

TRAC match – December 3, 2024 – Mark Kauffman*, match director
(* - filling in for Wayne Mauler, who is under the weather with a cold)

It is December, and I am here to tell you that Ben Avery shooting range's wind machine is fixed and once again in fully operational mode!

How do I know this? Because of the wonderfully delightful prose and phraseology used today in reference to said piece of previously missing and/or broken equipment of the past several weeks. These linguistics seemed to revolve around one particularly well-used term that small children should never hear, but was never-the-less used today frequently, accurately, and collectively, and in excess, I might add, to describe the wind conditions. When asked where this "foul word" was learned, prior to having their mouths washed out with soap, they all uttered the same name, from my all-time favorite movie, "A Christmas Story"

".....**Schwartzie !**"

It WAS a nice day, with bright sunshine and hardly any cloud coverage from our vantage point. It was cool initially, ranging from the low 60's up to the low 70's by the end of the match, but that biting wind coming at you from out of the north (and fishtailing from NW to NE) brought tears to your eyes, not to mention pushing you around a bit....and it was relentless. It was as low as 6 mph up to 11 mph and gusting from 10 to 14 mph continuously. Yeah, the wind machine was working!

That didn't stop the 11 intrepid wind-blown airgun warriors from doing battle with the invading metal marauders.....except for maybe Barbara, whom we heard, from reliable sources, was NOT coming out in these conditions! No Way! I mean think of what that would do to her nails and make-up, not to mention her hair. I mean, jeeeeeez.....!

Anyway, here are the scores....

44/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Tony Pellegrino / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP, and tied with....

44/48 – Tom Jadlos / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

****take note that the above shooters were NOT sharing the same gun****

40/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate Grand Prix / Open PCP

39/48 – Anthony Turchetta / RAW TM1000 / Hunter PCP

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

34/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Air Ranger / Hunter PCP

32/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston and the only one with the wherewithal to shoot a springer, but still dead-ass last today.

Next week's match director is Tony Turchetta, whose only words of warning were, ".....next week, expect the long ranger." Not sure if he was bragging or describing the course set up. Either way, come prepared.

With nothing more to entertain you with, I shall therefore sign off.....

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kauffman

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