

TRAC match – May 16, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

It is that time of year when we get one nice day after another. With the possibility of a 20% chance of rain, I was hoping for, maybe, a bit more cloud cover to cut the brightness of the sun. We broke out of the cloud cover upon leaving Phoenix and although we had some clouds, it was still pretty bright at the range. Temps varied from 90° up to 95° with humidity in the upper teens. Yeah, it is also that time of year when we start to experience that, as well.

The wind, today, was a bit more prominent and came at us from the ESE and swinging around to come at us out of the south. It shifted frequently and was a bit blustery as well. It varied from 9 mph up to 14 mph, and we did experience periodic gusts of 16, to 18, and even up to 20 mph at times. This made things interesting and kept us on our toes.

I thought we had 12 shooters, but it turned out that one of the new guys that Tony recruited, showed up, paid to shoot, joined the club, but then only scored for Tony. That would be Ron, who only lives around the corner from the range. We will see him again. Another buddy of mine, Loren, showed up to watch the proceedings. He shot archery with me in the past and was the guy who got me hooked on Airguns years ago. “I know of this Airgun shop over in Mesa.....”, and it has been downhill ever since. He has an Airgun and has been threatening to attend, so we might see him again soon.

We had some good scores regardless of the wind conditions;

45/48 – Barry was high man, shooting his Revere and tied with....

45/48 – Scott, who was shooting his Brocock sniper

44/48 – Larry, shooting his Daystate Tsar

43/48 – Two-bagger Mike, shooting his Thomas

42/48 – Tony, shooting his gun du jour, a Griffin

40/ 48 – Mark, shooting his backup TX200 TL-2 springer and just sighted-in.

39/48 – Wayne, shooting his Thomas, and tied with....

39/48 – Van, shooting his Air ranger

37/48 – Jesse, shooting his Redwolf and still hobbling around in his foot cast.

33/48 – Joe, shooting his Huntsman, and tied with....

33/48 – Stan, shooting his Redwolf.

I send some of these email reports to a few selected buddies back east from time to time.....just to brag on the club. The comments that I get back are, “you guys know how to f#%&#@g shoot!”. I guess the constant exposure to the wind and weather pays off. Seems we know how to have fun. I can just envision all of us showing up at nationals and turning in these kinds of scores, along with the comments, “where did these f%\$#&@#g guys come from?” LOL. We are spoiled and don’t even realize it.

A reminder of our monthly match this Saturday at 9:00. Weather forecast is sunny with a high near 94° with 5 – 10 mph winds out of the northeast. Perfect! Just another day in Airgun heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

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