

TRAC match – September 12, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Interesting day today with heavy cloud coverage and light rain on the drive to the range. The clouds would end up moving a lot, breaking from time to time to allow the sun to play peek-a-boo during the match. Temps hovered between 88° and 90° but the humidity bounced around; initially at 33%, then up and down until we finished at 43%. Why does that matter, you ask? The weight of the air has a lot to do with how your pellet flies. Thru thin air, it goes faster. Thru heavy air, it goes slower. Your point of impact is going to move.

The wind today was another factor. During sight in, the wind was negligible at the near distances, but was seductively moving the pellet by as much as 1.5 mildots (on my gun) at 50 yards. Not so obvious movement downrange. During the match, it was a different story. The wind was anywhere from 8 mph to 14 mph with gusts as high as 22 mph and shifted from SSE to south to SSW and back again. I put this stuff in here for the shooters benefit, and because Larry absolutely hates it when I put a weather report in! It was a quite pleasant day for shooting, except for one factor...

ADAM HENRY (or in military jargon, Alpha Hotel).....this is the PC version.

I should have known something was afoot when I got an email from the Turk asking for the gate code last night. Tony Turchetta was nice enough to get there early, gather the targets, and set the course up prior to the others getting there. His twisted, diabolical, devious mind thought that, because we have some big matches coming up, that it would be a good idea to challenge us. Okay, we can deal with that. He set the course to the maximum distances for the KZ sizes. Let me put that in other words..... We normally set our courses in the Hard range of the Troyer settings; usually in the low 30's. The expert range is between 40 and 60 Troyer. Today's course calc'd out at 47.79 Troyer! Hence his new official moniker of "Adam Henry". .....and he thanked me when I called him that after Wayne announced what he did.....with a chuckle. Tony is a good guy and he did challenge us today. And he even added in a standing lane, to boot!

He was also high score today!

46/48 – Anthony Turchetta, shooting his Daystate Bluwolf.

42/48 – Wayne Mauler, shooting his Thomas

41/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his TX200 springer

39/48 – Van Tucker, shooting his Daystate Air Ranger, and tied with....

39/48 – Bill Cole, shooting his Daystate Revere

36/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Daystate Revere

35/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his FX Dreamline

33/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, shooting his Daystate Huntsman

21/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Wolverine

14/48 – Eric Halquist, shooting his HW97k springer

6/48 – Loren Braud, shooting his Beeman R7 springer

Aside from the grumbling, it seems everyone had a good time, regardless. It was a good challenge and a nice change of pace. If you can shoot under these conditions and distances, and do well, you can shoot anywhere and excel! Thanks for thinking of us, Coach Tony.

This weekend is also the monthly match at Mormon Lake. It will not be the Founders Cup match. That will be next month, thanks to Larry and Wayne....LOL If you plan on attending, shoot well, have fun, be safe.....take rain gear just in case.

I will finish this report off with words of wisdom that will allow you to become a great conversationalist by you asking questions of someone that lets them talk about themselves, such as, "WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?????" This would have been most helpful today when talking to Tony.....

Respectfully submitted.....sorta....

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