

TRAC match – December 26, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Twas the day after Christmas.....and I am not even going to attempt any poetry, so don't expect any.

Although the day dawned with a clear, cloudless sky, it was CHILLY! 43° with 71% humidity and wind to start with. It did “warm up” to 52° and humidity dropped to a mere 58%, but that combination still equates to a bit of wind chill. Although the wind indicated via the NWS weather history showed it less, what we felt was somewhere in the neighborhood of ~10mph coming right at us, out of the north, with variations in direction from WNW to ENE. No gusts, but constant. It FELT colder than it was. By the half way point in the match, the wind diminished to almost nothing, but it was still moving the air.

We were also hoping to get at least 4 competitors to satisfy the range minimum, but 7 of us exhibited such a burning desire to get out of the house, away from family, for some peace and quiet. It was almost blissful; fresh air, sunshine,numb fingers.....no fruitcake! What more can you ask for? Okay a little heat would have been nice. Wayne did not care. He was in tee shirt and shorts...again, with just a jacket to warm him. Larry stated that he was wearing long johns, multiple layers, a heated vest, heated gloves, thick wool socks, etc. He was toasty. The rest of us were smart enough to at least layer.

We did our usual 6 lane set up, and got into the swing of things.

48/48 – Jesse Avery – shooting his Daystate Redwolf, was the only puffer gun shooter today. He still cleaned the course. Good shooting!

47/48 – Larry Piercy !!!! shot his Diana 56 springer. No wonder he was in such a good mood!

45/48 – Bill Cole - shot his HW77 springer

43/48 – Mark Kauffman – shot his TX200 springer

36/48 – Terry Markham – shot his TX200 springer.....for the very first time!

In the pistol category....

29/48 – Wayne Mauler – shot his FX Ranchero pistol

15/48 – Loren Braud – shot his Brocock Atomic pistol

Not much else to report on, other than that Bill Corder, who now lives near Pensacola, FL, sends Christmas greetings to all. To make him still feel loved, I am thinking maybe we should do a road trip. Rent a bus, go shoot with him, eat him out of house and home, leave his place a mess, etc, etc, etc. I am sure he would appreciate that gesture of camaraderie!

This is the last match of the year! New Years Day is next Monday. We get to shoot again next Tuesday! We've had a great year!

Respectfully submitted,

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