

TRAC match – April 4, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

HO-LEEEE SHEEEE-IT, was it windy today! What a way to come back from two weeks off from shooting. The day looked gorgeous, with clear, pale blue skies and temps ranging from 46° up to 55°, but felt colder due to the wind!

Ya ready for this? The wind was blowing primarily out of the west, but did shift to the southwest at times, at between 15 and 23 mph with frequent, blustery gusts up to 30 mph. I mean to tell you the wind flags around the ranges were straight out and snapping. Reminded me of shooting at nationals back in 2021. Good LORD was it windy, and guess what? We shot in it anyway!

There were 10 of us on hand shooting our usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / 2 shots at each / yada, yada, yada.... At halftime, Wayne gathered the troops to see whether they wanted to subject themselves to additional meteorological abuse and do it again. Well, we traveled all this way to shoot, so shoot we did! I won't bore you with some of the comments that I overheard (with the hearing aides working well, and being around my family, without them knowing of the hearing enhancement, I have already changed my will three times!), but needless to say, it was "colorful" .....

Unbelievably, the top score for today was 46/48, shot by none other than Barry, shooting his Daystate Revere and bundled up so much you couldn't tell it was him. Had no idea how he did that, but that is great shooting considering the conditions.

39/48 – Ed shot his Wolverine to lead the rest of us mere mortals

38/48 – Jesse shot his Redwolf with a phenomenal score.

37/48 – Van shot his Air Ranger and was hot on Jesse's trail

36/48 – Scott shot his Brocock Sniper, and shooting it well.

35/48 – Wayne shot his Alpha Wolf and learned he has to refill the air tank on his puffer gun when it gets near empty.

31/48 – Mark shot his TX200 springer, and was tied with.....

31/48 – Jake, who also shot his TX200 springer, and was tied with....

31/48 – Tony, who shot his "Blue Wolf" puffer gun

29/48 – Stan, last but not least, who shot his Redwolf, and was the contributor of some of the “colorful” comments, ie; “look at how blue the sky is” .....LOL!

If you notice, some of the usual suspects were not in attendance today. Methinks they happened to look at the weather forecast and said, “(enter expletive laden excuses here)”. Hey, we had fun, regardless.....and we get to do it again next Tuesday, and the Tuesday after that, etc. Today was just.....”unusual” .....especially considering yesterday was in the 80’s and supposed to be 90° by the weekend.

Anyway, that is all for this episode of “How the Wind Blows”. Stay tuned for next weeks episode and see you then.

Respectfully submitted, and having fun is sunny, warm Arizona...

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P.S. – The questionnaire sent earlier about shooting times next winter and about having the State shoot also be a Grand Prix, garnered only a few responses. At some point we are going to have to make a decision. Do you want your voice a part of that?