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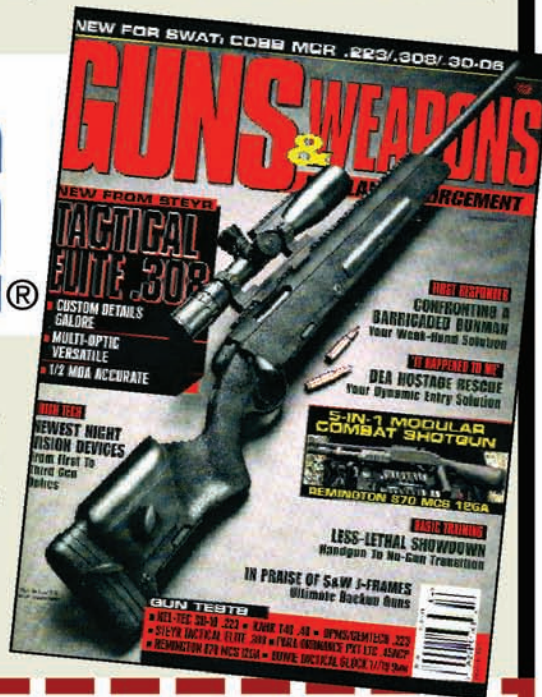


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KEN'S CORNER

BY KEN
HACKATHORN

Scoring targets in an IDPA match has always been a task for the Safety Officers. Often, due to the nature of some stages of fire, targets are engaged at angles causing some bullets to pass through the cardboard target at a slight angle, producing a slightly oval-shaped hole. This can make for some difficult scoring decisions by the SO. When you design and setup IDPA stages of fire, if possible, determine at what position the shooter will be engaging the targets from. Simply orient the targets in such a way that the bullets will pass directly through the target, making a clean hole. Also, it should be noted that the organizers of IDPA recommend that when a safety officer scores a target, if the SO has to spend extra time examining the target to determine if the shot is touching a scoring line or is a possible double, the SO should rule in favor of the competitor. This idea is simple; when in doubt, give the call to the shooter. If the SO is sure of the scoring call, then that is how it will be scored. If the SO can honestly say, "I'm not sure about this one", then the call should be given to the shooter. We want to have fun shooting IDPA. The range Nazi attitude was something the founders of IDPA did not wish to encourage. Most IDPA shooters would agree that most often this system works to their benefit. Occasionally, you get a call that you may not like or feel is fair, but in the overall picture, most IDPA competitors would agree that more go in their favor than against them. Try not to be too critical of the SO. He has a thankless job and by the end of a match day, it can be pretty much of a grind to get



through all the hassles that can develop.

I am always amazed by the number of people that agree to serve as Safety Officers on match day. If you have ever tried to serve as a safety officer and also compete in the match on the same day; well... you know how difficult it can be to turn in a good performance after working as an SO all day or weekend long. Most sanctioned matches allow the SOs to shoot the day before the main event begins. Even so, not only are the SOs shooting, but they are also learning the complexities of the stages and, in many cases, testing the stages and making minor changes to the stages so the competitors in the main event are going to have smooth and fairly run stages. Most often, the SOs don't have an opportunity in a sanctioned event to watch other contestants shoot the stage and learn from their mistakes or benefit from their successes. They shoot the stage cold, often before the final tweaks have been made to make the stage or event flawless. As such, the Safety Officers of IDPA give up a lot to be there for the contestants on race day.

If you find yourself getting repeated warnings

or penalties for failing to use cover or other rulings, don't blame the SO for giving you bad calls. Take a look at your techniques or shooting skills. Make adjustments that will remove the SO's reason for the negative calls. It is my experience that most IDPA safety officers don't like giving penalties and will usually bend as far as they can to keep from calling penalties on shooters. But, if the penalty call is clear and obvious, they carry out the task because it is their job.

Some IDPA shooters complain loudly when they get penalties, especially if they think they were not guilty. I recommend you ask the SO why and how you got the penalty; most of the time you will find that the SO simply called it the way he saw it. If you complain constantly about penalties you get, word will get around that you are a problem shooter. SOs will note that behavior...not a good thing. There will be times when you will get a call that you feel is not deserved. Life is unfair at times and IDPA will reflect that as well. Take the bad calls with the good ones and you will typically see that the scoring calls made in your favor will almost always outweigh the bad ones.

