

TRAC match – August 8, 2023 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Today started out with heavy clouds and a bit of rain (two dozen drops on my windshield – big deal!) on the drive to the range. I thought for sure it would continue, but....

The sun poked through, the clouds were still there but scattered, and the wind was prominent. Temps between 88° and 93° and humidity right about 50%. Yeah, a bit muggy. Wind was coming from over our right shoulder, Southeast to South at between 7 and 9 mph. It did pick up notably towards the end of the match and did the SE to SW shuffle, as if it were stuttering. That in itself drives you batty not knowing exactly where to hold. Fun stuff.

Got there a bit early today, so Tony and I set the course by the time the others arrived. Big shout out thank-you to Tony for that. We ended up with 8 guys today, 2 of which shot springer.

47/48 – Van Tucker. Top dog today shooting das Air Ranger and tied with....

47/48 – Barry Diehl shooting his favorite Daystate Revere.

44/48 – Anthony Turchetta, shooting his FX Crown Bee

43/48 – Stanley Mountford, shooting his Daystate Red wolf

38/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Red wolf and swearing he was going to be the lowest shooting competitor today (Have some faith!)

37/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his TX200 springer, after resetting his zero the wrong way (Aaaaaarrrrggghhhh!).

30/48 – Eric Halquist. Shooting his Brocock Bantam.

11/24 – Joe Pruzinsky, shooting his rebuilt HW97 springer. He spent the first half on the sight in line getting his setting squared away, and shot with Mark the second half and doing a pretty darn good job of relearning the rifle. He is going to readjust the trigger a bit so it comes closer to matching his other rifle. Smart!

Nothing else notable to report, other than we have been given notice that BASF is adding an 8.3% “transaction” tax to our per person fee for range usage. This apparently comes from the state. We were not charged for last week or this week, but it is gonna show up soon enough. Drat! What a PITA!

Oh, well.....that is all for this week. No rain yet, but we are hopeful.

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