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# FROM THE EDITOR

I consider myself a very lucky person. Why?
Because I have fun and enjoy my job. Sure, there are daily pressures and many deadlines we struggle to meet, but they are tolerable when you enjoy the people around you. When you can take your mind off the job and share a good laugh, nothing seems impossible.

Here at USPSA we encourage our employees to take time to get to know and enjoy each other. We play jokes, act silly and celebrate everyone's birthday. Indeed, we all share a belief that creativity and hard work can coexist with fun and humor in the work place. We believe camradery and cooperation grow from mutual respect



Marilyn Stanford

and understanding and strive to foster that attitude within all of our employees. We all work together to try to provide you with the best possible service within an atmosphere of mutual cooperation and respect.

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# FROM OUR READERS



WHOOPS, WE GOOFED!

Because of an editing error in the Area 6 story in the last issue, we said that the Greenville Gun Club was in Asheville, SC. It is in Greenville, SC. We apologize to the club and the author for the error.

### WHAT A CREW!

On Thursday (at the US Open Nationals) when the rain hit. and we were up to our hinies (sic) in water, Denise Metcalf stood by us in the rain until relieved, and Ken Brummet was out in the worst of it digging ditches with the rest of us. Without the help and dedication of Denise, Ken, Cooper, Doug and Tom, Stage 1 would never have finished the match. Digging in the rain in rock-hard ground, we managed to drain the range and get the power cords above water and were able to continue Friday and Saturday. The far Pepper poppers were still in water, and for these two days, Denise and Ken had to wade through water to re-set poppers. There are no words that can express the performance of this crew. It is above and beyond what I would expect from volunteers.

Don Gabrovich, L-808

Letters for publication should be no more than 350 words and may be edited for length or clarity.

### WHO'S THIS MIKE?

I feel compelled to write about an experience I recently had. I nervously went to my first match expecting the worst. What if I screwed up? They'll probably make fun of my low tech equipment. Boy, was I ever wrong! The folks at Bend of the River Conservation went out of their way to make me feel comfortable and made sure I had a good time. I had the time of my life. "Lloyd Doubleday and the Boyz" deserve a pat on the back and a thanks. I look forward to many, many more matches.

Although I am left with one question: Who's this Mike guy? Whenever the RO's scored my targets they would start calling out, "Mike, Mike!" I'm sure he must be an important member on the board of directors!

Mike Reish, A-24158

### BENCHWARMER REVISITED

Asst. Editor's Note: The Benchwarmer position is one of few subjects that has caused numerous members to voice strong opinions. With the exception of the letters from Mr. & Mrs. Harrell (printed below), ALL letters received at Front Sight have been against the Benchwarmer position. It was not our intention to continue this subject; however, we believe the Harrells should be given an opportunity to defend their position. Their letters and Mr. Shoemaker's opposition letter will be the last ones printed in Front Sight because we believe the subject has been adequately debated.

My, my, my, how the bureaucrats scream when someone pokes fun at their fantasy balloon with a pencil of truth. You were all so busy getting your noses out of joint at what I didn't say, that you completely missed the point of what I did say.

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I didn't demean ROs. Bless them, we couldn't do without 'em; however, being human, they are as susceptible as the rest of us to getting their heads in a dark place occasionally. What I said was when they do, don't bitch.

I didn't say queers, or queer people. I said queer lifestyles, of which there are myriad that have nothing to do with sexual preference. It's interesting that while you missed my major point, your responses proved it's validity. The point being, of course, that you can't motivate people to volunteer by making disparaging comments about their age, abilities or physical condition. Instead of looking at yourselves and thinking maybe we can do better with a carrot instead of a stick, you grabbed up your sticks and beat me for disagreeing with you. I enjoyed your acronym. Here's one for you: Arrive, Set-up, Shout, Holler, Officiate, Leave Exhausted.

A simple comparison of the numbers of club officers, ROs, CROs, instructors, etc., versus the number of USPSA members (or simple attendance at almost any match) will show that "benchwarmers" outnumber workers about eight to one. Since you are upset at my suggestion that we are the "flesh and blood" of the sport, let me say that perhaps we are the fat. I fully understand that fat is not popular in today's society, however, when lean times come it is the fat that nourishes the body and keeps it alive.

I did not introduce the subjects of abortion and homosexuality gratuitously. If we continue to spit in God's eye over this insanity, His response will likely make our petty squabbles pale to insignificance. I don't think there were too many sporting events held in Sodom after God had His

Incidently, Vicki, I am 57 and my sixth grandchild will be here before you read this. The first five are quite happy not to have been abortions.

Dennis Harrell, A-21558

I would like to respond to the replies to my husband's "benchwarmer" letter. Shame on all of you. I have never read such a bunch of whining, name calling, petty letters. I sure hope no one in USPSA gives a Front Sight magazine to anyone he is trying to get interested in IPSC shooting. I don't think they would be much interested in belonging to a group that squabbles among themselves so much.

As to Christopher Gilson's reply. I do not think that he should cast aspersions on my character based on what my husband wrote. I, Sir, do not walk three steps behind anybody, and whoever would try to berate me in public would probably get his lips ripped off and handed to him on the spot (your or my husband).

I enjoy shooting on the range at our farm and my husband has been pressuring me to join USPSA and attend matches with him. Your responses to his letter helped me decide.

Patricia Harrell, "Benchwarmer's Wife"

Reflecting on Mr. Harrell's missive in the July/August Front Sight, I am moved to respond.

C'mon, Dennis, — the "guys who go to meetings, design and set up stages, and generally administer matches" are, by and large, not "turned on" by all the necessary work, but are truly "operating out of a sense of altruism." They've coped with innumerable benchwarmers, discovering early on that when nobody cares, nobody works — and nobody plays.

There's hardly a competitor I know (myself included) that wouldn't rather "choose not to



volunteer" and "just pay our match fees and shoot." It should be obvious, however, to even the most dedicated (and I use the term loosely) benchwarmer that the matches you so enjoy don't just happen on their own. Envision for a moment, if you will, a club, or say, the Nationals, where everyone suffered from your lassitude.

Do I go to meetings, design and set up stages, and administer matches? You bet — to foster in me a deep appreciation when I go to other clubs and can "just shoot," if for no other reason. Am I "turned on" by the heartburn, the IPSC lawyers, the whining, arguments, lack of help, and bitching (most prevalent among those who only show up to shoot) that seem to accompany all-too-many matches? Hardly.

In closing, I cannot help but observe that the Washington

State Animal (the Banana Slug) is a viable, flesh-and-blood creature — sans backbone, of course.

Floyd Shoemaker, A-14243

### **THANKS**

I thought I'd write a quick note to thank all those involved in the Tri-State Section Limited Championship.

I only wish more shooters would have participated because everything, in my opinion, was great! Hopefully next year will be even better.

Richard Ellis, A-1677

### HELP FROM HEINIE

Three days prior to the Michigan USPSA State Championship I broke a lower barrel lug on my .45 during a practice session. The barrel was a Heinie Premium Drop-in Dual Port System that I had purchased almost a year ago. I called Heinie Specialty Products, in Ha-

vana, IL, the following morning and explained my problem to a very helpful receptionist named Jamie. She put Dick on the phone and I told him that I had modified the assembly by drilling secondary ports through the barrel and comp. He said that this modification would not have had any bearing on the lug failure and he would stand behind his barrel. A new barrel and comp were shipped overnight express to my door, at no charge. Keep in mind that Dick did not even want to look at the broken barrel before offering to replace it.

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Brad Rainey, A-17209

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# INSIDE U.S.P.S.A.

his is the last opportunity I will have to address you as USPSA President. I want to take this time to thank you all for nine wonderful. interesting, exciting, and sometimes frustrating years. The wonderful people I have met in the sport have made this part of my life's journey worthwhile. I have grown and matured along with the sport and I would not have given up this experience for anything. Thank you for the good times!

Even though I won't still bear the title of President, I hope that I will hear from you in the years to come. I don't intend to disappear from the sport, only

from the limelight. I expect to shoot with my old friends, and make new friends and socialize at many USPSA club events. I hope to see you there.

### SURVEY

There is a survey in this issue that we hope you will fill out. With a new administration and changes in the B.O.D., they thought it was time to touch bases with the members and ask questions about some of the recent developments in the sport. Please take the time to think about the questions and answer them. Your sport is depending on you.

Most of the questions are selfexplanatory or have a lead-in that tells you of the current policy. The question on power factors is not to start any new speculation but to find out how



Dave Stanford, President

the majority of our members feel about the current policy. I receive at least one letter each month suggesting we have only one power factor. Is this from a vocal minority, or is it something that the membership is concerned about?

The questions about IPSC were stimulated in a large part

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by a letter to one of our clubs from IROA wanting to plan a match in the United States without consulting the RD's office. Needless to say, this caused some consternation within the Board.

The questions about the magazine length are to find out how our membership really feels about the situation. Is it accomplishing what was intended? Do our Limited shooters want to continue with the current policy or should long magazines be allowed only in

Open category? The IPSC world assembly was unable to get a two-thirds majority to approve any proposed changes at the meeting in September 1993. As a result, there won't be any world-wide changes within IPSC for at least a year.

# ${f F}_{ m LOOD\,RELIEF}$

The USPSA Board has authorized the shooting of a SPECIAL classifier match at all of our clubs. The purpose of this match is to help provide funds to assist the people in Pike and Adams counties in Illinois. The Board and I urge our clubs to take part in this event. This is the first time your organization has attempted a charitable enterprise on a nationwide basis. Let's show the people, who may not get back into their homes for a year be-

cause of the devastating floods, that we want to help. This is your chance to show that we, as a group, care about others less fortunate.

The match will consist of a total of four classifier courses shot between Nov. 1, 1993, and

June 30, 1994. Clubs will receive Activity Credits (Mission Count) for the match. These credits are in addition to any Mission Count earned in the regular 12 matches a year. We ask that clubs charge a fee of \$10 per competitor, all of which would be sent to USPSA. Clubs should charge enough additional to cover their expenses to pay for targets, tape and any range fees, if applicable.

When the results from your match are received at USPSA, scores will be entered, clubs credited for the activity as at a regular match, and the proceeds sent to a 501C agency that is providing flood relief and support to the people in the

Quincy-Barry area.

We have all seen the TV coverage of the devastating floods in the area. I have personally seen homes still completely filled with water months after the original floods. These homes are totally destroyed. Lakes now exist where homes and farms once stood. Just because the worst of the flooding is past does not mean the emergency is over. It is anticipated that it will take several years to get back to a semblance of normality in the hard-hit areas. To show the magnitude of it all, more than eight million acres were under water. Won't you help?

# WORLD ASSEMBLY

This is a short report taken from my notes about the main issues discussed in the World Assembly Sept. 18 & 19. For a detailed report you can refer to the minutes when they become available.

Several nations were accepted for provisional membership, among which was China.

A royalty agreement between IPSC and EPC, the maker of subminiature sights, was confirmed, with some modifications required. A royalty agreement between IPSC and Prolix was withdrawn by the executive.

A proposal that 1/2 size IPSC metallic silhouette targets be allowed in IPSC was withdrawn by the executive.

A motion to discuss the magazine and shooting category issues failed for lack of a two-thirds majority. This means that there will not be a review of the magazines or shooting categories by IPSC for

at least one year. (The agenda had contained several proposals to regulate magazine lengths, require the standard/Limited pistols to fit in the box, and to limit standard/Limited guns to NO modifications.)

The name of Senior category was modified so that a person could be listed as either a Senior or a Veteran. A proposal to make up teams of Juniors, Seniors etc. failed.

A constitutional amendment sought by J.P. to restructure the executive council and appoint various V.P.'s to specific duties passed.

A proposal to rank (or classify) shooters in a particular country based on that country's top finisher at the World Shoot failed.

The proposal by J.P. to give the American Handgunner Postal Match IPSC sanction even if the competitors were not members of a region was withdrawn by J.P. Denis. The proposal received little support and quite a bit of opposition. Most of the opposition stemmed from fear of liability in many countries, not just the United States.

The next Assembly is in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the fall of 1994. The next World Shoot will be in Brazil in 1996.

J.P. Denis was re-elected (unopposed) for another term, even though he declared he would resign after serving one year. The Assembly should plan on having an election in 1994 in Argentina.

### Scoring Program

The USPSA Scoring program will begin shipping Nov 1st. It is free to all clubs. Individuals who wish to have a copy of the program may order one

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### 1993 ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

by Steven R. Kalamen, L-573

On June 25-27, the five clubs of the Northern Illinois Section hosted the 1st Annual Illinois State Championship. This seven stage match drew 89 Open and 28 Limited shooters.

Stage 1, "Your First Carjacking," was a field course. While seated in a real car, shooters engaged targets through the window. After exiting the car, shooters then moved to five other positions. John Middlekauf won this stage in Open and Jack Weigand won in Limited.

Stage 2, "Paper and Steel," was a burner stage won by Greg Lyle in Limited and Ray Hirst in Open.

Stage 3, "How Low Can You Go?" was a three-position field course shot from varied heights. John Middlekauf won his second stage in Open as did Jack Weigand in Limited.

Stage 4, "Cake Walk," required competitors to shoot through a plastic snow fence (which jammed more than a few comp guns). Rick McDowell was the Open winner and Greg Lyle was the Limited winner.

Stage 5, "Guess Which," had a disappearing target that was so fast only six shooters in the entire match got two hits on it. John Middlekauf and Jack Weigand three-peated for stage wins.

In Stage 6, "Zig-Zag," shooters engaged targets through windows at different heights while moving through a totally enclosed hallway. Paul Kurtz won in Open and and Steph Hobson won in Limited.

Stage 7 was the classifier "Long Range Standards." Rick McDowell was the Open winner and Mike McCormick won in Limited.

After the numbers were crunched, Rick McDowell was the Open match winner and Jack Weigand was the Limited winner and 1993 Illinois State Limited Champion. Stan Olsen was the 1993 Illinois State Open Champion.

I want to thank the great match staff who kept the match running 1 1/2 hours ahead of schedule. Special thanks to the stage and prize sponsors whose generous support provided for an excellent prize table. We appreciate their support.



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# **INSIDE NROI**

Open Nationals ...

The 1993 Open National Championship is history, and what an historical event it was! For the first time in the past 10 years, weather forced the cancellation of one day of competition — Thursday. A light rain also fell on Tuesday. It was this lighter rain that set the stage for a most instructive protest and arbitration.

On stage 4, a plywood floor had been painted and roughed with sand prior to the match. A wood ramp leading to the floor had strips of lath screwed to it to provide traction. The first squad to shoot the stage on Tuesday encountered damp conditions and believed that it caused at least one shooter to fall. A protest was filed on the grounds that rule 3.01 requires safe design and construction of props. The arbitration committee denied the protest with this reasoning.

