

TRAC match – February 10, 2026 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

It is the second Tuesday, aka; Tony Torquemada's Torture Tournament, and it was....nice! The skies were overcast with high clouds that blocked the sun, hence no glare. The temps ranged from 61° up to 66° with humidity in the low 30% bracket, hence we did not freeze our tookus's off. The wind was even cooperating; averaging 3 mph from ENE to WNW before shifting to SE at the end of the match, hence, we did not get blown away....again. As stated, it was.....nice!

Most of the targets were distant with small kz's. There was one target that was close, with an even smaller kz. Then we got to lane 6 where Tony had 4 targets similar to my standing lane from a month ago. He had four ½" targets lined up. 30, 40, 50, and 60 Troyer. Mercifully, we did not have to shoot them standing. Tony stated that he is not going to do any more of that standing \$#@!. But here is the catch; you have to shoot each of them, one shot-at-a-time, in order to advance. Miss one and forfeit the rest. They were doable until the thought of missing one started messing with your head. Mother Nature did not set the wind upon us, probably because she was thinking, "This, I gotta see....."

Gives me some ideas for next week....

And speaking of next week, we will be shooting on the rifle silhouette range, aka the **Frank L. DeSomma** Memorial Range. This will be the range immediately to the west of the 1000-yard rifle range. You will have to enter the range complex from the main entrance. The End-of-Trail cowboy action shoot will be utilizing all the ranges to the west of where we will be shooting for next 2 weeks. They are already busy setting up tents all over the place.

On the rifle /DeSomma range, we will have the sight in targets set up from the canopy area, and the course will be in the desert behind the berms, if it is nice weather. If inclement weather, we will shoot from under the canopy. We haven't used this range for several years, so no idea what it looks like beyond the berms. I can tell you it will have a lot of terrain features and its own wind funnels. Fun stuff.

Anyway, back to present... We had 12 shooters today, all PCP except for the two of us shooting piston guns. We happened to be squadded

together. Between the small killzones, the distances, the slight wind which allowed pellets to drift a bit, and the lighting (dull), there was one obvious comment about the course.....

“Hey Tony”

“Yeah?”

“How are you doing?”

“Pretty good.”

“Yeah, well **** **!”

Humorously, someone, who shall remain nameless, was less than enthused about the course layout. This was followed by the mandatory laughter that the comment generated. We did have fun, and enjoyed the challenge.

Here are the scores;

44/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Daystate Alpha Wolf / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

44/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

44/48 – Peykan Beyrami / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

36/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

36/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

35/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston, and tied with...

35/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

33/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

29/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

26/48 – Barry Deihl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

Okay, next week, we will be on the **Rifle silhouette / DeSomma** Rifle range. Again, you should enter the range complex at the main entrance to avoid the blockages on the west side of the range. Somebody, probably Stanley, will not read this, and we will get some nasty feedback because he wasn't warned. Let me try this a different way.....

Next Tuesday we shoot on the rifle silhouette / Frank L. DeSomma Mem. Range

Have I gotten everyone's attention??? Good. See you then.

Respectfully submitted,

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