

TRAC match – October 10, 2023 – Mark Kauffman, match director

What an absolutely glorious day to shoot field target! The skies were a clear, but pale blue, bright, and had the hot air balloons hanging low to capture the remnants of the sunrise. Definitely needed the headlights on the way in this morning, but it was one of those mornings that made you feel glad to be alive!

The temps ranged from 77° to 84° during the match, with the humidity creating the “sticky armpits” sensation at around 30%. The winds were mild most of the time, but made their presence known from the east, then to the southeast at between 3 and 12 mph, and definitely not consistent. The operable term would be, “annoying “in that it made its presence know when you least wanted or desired it. It was still a wonderful day to be enjoying shooting field target with this particular group of somewhat retired old farts. Just remember that a bad day shooting is always better than a great day at work, seeing as some of these guys are still “on the job”.

Top score today came from Bill Cole, shooting his Daystate Revere and posting his first 48/48 perfect score. Seeing as he was my shooting partner for the day, he did mention that he was feeling a bit anxious as the match proceeded.

47/48 – Barry Diehl, shooting his Daystate Revere (good little classic guns!)

46/48 – Mark Kauffman, shooting his TX200 TL#1 springer

45/48 – Jesse Avery, shooting his Daystate Redwolf

43/48 – Joe Pruzinsky, shooting his vintage Daystate Huntsman, and missing 5 of his first 8 shots, then proceeding to clean the rest of the course! Go figure....

41/48 – Van Tucker, shooting his Daystate Revere.

What Van and Jesse were doing, was shooting their lanes standing, while waiting to advance to their next lane, AFTER shooting their hunter class positions. They were hitting EVERYTHING standing, maybe because by then, the pressure was off. Good practice, nonetheless.

39/48 – Loren Braud, shooting his Daystate Revere (I told you to look out of this guy! He will sneak up on you.)

37/48 – Jake Moser, shooting his TX200 springer

30/48 – Ron Swanson, shooting his FX ?.....whatever it was.

We don't do it enough, but just have to thank all the guys for just jumping in and helping to both set up and tear down every Tuesday. You have no idea how much that is appreciated. With that happening so quick and then getting sight-in/warm up out of the way quickly, we are able to start the matches prior to 8:30 am, which equates to a sooner finish, as well. Thank you, guys!

This past weekend was EBR, with a number of the troops participating and doing well. This coming weekend is the national championships back in Ohio. I know that Larry is headed there now, but not sure who else. The weekend following that is the Founders Cup match at Mormon Lake.

In the health and welfare category, Mike is still infirm, but expecting to come home today. Jesse goes under the knife tomorrow for his other ankle. Tony is still recovering from his ankle. Not sure who else may be under the medico's care, but can say that getting older is not for sissies! The more we shoot, though, the more it gets us out into the fresh air and exercise, and the healthier we stay. Plus, it is good for our mental health, as well. That being said, it should be interesting to hear the excuses of those not coming out regularly..... I would tell you some of what I have heard, but you would just use them anyway.

Respectfully submitted,

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