

TRAC match – July 11, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director (and still gimpy)

Remember when I mentioned that last week's report could be a carbon copy of the previous weeks? Well, today was a little different.

It felt hotter!

It was also much more humid, in the upper 30% area. The actual temps were similar to last week, ranging from 91° up to 97° (as this is written, it is currently 106°). Again, mercifully, we have that wonderful shade canopy to shoot from under, although today we may have been able to do without it. It was mostly cloudy. Probably where the extra humidity came from. The clouds obstructed the sunshine to only a peek-a-boo situation. So, we went from subdued, to **BRIGHT**, and then back again, on a frequent basis. Wonderful conditions for accurate rangefinding.

The NWS was calling for winds from 5 – 10 mph out of the south, and that is what we got; shifting from ESE, to South, to WSW and back and forth, with one instance coming out of the north very briefly, and ranging between 5 and 8 mph. Definitely doable, as the scores will indicate.

We did have a "slight" glitch on one target; the far one on lane 4. 1 ½" KZ at 49 yards. Only one shooter was able to knock it down all 4 times, but his Airgun was chambered for .458 Weatherby Magnum, or some such nonsense! No, it wasn't Mike; he missed it also. Only a very few managed 3 out of 4. Yours truly was stymied all 4 times (at 10.6 fpe). This is one of those targets that was "fixed" with a new bolt adjuster, but not properly adjusted.....hmmmm.....

Here are the scores du jour.....

47/48 – Mike Smith – shooting his Thomas, and missing a clean score in favor of a new screw in the target. The screw was tight, it is Mike that has a screw loose.....

46/48 – Stephen Kountz – shooting his Daystate Wolverine.

45/48 – Larry Piercy – shooting his Daystate Tsar and tied with....

45/48 – Van Tucker – shooting his Daystate Air Ranger and tied with....

45/48 – Scott Hunt – shooting his Brocock Sniper and tied with....

45/48 – Anthony Turchetta – shooting his Daystate MK4 Panther and tied with....

45/48 – Wayne Mauler – shooting his Thomas. That’s it for the 45’s....

42/48 – Barry Diehl – shooting his Daystate Revere

40/48 – Mark Kauffman – shooting his TX200 TL#1 springer and tied with....

40/48 – Jesse Avery – shooting his Daystate Redwolf and tied with....

40/48 – Bill Cole – shooting his Daystate Huntsman

37/48 – Joe Pruzinsky – shooting his Daystate Huntsman and tied with....

37/48 – Henry Hunt – shooting his granddads Brocock Sniper

9/48 – Eric Halquist – shooting his FX Ranchero pistol.....just because!

Imagine what your scores could have been had every target been adjusted properly? Most are, but occasionally one sneaks by....like today.

Methinks we will scrutinize every target prior to setting it. With the Mormon Lake match this coming Saturday, Barry was already thinking ahead and wanted to make sure that we had a target tester on hand up there. There is one going up with him just to make sure.

Speaking of which..... if you are going to the match, and considering that it is getting hotter, make sure you are hydrated properly. Lots of fluids and replenishing frequently. I made that mistake a couple years ago and tried to tough it out. It didn’t work. If you don’t have the urge to pee, you are not drinking enough. Go. Shoot. Have fun.

That’s about it for now. Summer is definitely here....

Respectfully submitted,

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