

TRAC match – January 28, 2025 – Larry Piercy, match director

What do you get when you cross, cloudy, cold, and windy? A repeat of last week? I certainly hope not, but that is what seems to be developing today. It was supposed to be coolish, a possibility of rain showers, and calm wind.... According to the NWS forecast.....B ^ % % \$ # !
T.....! They lied.....again. Grrrrrrrr.....

Upon getting to the range.....yeah, it was still dark.....but with the sky lightening, we immediately noticed heavy clouds, and two solitary hot air balloons way up in the sky, optimistically waiting for a sunrise? Seriously?? Yes, it was cold. Yes, it was windy. Yes, my nose is already running and yes, we were all bundled up.....all 7 of us.

Okay, the temps ranged from 45° up to a balmy 52°, but with the humidity hovering around 66%, it certainly felt colder. The wind, however was puffing between 9 and 16 mph, out of the north, but fishtailing, with occasional / momentary gusts for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the match. The last 3 lanes showed a noticeable decrease in wind velocity, and with the clouds dispersing to allow the sun to shine through, was actually quite nice. That, by itself, gave us hope that it was not, in fact, a repeat of last week's meteorological tirade.

It was pistol / piston Tuesday, and as such, some of us remembered to bring these tools of the trade. Others, no names mentioned (until later in this report), conveniently "forgot". Needless to say, we set up our usual course of 6 lanes / 2 targets per / twice thru / yada-yada-yada. We shot, we did our best, we had fun, we were out of the house and not subjected to honey-do's. That is a win in my book any day.

In the pistol category, we had one shooter.....

23/48 – Ed Brockway / Brocock Atomic XR / Hunter pistol

In the piston category, we had 3 shooters.....

42/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 TL1 / Open piston

39/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

36/48 – Bill Cole / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

In the puffer gun category....

47/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter Puffer, and tied with....

47/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Tsar / Open puffer

37/48 – Erick Ajax / Daystate Gran Prix / Hunter PCP (we will give him some slack, as a new shooter, until he gets a springer.)

So, as the sun was warming us, and the wind was only meandering around, we collected our toys and put them away until next week.....which is February already! Note that we will only be shooting the first 2 Tuesdays, then have 2 weeks off due to the End-of-Trail cowboy action shoot using up the whole complex for the remainder of the month. See you next week.

Respectfully submitted,
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Recently acquired words of wisdom: You can't fix stupid, but you can numb it with a 2 x 4!