

TRAC match – March 4, 2025 – Wayne Mauler, match director

Welcome back to our regularly scheduled programming. For those who missed us, we had a 2-week hiatus due to the “End of Trail” cowboy action shoot which took up most of the ranges on the west side of the complex at BASF, and effectively booted us (pun intended) off our regular range. The guys taking down all of the circus tents today were as busy as army ants, and had a good portion of the canvas shelters already down and folded by the time we finished shooting. Very organized, but what a congested mess. Noisy, too.....

We experienced a great day for shooting, with the forecast weather being right on the money! Clear skies of a pale blue and cloudless, albeit with the usual distant haze. Temps in the low to mid-50's with humidity dropping from 46% down to 36% and winds between 7 and 9 mph primarily out of the southeast and shifting towards the southwest by the end of the match. The wind was just annoying enough to nudge the pellet flights helter-skelter on the target faces. The few gusts that did present themselves were not problematic, just annoying.

The 12 shooters in attendance today didn't seem to have too much of a concern holding for the wind. Although some of the distant targets took somewhat of a beating, the scores were great! Ed brought along a buddy of his to experience our addictive little pastime. Randy shared Ed's gun today and seemed to rather enjoy himself and our merry little band of overage pellet flingers.

Top dog today, and winning one of his own “clean sweep” shooting pins was.....

48/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

47/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate CR-X .20 cal / Open PCP

46/48 – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Ed Brockway / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

45/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX 200 / Open piston – the only springer today.

44/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

Scott Hunt / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

43/48 – Bill Cole / FX King / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Pat Hayes / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

38/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

32/48 – Randy Christiansen / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP and shooting his very first field target match, sharing Ed's gun. The conversation following the match jokingly centered on him stopping by AOA to buy his own gun. We think he took the bait and set the hook pretty deep. He is psyched!

You may also notice that the names of some of the usual suspects are noticeably missing today. No idea where they might be, other than that they may be worn out from shooting this past weekend's match at Rio. Their wives could have gotten used to them being around the house for these past two weeks and loaded them down with honey-do's as well. Who knows?

As far as notable occurrences happening today, I could mention the cold line called by Stanley, at the very beginning of the match, claiming his first two misses were dead-center hits as opposed to obvious splits.....again.....but I won't. The good-natured banter that followed that episode was enough. He does manage a good job of throwing himself into the spotlight on a frequent basis.....LOL! That's our Stanley!

On a final note, I recently learned that at our age it is considered rude to open a bottle of Ibuprofen on the firing line, without having enough for everyone! I wasn't aware of that.....

Respectfully submitted,
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