"Under the spirit of Principles 6 and 8 of IPSC (Realism and Freestyle), it is the competitor's responsibility to adapt his performance to changing weather conditions which are part of the challenge of the competition. If a competitor deemed stage conditions to be unsafe, he or she should have requested the cleaning of the props for the purpose of making its surface reasonably safe (4.07 - competitors shall have the right to request the clearance of such areas prior to competing)."

The report of findings goes on, "The above Principles are expanded in rule 2.00, The value of practical competition is determined by the quality of the challenge and the visible rele-



Andy Hollar, V.P. Dir., NROI

vance of course design to hypothetical conditions requiring the use of a firearm.' Page 10 of the manual (not part of the rules) states, 'Wear adequate clothing - Practical Shooting is an outdoor sport practiced in all weather. Pouring rain or 6" of snow, the match goes on ...'. The committee inspected the stage and determined that rule 3.05 (Reasonable preparation of



the range surface shall be carried out by the course construction ...) had been complied with. The bottom line is this. Course designers and builders must be reasonably careful about making stages safe, competitors have to adapt to changing weather conditions by slowing down if necessary. More about a second protest on the same stage in a later issue. Stay tuned.

# So it Happened During the Nationals ...

Contributed by Bill Maund. I'm not sure how long the heavens had been pouring rain over PASA park Thursday morning. The staff arrived in rain gear, but their breathable Goretex suits were easily penetrated by torrents of gale force wetness as they plodded to their stages. The competitors crowded on the veranda and in the concession area of Smith & Wesson hall waiting for the cloudburst to end.

Finally, at nine o'clock, the eight o'clock squads were sent to their stages. When squad 25 arrived at "Standards," the staff was drenched to the skin. Undaunted, the staff covered cardboard targets with plastic bags and mounted them onto the turning stands. By the time the first four shooters were ready, the targets were already wilting. RO's splashed downstream - 'er, down-range between strings with fresh targets already getting soft from the incessant downpour. As repairs were made, one RO. Harold Barrow, shared coffee from his thermos with a waiting competitor shivering in a soaking-wet T shirt. The RO's were doing their best to help the competitors shoot their best possible scores.

A short time later all competition for Thursday was suspended. The PASA rain gauge recorded 6-1/4 inches in less than 24 hours. On Friday the sun was again shining and the temperature comfortable when the RO staff again fanned out across the range. It had already been a hard week. Twelve-hour workdays with Monday sweltering and Thursday breeding pneumonia. Now the CRO's, RO's, Stats Officers, Range Masters and a cadre of PASA

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# 1993 U.S. NATIONALS

by Dave Stanford, RD-2

The 1993 Open Championship, which ran from August 30th through September 3, was a thriller. The men's and

women's competition was hot. heavy and went right down to the wire. Even the top shooters were unsure of the winner until the official announcement on Friday. When the results were announced. Matt McLearn was the Men's Champion, while Kay Clark was the Women's Champion. Matt just edged Todd Jarcent and Kay

Clark edged out Sheila Brey by .64 percent. The Colt Speed Shootoff was won by Todd Jarrett, with Matt finishing sec-

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rett by .26 per- Matt McLeam scoots behind the "couch" on Stay Low with Rosie Rosel watching.

mitment of resources they have made to our sport.

The match was not without its moments. While there was some rain early in the week, the weather gods waited until Wednesday night to really blow in a gale with winds up to 70 mph. More than six inches of rain fell in 24 hours, mostly on Thursday, and the match had to be shut down for the day. Those who managed to shoot Thursday were allowed reshoots on Friday when we tried to shoot two days' worth of

competition in only one day, and darn near made it. We ran 2500 shooters on Friday, and only had three squads to shoot through one stage and two squads through another stage

on Saturday morning. This was the first time in the history of the Nationals that we have had to use our Rain Day of Saturday morning. The shooters and the RO's worked together to bring the event to a happy conclusion.

The stages were well received and, while seemingly simple, had some sur-

prises built in that required both fast and accurate shooting. The results of the 1993 Nationals, and the World Shoot, held just two weeks later, validated the concept that you can test the best shooters in the world and you don't need 35 courses to do it. The U.S. Nationals courses are designed to test a full range of skills and they did so. The top man and woman shooter at the U.S. Nationals were also the top man and woman shooter at









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CRO.DON GABROVICH, RM

Designer	Don Gabrovich, RM					
Scoring	Comstock, 105 Points, 21 rounds					
Targets, Hits	7 USPSA Paper targets, 5 Pepper Poppers. Two rounds each paper, all steel must be down to score					
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot					
Start Position	Standing in box A hands hanging naturally at sides, "pass card" in either hand.					

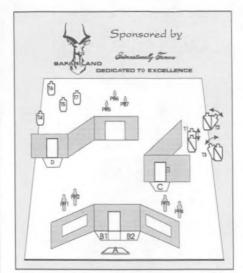
At the start signal, the competitor will draw and engage only PP1-PP4 with all rounds passing through the windows, Competitor will then move to box B1 and/or B2 and engage only PP5-PP7 through the door. Competitor will then move to box C, insert the pass card into the slot at C, and engage only T1-T3, which will become fully visible after inserting the card, with two rounds each. Competitor then moves to box D and engages only T4-T7 with two rounds each.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: The pass card must be properly inserted into the slot at door C before appropriate targets can be engaged. The card may be left at slot C as it is not needed at D.

the World Shoot just two weeks later in Bisley, England.

A new cartridge was also introduced at this Nationals. Rob Leatham, Doug Boykin and Kippi Boykin were shooting the Dillon 9x25 which is a 10mm cartridge necked down to 9mm. It may not have been such a good idea to test it at the Nationals as severe jams brought Rob Leatham down from a possible 5th place to 21st. This is the first time in many years that Rob hasn't placed in the top 16.

Stage 1, Limited Access, was a field course sponsored by Safariland and designed by Don Gabrovich. This scenario simulated defending a nuclear power plant. Shooters started by engaging some poppers through windows, then proceeded to a door to engage other poppers which were visible some distance downrange. They then went to another



room where they had to insert a security cardkey in a box on the door to gain entry to a second room. Inserting the cardkey started three targets moving up and down and swinging. Each target was set to a different speed and it was almost impossible to anticipate which target was going to ap-



Stage 1 RO crew: Jerry Wisecarver, PASA volunteer, Tom Flett, Denise Metcalf, Don Gabrovich, Doug Billig, PASA volunteer, Cooper Buckalew.

pear next. Naturally, each target was protected by a noshoot. After completing that segment, shooters moved to another doorway to engage four stationary targets to complete the course. Top shooter for this stage was Doug Koenig in 19.69 seconds.

Stage 2, Hellzapoppin, was a short 13-round speed shoot sponsored by Clark Custom Guns. The shooting box was set up like a teller cage. This course required shooting through a port, then around



Jerry Barnhart clears the PASA nuke plant of terrorists.









### HELLZAPOPPIN'

CRO: SHARI FREER, RM

Designer	Desert Sportsman, US Design Team (CM 91-2)					
Scoring	Cornstock, 65 Points, 13 rounds					
Targets, Hits	5 USPSA Paper targets, 3 Pepper Poppers. Two rounds each paper, all steel must be down to score					
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot					
Start Position	Standing in start box, hands hanging naturally at sides, loaded gun on shelf, muzzle down range.					

On start signal, competitor will retrieve gun and engage targets from within the confines of shooting box A. Engage only PP1 - PP3 around left side of wall, engage only T1 - T2 from around right side of wall, engage only T3 - T5 through the window.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, ver only specified targets are to be engaged from each position



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Ron Avery shows good form on "Executive Action."

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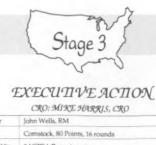
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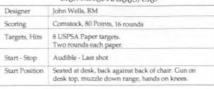


Mike Harris, Egil Smestad, PASA volunteer, Roger Brown, and Patrick Baird.



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On start signal, competitor will engage only T1 - T4 through the door way and engage only T5 - T8 through the window.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged from each position.



the left and right sides of the barricade wall. Jethro Dionisio topped this stage in 8.94 seconds. Stage 3, Executive Action, was a Comstock

stage 3, Executive Action, was a Comstock speed shoot sponsored by Ed Brown Products. Shooters were required to pick up their guns from a desk, move to a doorway on the left to engage a group of full targets, then to a window on the right to engage partial targets behind no-shoots. This stage required a definite change in mindset from hose mode to accuracy mode. JoJo Vidanes did this one in 7.78.

Stage 4, Walt's Tires, was a 23-round Comstock field course sponsored by **Para-Ordnance**. It sported two US poppers,



Jethro Dionisio shows determination.



one Pepper popper and 10 paper targets with assorted noshoots. Shooters began by engaging three targets from a shooting box before running onto a platform to engage targets over a stack of tires. Two more target were engaged from underneath a partly open ga-





### WALT'S TIRES

CRO: GARY STEVENS, CRO

Designer US Design Team					
Scoring	Comstock, 115 Points, 23 rounds				
Targets, Hits	10 USPSA targets, 1 Pepper Poppers, 2 US Poppers. Two rounds each paper, steel must fall to score.				
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot				
Start Position	Standing in start box, hands hanging naturally at sides.				

On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only T1 - T3 and PPI from box A. Competitor will then move to B and engage only T4 - T7 from box B. All rounds fired at T6 and T7 must pass under the garage door. Competitor them moves to C and engages only T8 - T10 and US Poppers 1 and 2.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged from each position.



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Rob Leatham, while waiting to have his tires rotated at Walt's, takes care of a small problem (or two.)



Troy McManus, Robin Dulaney, Gary Stevens, Don Nacke, Joe Gould, and Matt Blake.

rage door. Shooters then moved to cover behind some gas pumps to engage two US poppers and three targets. This stage was won by Ron Avery in a time of 13.53.

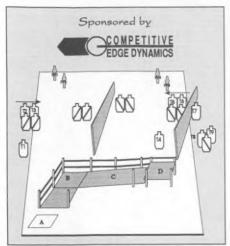
Walt's Tires was the only stage on which any arbitrations were filed. Both concerned weather and the footing on the platform. In the first instance, the surface of the platform was protected by painted and sand surface. Ordinary tennis shoes didn't seem to slip, but shooters with hard-soled, cleated shoes did seem to have some problems. As a result of the downpour on Thursday, the surface deteriorated. The paint started peeling and, in some places, reached bare wood. The bare surface did become slippery to all types of footwear. We then nailed cleats to the floor to help

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Two PASA volunteers, Ray Hirst, Harry Iha, Greg Miller, David Hyden, Bill Coogan, and a PASA volunteer.

prevent slippage as a safety measure. After this was done, another arbitration was filed because the surface had been changed. The gist of the second arbitration was that competitors who shot on the cleated surface had an advantage over those who didn't. The arbitration committee denied both arbitrations, and did not require any reshoots.



### LOADING CHUTE

CRO: DAVID HYDEN, CRO

Designer	Harvey Arnold, CRO, Modified by US Design Team				
Scoring	Comstock, 110 Points, 22 rounds				
Targets, Hits	9 USPSA Paper targets, 4 Pepper Poppers. Two rounds each paper, all steel must be down to scor				
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot				
Start Position	Standing in box A, hands hanging naturally at sides.				

On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only PPI and PP2 from box A. Competitor will move to box B and engage only T1 - T3 with two rounds each. Competitor will move to C and Engage only PP3 and PP4 and T4 - T6 with two rounds each. Then move to box D and engage only T7 - T9.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged from each position. Popper PP1 will activate moving targets T2 and T3. Popper PP3 will activate moving targets T5 and T6.

The committee believed that, if anything, the cleats would hamper a shooter when trying to shoot under the partly opened garage door. Actions taken for reasons of safety were



Greg Miller handles the RO chores while Ray Hirst gives the "Loading Chute" a shakedown cruise.

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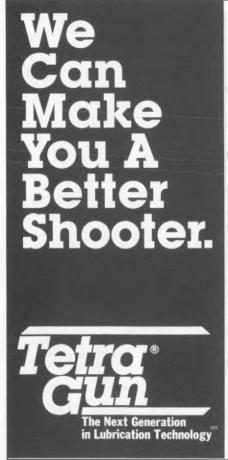
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ruled within the prerogative of the match director.

Stage 5, Loading Chute, sponsored by Competitive Edge Dynamics, was one of the best loved stages of the match. It was a 22-round Comstock field course set in a stockyard. It had two moving targets activated by Pepper poppers. The moving targets came from behind a wall and moved across an opening to come to rest concealed be-

hind hard cover and two noshoots.

Shooters engaged a paper target and two no-shoots from outside the 'yard', then moved into the loading chute to engage the moving targets as they traversed the range. Shooters then moved farther into the chute to engage two more Pepper poppers and another set of moving targets which travelled in the opposite direction to the first set. Finally at the top of the

chute, three more targets were engaged. Matt McLearn topped this stage in 14.27 seconds.

Stage 6, Happy Camper, was sponsored by Shooting Acces-



### HAPPY CAMPER

CRO: MARSHALL TODD, CRO

Designer	Bob Russell, CRO				
Scoring	Comstock, 100 Points, 20 rounds				
Targets, Hits	8 USPSA Paper targets, 4 Pepper Poppers. Two rounds each paper, all steel must be down to score				
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot				
Start Position	Standing in start box, hands hanging naturally at sides.				

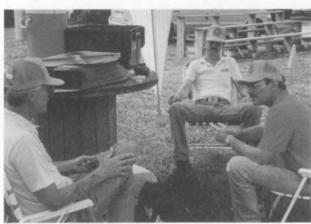
On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only targets T1 - T2 and Poppers PP1 and PP2 through the port at wall B. Competitor will then move to engage targets T2 - T3 and Poppers PP3 and PP4 through the port at wall C. Then move into the tent and engage remaining targets T5 - T8 with two rounds each.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged from each position. Targets T1 and T2 will appear when PP1 is struck down.



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Time Out. Egel Smestad leads the bull session while waiting

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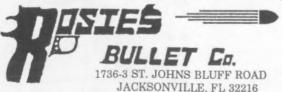
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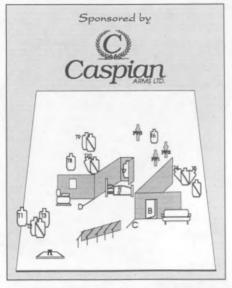
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### STAYLOW

CRO: ROSIE ROSEL, CRO

US Design team
Comstock, 115 Points, 23 rounds
10 USPSA Paper targets, 3 Pepper Poppers. Two rounds each paper, all steel must be down to score
Audible - Last shot
Standing in start box, hands hanging naturally at sides.

On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only T1 - T3 with two rounds each. Competitor will then maintain cover by going through the tunnel while moving to door B where he will engage only T4 - T5 with two rounds each from behind the threshold (door will only open approximately 6°). Competitor will then move to corner and from box C, engage only T6 with two rounds and P71 - P73. Competitor will then move to box D with two rounds each. All rounds fired at T8 and T9 must pass through the window.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged from each position. Failure to maintain cover passing from A to B will result in 5 procedural penalties. One procedural penalty will be assigned for each cover lath knocked off the cover wall. Competitors are warmed that guns may not be re-holstered while in the tunnel as that will generally cause a violation of the 180 degree rule and result in disqualification.