One area of the IDPA rules that has taken on confusion is Item 8 of the Stock Service Pistol Division Excluded Modifications. Item 8 lists checkering and stippling as modifications that are not allowed in SSP. It has been the practice of many IDPA competitors to lightly abrade the surface of their polymer pistols to give a better gripping surface. This has been accomplished by either the application of skate board tape or using a soldering pen to give a stippled gripping surface. Any change of the grip frame contour has been considered to be an excluded modification and not allowed in SSP. So if you have had a grip reduction on your Glock, you have been forced to shoot in ESP. Based upon the wording of Item 8 of the SSP Excluded

Modifications, you cannot do any texturing of your polymer frame in SSP and be legal. This modification will place you in ESP. Skate board tape is legal. I find this current ruling on texturing of the polymer frame unfortunate. I personally don't see a problem with it, BUT the rule states NO stippling and that is the way it is. Beware of getting out the soldering gun to make your polymer frame blaster more secure to grip. Stick to skate board tape and you won't run into any problems. The truth is that skate board tape offers great utility in a number of divisions and almost any handgun will be easier to run with a strategic placement of a piece or two.

Go to any IDPA match and, if you stay for the whole day, you will find that it is not uncommon to find one or two items left behind by contestants. Spare magazines and hearing protectors seem to separate from their owners. It is not a bad idea to take the time to mark your magazines, speed loaders and hearing protectors with your name or initial(s). It is always a good idea for the host IDPA clubs to have spare ear and eye protection for those visitors who come to the match and either forget their own or have family and friends without it.

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The 2nd annual Louisiana State IDPA Match was held on 18 March 2006 at the Miculek IDPA Club. The club holds a monthly IDPA match on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Jerry and Kay Miculek's

again. Lou and his staff did a wonderful job of setting the match up. The only



thing they couldn't control was the weather.

The staff shot the match on Friday the day before the match. Weather was perfect, sunny with temperatures in the

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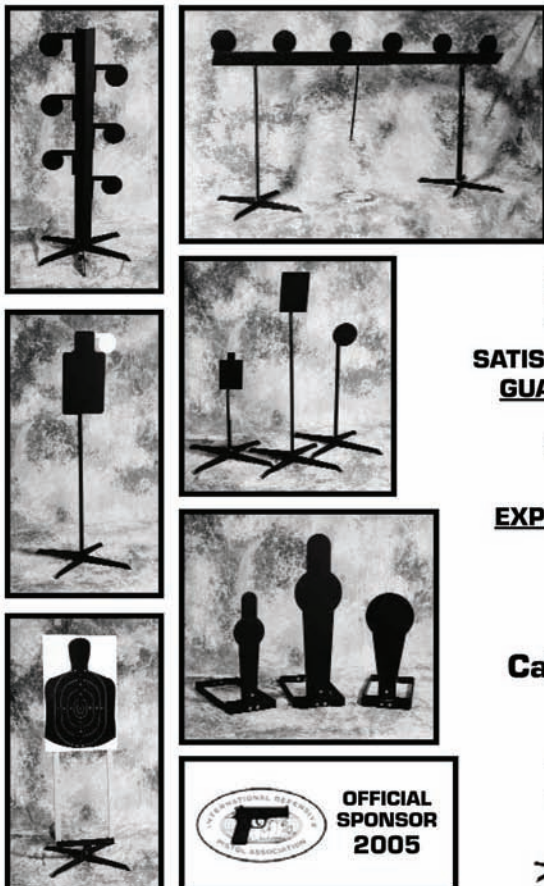
Lou Wagner, president of the Miculek IDPA Club, contacted me to see if I would be willing to give them a hand putting on the match again this year. I said, "Sure, always glad to give fellow IDPA shooters a hand." I didn't realize until later that he was asking me to be the Match Director



mid to high 70's and a light breeze. The match consisted of twelve stages and 134 shots (minimum). There are eight shooting bays and there was plenty of room to have a lot more stages. But we decided to limit the number of stages and shots fired in order to keep the match fun for

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both the competitors and staff. I took the staff through the scenarios explaining the intent of each stage. We looked for and resolved different safety issues including location of muzzle safe points. We did final tweaking of the target locations and then shot the stages. I had a short meeting with my safety officers and then we were off to enjoy the rest of the day.

Match day started early for me. I



awoke about 2am to the sound of thunder and rain. The staff began to arrive at the range around 7 am and started putting up targets with clear plastic bags on them.

At the shooters meeting I welcomed everyone to the Louisiana State IDPA Match and Mud Wrestling Championship. You can see from the photographs how beautiful it was when the staff shot and

how wet it was on match day. But you'll notice that everyone in the match day photos seem to be smiling and it's not because I asked them to smile for the picture. I truly believe they all had a great time shooting in the rain.

I must give a huge THANK YOU to all the safety officers and scorekeepers who performed so well under the conditions we endured at this match. While the competitors could get in out of the rain



between scenarios, the staff had to stay on station and perform their appointed duties.

