly rain after we finished shooting and vacating the range. While at lunch afterwards, it made a mess on our cars, but smelled.....fresh.

We had 17 shooters again today. Great turnout! 11 PCP shooters and 5 piston shooters. Yeah, that only adds up to 16. Erick was having gun problems and spent the entire match, after a questionable start, on the sight in range trying to figure things out. These matches are great for being able to do that. they are also great for shooting a really good score, like Ed did after spending the day fishing last week, and then rubbing our noses in it this week with his score....

In the PCP category...

46/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

38/48 – Scott Hunt / Daystate Redwolf / Hunter PCP

37/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

35/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

34/48 – Anthony Turchetta / FX Crown Bee / Hunter PCP

29/48 – Tammy Hunt / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

26/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

19/48 – Pat Hayes / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

DNF – Erick Ajax / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP, with gun troubles

In the Piston category...

39/48 – Stan Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston, and tied with...

39/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston

34/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

33/48 – Larry Piercy / HW97 / Open Piston

26/48 – Van Tucker / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

As you can see, and as the score cards indicated, the nearer targets were fairly consistent in being knocked over, but the far targets, with that wind, had shooters talking to themselves. I shot with Wayne and Anthony today. Listening to Anthony was quite entertaining...LOL. Those far targets kicked everyone's butt. Jesse has his work cut out for him in repainting them. They looked like they got nailed by a shotgun, and the hit patterns were fairly consistent, especially considering how far outside the KZ we were holding, with most showing clusters far outside of the 9:00 o'clock region. It was still a lot of fun.

Next week, and for the rest of the year, we will be back on the pistol silhouette range.....and having to relearn those wind patterns. Don't forget, we shoot the state piston championships in 2 ½ weeks. We need all our piston shooters out to show the rest of the country that we are serious about this powerplant. We want them saying, "What do THEY know that we don't?"

Also, after the match, a quick show of hands was asked for regarding starting time. We have been starting at 7:30 for show up and 8:30 for match start. Without a consensus to either 7:00 or 7:30, Larry made an executive decision with 7:15 show up, and 8:15 match start. That is why he earns the big bucks as club president...LOL!

With nothing more to report, we meandered our way over to Wild Horse West for their burgers! Or their chili! Good stuff.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kauffman
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Don't give up what you want the most, for what you want at the moment!