

TRAC match – December 23, 2025 – Larry Piercy, match director, aka “Santa”

T'was two days before Christmas,
and all through the range,
the targets were set for pistol /piston Tuesday,
but they looked quite strange,
there were grinches, and kitty cats, and son-of-a-nutcracker,
turkeys with Santa hats, ornaments, and a Santa dinosaur.
We scratched our heads,
Wondering, what could this be?
Turns out Larry, our match director,
Was cackling with glee!
And the rest of this match report is going to go downhill in a hurry if I try to think of more stuff to rhyme (sorta) and tell this weird tale.....

The weather was amazing! I know it will rain tonight and for the next several days, but BOY, what a Christmas present we got, to be able to shoot in these conditions. The sky was mostly cloudy, cleared briefly, then filled in to the point where you could not see any blue. Very easy on the eyes. Temps ranged from 55° up to 68° with humidity dropping from 51% down to 30%. NO WIND! Yes, you read that right, nada. At the very end of the match, we got a little breeze, about 3 mph, out of the west. That was it. These types of shooting days are extremely rare, and just about unheard of for BASF.

After Saturday's match, Larry took the targets home and doctored them up with Christmas themed images. The course was set up in the usual configuration except for lane #6. He had a 1 ½" target at 10 yards and a 1 ¼" target at 15 yards! So, what did we do? We took advantage of his generosity / short sightedness and obliterated the ~~bast~~...er, targets. There were 11 of us today; one lone pistol shooter, with the rest of us wielding springers.

In the pistol category...

44/48 – Tony Pellegrino / Dorkmeister Pathfinder / Hunter pistol

In the piston category...

48/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston, and tied with...

48/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston (I put Jesse in first position because he is a good guy, and he finished just before me, so.....!)
46/48 – Stanley Mountford / AA TX200 / Hunter piston, and tied with...
46/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter piston
43/48 – Anthony Grinch / AA TX200 / Hunter piston
42/48 – Van Tucker / AA TX200 / Hunter piston
41/48 – Larry Piercy / AA TX200 / Open Piston
38/48 – Loren Braud / AA TX200/HW98 / Hunter piston (switched at halftime)
37/48 – Bill Cole / HW77 / Hunter piston
29/48 – Wayne Mauler / AA TX200 / Hunter piston

So there you have it; our winter solstice/Christmas pistol / piston shoot. Next Tuesday is the 5th Tuesday of the month, the Championship of Biscuit Flats, and the very last TRAC match for 2025. It has been a great year, and 2026 can only be better.

Respectfully submitted,
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Airgunners of Arizona, Inc.



Merry Christmas