### CHECK CASHING SANDARDS

CRO: RICK RAYMOND, RM

Designer	US Design Team
Scoring	Time Fire, 90 Points, 18 rounds
Targets, Hits	9 USPSA Paper targets. Two rounds each.
Start - Stop	Audible & visual - Audible & visual
Start Position	Standing in start box, hands hanging naturally at sides.

String 1: On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only targets 71 - T3 in any order with two rounds each. String 2: On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only targets T4 - T6 in any order with two rounds each. String 3: On start signal, competitor will draw and engage only targets T7 - T9 in any order with two rounds each.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged during each string. String 1: Targets T1 - T3 will all appear at the start, then disappear one at time, left to right, in about 3 seconds.

String 2: Targets T4 - T6 will all appear at the start, then disappear

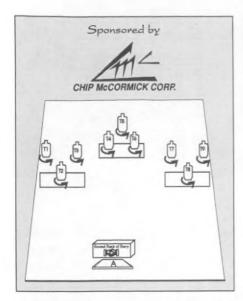
one at a time, right to left, in about 2.5 seconds.

String 3: targets T7 - T9 will all appear at the start, then disappear one at a time, center, left then right, in about 2 seconds.



Doug Boykin is about to go low to flank the bad guys.





sories, Inc. In this scenario, our intrepid camper returned to the family camp site to find it had been taken over by out-

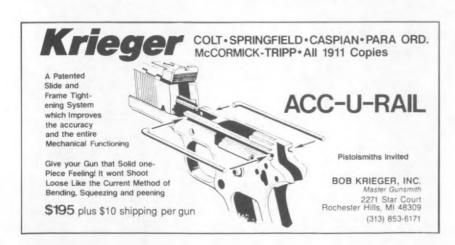


James Hutchinson, Rick Raymond, Chuck Huffington, PASA volunteers Tom Riley & John Barnes, and Hank Kapraun.

laws. This 20-round field course featured targets that popped out from behind trees and hid behind hard cover. After engaging the targets in camp and the woods, shooters went into the tent to rescue the family from more bad guys. Once again Matt McLearn was the hero of the day with a time of 15.40 seconds.



Skypp "Mr. Fix-it" Lee spreads some sunshine during a rather rainy week.







### NIGHTMARE CRO: SHARON BARBEE, CRO

Designer	US Design Team				
Scoring	Comstock, 75 Points, 15 rounds				
Targets, Hits	6 USPSA Paper targets, 3 Pepper Poppers. Two rounds each paper, all steel must be down to score.				
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot				
Start Position	Laying on bed, ankles crossed, hands and arms				

On start signal, competitor will retrieve gun and from box A engage only poppers PP1 - PP3. Then move to barricade B and engage only T1 - T3 with two rounds each. Move to barricade C and engage only T4 - T6 with two rounds each.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No gunbelt or holster may be worn for this stage. No supplimental equipment may be used to carry/hold magazines. All ammo used in the stage must start in the night stand; any other ammo fired will result in one procedural for each round. No specific order for target engagement, however only specified targets are to be engaged from each position.

Stage 7, Stay Low, sponsored by Caspian Arms Ltd., was a 23-round Comstock field course in an urban setting. After initially engaging some targets, our hero had to 'stay low' by crawling behind a couch without showing himself. A Cooper



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tunnel was used to simulate the couch. He then went to a room to engage two hostiles through a barely opened doorway. From



PASA volunteer, Gary Thompson, PASA volunteer, Gene Sutton, Sharon Barbee, and Gerry Churchwell.

around a corner three pepper poppers and one full size target were engaged down a hallway. Just as he was about to get to the window to make his escape. another target appeared in a bedroom. Unfortunately, upon reaching the window, he found that the gang (three paper targets and two no-shoots) was al-



Judy Woolley takes care of the spooks in her Nightmare.



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ready outside waiting for him. Jethro Dionisio blazed through all this in just 15.64 seconds.

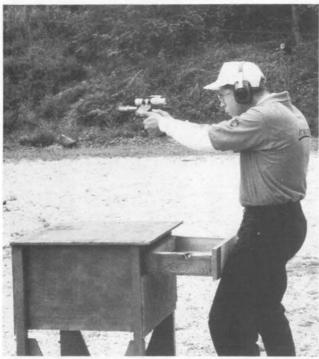
Stage 8, Check Cashing Standards, sponsored by Chip

McCormick Corp., was a computer-controlled timed-fire stage. We expected several people to clean this stage but no one did. Jerry, The Burner,

Barnhart, topped this stage with 84 of a possible 90 points.

In this course the competitor

In this course the competitor faced three banks of three appearing targets. When the first



Matt Burkett takes a bead on a "Ghostpopper" in Nightmare.



Valerie Levanza gets ready for lunch at the Road Kill Cafe.





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Designer	US Design Team
Scoring	Comstock, 40 Points, 8 rounds
Targets, Hits	4 USPSA Paper targets. Two rounds each paper.
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot
Start Position	Seated at bench A, gun on table top, muzzle down range, shooter facing squarely across table, hands on table top at designated spots.

On start signal, competitor will pick up gun and engage only targets T1 - T3 with two rounds each from the bench. Then move to shoot-ing box and from box A engage only US Poppers PP1 and PP2.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement. The vision barrier is to be considered hard cover. Competitors will shoot stage 10, then immediately shoot stage 11 before any targets are

Stage 11

ROAD KILL II

Designer	US Design Team
Scoring	Cornstock, 40 Points, 8 rounds
Targets, Hits	4 USPSA Paper targets. Two rounds each paper.
Start - Stop	Audible - Last shot
Start Position	Seated at bench B, gun on table top, muzzle down range, shooter facing squarely across table, hands on table top at designated spots.

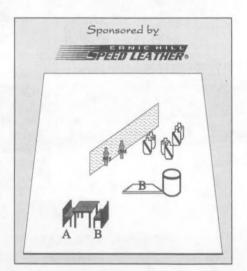
On start signal, competitor will pick up gun and engage only targets T5 - T7 with two rounds each from the bench. Then move to shoot-ing box and from box B engage only US Poppers PP3 and PP4.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: No specific order for target engagement. The vision barrier is to be considered hard cover. Competitors will shoot stage 10, then immediately shoot stage 11 before any targets are scored.



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Scoring	Time Fire, 150 Points, 30 rounds
Targets, Hits	3 USPSA Paper targets
Start - Stop	Visual & audible - Visual & audible
Start Position	Standing at start line, hands hanging naturally at sides.

String 1: 50 yards, standing; on signal engage target(s) with six rounds only, 7 seconds. String 2: 50 yards, kneeling; on signal engage target(s) with six

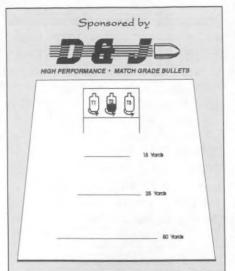
rounds only, 7 seconds. String 3: 50 yards, prone; on signal engage target(s) with six rounds

String 4; 25 yards, freestyle; on signal engage each target with one round, mandatory reload, re-engage each target with one round strong hand only, 5 seconds.

String 5; 15 yards, weak hand only, on signal draw, transfer to weak hand, engage each target with two rounds, 5 seconds.

RANGE OFFICER NOTES: Rounds are counted for each string. Only 10 rounds are scored on each target. Both hands may be used to clear jams on any string.

bank appeared for about five seconds, he drew and engaged each target with two rounds. After a four-second pause the second bank of targets appeared for three seconds. There



was another pause and the last bank of targets appeared for one-and-a-half seconds. Many people were able to fire all their rounds on this exercise, but no one was able to collect all 90 points.

Stage 9, Nightmare, sponsored by Vic International, was a short quick field course. Shooters started this 15-round



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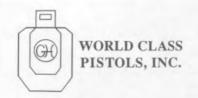
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course in bed. On the signal they had to retrieve their guns and ammunition from a nightstand and engage three pepper poppers, then move to a doorway and from cover, engage three paper targets while avoiding a no-shoot. At another doorway and from behind a wall, shooters engaged three more targets while avoiding another no-shoot. Rob Leatham topped this stage in 13.15 seconds. Target placement was the key here, with target arrangement causing the shooter to speed up then slow down.

Stages 10 and 11, Road Kill Cafe I and II, were sponsored by CP Bullets and Ernie Hill Speed Leather. These two stages were mirror images of

each other. Shooters started seated in a booth at the local watering hole. On signal they engaged three targets from the booth while avoiding three noshoots, then ran to cover and engaged two US poppers that became visible.

Stage 12, Standards, sponsored by D & J Bullets, was a 30-round computer-controlled turning target event. The shooter faced two full-size targets and one partial target protected by hard cover midway up the A zone. Virtualy no one admits to liking the Standards but this is where the top shooters try to make up for lost time. Each point in the standards is worth one match point. Doing well in the standards can mean moving up several places in overall placement. Jethro Dionisio took this stage with 140 out of a possible 150 points.

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Competitor	Points	%
1 McLearn, Matt	985.44	100.00
2 Jarrett, Todd	982.88	99.74
3 Dionisio, Jethro	968.30	98.26
4 Voigt, Michael	960.55	97.47
5 Boykin, Douglas	946.99	96.09
6 Barnhart, Jerry	946.94	96.09
7 Koenig, Doug	929.55	94.32
8 Vidanes, JoJo	915.86	92.93
9 Piatt, Bruce	911.26	92.47
10 Edington, Merle	907.02	92.04
11 Avery, Ron	905.98	91.93
12 Benton, John	904.99	91.83
13 Lacina, Nick	902.93	91.62
14 Gann, Blake	900.70	91.40
15 Clark Jr., James	892.33	90.55
16 Bowerman, Rick	892.22	90.54
17 Garcia, Frank	890.73	90.38
18 Magne-Myhre, Arnt	886.14	89.92
19 Craig, Jamie	882.25	89.52
20 Butterfield, Dave	880.38	89.33

r	Гор	10 ladies:		
	1	Competitor	Points	%
1	79	Clark, Kay	764.16	77.54
2	85	Brey, Sheila	759.23	77.05
3	117	Levanza, Valerie	730.57	74.14
4	118	Boykin, Kippi	730.25	74.10
5	145	Hamilton, Shirley	708.59	71.91
6	160	Nowlin, Julie	697.94	70.83
7	189	Kimbrel, Sharon	671.61	68.15
8	198	Woolley, Judy	666.35	67.62
9	200	Lathwell, Kerry	664.77	67.46
10	202	Glaser, Gabriele	664.34	67.42



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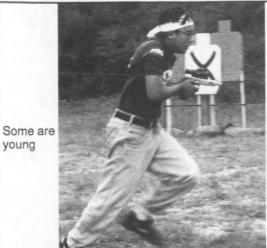
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# WORLD SHOOT X

by Dave Stanford, RD-2

Well, they did it. After 10 years, the IPSC World Shoot, held at Bisley, England, Sept. 12 to 18, finally topped the US Nationals in total number of competitors. With about 550 competitors and 35 stages, the World Shoot has now become the largest practical shooting championship. About 50 of those intrepid shooters were from the United States.

Jeff Cooper opened the match by giving a dedication and firing a 6-pound black powder



Matt McLearn heads victory in the shootooffs.



Mike Voigt clears a pathway behind the van in "What A Relief."

cannon. There were many interesting and innovative field courses as well as a number of interesting speed shoots.

In one course of fire, the shooter started on top of a double-decker bus. He had to engage targets from the upper deck, go down the stairs and engage targets outside the bus then run around a corner to finish the course by engaging more targets behind a wall and at a building corner.

Another course was set in a pool hall. Competitors started the timer by hitting the cue ball off the spot. They then had to engage targets throughout the pool hall.

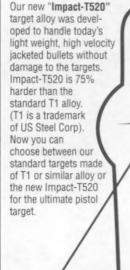
In another course of fire, you began standing on a street corner. On your way to a building, you had to engage targets as you moved past vehicles. At the building you engaged standing targets through a doorway, and moving targets through a window. This was a fun field course that was severely marred by placing targets behind the cars on the 180 line. Many competitors were DQ'd here when they tried to go too fast and their muzzles swung a few inches backwards. There is no excuse





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Rob Leatham in action.

for such target placement, and you would think with all the expertise that was supposed to be present that some realignment of targets could have been accomplished before the match started.

Many of the courses of fire were very physical and reminded me of the good, er, notso-good old days. A few of these physical courses are fine, but unless you are into military training they were excessive. Don't get me wrong, I am not in favor of just stand and shoot stages, but a shooting match should test shooting more than athletic ability. At this match, however, I'm afraid that athletic ability counted much more than shooting as there were very few tight shots requiring accuracy.

In one course competitors had to jump from the back of a pickup. This is not an unusual occurance but several fell and



Doug Koenig shoots through the "Boardwalk window."



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The United States Teams.

injured themselves even from this low height. Another course required a competitor to jump off a platform with his gun holstered. The platform was originally planned to be six feet high, but discretion caused it to be reduced to about four feet. Another course required you to climb a seven foot tall pyramid, then descend steps or jump off the other side.

Some of these courses would have been hazardous without rain, but with rain for a day and a half some were downright treacherous. Many stages required the shooter to move on platforms or wooden decks. Shooters with cleats were looking for a fall, and many of them did. With all the planks and platforms, regular tennis shoes

were safest. I am not sure how many shooters did not complete the match because of injuries, but it was more than just a few. In spite of many arbitrations, weather and a few poor courses, the match was truly a huge success. It required much planning and coordinating on a scale not seen before at this level. I take my hat off to Bob Chittleborough and his crew. Bob, I don't know how you and Alan Ormsby the M.D. accomplished this feat, without even a permanent range, but you produced and produced well. With no permanent storage facilities you had a nightmare of coordination and yet pulled it off. Congratulations!

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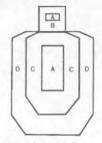


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Jerry Barnhart shoots from the truck

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Alain Van Den Corput, half of the Monaco contingent, exits the van.



Sharon Kimbrel leaps out of the truck.

the able help of all the English and IROA Range officers. Those guys put forth above and beyond. Thank you guys and gals, your dedication is surely appreciated by all who participated! Without you there could never have been a World Championship event of this caliber.

The United States dominated this event as it has nearly all World Championships, U.S. shooters have won seven of the last 10 World Shoots, including the last six championships in a row. This year the U.S. Men and Women National teams each took home the GOLD. Our U.S. National Champions Matt McLearn and Kay Clark-Miculeck are now both World Champions in their own right. Matt and Kay also won the shoot-off at the end of the match. Congratulations Matt and Kay you are truly an inspiration to all of us.

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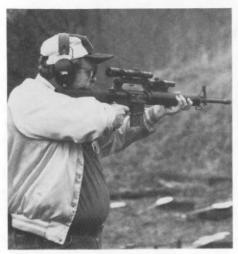
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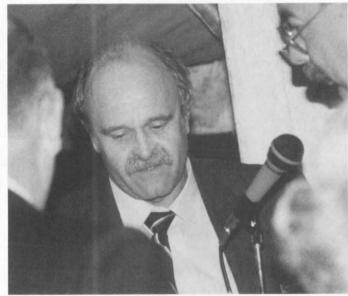






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### ART BENJAMIN: LOCAL HERO

by Roscoe Livingston, CL-46

Let's face it, not everyone can be a world or national champion; a real hero is someone you can look up to and admire, and one such hero is Art Benjamin of T-M Industries.

Born in 1909 on a farm west of Fresno, CA, Art was given an air rifle when he was 10 and told to guard the apricot tree from the birds. At age 12 he got his first gun, a single-shot .410, and was given the job of clearing the rabbits out of the young tender grape vines. At age 14 Art's uncle gave him a World War I vintage Colt .45 ACP. It wasn't long before he became an expert at walking tin cans up the side of a hill.

During World War II, a close friend who was an Army captain, gave him 10,000 rounds of out-dated hardball that was

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P.O. Box 811, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284 (206) 855-2245 scheduled to be dumped into the ocean. Art took his .45, with its Frank Pachmayr trigger job, and dumped those rounds through the muzzle into the Mojave Desert. Art still has that .45.

For the next 30 years, Art developed his auto service business into one of the largest automatic transmission specialists in Southern California— "Ace-O-Matic." Art engi-



In 1992 after colon surgery, Art was back at the range practicing.

neered and built the first gaspowered automatic transmission tester. The Big Three car manufacturers adopted his tester 13 years later in 1963.

He also invested 20 years of Boy Scout commitments with his two sons, finally he found time for some fun shooting. In 1975 at age 66 he learned about a new sport called "Combat Shooting." He pulled his vintage 1918 .45 and shoulder holster out of mothballs and, with his friend Russ Reiland, traveled up to a place called Wes Thompson's Juniper Tree Rifle Range at Canyon Country.

A match was in progress so Art shot it, and because of his competitive drive, he decided he had better up-date his equipment. He got Tom Donhaus to build him the latest in a combat .45, and bought the "in" leather of the time, a tie-down holster rig. He found that even to practice in the 70s in California you had to belong to a club. So in 1976 Art formed his own club. affiliated with the Southwest Pistol League, and got his own range and equipment at Wes Thompson's.

In the early days of the sport there were no targets available except those that were cut out of used shipping cartons. Art learned that Ray's Hardware



and Sports in Dallas was the first to market adequate combat-style targets. These targets were made of paper and had to be glued or stapled to rigid backing. To Art, not only a brilliant individual, but also an inventor and innovator, this was an intolerable situation. He talked to the carton supplier for his auto parts business, and was referred to the manufacturing plant. He gave them some of Cooper's targets and, in a few weeks, had his own targets. He was going to have the scoring rings printed on the targets until he found out that printing produced irregular lines and that the printing plates were costly, so he came up with a method for using slits for scoring lines. This was a first in targets.

The first time the targets were displayed, he took orders for 2000. He had 5000 made and these lasted for a year. The second lot of 5000 lasted six

months.

After trying four different types of scoring slits, Art settled on ones which barely perforated the top layer to avoid reducing the stiffness of the target. They are also made from virgin pulp for extra strength. Art believes his targets withstand more water and don't mush down.

From the beginning Art paid USPSA a voluntary royalty of



A photo from 1978 shows Art practicing a Cooper Assualt course.

five cents per target sold. Later, USPSA established a licensing program to ensure uniformity, and set a mandatory royalty fee of three cents per target sold.

Another innovation of Art's was the buff-colored target patching tape. In the early years everyone used masking tape, but that gave everyone except the first shooter an aiming point. At first Art tried brown butcher tape; then he tried one inch pasters, but they blew off and could not cover large holes. It took two years to develop the present color. It cannot be seen at 10 meters, sticks good, and won't blow off. A 60 yard roll produces about 2200 one inch patches.

Even while he was developing targets and target tape, Art was practicing and shooting matches. Over the years he took lessons from Mike Harries, Mike Dalton, Chip McCormick and others who took their time

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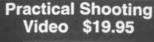
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#### **AREA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP**

by Lee Atkins, L-968

Smooth as silk. That's the only and best way that the 1993 Area 3 Championship can be described. The match was held June 12th and 13th at the Columbia Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club located just outside Columbia, MO. It was the first time in recent memory that it didn't rain during the Area 3 Match, which attracted 155 competitors, some from as far away as South Australia. There were six stages requiring more than 140 rounds.

Marvin McGeorge of Green Valley served as Match Director. It is a testament to the abilities of match organizers and shooters alike that, with more than 22,000 rounds fired, there were no DQ's. I think that says a lot for the Green Valley Club members who didn't have a lot of experience. Most of them hadn't attended an RO school until a few months before the match, but the stages were all run in a professional manner. All stages started on time each day and none were behind schedule.

Stages 1 & 2 were classifiers CM 88-2 Quicky II and CM 88-7 Close Quarters Standards with CRO Jim Galandis and RO's Dave Garatano, Bill Vance, Don Nelson, and Ken Roberts. These two stages were set up on the same range by pointing the stages toward the two corners of the range, allowing the stages to be run by separate RO squads. Each crew could go downrange to score and tape targets without having to worry about the other stage being clear. Quicky II was won by Jamie Craig in Open class and by his brother, Fred, in Limited class. Merle Edington won Close Quarters Standards in Open class and Fred Craig again won in Limited class.

Stage 3, "Every Which Way But Loose," was sponsored and staffed by the Central Ozark Practical Shooters otherwise known as COPS. CRO's were Kenny and Toni Alkire and RO's were Angela Alkire, Doc and Esther Stock, Mack and Scott Redman, Brian Payne and Larry Fletcher. (If you are ever traveling through Missouri, try to shoot with the COPS club. This group is unique in practical shooting. I have never seen such cooperation and comradery as at the



John Hindrichs tackles "The Wall." Ed McDaniel keeps the time.

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COPS club. If they could bottle the magic "something" their club has and sell it to other USPSA clubs, there would never be a burnout problem again. The COPS club tries all those far out ideas that everyone thinks up and then discards as "too hard" or "too much trouble" and makes them work!) This large field course consisted of an elaborate array of vision barriers, walls, doors, windows and screens. There were Pepper poppers, floppers, and drop turners and the IPSC targets had an interesting hard cover that looked like bulletproof vests. This stage turned you every which way but loose and was a blast to shoot. Lee Edwards topped the Open class and Fred Craig once again won in Limited class.

Stage 4, "The Wall," was sponsored by Graf & Sons, Inc. Ed McDaniel was CRO and Ron Ryan was RO. This was a straightforward barricade stage with three shooting boxes. With eight targets and not much hard cover, it was a

fast stage. Merle Edington took Open class and Fred Craig added to his string of wins in Limited class.

Stage 5 was called "Badda-Bing Badda-Boom." Jerry Stidham was CRO. Chris Holland and Jeff Prechshot were RO's. It was a field course with eight targets and five Pepper poppers. At the second shooting position, a door activated a very fast disappearing target. This stage was a true test for even the Master class shooters. Grand Master Nick Lacina won this stage in Open class and Neil Wiggans interrupted Fred Craig's string in Limited class.

Stage 6, "Chicken Farm," sponsored by Wilson Combat, was RO'd by Mark Von Sorgenfrei, Larry Bullock, Kendal Gonnerman, Neil Wiggans, Denny Foutch and by Darin, Dillon, and Erin Magers. This long, self-starting field course was by far the match favorite. Shooters started facing uprange holding the "chicken" in their weak hands with their strong hands on the start but-

ton. Shooters had to turn around, draw strong-handed and engage three targets before they could put the "chicken" in the coop. Shutting the lid to the coop activated a swinger behind two no-shoots. Shooters then moved five vards downrange to box B to engage two targets and a Pepper popper. There was also an optional target about 45 yards downrange. This target could be engaged either from box B or from box C, which was another 20 yards downrange. One target and three Pepper poppers were at box C. One popper activated a moving noshoot that traversed the range from left to right. About halfway across the range, when the mover had reached full speed, the no-shoot target fell away to reveal a full target which traveled the rest of the way across the range and stopped behind two no-shoot targets with the small upper B-zone shot still visible. Then the shooter had to squat down to see the stop plate under yet another no-shoot. The Craig brothers did it again with Jamie taking Open class and Fred winning Limited class.

With the assistance of Dwayne Martin, Bill Wayne, Patrick MacArthur and Brian Winburg, the score sheets were picked up every hour at each stage and shuttled off to the stats shack where Rov Parsons. Don Rose, and Judy Brown fed them into the computer. After the final stage scores were posted and while shooters were checking their scores, the Section Coordinators and club reps of Area 3 met to discuss the planning and location of the 1994 championship. It will be held at the Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club the weekend of May 21. By choosing the next site early, the host club and Section AREA 3 continued on page 90.

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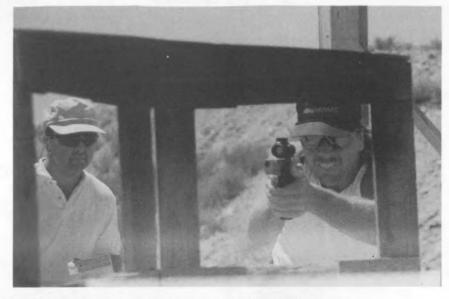
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#### BIGGEST LITTLE IPSC MATCH

by Dave Stanford, RD-2

The Western States Championship, with 321 shooters, bills itself as the Biggest Little IPSC Match in the World. I don't know what they're using as a gauge but if shooter satisfaction is part of the criteria, Western States 93 would be hard to beat. This year's contest, held July 15 thru 18, 1993, at the Washoe County Range just north of Reno, saw a lot of shooters having a lot of fun.

A great many new shooters participated in their first major contest and came away feeling good about themselves and the sport. Wayne Fairbanks, a shooter in my squad, told me it was his first match ever. He had gotten interested in the sport and had been going out to his local range with a friend who was helping him get started. Shooting out of an Un-



Dave Dawson uses the mine cart for protection from the bad guys.

cle Mike's web holster, Wayne placed 60th out of 92 shooters in Limited Category, and 266th overall.

The match had a western theme with 'Dusty,' our hero, trying his hand at being a cowboy and miner in the Old West. The props for this match were extensive and colorful, carrying the theme of the Old West throughout.

Stage 1 found Dusty in the saloon playing the one-armed bandits when the bandit gang who had taken over the saloon and were behind the teller cages recognized him. He had to shoot his way out of the saloon, playing the slot machines all the way. (Pulling the handle on the slot machines caused the targets to appear in various windows.) This was a Comstock course, sponsored by Beretta and RPM (Revolver Pistol Modifications), with three fir-

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Andy Hollar peers into the blackness of the mine, ready to engage the denizens of the dark.

ing positions and seven paper targets and three turning targets.

Stage 2 found Dusty trying to tell the Sheriff about the gang and their evil intentions, the Sheriff had Dusty 'put up' at the jail for protective custody. The Sheriff, who is in cahoots with the gang, tells them where to find Dusty, and lights out of town so he can proclaim his innocence when the gang busts Dusty out of jail and lynches him. Dusty, ever vigilant, hears them coming and fights his way out of jail, goes by the cemetery where he retrieves his stashed gold, gets to his horse and has a running gun battle until he has fought his way clear of the gang. This stage was a Comstock-scored field course, sponsored by Alchemy Arms, with nine paper targets, one popper and one plate.

Stage 3 was an innovative course of fire that featured Dusty helping a friend in his mine when they are set upon by claim jumpers. Dusty had to push a mine car that shielded him from the claim jumpers'

bullets. He fought off the desperados by shooting through ports on top of the mine car. When he emerged from the tunnel, he had to run for cover under a building where he engaged the last of the claim jumpers when they appeared. This was a Comstock field course, sponsored by Ernie Hill Speed Leather.

Stage 4 found Dusty working for the Pony Express. He had to ride horses and do a running mount and dismount while engaging desperados that wanted to steal the mail he was carrying. He had to shoot from the horses (50 gallon plastic drums with horses' heads and tails) with both feet off the ground. Some people found it a little tricky shooting from atop a barrel and getting on and off the horse. This Comstock field course was sponsored by Nowlin Industries.

Stage 5 finds Dusty bedded down at the Pony Express way

station. He has a nightmare in which he is surrounded by three BIG dice. The gang members and friends keep appearing in the windows of the dice and he has to get the gang before they 'off' his friends. Dusty takes care of the gang members, rescues his friends and wakes up refreshed before heading back down the trail with the next day's mail.

The props for this stage were large 8' x 8' square dice with ports instead of spots which the competitor had to shoot through to hit the appropriate targets. This 18-round Comstock field course was sponsored by Arotek.

Stage 6 found Dusty back in town with his feet propped up and a brew in his hand when Cactus Bill C, a most notorious outlaw, takes Precious Heritage hostage while his gang members search out the rest of Granny's girls and their customers. Dusty grabs his trusty





For Wayne Fairbanks, the Western States was his first match.

six...teen shooter and runs to the rescue. He searches Granny's house, rescues all the maidens and dispatches the bad guys before going back across the street to finish his brew.

This 20-round Comstock field course, sponsored by Les Baer Custom, was a maze of walls and panels with only one right way through. Many a shooter took a wrong turn and had to backtrack to get all the targets and complete the course.

Stage 7 was another field course sponsored by DSX and Accu-Systems. Dusty wakes and finds the town deserted and the gang coming in to get him. This course required the competitor to fire from and around walls, boxes and through ports at pepper poppers, one plate and one paper target.

Stage 8 takes Dusty to a local celebration after having rid the county of the desperados. There he enters a real shooting contest called the Standards. This is a 24-round Virginia Count event sponsored by Browning Arms.

The courses of fire were fun and the competitors appreciated the western flavor and extensive use of props and colorful settings. I expected some complaints about the lack of realism, but not one competitor complained about the use of an unrealistic 'theme.' For sheer downright fun this was the best Western States match ever, and I have missed only one. They went out of their way to recruit new shooters. There was also a large contingent of police officers there as they sent invitations to the Glock match participants.

Of the 321 competitors, 94 shot in Limited Category and seven shot Modified. Even with guns and high dollar prizes set aside for the Modified division there was little interest. (Lack of interest in this IPSC category was also apparent at the Area 1 Match.)

