

TRAC match – June 4, 2024 – Mark Kauffman, match director, covering for Wayne.

Yeah, Wayne is away this week and cruising the Mexican Riviera for 4 days.....NICE! We seem to think that Larry is lost somewhere in Texas.....

That means, you guys are stuck with me again as MD, but.....Tony happened to get to the storage container before I did, this morning, which means we set the targets based on the (small) KZ sizes that Tony picked.

Okay, to put that into perspective, we “could” have set them close up, BUT the guys helping set the course made the mistake of asking, “Hey, this is a ¾’ Killzone. How far out should this go?” Needless to say, they are learning. How about that ¾” KZ at 30 yards (40T), or the 1 1/5”KZ at 55 yards (41.25T), or the ¾” KZ at 39 yards (52T).... You see where this is going? We had a challenging course this week in preparation for Tony being MD next week. There was not “too” much colorful language, but enough to be noticed. My name was taken in vain today frequently.

The weather was nice; mostly overcast. That is, almost solid, high clouds, but awfully bright with lots of glare (can you say “eye strain”). Temps varied between 82° and 88°, but with humidity in the upper teens. Wind was almost non-existent (for us) at between 5 and 7 mph, and coming from South to Southeast throughout. All told, a pleasant day for shooting a rather challenging course of fire.....but these guys are getting used to that.

Speaking of guys, there were 8 of us today; 7 regulars and one YOUT. That would be Joe’s grandson, Aaron (Ah-rah-n. Not A-A-Ron), who shot his first FT match and learned how the “guys” corrupt the younger generation. Seriously, nothing that he hasn’t heard before.....and we tried to keep the banter on the clean side. (just DON’T TELL YOUR MOTHER!)

The scores, you ask.....?

46/48 – Van Tucker / Herr Ranger / Hunter PCP – yeah, the kid was on top again. He is becoming a real PITA!

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Revere / Hunter PCP, and having to use Van's bucket and sticks because he forgot his.....

42/48 – Tony Turchetta / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP – I didn't know he was capable of those words!

41/48 – Stan Mountford / Revere / Hunter PCP, and whining about.....well, we won't go there.

37/48 – Jesse Avery / Redwolf / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

37/48 – Mark Kauffman / BRK Sniper / Open PCP (trying new scope dope on a puffergun)

33/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Revere / Hunter PCP, and looking at me like he wanted to chew my head off....and tied with....

33/48 – Bill Cole / AA S510 / Hunter PCP

31/48 – Aaron Evans / Grandad's vintage Huntsman / Hunter PCP – FIRST MATCH!

30/48 – Loren Braud / Revere / Hunter PCP

So, there you have it for today. We did have a good time, even if the course was a bit more challenging. I won't repeat the comments that I heard when I asked about that after the match. I realize that there are some sensitive ears here.....not many, but some.....and I have thick skin! Ha!

Next week, Tony will be the ringmaster. That's GRRRR-eaT! It will be his circus; his monkeys. Come prepared. Until then, practice, practice, practice.....

And for those who haven't been here in a while, well, you know what to do.....

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman