

TRAC match – March 11, 2025 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

'Tis the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and guess who is match director? Yeah, you guessed it, especially since I posted it above. Tony is known for his “interesting” course designs. They are always on the challenging side and today he did not disappoint. We had our usual 6 lanes, but with the same size killzones on each lane. The near target was a doable shot, while the far target was a definite challenge. Let me give you an idea; a target with a ½” killzone was set at 15 yards. No problem, that is a 30 Troyer (the difficulty factor is in the “hard” range) and we shoot these regularly. He placed the next target, also ½” at 23 yards, which is a 46 Troyer! Add in the wind factor and that becomes a 57.5 Troyer!! The same can be said of the 1 ½” target set at 50 yards. Yes, doable at 37.5 Troyer. The next one is set at 55 yards for a 41.25 Troyer. Still doable. Add the wind factor and it becomes a 50.4 Troyer! See where I am going with this?

Today's course was easily in the upper-30 to low-40 Troyer range. It was a tough course and the wind only multiplied that. Very challenging and a lot of fun!

It was a very nice day to shoot. Thank goodness we do not have to be looking into the sun (south or east facing), because this morning it was blindingly BRIGHT! The skies were clear; very few, scattered clouds, but with some distant haze.....which is not uncommon. The blowing dust and particulate in the air tends to do that. The temperatures were quite comfortable between 61° and 68° with humidity in the mid-20% range. Just a sweatshirt felt good today. The winds were relatively “mild” for BASF. They ranged from 7 mph up to 12 mph, with a brief period of 17 mph gusts, and came at us from the southeast to SSE. They started at the low end, velocity-wise, and gradually increased throughout the match and did the usual buffeting and fishtail number on us. This wind direction, coupled with the Target difficulty factors resulted in the target face paint jobs being pulverized across the entire faceplate to the left of the killzone. Gotta thank Jesse (aka “Q”) for keeping the targets painted on a weekly basis. He does a great job! He will have his work cut out for him today!

We had 13 shooters in attendance today to do battle with the steel beasts. Only two springer shooters in open class, while everyone else shoot PCP in Hunter classes. It seemed as if everyone was having a great time. Here are the scores....

43/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
42/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with....
42/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
41/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
40/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP
39/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP
38/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Daystate Blu Wolf / Hunter PCP
37/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
36/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP
33/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 TL1 / Open Piston
31/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP
20/48 – Larry Piercy / AA TX200 / Open Piston
DNF – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP – Having scope problems.

As you can see, the scores were indicative of the course difficulty, but the fun and enjoyment factor was way up there! For those not attending, you don't know what you are missing.

Next week will be the 3rd Tuesday with Mark (yours truly) as MD. This will be followed in early afternoon (1:00 pm) with the first 50-yard benchrest match and Anthony as match director. He will use the right-hand side of the benchrest range, which also with a covered firing line.

This coming Saturday is our monthly FT match, and will be set up on the DPS range. The weather is forecast to be nice for that match. This afternoon/evening we are expecting rain, and again on Thursday. We certainly could use it.

That is about all to report at this juncture, so I will sign off and see you on Saturday.

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

PS; At our advanced ages, I have learned why we are called grown-ups. Seems every time we get up after shooting on the range, we groan! (Just like you are doing now after reading this.....LOL!)
.....true statement.