

TRAC match – November 19, 2024 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Welcome back to our regularly expected weather forecast. After several weeks of absolutely balmy weather, with next to no wind, guess what we were greeted with this morning? It was our familiar nemesis saying, “I’m still here....ha ha ha ha.....!”

Upon arriving, the wind conditions were blustery, not at all like the forecast of calming winds increasing to 5 mph in the afternoon by the NWS. Nope. It was chilly to the point of being cold. Temps in the upper 40’s warming to almost 60° by the end of the match. Humidity ranged from 48% down to 30%, but the wind out of the north felt like it was trying to cut right thru you. North is actually “northerly”, anywhere from NW to NE and back and forth, and 5 to 7 mph, and gusting over 10 mph and quite blustery and unpredictable. The skies were mostly blue with very high, wispy clouds with plenty of sunshine. In between stints on the line and shooting, the guys were seen out in the sunshine, trying to soak up some warmth.

The 10 stalwarts that competed today were surprisingly quiet! Probably because of either shivering, or teeth chattering. An extra layer of outerwear and a neck gaiter felt pretty good this morning, but did nothing for your eyes tearing from the wind coming at you.....and a good time was had by all! Hey, we have fun regardless of weather.

Top of the heap today was.....

46/48 – Tony Turchetta / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

46/48 – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP, and wearing a coat for once!

44/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 backup springer / Open piston, and tied with...

43/48 – Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

43/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

33/48 – Joe Pruzinsky / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and shivering his head off!

Hopefully, all of the club members who either worked or competed in last week's world championships are getting some much-needed rest and recuperation. You guys all represented the club admirably. Job well done!

Next week is pistol / piston Tuesday, so get practicing with those springers! If Larry is not available, I will cover for him again. It will be just 2 days before Thanksgiving, so keep that in mind. You may need to sneak out for a brief reprieve from the pre-holiday kitchen prep work. I know I will!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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P.S. – One final thought.....

I found out today, while paying our invoice at BASF, that we have the highest single day participation record of 71 shooters (for last week) for a regularly scheduled shoot. The previous record was 62 participants! Amazing..... This does not include the big national or regional event attendance that BASF hosts. How is that for a feather in our cap? MK