

TRAC match – June 13, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Another typical fine spring day for our weekly steel safari at Ben Avery range. Clear blue skies with some distant cloud cover, otherwise quite bright overhead. Emphasis on bright. Not brilliant, but bright.....just enough to cause eye strain bright. Temps were nice, and even nicer under the shade canopy; 75° up to 82° with a relative humidity in the mid to upper 20% bracket. Yes, monsoon season is coming. Wind today was quite mild at only 5 – 8 mph with periods of dead calm, but variable in direction; everything from north to south on the west side of that compass heading, and quite a bit of mild, but notable fishtailing. Typical Ben Avery squirrely winds. Makes you want to sit back and smile, knowing you can't do a damn thing about it, but with the breeze feeling good on your skin. Is that descriptive enough?

Based on this, we had really good scores posted for the 9 guys who gathered today. Larry was absent; on his way to Utah. Barry, also was absent, having been stung by a scorpion last night (we keep telling him not to keep them as pets!), but we did have Shepard travel all the way from Boerne, TX to shoot with us. He runs the matches there, and learned a lot of how we run our matches, and as such, was busy taking mental notes.....and shooting well!

Top Gun today and shooting well with his foot all healed up was.....

47/48 – Jesse Avery who shot his Redwolf, but was a bit vocal about his miss, and was tied with....

47/48 – Tony Turchetta who shot his Steyr LG110, this time with the moderator attached.

46/48 – Mike Smith who shot his Thomas, and tied with....

46/48 – Wayne Mauler who shot his Thomas

44/48 – Bill Cole is shooting his Huntsman quite well. Watch out for him!

39/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, also shooting his Huntsman

38/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his TX200 #2, with new scope being set up.

31/48 – Shepard Myers, shooting a 20 fpe Benji Marauder pistol!!!

23/48 – Todd Johnson, shooting a new Thomas at 12 fpe, with new scope, while shooting in WFTF class.....all new to him. Wait until he figures out this gun!

This coming Saturday is the first monthly match at Mormon Lake. For those who have been waiting for this day to happen, it is here! Go, shoot, have fun.

We (I) inadvertently stated that next Tuesday is pistol/piston day, but that is not correct. Pistol/piston day will be the following Tuesday, 6/27.....which reminds me that I have to reserve the range for the Tuesdays in July.

Seeing that I am setting up a new scope on my backup TX200, which I shot today, I tried something that I would like to share with the membership, should they care to use it. Attached, you will find a picture and a .pdf file of the scope focus distances, numbered from 10 to 20 yards at one-yard intervals, and from 20 to 55 yards at 5-yard intervals. I also came up with a nifty means of displaying these yardages by using corrugated cardboard, taping the sides together so they will nest in a small space, and being able to stay in place by putting a stone or small boulder on the backside to keep from blowing away. The numbers have a row of smaller asterisks (\*) underneath to help fine tune your focus wheel. Thought I would share this with you guys. If you have an tips or tricks that you would like to share with the membership, let me know, and I will include them in future emails.

One last item....

Doc Shrader is retiring from shooting altogether. He has sold most of his guns, but has a FWB 300s for sale. Larry mentioned that he would sell in the \$400 range, or best offer. If interested, let me know and I will forward Doc's contact info, and you can make arrangements from there. The 300s is a good spring piston 10-meter gun. I have one, and love it.

That is all for now.

Respectfully submitted,

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