Match Results in order of finish

#### **OPEN**

- 1. Matt McLearn
- 2. Mike Voigt
- 3. Matt Burkett
- 4. Jojo Vidanes
- 5. Geoffrey Reisland
- 6. Joe Kessler
- 7. Jamie Craig
- 8. Surajate Samerpong
- 9. Frederick Craig III
- 10. Matt Escobar
- 11. Brad Hertz
- 12. Dave Dawson
- 13. Don Bednorz
- 14. Rick Byfield
- 15. Kenneth Boyd

#### LIMITED

- 1. Jim Wall
- 2. Ted Bonnet
- 3. Salim Dominguez
- 4. Chris Voeller
- 5. Ross Aki
- 6. Richard Morgan, Jr.
- 7. David Elrod
- 8. Daniel Furbee
- 9. Randy Schleining
- 10 Bob Gates

#### MODIFIED

- 1. Max Maximenko
- 2. John Nowlin, Sr.



#### PISTOLSMITHING THE 1911 AUTO

by John Nowlin Sr, L-1157

I get repeated calls from irate customers who say they had a perfectly good pistol which grouped well before they had a pistolsmith remove the iron sights and install a scope. Now, they complain the pistol gives

horrible groups. What do you think he has done to my pistol and what should I do now?

Let me try to answer that question.

Almost everyone has probably heard the following statements: "The slide and frame rails on a 1911 Auto do not need to be tight," and "A good

shooter can outshoot a Ransom rest." Are these statements true? They are argued and debated by all levels of shooters.

There are some instances when a properly installed match barrel will shoot well in a pistol even with a loose slideto-frame fit. Sometimes the slide wears in to the frame so it returns to the same place every time. However, this cannot be relied on when accuracy is demanded. A loosely fitted pistol may go sour at any time and cannot be trusted for match accuracy. Fitted rails or accu-rails will give you reliable accuracy



provided the potential is there with an accurately fitted barrel and components.

Loose slide-to-frame fit presently gives shooters and pistolsmiths problems because many are now using scopes mounted on the pistol frame. This produces the same phe-

nomena we have experienced when good shooters outshoot a Ransom rest.

If the slide-to-frame fit is loose on a pistol, a shooter using iron sights can many times beat a machine rest. When he shoots with iron sights he is aiming the slide (and thus the barrel).

The machine rest is effectively aiming the frame, and because the slide and barrel may return to a different place after each shot accuracy suffers. In this situation the machine rest may not group satisfactorily. This same thing happens when a pistol with loose rails is fired with a

scope mounted to the frame. The shooter is aiming the frame, just like the machine rest, the frame-mounted scope does not compensate for the variable slide and barrel positioning created by the loose slide-to-frame fit.



I have personally witnessed Bill Wilson shoot better groups at 50 yards prone than a machine Ransom rest could produce with a loosely fitted pistol.

Recently I completed a test as follows: A 38 Super barrel was tested in a custom barrel fixture which fires only the barrel, which is firmly bolted in place. The results were groups of less

than .500" (1/2") at 25 yards with match ammunition. The barrel was then fitted to a Caspian 1911 slide and frame. The slide-to-frame fit was moderately loose and when test-fired from a Ransom rest, the groups were a disappointing 2 1/2 inches, which is not acceptable in competition. After professionally fitting the rails and

re-testing in the Ransom rest, the pistol shot groups near those obtained in the barrel test fixture.

It's true that you may with luck, get satisfactory results in pistols with loose rails when using sights mounted on the slide, but when you need reliable accuracy it pays to have your pistol professionally fitted. This is especially true when the sights/scopes are mounted on the frame. Fitting the slide to the frame is not a stand-alone formula to accuracy; it's part of a formula that includes an accurate fitted barrel and other components.

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I am planning future Articles that will help you understand what criteria is needed to ensure competition accuracy and reliability with the 1911 autos. They include:

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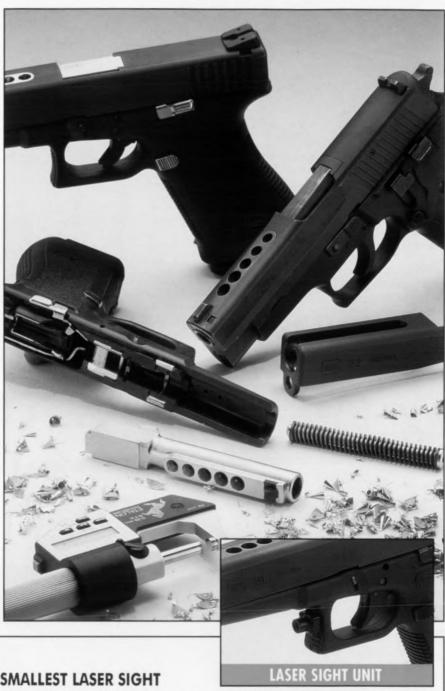


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#### **AREA 7 CHAMPIONSHIP**

by Pete Goloski, A-8643

What major event, hosted by the Geneva Practical Shooters, aided and abetted by their able mascot, "Jesse the sand flea," drew 230 competitors to North Seneca Sportsmens Club in the Finger Lakes region of New York in July? Why, the Area 7 Championship match, course. When the sand and smoke finally cleared after four days of hotly contested competition, Georgia sharpshooter Billy Abbate was the match winner, and Larry Steuerwald was declared the Area 7 Champion.

The eight stage match, sponsored by Caspian Arms, required a minimum of 158 rounds. The Limited championship was sponsored by Para-Ordnance. With the generous support of many sponsors, the prize table was worth more

than \$25,000.

Stage 1 was the classifier CM 87-5, "Triple Choice." It was sponsored by Behlert's Precision and won by Larry Steuerwald. This course of fire demanded generous helpings of both speed and precision. Stage 2 was also a classifier — CM 90-3, "Tight Squeeze." It was sponsored by Weigand Combat Handguns and won by Billy Abbate. Both of these stages were administered by CRO Dan Griffen.

Stage 3, "Steel Charge," was sponsored by Red Buff. This stage was designed, set up, and manned by members of the Cortland County Pistol Club with Perry Rupe as CRO. As the stage name indicates, this was an all-steel stage. Shooters were required to engage 20 various targets which were color coded to four shooting boxes. Colorado speedster Ron



Area 7 Champion Billy Abbate



Avery won this stage hands down.

Stage 4, "Outhouse Escape," was sponsored by European American Armory and produced by members of the Pathfinder Practical Shooters. This stage was designed by Joe Gagliardo who, despite pulling a muscle in his leg and spending the weekend on crutches, somehow still managed to serve as CRO as well. In this scenario, shooters started seated in the outhouse with their guns on a stump just outside. At the start signal, shooters left the outhouse, grabbed their firearms, and engaged 12 IPSC targets, and four Poppers through a series of ports and doors while avoiding swinging no-shoots. This stage ended in a tie shared by Billy Abbate and Milford Lovett, Jr.

Stage 5, "Walkin' the Dog," was sponsored by Springfield, Inc. It was designed and staffed by members of the Rochester Brooks Practical Shooters. CRO Paul Goodman guided the shooters through the course. At the signal, shooters opened a door and engaged three steel and two paper targets. They then moved to another shooting box, but had to take the "dog" with them. The "dog" was a large boat fender half-filled with sand and attached to a leash hung on a post next to the door. Because the leash had no loop, it was quite amusing to watch how the shooters solved the problem of running, reloading and shooting while walking the dog. Shooters engaged eight IPSC targets and 10 steel targets from several positions, both with and without the "dog." Billy Abbate proved to be the best on this stage as well.

John Benish and Mike Braun shared CRO duties on Stage 6, "Mind Games," sponsored by Ernie Hill Speed Leather. The Western New York Practical Pistol League provided the design and manpower for this stage. This was one of those simple shooting problems that could be solved in a myriad of different ways. There were five IPSC targets and eight steel targets to engage. The problem was that shooters had to do it through, or more correctly around, five steel no-shoots which were strategically placed to make the shooters move to engage the targets. Everyone had a different idea about how to solve the problem, but in the end Canadian Wolf Hofmann had the best run.

Stage 7, "Officer Down," was not only sponsored by Glock, they also provided a very important "prop" for the stage. Ron Halpenny and George Buckalew shared CRO duties. The scenario stated that as shooters were heading home after a match, they would come across an officer who was disabled and under fire. Upon rushing to the officer's aid,

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shooters were to grab the officer's gun and engage six steel targets. After clearing the officer's weapon, shooters retrieved their own guns from the trunk of the car and finished the rest of the course. Glock provided the match organizers with a Model 17 to use as the "officer's gun" and it performed flawlessly. More than 2000 rounds were fired with only one malfunction. It was cleaned twice and held its accuracy for the whole match. It was interesting to watch shooters who were used to optics and smooth triggers shoot a gun with open sights and a five pound trigger pull. Ron Avery won this stage.

The last stop for the shooters was Stage 8, "Between the Lines," sponsored by Wolf Bullets and designed by CRO John Aquino. Mike Digennaro won this 6-round speed shoot which required shooting through a simulated picket fence from

three positions.

There was a tremendous amount of assistance and cooperation offered from the neighboring clubs in the section. While the Geneva Practical Shooters produced and administered the match, stages were designed, set up and manned by Pathfinder, Cortland, Western New York, and Rochester Brooks Practical Shooters. The Eastern Lakes Section is truly fortunate to have such a fine spirit of cooperation among its member clubs.

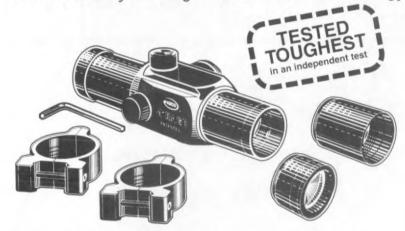
Range Master duties were shared by Cooper Buckalew and Bob Russell. They pooled their vast amount of experience and guided the match to a nearly flawless conclusion. There were no protests, breakdowns or long delays. They even managed to provide perfect weather for the match.

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the stress points associated with two-point mounts.

A second important feature is the ease of replacement. If your dot dies, a pre-zeroed replacement scope can be installed in about a New York minute. Twopoint scope mounts are not as user friendly, and if a replacement scope is installed there is little hope of it being zeroed. Even the few single-point scope mounts that wrap around the scope tube have several screws to loosen and re-tighten and this causes a change in the point of impact. This brings us to a less critical aspect, removing the scope for cleaning. How many shooters have gone crazy trying to clean their guns without removing the scope? Not with this mount. The Awesome Arm's design was far ahead of and still leads the pack.

Businessmen and designers, if they're good, don't let grass grow under their feet. Dave didn't. Before he started his own business, he continually worked on, revised, and reworked his own pistol until it was truly one of a kind. The Awesome Arms Para-Ordnance pistol has almost identical dimensions to the 1911. The removal of metal from under the trigger guard and forestrap area is done to optimize the gripping surface while mimicking the rounded shape of the 1911. In fact, the second generation Paras are so close to Dave's configuration, I almost wonder if it's not the chicken and egg story. The grips are covered with a special aluminum-coated grip tape that provides a firm gripping surface without bulk.

Closing the gap in the backstrap is a problem on high-capacity guns. Dave looked at this problem from the shooter's perspective. Why have panels to unscrew when disassembling the gun? Why not make it like the 1911? Dave's innovative approach to this challenge was to precisely blend into the frame a Caspian beavertail which has two wing-like appendages that fit into the gap beautifully.

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The comp which Dave designed is a triple-chamber configuration. A couple of guys named Charles and Boyle developed gas laws in Physics way back when and those laws

work just as well in comps as they do in the science labs. The details are boring but the effects of the application of their laws in compensators is something to behold. If the correct gas expansion ratios are translated into proper dimensions when sizing each successive comp chamber, the expanding gas works efficiently to reduce muzzle flip. Also, the smoother the chamber walls and transition surfaces are, the better the gas flows. As you may have guessed, Dave got it right. Light bullets running at velocities of 1400 fps through a Nowlin barrel have the perceived recoil of a light .38 Special target load. The gun is finished with a 19-pound mainspring for quicker cycle time and, depending on loads, an 11to 13-pound recoil spring.

Dave is responsive to the shooter's needs, comments, and

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#### SHOOTING WINDOW-WASHER STAGES

by Robin Taylor, A-19724

Window-washer stages have caught the imagination of stage designers since their appearance at the 1992 Oregon Open. (Publisher's Note: This stage actually originated in South Africa in 1990.) As match photographer for the 1993 Northwest

Challenge, I had a chance to discuss the tactics of shooting this type of stage with several top shooters.

These stages require moving and shooting on a swinging platform. Cables allow the platform to sway in all directions making movement difficult for many shooters. Depending on the specific stage, the platform may have bungee cords to stablize it or bumpers that limit the platform's movement — but sometimes they don't have either.

Maintaining your balance and keeping platform sway to a minimum spells the difference between the top shooters and the also-rans at matches where this type of stage is used.

Shooters who have never shot a stage like this stand to lose a lot of points when compared to someone in the know. The Northwest Challenge was no



Kerry Lathwell gets a feel for the movement of the window washer platform while Murray Gardner observes at the Northwest Section Championship.



exception. Talented but inexperienced shooters lost several seconds wobbling their way back and forth, or wobbling a shot into a no-shoot when their balance shifted unexpectedly.

Matt Burkett maxed the window-washer stage at the Northwest Challenge by a healthy margin.

"I love this stage," he said.
"Keeping your weight low takes
the wobble out of the board."

In practice, Burkett had shot the stage in as little as 4.8 seconds. I watched as he ripped out a 5.35 second run to win.

Tom Kettells also had some insights about how to shoot

from the platform.

"You can take control of the platform by making it swing one way, and then the other," he said. "If you noticed I pushed it one way, then stopped it with my legs."

Kettells walked me through the motions he used as we stood

behind the RO table.

"Just turn around and walk right to (the port). Don't sidestep. When you pick up your foot to sidestep you end up with this kind of a motion," he said as waved his arm in a figure eight.

"Don't stand erect," he coached. "Bend your knees, don't let it control you. You control it."

Despite missing the reload, Kettells shot the stage in a smooth 6.39 seconds.

Nine-time Canadian champion Murray Gardner had been on this type of stage before. Gardner was all confidence going into this stage and he explained his strategy.

You have to "stabilize the platform first, if you can, then stabilize your upper body," he

said.

Unfortunately, Gardner slipped on his ejected magazine and finished with a time of 7.56 and seven points down.

"Too many," he said with disappointment.

Shooters at the Northwest Challenge tried everything they could to stablize the platform. Some shoved their torso through the ports, but lost time getting back out again. Others slid their backsides along the 4x4 guardrail, gaining stability, but losing time and smoothness in the transition.

Shooters who were most successful stood well back, taking care not to touch the rails.

"You don't want to touch anything," emphasized Burkett.

"Kettells agreed, but also said you got to play around on it" to find what works.

"It works different for everyone." Gardner added.

While the window-washer stage may work differently for everyone, there was one very obvious trend. Everyone who did well stayed away from the windows and rails, stabilizing the platform with their legs. Those who didn't, didn't.

