

TRAC match – December 24, 2024 – Larry Piercy, match director



T'was the day before Christmas and 8 little (sorta) elves came out to play Airgun games, and left the reindeer at home. The only thing up and flying today was 7 hot air balloons doing a Christmas eve sunrise flight, drifting from east to west. We didn't notice them until almost 8:00 am when the sun finally came up. Thoughts floating thru my mind driving to the range...."What am I doing up this early???"

It was another nice day at the range, with temps between 54° and 63° and humidity averaging in the mid-30% range. Skies initially were clear, with distant haze, and gradually got a bit cloudier, but still bright. The wind today was near non-existent again.....floating around the compass points but only between zero and a max of 5 mph, and not forceful. Just a gentle nudging now and then.

Today was pistol/piston day. Wayne and Larry collaborated to "decorate" the target faces with Christmasy images; snowmen, elves, tree decorations, you get the idea. It was Christmasy. Larry wanted to play Grinch and let the shooters guess where the killzone was. I suggested putting a black dot in the center of the killzone image. Wayne showed some discretion by cutting out the holes for the killzones, but with varying sizes. The cutouts were used in the final decision. As stated, 8 guys showed up/got permission to attend, and had a good time hammering the steel critters that always seem to invade the range on Tuesdays. We are there to provide pest control, and today did a marvelous job of it.



Some really great scores were posted, with these guys really getting into the piston mindset, too.....

In the pistol category, we had one shooter;

43/48 – Wayne Mauler / FX Ranchero / Hunter pistol

In the piston category, we had the remaining 7 shooters;

48/48 – Mark Kauffman / TX200 / Open piston, and....

Loren Braud / TX200 / Hunter piston

47/48 – Tony Pellegrino / TX200 / Hunter piston, and....

Bill Cole / HW77 / Hunter piston, and....

Anthony Turchetta / TX200 / Hunter piston

45/48 – Jesse Avery / AA Prosport / Hunter piston

39/48 – Larry Piercy / HW97 / Open piston, shooting this gun / scope combo for the first time.

The Christmas themed face plates seemed to present something different and were well accepted. Everyone was shooting exceptionally well!

With nothing more to report, all members wished each other Christmas greetings and well wishes before heading home. We will be shooting next Tuesday, New Years Eve for the last match of 2024. We had a great time this past year and look forward to 2025 being more of the same.

Merry Christmas to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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