

TRAC match – December 10, 2024 – Anthony Turchetta, match director



Today was Tony's "LONG RANGER" themed Field Target match staged under a beautiful blue, cloudless sky!

That is the good news.....

It was also blustery cold and windy as blue blazes! The temperature did not get above 55° with humidity in the low 20% range. And then there was the wind. We experienced wind today that ranged anywhere from 10 to 19 mph, with continuous gusts up to 23 mph, mostly out of the north, which made the temperature (wind chill factor) feel much colder.

Yeah, after the nice weather of this past week, winter has landed in the desert, maybe just visiting, but more likely because Torquemada Turchetta was match director. MIERDA!

Let me put that into perspective..... All the targets were placed at their maximum Troyer distances. Combine max distance, and gale force winds and you get, as our dear departed Mike Smith would say, "This is BULL\$#!%!!"!!! Even Wayne wore a winter parka today. AND, my buddy Giulio, who is from Hamilton, Ontario, wanted to come and watch today. The last time he did that, several years ago, we had similar weather. That's it! I ain't bringing him anymore! We did get a reprieve at halftime. With the verbal abuse that Tony was getting, he relented and let us move the targets wherever we wanted. Personally, I wanted to put them back into storage, but seeing as we were going to shoot through, some of the targets were moved to somewhat more reasonable distances. Not all of them, but a few. So, when you read the scores today, you will see the total score, out of a possible 48 points, with the first half and second half score in parenthesis behind it.

On a comedic note, there were widespread cheers when someone actually knocked a target over! Yeah, there is a morbid sense of humor that pervades this group! There were also some notable absentee's of those who actually check the weather reports prior to deciding if or if not to attend. My hands are still cold and those nasty cracks that develop at the corners of your fingernails, at this time of year, HURT! .....and I am not done typing this report yet. DRAT!

35/48 (15,20) – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

35/48 (14,21) – Van Tucker / Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

31/48 (14,17) – Barbara Pellegrino / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

31/48 (12,19) – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

31/48 (10,21) – Anthony Turchetta / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP

28/48 (10, 18) – Larry Piercy / Daystate Grand Prix / Open PCP

27/48 (13,14) – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

27/48 (11, 16) – Wayne Mauler / Thomas / Hunter PCP

25/48 (9,16) – Paul Wilkerson / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

22/48 (8, 14) – Mark Kauffman / RAW TM1000 / Open PCP, and tied with...

22/48 (7,15) – Eric Ajax / Daystate Red Wolf / Hunter PCP

9/48 (6, 3) – Tony Pellegrino / AA TX200 / Hunter piston (such a brave soul!)

As you can tell, with this much wind, today was a humbling (and shivering) experience, but we made the most of it and still had fun.....I think....

Well, that is it for this week's episode of "I can't feel my pellets".

Chillingly submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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