

TRAC match – January 7, 2025 – Wayne Mauler, match director
Yes! It is our first TRAC match for 2025 and the beginning of our 6th year of having these matches, which have become wildly popular, especially with Mother Nature when she popped in to make a visit today, with the exclamation, “Remember Me.....?” Well, she showed up to make us “appreciate” the advances that we have made. And today, we certainly did appreciate each and every point we scored. More on that later.....

It was still dark when we arrived this morning. The heavy cloud cover to the south and east blocked out the sunrise, although there was one solitary hot air balloon up in the sky, hoping to catch a glimpse of some sunshine, which was not to be. With the wind pushing it, it probably finally landed somewhere out near Wickenburg.

When the sky did lighten up, it cast a dull pallor onto the day. The wind was blowing out of the NE making it feel colder than the 45° temps that only warmed to the upper 50's. Humidity hovered around 20%. Wind velocities today were never less than 7 mph, and pummeled us with sustained velocities in the mid-teens with gusts as high as 20 mph. During the match, the wind came at us rapidly fishtailing from NNE to NNW predominantly. Even though most of us were bundled up, it still caused a lot of watery eyes and runny/drippy noses. What a wonderful day for the 11 hardy souls/fierce competitors/over-aged kids to be out playing with their friggin' BB guns! I say most of us were bundled up, but Wayne braved the elements wearing only a long sleeve shirt and a pair of shorts. Something is wrong with that boy.....

With the wind doing its thing, there was still frivolity in the air, with hoots, and shouts, and laughter each time a target did fall. Surprisingly, the scores were pretty darn good, too!

45/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and celebrating his 59th birthday today! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, young-un!

41/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

38/48 – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston

31/48 – Anthony Turchetta / AA TX200 / Hunter Piston, and doing most of the hootin' and hollerin', and tied with...

Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

30/48 – Rick Eaton / Steyr LG110 / Hunter PCP, and back in the saddle after a lengthy hiatus. Good to see you back, Rick!

Next week, your match director is.....Tony Turchetta, who promised there will be no zero shots.....whatever that means. With his devious mind, we can only guess.

However, Tony will be running a benchrest match, once-a-month, after the 3rd Tuesday TRAC match. This will be on the east side of the benchrest range, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. We requested this and it was approved by BASF for this month.

In February, we will only be able to shoot the TRAC match on the first and second Tuesday's due to the End of Trail cowboy action shooting event that will utilize most all of the ranges from the middle to the end of the month. That will also probably knock out Tony's benchrest match for February, as well.

Not sure what is going to happen in March as BASF is once again hosting the shooters EXPO. More info on that as it becomes available.

Anyway, there was still a lot of good shooting displayed today, and those of you who shot should be duly satisfied with the results. It was a real whooly-bugger!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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Words of Wisdom.....

Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows.

- *Michael Landon*