

TRAC match – March 3, 2026 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Okay, I give up. I don't know if this is still winter, or whether this is the last of spring going into summer. Dang, each week the weather keeps getting better and better. There were guys today wearing tee shirts and shorts! I say it each week that the weather can't get any better, but it does.

Today, the skies were a beautiful shade of blue, no clouds, BRIGHT sunshine, temps ranging from 66° up to 75° with humidity in the low 20%. Forget jackets or sweatshirts, we needed sunglasses! Wind? What wind? The slight breeze floated in from various directions, most of the time zero velocity, up to, at one point, about 8 mph, but only briefly. It came at us from the north, and worked its' way around to the Southwest. It was just enough to float pellets from one side of the killzone to the opposite side. And if you were lucky, it stayed inside the killzone, but not always.

We had 18 people today! Three shooters on each of the 6 lanes. We have to look into expanding that somehow. That is more people than we get for a monthly match, and we are getting it weekly. Wow! Not to beleaguer the point, but here are the scores and stats....

48/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas Air / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
48/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP
46/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston, and tied with...
46/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Grand Prix / Open PCP
45/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
45/48 – Stan Mountford / FX Dreamline / Hunter PCP
44/48 – Beverly Esler / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP
43/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston
42/48 – Tony Turchetta / Daystate Blu Wolf / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
42/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
41/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston, and tied with...
41/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
39/48 – Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
39/48 – Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP, and tied with...
39/48 – Brian Esler / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP
38/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP
32/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter Piston
30/48 – Pat Hayes / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

And to make sure no one was startled, I made the announcement that Dillon was on site with their mini-gun and a whole tub of linked .308 ammo. Seems that I no sooner stated that, we were serenaded with, "BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRT !!!" That continued, infrequently, throughout the match. Here we were, comfortably on the line, setting up for a perfect shot, followed by, "BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRT..." Just a little nerve rattling. Gotta admit though, it is an impressive piece of ordnance!

We are about a month and a half from the state piston championships. IF the weather remains like this, it will be perfect conditions to shoot. Also, next week is Terrible Tony's Torture Tournament, and he did not utter a word as to what he has planned, so be prepared for just about anything.

To all those planning on attending the Grand Prix match at Rio this weekend, good luck to all, and have a good time.

Respectfully submitted,
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The reason people say vinyl sounds better is because the music was better!