

TRAC match – September 19, 2023 – Wayne Mauler, match director

You can always tell when it is going to be a good day for shooting when you see the hot air balloons up early in the morning, just hanging there in the sky. Good conditions for sending pellets down range. Got there at 7:15 am, which I thought was early, only to find the course already set up! These guys, spearheaded by Tony Turchetta, must get there at 5:00 am or something. Maybe they can't sleep due to their excitement for wanting to get out and shoot with all the guys. They're worse than little kids....HA!

Anyway, we had the usual 6 lanes / 2 targets per....yada, yada, yada....with the targets stretched out similar to last week. The sky was a pale blue with not a cloud in sight. The sun was BRIGHT! There was a subtle (in BASF terms) breeze coming in from the east during sight in. The temps would range from 79° to 86°, with humidity in the mid-20% range. The breeze.....I call it that because it felt very light....came from the east, then started working its way around to the southeast, and end up coming from the SSW, and was only between 6 and 8 mph. For the 20 fpe guys, it was probably heaven. For me, with my springer clocking 10.7 fpe, I was having to hold anywhere from 1 to 2 mildots into the wind at the longer distances. Lotsa fun.

12 shooters today with 3 of them shooting perfect scores!

48/48 – Van Tucker – shooting a Huntsman Revere, and tied with....

48/48 - Anthony Turchetta – shooting an FX Crown Bee, and almost talking himself out of a clean score, and tied with....

48/48 – Wayne Mauler – Shooting a Thomas. He said afterwards that today everything just felt.....right! Good shooting!

46/48 – Barry Diehl – shooting his Daystate Revere

44/48 – Joe Pruzinsky – shooting his vintage Huntsman

43/48 – Barbara Pellegrino – shooting a Daystate Huntsman, and tied with....

43/48 – Bill Cole – shooting his Daystate Revere

41/48 – Jesse Avery – shooting a Daystate Redwolf

39/48 – Mark Kauffman – shooting an AA TX200 springer

38/48 – Loren Braud – shooting a Daystate Huntsman Revere (popular rifle?)

38/48 – Tony Pellegrino – shooting a Daystate Huntsman – He is hobbling around on a walking cast since ankle surgery and somehow dropped his rifle on the barrel....never a good thing. Maybe next week his rifle will have a cast on it, as well. Public Service Announcement to all married guys; Don't talk back to your wife and she won't clobber you with a shovel! Tony is learning the hard way.

23/48 – Ron Swanson – a new guy, shooting an FX Crown for his first ever FT match. It looked like he had an 18-wheeler to haul all of his equipment around!

Absent today, amongst others, was Larry Piercy. I believe he said something about closing up his cabin for the winter, so there is no information yet to write a match report for this past Saturday's Mormon Lake match. I will get that info when I hear from him.....eventually.

Also, next week, September 26, is the 4th Tuesday and thus is the pistol / piston shoot. As the weather is starting to cool down.....finally..... the Tuesday matches will just continue to get nicer and nicer. Yes, summer A/C hibernation is coming to an end. Lotsa good shooting is in store for us.

Respectfully submitted,

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