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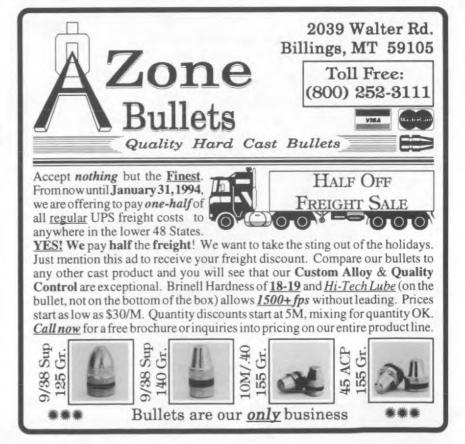
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By Andy Hollar, L-285

From June 17 through July 1, 1993, my father, Vic, and I en-

joyed an African Safari which was "the hunt of a lifetime." Years of dreaming and weeks of planning went into the trip



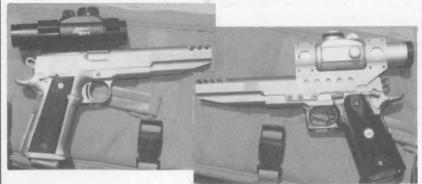
Msebele, Vic and and guide Wayne Grant display Vic's Water Buck. Wayne is a USPSA member who operates Thungatha Safari Group in Zimbabwe.

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which came and passed all too quickly. By all our measures, the hunt was a very successful one. Did 10 years of practical shooting contribute to the success of the hunt? Are there lessons and skills applicable to both hunting and competitive shooting? Will practical shooting continue to be a challenge and generate excitement after facing an 1800 pound Cape Buffalo that would just as soon run over you and your professional hunter? My answer to these questions is an unqualified YES.

Notes from my journal: We arrived in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, about 4 p.m. June 16. We were met by our professional hunter (PH), Wayne Grant, and his trackers and porters. Wayne is a fourth generation white African who has had his PH license for 13 years. There was Peter Msebele, the native head tracker, and Rod Brimm, an American "observer" who was to accompany us on many of our hunts. Two other trackers and the camp cook also piled into Wayne's Toyota Land Cruiser for the 30-mile trip to the Metetsi area, the site of our first camp.

Lesson 1) Prepare - Practice -Practice - Practice. In the weeks prior to the hunt, I made countless trips to the range to test loads and practice with the Ruger African 375 H&H at the armor plate IPSC target 200 yards away. In between trips to the range were hours spent at the reloading bench. I was confident and comfortable with the 300 grain Barnes "X" bullets at 2450 feet per second. I knew I could hit the target off-hand at 200 yards and the drop at 300 yards. The weight of the rifle

was comfortable and the trigger was a smooth, crisp three pounds. The rifle had been fully glass-bedded and could hit the 1.5" ring at 100 yards with a dead cold barrel and keep punching them there after the fourth round. The rifle was as natural to handle and shoot as

my old 1911. The first day: An excellent meal was served about 8 p.m. and we made it up to hunt cape buffalo first thing in the morning. No time to worry about jetlag or unpacking or what to wear or malaria pills or anything but going to sleep (which was impossible). At 6 a.m. "Luke" woke us with hot water, instant coffee and cookies. At 6:30 we were again in the Land Cruiser, this time looking for buffalo tracks. Ten minutes from camp we crossed a number of tracks and we started on foot for our first hunt. I followed Wayne, who followed Msebele, who tracked buffalo for two solid days. We could only see 40 to 60 yards into the bush and it was exciting. The first time Wayne stopped to inspect the buff with binoculars, I could see absolutely nothing! How does a 2000 pound beast hide in the bush? Very well! We found a herd of about 200. Wayne glassed them all looking for a big buff — he wanted at least a 38" spread on a prime bull. They all looked huge to me. One appeared to be 40 inches, which is an excellent trophy for this area of Africa. The problem was finding him and getting a shot. We walked about 12 miles over rough ground that first day. The best technique appeared to discover their direction of travel and set an ambush at a downwind site to wait for the herd to walk past. We could then take our time and pick the specific animal we wanted. Sounded easy ...

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Lesson 2) Conditioning. At 51 and too many pounds, it was going to be a gruelling hunt without some training. Thirty minutes a day on the Nordic Track machine for weeks before the hunt helped. I would like to have had the discipline and the time to do much more. Practical shooting and hunting are physical events. Undertaking either without as much physical strength and endurance as one can muster is a mistake.

The second day: We left camp at 3 p.m. and drove to where the buff herd we spotted this morning bedded down. We walked and ran to set three ambushes before one worked. They moved into range and Wayne spotted the bull. At first he moved behind a younger animal and seemed to stand there forever. I was using a small tree for a gun-rest; Wayne was behind me. I figured we were just in for more bad luck. Then the bull stepped casually into the clear and Wayne said, "Take him." He was quartering away at about 60 yards. The herd had started to move off and the clearing through the bush was small. It had to be quick! I placed the cross-hairs behind the front shoulder, pressed the trigger, and pandemonium erupted.

Lesson 3) Focus. Someone said, "The ability to focus is the key to performance." I didn't realize it in the instant of the shot, but practical shooting had trained me to completely shut out the knob thorns and other animals in the herd, everything but the sight and the trigger. After spending two days with my senses razor sharp for every sight, sound and movement, the experience of perfect focus and concentration was incredibly rewarding. The intense, calm feeling was euphoric, not unlike



Andy and the only Cape Buffalo taken on the trip.

those few match stages where it all finally comes together!

End of the buffalo hunt: The 80 or so buff moved through the brush snapping 4" trees and generally raising hell. Wayne asked how it felt and I said, "It looked pretty good when the

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shot broke." We waited about three minutes, and it was time to go to work. We moved downhill toward the place where the buff had been standing. We walked parallel to each other and make no mistake, I was a tense fellow! A wounded buff



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had killed a PH and his client less than a year ago in Zimbabwe. Wayne carried his 460 Weatherby magnum and I was fairly confident. We moved about 30 yards past where the bull had been standing when we heard him bellow. In another 100 yards we saw him lying on his side. Wayne had me put two solid shots into him at about 20 yards, which later proved to be unnecessary.

Lesson 4) Safety. Practical shooting and NROI training has made firearm safety my second nature. Not once in ten days of living around loaded big game rifles was there a concern or problem. How easy it would have been to ruin a perfect hunt with a stupid accident. The consequences of unsafe firearms handling under tense conditions in Africa, or anywhere, could be disastrous. Where did I learn and practice safety safety - safety? Practical shooting! Thank you, USPSA!

Back to the journal: The first shot with the 300 grain Barnes "X" bullet had blown a 2" square hole through the buff's heart and broken the far shoulder. He was the large bull we had spotted the first day, recognized by a white stain on its face and a measured 41 inch spread! He should meet the Safari Club International Club minimum for the record book. Not a huge trophy, but a very satisfactory one. We recovered the bullet which still weighs 244 grains. The animal was photographed and field-dressed before we winched him onto the Toyota. The porters took the stomach and we had the organ meat for dinner that night. We later dined on select cuts which were delicious. The carcass was butchered and the hunt relaxed somewhat for the next eight days.

Lesson 5) Practical shooting, hunting, plinking, loading ammunition, cleaning the guns, working up loads, traveling, fussing with the gunsmith, sweating the shots, planning strategy, smelling gun powder ... God, I love it!





#### THE COARSE HANDGUNNING GLOSSARY

by Ivor E. Handle ("Plastic Mac")

Editors Note: This glossary was first published in DVC, the United Kingdom Practical Shooting Assocation's journal. The authors are Rob Adam, Jack Andrews, and Tony Walker. A few of the terms used may be unfamiliar to U. S. readers. They are:

Newcastle Brown Ale - A

strong English beer.

Vindaloo - An extremely hot Indian curry dish.

Biryani - Another type of In-

dian curry.

National Health Service - The English free medical service.

Poofter - An English derogatory term for gays.

#### Ammunition

Stuff that makes a bang in your gun. Best when purloined from other club members rather than bought.

#### Auto

Vehicle used to load self up to the range or the pub.

#### Auto-Rim

Things your car tires sit on.

#### Barrel

A reasonable amount of beer.

#### Beavertail

Retarded adolescent who chases after young ladies.

#### Belly Rig

Holster used by people whose arms are too short to reach around their bodies.

#### Black Powder

Different color propellant from the gray and green stuff you normally use. Makes a bigger bang but rusts your gun.

#### Blowback

Effect of six pints of Newcastle Brown Ale, plus a Vindaloo curry.

#### Blue

A preferred color of video movie.

#### **Bolt Action**

Description of movement made toward the pub door when it's your round.

#### Bottlenecked

The Newcastle Brown Ale has been opened.

#### Brass

Used by Northerners to purchase Newcastle Brown Ale.

#### Breaktop

Conversion to solid-frame revolver effected by a terminal overdose of Bullseye.

#### Broomhandle

Used to hold head of broom when sweeping up the remains of handgun (see Breaktop).

#### Browning

Powder used to make gravy.

#### Bullet

Bit of lead at the front of the ammunition which usually misses the target.

#### **Burst Fire**

See Breaktop

#### Caliber

Low alcohol ammunition.

#### Case

Receptacle for clothes when travelling to a shoot.

#### Centerfire

Shooting at the middle of a target (for a change).

#### Chronograph

Device for turning shooters into liars.

#### Compensator

Barrel weight fitted to amplify the noise of the gunshot.

#### **Delayed Blowback**

Effect of Newcastle Brown and Biryani in the middle of the night.

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Ejector

The pub bouncer.

Extractor

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**Fullbore** 

Club reloading expert explaining in great detail how he lubricates bullets (for the nth time).

Galling

Effect of listening (yet again) to club fullbore.

Gamesman

A shooter who looks through the rule book for loopholes.

Garand

Japanese expression for one thousand dollars.

**Gas Operation** 

See delayed blowback

Gatling

Term used when shooting a gat (1920's gangster speak).

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Glock

An Austrian make of Tupperware, used for storing large quantities of ammunition.

Glockenspiel

Selling pitch used by gun shop saleman.

Grips

See delayed blowback

Gun Shop

A place where shooters gather for free coffee.

Handcannon

Pistol whose muzzle energy in measured on the Richter Scale rather than with a chronograph.

Handload

Putting ammunition in the gun yourself.

Headspace

When your shooting hat is too big.

Heckler & Koch

Disparaging shower room comments made by German shooters.

**Investment Casting** 

Making money by pouring lead into bullet molds and selling the results.

Magnum

Measure of champagne used by wealthy club members.

Major Caliber

Peculiar ammunition used by ex-military shooter.

Malfunction

The second time you couldn't do it the first time.

Mannlicher

Popular female member of the club.

Mauser

German club cat mascot.

Minor Caliber

Ammunition used by children.

Muzzle Energy

Renewed vigor gained after lunch.

Muzzle Loading

Eating lunch.

Peacemaker

Committee member who solves inter-sectional disputes.

Pepperbox

Container for condiments.

SCORE



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- Fill in shaded area (including number of A's, B's, C's, D's, misses, no shoots procedures and the time) after you sign your score sheet.
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A B C D M/NS/P MAJOR 5 4 4 2 -10 MINOR 5 3 3 1 -10

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Effect on the brain from too much Blue Dot.

Pin Shooter

One who enters matches in order to obtain a souvenir hat pin.

Poofter Loads

Any caliber of ammunition smaller than the one you use.

Powder Horn

Effect of too much inhalation of illegal substances.

**Power Factor** 

The possession of photographic negatives showing the club chairman in flagrante delicto.

Power Floor

The club committee room.

Practical

A form of shooting purporting to replicate real-life encounters which in real life would reneder the shooter 'real dead.'

Primer

Basic Latin textbook with no Page 3 girlie picture.

**Pump Action** 

The method by which beer is drawn from a barrel.

Pyrite

Man who sells you a blue video.

Racing Gun

Pistol designed to break under the pressures of intense competition.

Reloading

What owners of high-capacity pistols don't have to do very often.

Rifling

Searching someone else's shooting bag when you run out of ammo.

Rimfire

The peak of your shooting hat is alight.

RO

A Japanese greeting on answering the phone.

Roller Locked

Wealthy club member has lost his car keys.

#### Round

Someone else's turn to buy the drinks.

Ruger

A Japanese Luger.

Sear

Burning sensation on body during reloading conflagration (see Glaser).

Sear Spring

Sharp leap backwards from reloading conflagration.

Single Action

One more than the number of sensible actions the Home Office is capable of.

Slide

Inclined slope for small children.

Smallbore

Slightly less tedious than the Fullbore.

Smokeless Powder

Reloading component which decreases cigarete consumption.

Smoothbore

An Old Etonian committee member.

Tanfoglio

A yellowing piece of parchment from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Toggle Lock** 

Fastening your duffle coat.

Tommy Gun

Sub-standard semi-auto rifle used by British Army.

**Trigger Cocking** 

Alternative one-fingered salute.

UZI

Question asked in club before a new member is introduced.

Velocity

Never applied to your speed of buying a round.

Wadcutter

Effect on your wallet of replacement pistol (see Breaktop).



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#### I KNOW WHAT TO DO

#### (or, Ernest Goes Shooting)

by Wayne Johnson, A-15352

Well, the big day finally arrived. I was about to shoot my first match. Of course, I had no idea what the letters IPSC stood for and no one in the crowd could help me with the meaning, but I was shure it was something good, Some Swedish word, like girls or meatballs, I think. I had prepared for two months to shoot my first match and I was fairly shure that I would have no trouble winning.

In my two months of practice, I had gotten pretty good at hitting bottles, beer cans, and clumps of dirt. I had fired about three hundred rounds of ammo and my gun had worked pretty well except for the occasional (well, four or five) jams per box of ammo. I had with me all the necessities: food, gun, fifty rounds of ammo, food, holster, magazine, food, cotton for ears, a roll of toilet paper, food, and a camera to take my winning pictures. Boy, I was set!

The match started off with a man in a shirt with RO printed on it telling the shooters about the course of fire and asking if we had any questions, but I already knew what to do, so I sort of skipped most of it. Then he said that he expected everyone to help pick up brass, paste targets, and reset the steel. Well, after all, I paid a whole \$10 to shoot this match and I saw no reason to have to work too, so I just pretended not to hear that part.

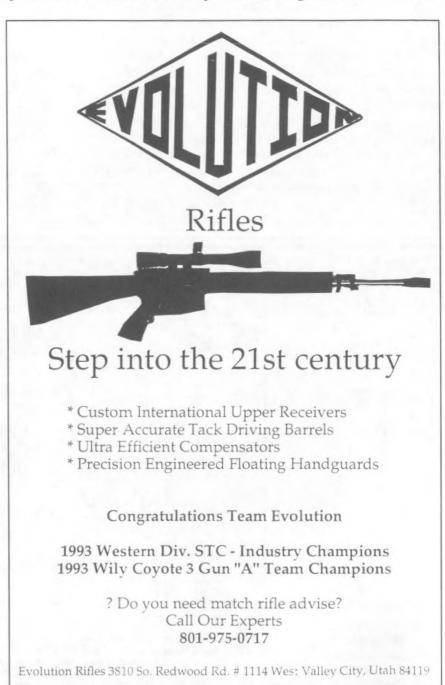
After the man finished with whatever he was saying, we proceeded to go to each stage so the man could tell all the shooters that didn't know what was going on how to shoot something. After the man finished

talking, the shooters were put into squads and the match started.

