

TRAC match – October 28, 2025 – Larry Piercy, match director

NEWS ALERT! BASF wind machine is fixed and working at peak efficiency! Yeah, we have had it easy the past couple / 2-3 weeks. Not today. The main range office was seriously considering shutting down the main range due to the windy conditions. When picking up our operating permit/invoice this morning, I politely asked the young man behind the counter to turn off the wind machine for a few hours. He said he would. He LIED!

It looked like a perfectly good day; blue skies, no clouds, the temps were in the low 70's.....and the trees and bushes looked like they were being shaken by some satanic being. Hence the reason for my above-mentioned request. The sky was bright but not blindingly bright. It was also Pistol / Piston Tuesday and Larry was present as master-of-ceremonies. The course was set to accommodate, and to cater to the pistol shooters, along with being piston friendly.....for once. That being said, someone looking suspiciously like Ed, was seen out on the course, picking up targets and physically moving them closer to the firing line, prior to the match! What causes this??

We had 10 shooters today; one pistol shooter, and 9 piston shooters. NO puffer gun shooters. We surmised that Barbara was still asleep in bed.....probably because of the windy conditions. How hard was it blowing, you may ask? The NWS forecast 5–15 mph winds with gusts as high as 25 mph. They were not far off. We had sustained 14 mph winds that gusted, very blustery, I might add, at 22 mph. We know this because Bill Cole thought enough to bring his Kestrel and recorded it. It would DROP to 14 mph on occasion, but was blowing north of that for the entire match without letup. This out of the NNE and swinging around to the NW, so we were attacked from various angles. The targets were slow to fall when hit, but with the wind behind them, snapped back to attention with the strings being pulled. And, Stanley was not here to complain about and question faulty target function.....LOL!

The only thing, other than laughter, was the occasional outburst of .....chit!.....dammit.....or one sustained.....FAAAAWWWK! Otherwise, we shot and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Here are the scores;

In the pistol category, this week's pistol champion is none other than.....  
28/48 – Ed Brockway / Brocock Atomic XR / Hunter Pistol

In the piston category.....

42/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 pro / Hunter piston (no idea how.....)  
39/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 #2 / Open Piston  
35/48 – Anthony Turchetta / TX200 / Hunter piston  
31/48 – Loren Braud / HW98 breakbarrel / Hunter piston  
30/48 – Larry Piercy / Diana 56 TH / Open Piston  
20/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston, and tied with...  
20/48 – Wayne Mauler / TX200 / Hunter piston  
17/48 – Bill Cole / Diana 54 / Hunter piston  
14/48 – Paul Wilkerson / TX200 / Hunter piston

(Note the above format. Only one person wanted the scores in table format)

With only a few days from Halloween, we could call this our Trick-or-Treat match, although we got tricked more than treated. Next week Wayne will be Match Director. He stated that he would come up with a Halloween themed match, similar to what he did in years past. Should be fun.....at least more fun than watery eyes, blowing dust, grit in your eyes, runny noses, or whistling hearing aides. But, we had fun, nonetheless.

Respectfully submitted (tongue in cheek, as usual)

Mark Kauffman

Secretary, Airgunners of Arizona

*Life is too short to be serious all the time, so, if you can't laugh at yourself, call me.*

*I'll laugh at you!*