

TRAC match – May 2, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Ahhh....., another lovely day for our weekly senior citizens mental health therapy session.... with most of our favorite group of usual suspects. There were 12 of us that gathered today! The weather was nice, so why not come out and share time in the sunshine, yada, yada, yada. I don't need to wax eloquent why you guys do this. Lets face it, we would go through withdrawal symptoms if we didn't.....right? It's Tuesday. Tuesday, we shoot. End of argument.....LOL!

Weren't sure that we were not going to get blown away today, though. The NWS forecast 10 to 15 mph winds with gusts as high as 30 mph. Yesterday (Monday.....aka "MAY DAY!") the wind as a real whoolybugger! Prior to starting the match today, the winds were calm! We held our breath and crossed our fingers, but.....you know how that goes.

We did get wind, but not too bad. It was at least predictable, coming out of the SE primarily. ESE, SE, SSE, but still the same general direction, so once we figured where to hold off, the rest was just an exercise in memory. The wind did an up-and-down thing regarding velocity; 8 mph, down to 6, up to 12, down to 10 with some gusting to 16, back down to 7, and finally ending up at about 10 mph.

I get these wind readings from the 3-day history of this area (recorded at Deer Valley Airport with the NWS) and noted for every half hour from our match start time. The temps started at 73° and went up to 81° under medium blue, cloudless skies. You couldn't ask for a nicer setting.

The scores for today were pretty nice as well.....

46/48 – Wayne, shooting his Thomas, and presiding as mental health facilitator, was tied with....

46/48 – Van, who was shooting his Huntsman and had a mag dump that was somehow Tony's fault....?

45/48 – Mark, shooting his TX200 springer, and tied with....

45/48 – Scott, who was shooting his Brocock Sniper.

44/48 – Two-bagger Mike, shooting his Thomas, and overheard talking to himself.

43/48 – Barry, shooting his Daystate Redwolf

42/48 – Stan, who shot his FX Dreamliner

39/48 – Tony, also muttering to himself and shooting his Bluwolf, and forgetting his magazine and single shot tray, but saved by Scott, who loaned him one....and tied with....

39/48 – Todd, who was shooting his FX Royale 400 in .22, and tied with....

39/48 – Jesse, shooting his Redwolf and sporting a walking foot brace, but wheeling himself around on nifty little kneeling scooter, while the foot heals.
Good to see you back, Jess!

35/48 – Joe was shooting his Huntsman

33/48 – Jake, was shooting his TX200 springer

All in all, great scores, a really nice day for shooting with a really great group of shooters. With all the shooting that I have personally done over the years, it is more than gratifying to see a great group of people jump in to help set up, enjoy shooting, and dive back in to help tear down and store the targets. We, as a club, have it all. I would like to think that getting together like we do, helps each of us maintain our sanity during these screwed up times. So, if you are ready to pull your hair out, you know where to come on Tuesday mornings.

Have a great week!

Respectfully submitted,

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