

TRAC match – May 5, 2026 – “Cinco de Mayo” – Wayne Mauler, match director

Yes, today is “Cinco de Mayo” and Taco Tuesday rolled up into one. Did we do anything to celebrate?No. Guess maybe we should have, but it didn't present itself, so we didn't. Today was delightfully cooler, with the breezes and higher humidity. The temps today ran from 66° up to 70°, but the humidity hung in the mid-40% range. Yes, it felt cooler, and Larry actually borrowed my spare sweatshirt.

Along with the cooler temps, the cloud cover was hanging low and dismal, with a prediction of rain showers. We did not get any, but the clouds were moving. We had a few brief periods of sunshine, then the heavy cloud cover transformed into blue sky, but with heavy, puffy, cumulous clouds that still blocked the sun. The winds ranged from 5 mph up to 12 mph with a brief period of 16 mph gusts. Interspersed were periods of calm, but they did not last long. The winds came at us from the SSE to SSW with the usual swirling, just to keep us guessing. For what it is worth, the wind did pick up in the second half.

Today we had 9 shooters present and all were shooting pre-charged guns. Here are the scores...

47/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

46/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Carl Forrey / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 / Open PCP, and tied with...

41/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate CR-X .20cal / Open PCP

37/48 – Wayne Mauler / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

That is only a 10-point spread from top to bottom. You gotta watch these guys. They shoot pretty good and on any given day these scores could flip-flop, so they try to keep on their toes.

That's it! We started at 8:15 and were finished by 10:15. Tony would have been proud of us, but he wasn't there today. Instead of hearing, “C'mon, lets go!”, it was nice and quiet..... We still finished in good time. Oh, Dillon Precision was shooting their GE Mini gun on the next range. During

our safety briefing, they set off a brief spurt that sounded like someone farted. Just a brief, loud, "BRRRRRT..." Sounded just like the real thing, too. They were busy for the entire match, but at least they warned us early. Hey, for us, it is simple pleasures for simple minds!

Respectfully submitted,
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Stop thinking about others and start thinking about yours.*