

TRAC match – June 17, 2025 – Mark Kauffman, match director

It is getting warmer, but guess what? We did not melt. Setting targets in the sun is warm. That shade canopy is worth its weight in gold. The temps might come down a bit and it might rain a bit come next week. How do I know? My daughter is coming to visit us for the week and she has NEVER visited when we haven't gotten some kind of rain. Sorta like the good witch from the east. Have some faith, you won't melt.

Today could have been REAL interesting had the weather forecast been correct. Understand that it called for 5 – 10 mph winds with gusts as high as 20 mph. So, I planned accordingly. The 6 lanes / 2 targets per / 2 shots each / shoot thru twice / 48-shot match was set at about a 30 to 31 Troyer. Plan for the worst, but hope for the best. We got.....tropical breezes! For most of the match, the ~~wind~~ breeze only amounted to 3 to 6 mph that gently floated thru the firing line. This increased the last hour of the match to between 6 and 8 mph, with one instance of 10 mph, but did not really seem to affect us because it was coming primarily out of the south (southeast to southwest) but was not abrupt.

The temps were just shy of a pizza oven at 90° up to 97° with humidity starting at 24% and dropping to 14%. Tony used his portable mister to spray water, keep himself cool, and prevent the slices of pepperoni from sticking to his skin. The sky was clear and cloudless, albeit the usual haze, but the sun was strong. It would be nice to be able to see clearly and still be relieved of that glare and eyestrain. Overcast skies will happen next week, when my daughter gets here. It never fails.....

We had but 8 shooters today who braved the elements and persevered with some great scores. In addition to the course of fire, I have included "Jim's folly". This is in homage to Jim Poh, from Diablo Airgun club in CA. He posted a ½" target at 50 yards during one of their matches, and I thought that was a novel idea for an air gun. So, I started doing it here. This is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday match where it was used. The first time, Barry was the only one to knock it down. The second time, both Barry and yours truly knocked it down. Today, there were 4 shooters who nailed that thing; Barry, Jesse, Wayne, and Paul. For my matches, I think I will keep that as a regular feature as a bonus target. Here are the scores;

48/48 +1 – Paul Wilkerson / Thomas (shooting for first time!) / Hunter PCP

46/48 +1 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....  
46/48 +1 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP  
46/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Daystate Bluwolf / Hunter PCP  
44/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston  
43/48 + 1 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP  
34/48 – Loren Braud / HW 98 breakbarrel / Hunter Piston  
23/48 – Stanley Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston, although Anthony is claiming a DQ because he was clicking his scope adjustment turrets! Hmmm....

Next Tuesday is pistol / piston Tuesday so bring out your piston guns. Larry is scheduled as match director, and seeing as he has had cataract surgery on both of his eyes, he is now supposedly seeing quite well. Be ready to introduce yourself to him if he does not recognize you. That is highly possible.

This coming weekend is our first monthly match at Mormon Lake for the summer months. The match reminder was emailed this past week (actually yesterday, seeing as I have been tied up with other responsibilities), so you now have the opportunity to escape to hopefully cooler climate's as a respite from the heat in the valley.

Nothing more to report other than to say that the available club tee shirts are available in large and extra-large only.....and one small (?).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Kauffman  
Secretary, Airgunners of Arizona, Inc

Oh, one last note / words of wisdom.....  
I have learned there is such a thing known as **DEFENESTRATION**.....  
This is the act of throwing someone out of a window! A word is actually needed for this? Obviously, it has been done before.....but why? LOL.....nevermind, I can think of instances in my past where I have wanted to do this.....It is June, after all...