

TRAC match – June 27, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Remember what the match report listed from last week? Well, today was just about a carbon copy (remember what they were?) of last week. Same temps, same winds, same guys, slightly different results. Okay, that's the end of the report. See ya next week.....

.....I see that you are still reading, which tells me that you're not buying that crap.... except for maybe Barry, who probably fell asleep by this point. At least, that is what he tells me he does when reading these reports. So, for everyone except Barry, here is what did happen....

Wayne is still hobbling around with that splint/brace thing on his ankle. So, those who got there early, set up the course while he took care of the paperwork.

Today was pistol / piston day and we had a good mix of each powerplant; 4 pistol shooters, 4 piston shooters, and 2 puffer gun shooters, however in Van's defense of shooting his Air Ranger, he did shoot the entire course standing.

On the pistol side of the equation.....

45/48 – Mike, 2-bagger, Smith was top gun shooting his FX Ranchero pistol.

39/48 – Wayne, "the gimp", Mauler was right behind shooting an FX Ranchero.

36/48 – Barry Diehl, shot his Brocock Atomic, and was tied with....

36/48 – Larry Piercy, who also shot his Brocock Atomic and was overheard saying that this was his highest score shooting this pistol.

On the piston side of the aisle.....

48/48 – Tony Turchetta cleaned the course shooting his TX200 springer

46/48 – Mark Kauffman shot his TX200 TL#2 springer and feeling pretty good about the way this back up gun is shooting, even if he did make 2 mental mistakes early in the match.

43/48 – Bill Cole shot his HW77 and did well for his first time shooting it in competition.

42/48 – Jesse Avery, also shot his HW77 and broke the 40 barrier with it. Good shooting!

34/48 – Van Tucker, as mentioned earlier, shot his Air Ranger offhand, and probably had the best practice of any of us! We are going to have to include more offhand segments into the matches.....just because.

33/48 – Loren Braud, shot his Daystate Revere in his very first FT match in hunter class with a 12X scope. Nice job!

As for the weather, it was just like last week, nice and sunny, with just a bit of distant haze, 10% humidity, and temps ranging from 88° up to 93°. Wind was light, 0 – 5 mph out of the east during the first half and then shifting during the 2nd half to come at us out of the south at 3 – 8 mph. All in all, a very nice day to shoot. Heck, ANY day is a nice day to shoot.

Next Tuesday is July 4, Independence Day and we will be shooting. Since we haven't heard a peep from any of the members (we now have 42 paid members. Loren just joined today) about whether they will come out next Tuesday, we will still set up the usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per / 2 shots at each / shoot thru twice / 48-shot match. Most of the regular suspects said they would be there, and we just wanted to reach out to the working stiffs to join in if they had the day off.

On another note, that is near and dear to my heart, please fly your flags on Friday June 30, and hoist a brew in tribute and remembrance of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who tragically perished trying to save the village of Yarnell, 10 years ago. We have a number of first responders within our club ranks, and this hits close to home for us. We will never forget.

With nothing more to report, I will humbly sign off.

Respectfully submitted,

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