Each shooter competes in a certain class. I was put in N/S class which I figured must have meant "naturally swift" because earlier that day I had been showing some of the guys my fast draw until some really

rude guy came up and told me that I couldn't wave my gun around and point it at people. What a grouch!

Anyway, we started the first stage and I watched as several shooters went through the course of fire. Boy, were they lousy! They were really slow and took great care to hit each



of the targets in the center. Talk about boring! Well, I was next, and I was going to show them how to shoot.

As I stepped up to the first shooting position, I noticed that the temperature started to rise and the ground began to shake. The man with the RO on his shirt asked me if I had any something, but he was mumbling so badly I couldn't understand him through the cotton in my ears. By now the heat was terrible and the ground was shaking so much my teeth were beginning to chatter. Then he said to nod something and the buzzer went off which surprised me because I wasn't ready. I gathered up my wits quickly and commenced shooting the stage. I must say that my speed was impressive although I still don't know why the people behind me fell to the ground when I had to turn around and shoot some of the targets that I had

run past, and that guy with the RO on his shirt was behind me everywhere I went, blocking my gun and preventing me from pointing it where I wanted to. I could have gone much faster if he had just left me alone. At the end of the stage he got really irritated just because I fired a round into the air after I had dropped my magazine.

After the targets were scored, I could tell the rest of the shooters were impressed just by the way they were shaking their heads. I ran the stage faster than any other shooter and except for the fifteen misses and twelve hits on the white targets that no on told me not to shoot, I was pretty happy with myself.

At the next stage, the temperature had cooled down a bit and I decided to shoot first so the rest of the guys could get some idea of how to run the stage. I must say that I was magnificent. My time was un-

beatable, and except for the twenty PE's whatever they are, I was perfect.

At the last stage, I figured I could slow down a little as I was shure that I had a comfortable lead in the scoring department. After watching several people run the stage, I decided there was a better way to run it. I started the stage with my usual grace and I am shure I would have won the match if it weren't for some obscure rule about discharging my gun at the foot of the man with the RO on his shirt. Talk about being picky! With that kind of attitude, I think I will take my shooting skills elsewhere! By the way, anybody know what a Dee-Cue is?

Seriously, though, people should pay attention at local matches and shoot them for the enjoyment they were meant to give. Keep smiling! It means a lot!

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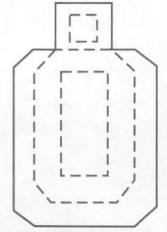
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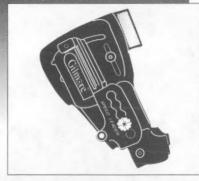
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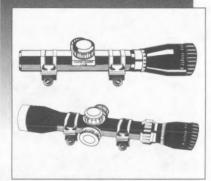
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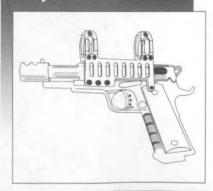
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#### BALANCING POINTS AND TIME

by Steve Munden, A-20506

A beginning shooter sees a good competitor take an extra shot at a target on a stage. When the scorer gets there, he finds two Cs and an A; the newcomer asks the shooter why he took the extra shot. The veteran explains that he was off balance when he took the first two shots and dumped another one just for good luck. How do you know when the extra points will be worth the extra time? The veteran may not have a good answer, just a feeling that he's developed over time. This article may be able to help both shooters.

Let's take an easy case first. Suppose you're shooting at a target that has some hard cover, and you see that one of your shots is a miss in the cover. Should you take the time to fire another one? Certainly, most shooters would say. Suppose that your gun's empty and you have to reload; is it still worth it? To find out, let's define the extra shot hit factor as the number of points gained by the shot divided by the time required to shoot it. The algebra to compute this is included at the end of the article, but for those who freeze up in the presence of symbols, here's the rule: If the extra shot hit factor is higher than the hit factor actually fired, then take the extra time to get the extra points.

So in the example, without taking the extra shot you're 15 points down — five points for the missing shot and a 10-point penalty. Suppose your hit factors are in the 2.5 range for long assault courses, and suppose that you'll shoot carefully and get the A if you fire again. A hit factor is score divided by time, so time is score divided by hit factor. In our case, 15 points / 2.5 hit factor = 6 seconds.

So if you can get that A hit in six seconds you'll break even; and if you get it in less time then you'll be ahead. This confirms the conventional wisdom — certainly you should fire the extra shot — and also tells you that even if you have to reload to do it, you'll still be ahead. (I



assume you can reload and fire in less than six seconds!)

For the master with a hit factor of seven (perish the thought that a master would put a hit in hard cover!), the break-even time is 2.14 seconds. He should certainly shoot again, but if he has to do the reload it's going to be tight.

Another example, and this time we won't make the answer obvious by including a miss. Suppose you're firing at a bank of targets, and you see the gun dip a bit on one shot. It isn't off the paper, but you're pretty sure it isn't an A. You charge off to the next bank of targets, and when the target is scored you're relieved to see that the shot that felt bad was a C. Still, you wonder: Should you have

dumped another shot on that target?

Well, if you're shooting major, you stand to gain one point by shooting an A to displace that C. With a 2.5 hit factor, the extra point hit factor would be 1 / 2.5 = .4 second. This tells you that if you could have fired an A on that target in less than .4 second, you should have done it. If you're shooting minor you'd gain two points and anything less than .8 second would still see you ahead. If your hit factors run closer to five than to 2.5 then you'd have to shoot your extra A in .2 second to break even.

If the poor shot had been a D for two points rather than a C for four, you stand to gain three points by hitting an A in 1.2 seconds or less. (That's me with

my 2.5 hit factor, remember. You 5.0 people would need to do it in .6 second, and the 7.0 masters in .43 second, to break even. The 2.5 hit factor minor shooter can gain four points rather than three and can take as long as 1.6 seconds.)

Note that this also tells you whether you'd benefit if you had a D and fired again, but the extra hit was a C and not an A. The C is two points better than a D, so the breakeven time is 2 / hit factor. For me, at 2.5, it's .8 second. Of course, if you fire again and the extra hit isn't any better, then it's a pure loss.

Let me caution you against a leap of hope: This does NOT mean that my fellow 2.5 hit factor buddies and I can take an extra .4 second per shot to make sure that we shoot all As,

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and still break even. That .4 seconds is a win only if it gets us a point. If the shot was an A anyway, that time is wasted. The analysis assumes that you do in fact gain a point for the extra time spent.

To illustrate, let's look at a hypothetical stage. You have three targets. You fire two shots at each, reload, and fire two more shots at each. It looks a lot like El Presidente, except the true El Presidente is scored Virginia count where extra shots are penalized. It should be clear that this entire analysis refers only to Comstock courses, where you can fire as many shots as you want, and the high two count. You have nine A's and three C's in 11.4 seconds. That's a hit factor of 5.000 The break-even time reguired to replace one of those C's with an A is .2 seconds.

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So should you slow down by .2 seconds per shot and make sure you get all A hits? No. If you did, your time would be 13.8 seconds and your score would be 60, for a hit factor of 4.348. The reason is that the extra time, 2.4 seconds, got you only three extra points. What the break-even time of .2 seconds for one point tells you is that if you knew that one of your shots was a C, and you could shoot another A on that target in .18 seconds, then you'd be ahead to do it. (Your new hit factor would be 58/11.58 = 5.008, a small improvement over the original 5.0.)

So where does my analysis on extra shot hit factor help you? If you're shooting at your optimum speed and you fire a shot that you know is out of the A zone, it tells you how much time you can afford to spend to put a better hit on the same target. It's useful when you know you've made a mistake and

want to know how much time you have to correct it.

Here's the math section which assumes you're shooting major. Get out your results from your last match. Pick a stage and find the hit factor that you shot. On a calculator divide 1 by the hit factor. (For a hit factor of 2.5 you'll get .4; a hit factor of 5 gets you .2; a hit factor of 7 is .142857142.) The number you get when you do the division is the time in seconds that you can take to fire another shot that gains you one point and still break even. If you can replace an existing C hit with an A hit in less than that time, you'll be ahead to do it. If it takes more time than that, you'll lose.

Now divide 3 by your hit factor. This number is the time in seconds that you can take to replace a D hit with an A.

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The algebra: How do I know that the rule expressed above — if the extra shot's hit factor is greater than the hit factor without the extra shot, you'll be ahead to take the shot — is correct? Let's use To and So to represent the original time and score, so the hit factor is So/To. If I shoot again, it'll cost me extra time, Te, and earn extra

points, Se. The hit factor if I take the extra shot will then be

So + Se

To + Te

What we want to know is when that hit factor will be greater than the original hit factor. So let's look at the break-even case, where the two hit factors are the same, and do some algebra:

So + Se So

To + To To

Cross-multiply to get

(So + Se)To = (To + To)So

Expand the parentheses to get

SoTo+SeTo=SoTo+TeSo

Subtract the SoTo term from each side

SeTo = TeSo

and divide both sides by ToTe to finish with

Se So

Te To

So you break even — the new hit factor is the same as the old — when the extra shot's hit factor is the same as the original hit factor. If the extra shot's hit factor is greater than the old then the overall hit factor will also be greater.

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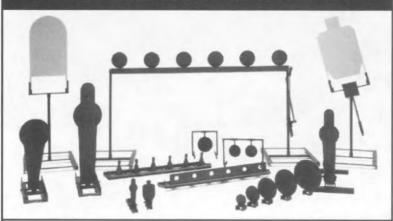
Would you like to be able to shoot a Special Classifier match that would help you get classified in Limited or Open, have a fun day of shooting and at the same time be helping many of the flood victims in the Quincy and Barry, Illinois area? A Flood Relief Special Classifier match has been authorized by the BOD and sent to all affiliated USPSA clubs. The proceeds of this match will be sent to a 501 C agency in the Quincy area overseeing the flood relief projects.

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through September 15, 1993	
Adair, Tom	A-7444
Antonini, Dave	A-4965
Argeris, Tawn	A-17561
Auger, Michael	F-22662
Batson, Steve	A-24666
Beale, Dan L.	A-8513
Benfield III, John K.	A-24686
Brush, Don	F-11826
Carlson, Adam A.	L-1363
Clark, Jr., James E.	L-1076
Crawley, Ken	A-11697
Derks, Gary	A-5721
Diaz, Peter	A-17682
Dinglasan, Edgar	A-17970
Escobar, Matt	A-23131
Gamble, Phil	A-13898
Granger, Charles R.	A-8037

Graubard, Jim	A-8334
Henderson, K. C.	F-14771
Hennessey, Jr., Patrick J.	L-744
Hill, Benny	A-19374
Hofmann, Wolf	F-11175
Hostetter, Robert L.	A-6707
Kallio, Robert	A-12476
Larsen, Leslie A.	A-15940
Martinez, Larry	A-9785
Miller, David	A-2850
Millson, Wayne	F-17889
Montgomery, Wes	A-13211
Myers, Charles	A-7721
Nance, Greg	A-20558
Nellis, Richard	A-9760
Nikoley, Jason	A-16273
Oneto, Bradley	L-927
Plymale, Timothy	A-15718
Price, Bob	A-15252
Runions, Ivan	F-23161
Sample, Larry F.	A-5815
Smith, George	A-7986
Spurgeon, Howard	A-16514
Tanaka, Richard	A-6306
Thompson, Richard	A14747
Vella, Charles	A-16642
Waki, Matthew	A-7760
Weber, Jeff	A-20963
Webb, Greg	A-18567
Wong, Stuart	A-4469
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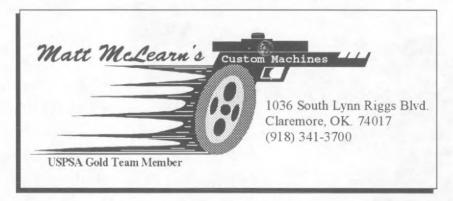
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Cox, Barton L.	A-10125
Dejonge, Doug	A-11183
Miller, Paul M.	L-482
Owen, Charles	A-13143
Rierson, Matthew L.	L-794
Sayle, John G.	CL-36
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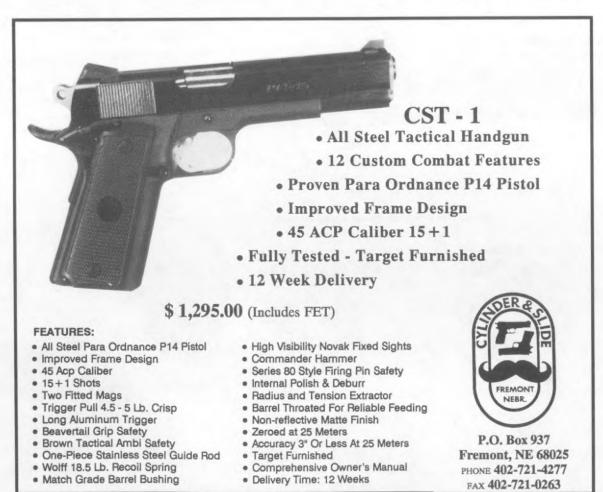
Gary Thompson chaired the prize/sponsor committee and did a remarkable job of securing a truly outstanding prize table. All in all, more than 30 percent of the competitors made the trip to the prize table. Those who didn't took home a shooter's bag which contained a tee shirt, pin, coffee mug, hat, literature, and several other goodies.

Open match and class winners were: Billy Abbate, HOA; Larry Steuerwald, Area 7 Champion; Sheila Brey, High Lady; Mark Doneburgh, High revolver; Ron Avery, 1st GM; Henry Chrabaszcz, 1st M; Don Brush, 1st A; Ian Robson, 1st B; Harold Kelly, 1st C; Milan Trkulja, 1st D.

Limited winners were: Jim Sullivan, Limited champion;

Thomas Costanza, 1st B; Henry Bick, 1st C; Ed Putnam, 1st D.

We would like to thank USPSA Series Match Sponsors EAA, Springfield, Inc., and Taurus, and USPSA Series Stage Sponsors Caspian Arms and Shooting Accessories for their generous support. In addition the following companies and individuals also supported the match: Safariland, R. U. Ready Electronics, Evolution Gun Works, Green Mountain Bags, Jack Norris, Target Operator Systems, Kentucky Win-Shooting Chrony, Cylinder and Slide, Score Master, The Shooting Bag, Beikirch Ammunition Corp., Dillon Precision, Scope Savers, Bar-Sto, E.A.R.S. Enterprises, Nosler, Inc., Metaloy Industries, Inc., D&W Enterprises, Sierra Bullets, Wilson's, and the North Seneca Sportsmens Club.





#### **USPSA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**



#### PREFACE / INTRO

USPSA is <u>your</u> organization. In the last few years we've grown by leaps and bounds. Innovations are everywhere. Some of you like the changes, some of you don't. It's been four years since we've done a survey to find out what you think, what you want and how you generally feel about a wide variety of issues related to our sport.

The members of your Board of Directors believe it's time for another survey so you can tell us what

you think. It's the best way we know of to reach most of you and get your opinions.

Won't you please look the survey over, fill it out and send it back to us? We are enclosing an

envelope that is postage free if mailed in the United States.

If you have suggestions, gripes, complaints, new ideas ... now is the time to let us know. Your opinions will help guide us for the next several years, and, yes, your opinions not only count — they also will be read, heard, and considered by your board as it makes decisions regarding our sport.

The entire survey and results will be printed in the Front Sight after they are returned and

tabulated. You'll know how your feelings compare to all your fellow shooters.

We have one request — since this survey will go to an independent survey firm, please **do not** send any membership renewals or other personal correspondence with your survey.

If you have correspondence other than the survey, you may send it directly to USPSA at P.O. Box

811, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284.

Thank you for helping us - help you,

Dave Stanford,

President, USPSA Inc.

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P.S. Our deadline for receiving your survey is December 1, 1993. Please complete it now and let us know your thoughts. The faster you complete and return your survey, the sooner we can get it published in <u>Front Sight</u>. Your entire board assures you — <u>your voice will be heard</u>.

#### POWER FACTOR

Over the years, no single discussion has come up more than "power factor." Currently, we have a major power factor of 175 and a minor power factor (floor) of 125. The smallest handgun caliber we allow is 9mm.

Some people want to raise the power factor, some want to lower it, some want to do away with it while others like it the way it is.

With more than 12,000 members, we would now like to revisit the subject of power factor and find out how you personally feel.

1) Please circle the statement below that comes the closest to how you believe USPSA should handle power factor. <u>Circle only one</u>.

- a) I believe we should have a minimum power factor of 125 and eliminate major/minor scoring. This means we would have only one power factor (125) minimum.
- b) I believe the way we have it now is just fine. Let's keep major at 175 and minor floor at 125. Major and minor scoring should stay the way it is.
- c) I believe we should do away with major and minor power factor, but I believe the floor should be raised to 130-145, not set at 125.
- d) I believe we should not only keep major and minor scoring, but I would like to see major go to 180.
- e) I believe we should keep major and minor, but I believe we should go back to major at 170 like it was five years ago.

#### CLASSIFICATIONS / NATIONALS / EQUIPMENT

Currently, USPSA has dual classifications, Open and Limited. The dual classification system has placed a greater burden on the club administrators, requiring them to report which firearm category a shooter signs up with at a match, although the new scoring program will lessen this additional work load. A shooter may be classified in both Open and Limited categories.

- 2) How do you feel about having both Open and Limited classifications? (Please circle your answer.)
- a) Yes, I favor two separate classifications.
- b) No, I like only one, Open.
- 3) Regardless of how you feel about two separate classifications, do you think there should be two separate national championships one for Open and one for Limited?
- a) Yes, I believe we should have two separate national championships, one for Open and one for Limited.
- No, I believe we should have only one national championship, where Open and Limited compete on an equal basis for overall champion, and for titles in each category (Open and Limited).
- **4**) If you answered **No** to Question 3, would you still feel the same way if the match had to be limited to 500 competitors and many shooters who want to compete would not be able to do so?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
- **5**) If a combined National Championships had to be limited to 500 competitors do you feel that a minimum demonstrated proficiency, determined by the National Championship System, should be required of a competitor before he or she can participate in a National Championship?
- a) Yes b) No
- **6**) Right now, the Limited rules regarding high-capacity guns require the manufacturer to produce the total gun (not just a frame) in a quantity of 1000 or more per year. Tripp-McCormick and Caspian make the high-capacity frames, but not the complete gun.

What is your opinion? Do you think we should keep the current rules or should we change the rules and allow the Caspian and Tripp-McCormick frames as long as they follow all the other Limited rules?

- a) Yes, change the rules and allow the Caspian and Tripp-McCormick high-capacity frames to compete in Limited class.
- No, keep the rules the way they are now and don't allow the Caspian and Tripp-McCormick high-capacity frames to compete unless they build a complete gun and produce 1000 or more a year.
- 7) Right now, extended magazines (170mm) are allowed in matches for both Open and Limited class in the U.S. for 1993 on an experimental basis. What do you think about extended magazines?
- a) Yes, I like extended magazines and think we should allow them in all USPSA matches, whether IPSC allows them or not.
- b) No, I don't like extended magazines and if IPSC outlaws them, then USPSA should do the same.
- c) No, I don't like extended magazines and regardless of what IPSC does concerning them, USPSA should outlaw them in all categories in 1994.

If you answered Yes to Question 7, please answer Questions 8 & 9.

- 8) Extended magazines should be legal in Open matches but not in Limited.
- a) Yes
- b) No
- 9) Extended magazines should be legal in single-column magazines but not double column magazines.
- a) Yes
- b) No

#### PRIZES AND TROPHIES

The current Board position on prizes and trophies for <u>Tournament matches only</u> was established after asking for and receiving input from the members through <u>Front Sight</u>. The B.O.D. policy generally provides for <u>trophies</u> for High Overall Placement, and High Placement in each class, based on attendance in each category (Open or Limited). It recommends this same policy follow through in prize awards; i.e. that prizes be awarded based on participation first to a few top shooters, then to high shooters in class, and then go back and award remaining prizes based on overall placement rather than placement in each class.

10) Do you approve of this policy?

- Yes, it is a fair way to award prizes and does not reward people for sandbagging.
- b) No, I think prizes should be awarded by class.
- NO, I think prizes should be awarded by overall finish only. Only Trophies should be awarded for class finishes.

#### BOARD MEETINGS

Under current USPSA policy regular USPSA membership meetings are open to all members. USPSA Board of Director meetings are open to any member to address the B.O.D. regarding a specific subject, if their request is received in a timely manner. No person who has asked to address the board has been denied that opportunity. Currently, Board meetings are not open to the press, or to anyone who simply happens to "show up." However, all B.O.D. actions must be published to be binding, and all B.O.D. actions are summarized in written minutes which are published in Front Sight. This is in keeping with standard corporate business practices.

It has been suggested that USPSA B.O.D. meetings should be open to all <u>persons</u> at all times, even if it might cause disruptions and result in much longer and possibly inefficient meetings. What do

you think?

- 11) Do you approve of the current policy or not?
- a) Yes, the current policy is sufficient.
- b) No, I think the B.O.D. should admit anyone who wants to attend.

#### WORLD BODY

#### INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

USPSA is the organization recognized by IPSC as representing IPSC practical shooting in the United States. In the past, USPSA has not always agreed with some projects and programs proposed by members of the IPSC executive committee (IPSC president, V.P. and IROA [International Range Officers Association Pres.]).

However, since USPSA is simply one region-country, (the United States) in the IPSC organization, the current structure only gives us <u>one</u> vote as a region, the same as the smallest region (country) involved; yet United States shooters constitute almost half the world-wide membership and pay 14.53% of its per-capita fees. (Per capita fees are only charged for the first 2,000 individual members. The U.S. is the only country at present with over 2,000 members.)

Many U.S. shooters feel we should have more of a voice in establishing the rules of IPSC since we constitute such a majority, but with only one vote we have no more to say than a country who may have only one club with a very few shooters. Many countries vote as a block, which makes it very hard for USPSA to have much of a voice on many of our major concerns. Some feel USPSA should fight for a much stronger voice or simply pull out, if we can't have more of a role in the world body. If USPSA were to pull out, there would be another group in the U.S.

appointed by IPSC to represent IPSC in America. This other group would be vying for the same shooters, dollars and participation as USPSA. There have been various proposals to give the larger countries more voice in IPSC; however, the smaller countries voting as a group have resisted such a change.

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- Withdraw if we can't get a stronger voice. a)
- b) Stay, even if we still only have one vote but have half the total members.
- c) Stay, but USPSA should do what it feels is best for U.S. shooters, even if it is not completely in line with the World Assembly.

	SPSA, or would you join a new group chosen by IPSC to represent them (IPSC) in America?
a)	I would stay with USPSA.
b)	I would join a new IPSC group.
c)	I would join both organizations.
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	Are there any services USPSA does not currently provide that you would like us to consider for future?
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<b>21</b> )	Other than the shooting competitions, what is the single most important aspect of your being aber of USPSA?
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<b>22</b> )	Please check the type of gun you personally shoot the most at your local match.
a)	High-capacity comp gun with a scope.
b)	High-capacity comp gun with iron sights.
c)	Comp gun, not high capacity, scope.
d)	Comp gun, not high capacity, iron sights.
e)	Limited class gun in 9mm.
f)	Limited class gun in 45ACP.
g)	Limited class gun in 40 S&W
<b>23</b> ) Here	What kind of a job you think USPSA is doing, and what can it do to improve its performance? is your opportunity to let us know what you think. Gripes, kudus or?
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# PRODUCT NEWS

#### CLARK MAKES .22 SCOPE MOUNT

Clark Custom Guns, Inc. has recently announced its production of a scope base for the Ruger government model .22 pistol that will accept all Weaver type rings. The lightweight black or silver aluminum base contains an identical hole pattern, making it interchangeable with the Ruger mount, which will accept Ruger rings only.

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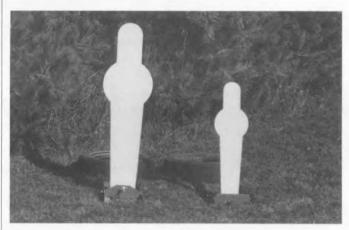
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Match

Number Fr To Percent

TENN. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 29-30, 1993

Daly, Drew A-12191 B A 76.07 Lemm, John A-16203 C B 73.58

AREA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP

June 12-13, 1993

Hemmer, Joe A-14472 B A 88.64 Nowlin, John A-21881 B A 82.26 
 Oguri, Ricardo
 A-22485
 C
 B
 79.65

 Davidson, Max
 A-21921
 C
 B
 73.62

 Smith, Greg
 A-15984
 C
 B
 71.11

 Jones, Ronnie L.
 A-20309
 C
 B
 70.93

ASHLAND INVITATIONAL

July 3-4, 1993

 Pike, Ronald
 A-16114
 B
 A
 84.54

 Steele, Rick
 A-21901
 C
 B
 61.66

 DeJonge, Doug
 A-11183
 B-L
 A-L
 78.81

AREA 7 CHAMPIONSHIP

July 15-16, 1993

Brush, Don F-11826 A M 89.13 Hofman, Wolf F-11175 A M 88.91 Robson, Ian F-23281 B A 85.10 Hitch, Stephen A-18148 B A 80.19 Kelly, Harold A-18142 C B 71.70 Charland, Gary A-18646 C B 71.62 Putnam, Ed A-19489 D-L C-L 47.32

WISCONSIN SECTIONAL

July 24, 1993

A-5721 93.76 A-18785 В A 82.06 Dricken, Don Dejka, Eddie L-967 B 72.76 Milde, Mike A-20217 D C 55.32 A-19996 D 54.18 Kicklighter, Jim C-L 57.41 A-19986 D-L Lamberton, John





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I would like to thank Al Diamond and Dale Holman for running the chrono stage and Ivan Hoe and Sammy Stidman for coordinating parking. Both are thankless jobs that need doing.

In Open class, Merle Edington was the match winner. Class winners were: Lee Edwards, 1st Master; Steve Taylor, 1st A; Joe Hemmer, 1st B; Ricardo Oguri, 1st C; and Mary Bauder, 1st D.

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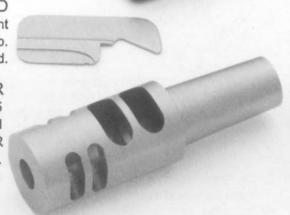
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#### HIGH-CAPACITY MAGS

I am writing this letter because of J.P. Denis' worrying comments in his recent column in American Handgunner.

J.P. says that extended magazines should be prohibited from use in IPSC competition because they are "detrimental to our image." He also goes on about proposed legislation and how it could affect our sport. I'm sorry, J.P., but I strongly disagree. To begin with, I am getting sick of rule changes which make expensive equipment obsolete. I have a couple of SIG 20-round mags, which cost me \$50 each, that I use in a P228. This additional capacity enables me to compete more effectively with the guys who spend \$3000+ on a wide-body .38 Super. Yes, some of them have gone from standard length 20-round mags to 25-round mags, but 25 vs. 20 is a lot fairer than 20 vs. 13.

My second problem is the pandering away of our rights. I seriously doubt that more than one percent of politicians have more than a vague idea of what IPSC is, and in my opinion. compensators and optical sights look a lot more dastardly than an extended magazine. Perhaps some regions do have bans on high-capacity magazines, but that should not be a basis for making it an IPSC rule. After all, many regions have bans on semi-automatic rifles (e.g. the UK, South Africa, Israel, etc.) but we do not all use bolt-actions in practical rifle. If anything, I would say that the use of extended magazines by IPSC shooters is a good thing, because it helps to legitimize their ownership in an increasingly hostile anti-gun government. Let's face it folks, we're talking about the possession of metal boxes with springs in them. If something that simple can be banned, then we'll be lucky if we're allowed to compete with derringers.

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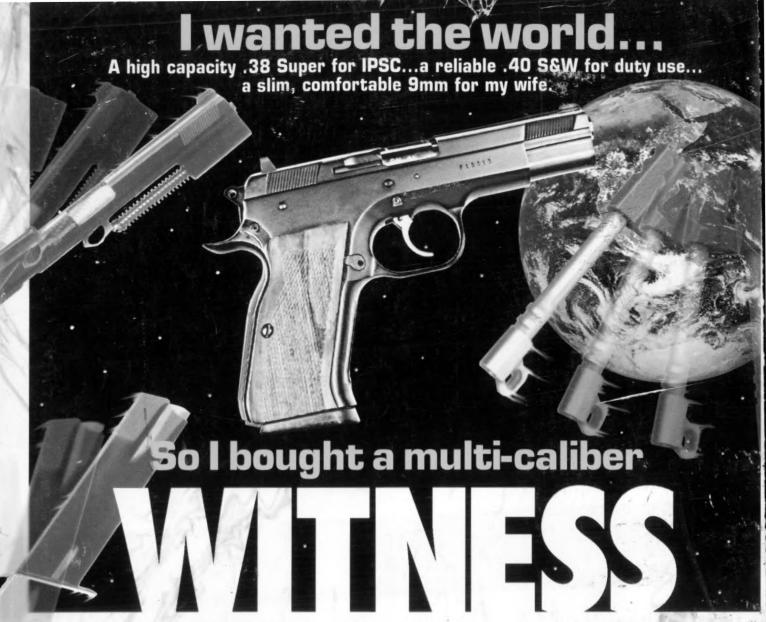
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