Lunch was provided starting about 11:30 and I have to say they were some

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of the best grilled hamburgers I've had in a long time. Shooters were free to break



whenever they wanted to partake of lunch due to the open squad concept we used for the match.



The last shot fired occurred around 2:00 pm and the scores were posted shortly thereafter. There was only one score that needed to be corrected and it did not change the order of finish in the division and classification. The mandatory one hour waiting period after the scores were



posted was waved by unanimous consent of the shooters. We held a drawing for items on the prize table that included gift certificates from Wilson Combat and shooting vests from Kay Clark Miculek,



just to mention a few. Awards were presented to the shooters and a couple got bumped up in classification. The event was concluded by 3pm. Scores are available on the Miculek IDPA Club web site quicksitemaker.com/members/miculek/.

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The plane dropped out of the sky into the Raleigh-Durham airport and hit the runway sideways. I was not sure if the pilot was trying to beat the storm or if he had just finished watching "The Fast and the Furious, Tokyo Drift". Either way, it was not a great introduction to North Carolina, the home of the Carolina Cup. The Cup is one of the three big IDPA matches in the country, the other two matches being the Nationals and the Smith & Wesson Winter Championship.

Continuing the misery with an hour and a half wait at the car rental agency with about thirty other people, I finally got a car and I was off to Oxford. Oxford, NC, is where the match is actually located. Normally this is a short

45 minute ride from the Raleigh-Durham airport although the storm made the trip a little longer. I was a little concerned for the state of the range and the match, as the storm was pretty fierce with heavy rains and high winds. This trip was looking worse by the minute. After checking into the hotel, I headed over to the local Walmart to pick up a couple of things.

While there, I was fortunate enough to run into Frank Glover. Frank is the Cup match director and owner of The Range. Frank had just left the range and was able to let me know that the storm had largely bypassed the range. This was the turning point for the weekend and things started getting better, and they did it fast.

I arrived at the range the next morning and it was mostly cloudy and relatively cool; perfect match conditions. The Cup is a two day match. You shoot the longer CoFs all day on Saturday and then the remaining short CoFs Sunday morning.

This made for eighteen CoFs over two days. After welcoming everyone, including the "Yankees" (Y'all are welcome for the weekend), Frank started off his shooter briefing, which is pretty easy to follow. "Have a good time", that's about it (see, I said it

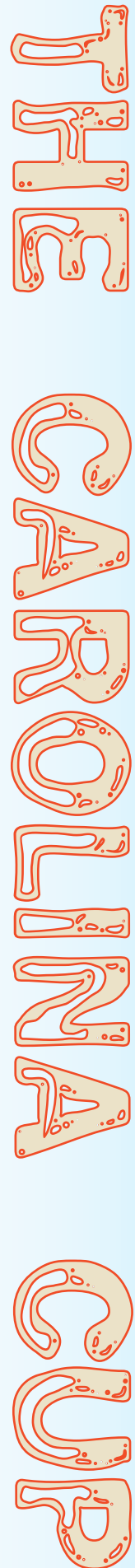


A Junior Shooter running a Ruger at the Carolina Cup



Bobbin' and Shootin' - Stage 3

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was easy to follow). Frank runs his matches by open squading so I picked a bay that looked the least crowded and got in line. Because of lack of space, I am going to only touch on what I thought were the best stages. This is hard because they were all good courses, but there are some that really shine.



No; he's not really pointing that at his head.

Take, for instance, Stage 3; you start with 2 rounds max in the gun, standing next to a truck door. On signal, you retreat to the rear of the truck while engaging two pepper poppers. A little tough, but no big deal, right? Well, it goes down hill from there. One of the pepper poppers sets off all the remaining targets, all four of them. From the rear of the truck you have to engage a target that pops up and disappears, one that was bobbing up and down behind hard cover with a non-threat, and

two that are swinging out from behind even more hard cover. You had better be on top of your game to get all your hits on this one.

Stage 6 required you to advance while engaging three targets. You then had to take low cover at the end of a car that was flipped up on its side. Using the car for cover, you had to lean out and engage 3 more targets, one of which was taken through the back window out the front. Did you know that car seats really soak up rounds?

Stage 7, called "Goodfellas", was shot in the middle of a heavily wooded area. The stage started with you standing in a three foot deep grave. You got it, after being kidnapped by the mob, you are forced to dig your own grave. On the signal, you used the shovel to knock out the bad guy (pepper popper) then pick up his gun. Using the provided revolver (Thank you Smith & Wesson and Cor-Bon) you engage two targets with 3 rounds each. Setting down the revolver you then picked up your UNLOADED gun and mags from a bag, loaded and engaged 4 more targets with 3 rounds a piece. All of this while standing in this three foot deep hole in the ground. I might mention here, that trees soak up rounds pretty good, too; more missing holes in targets for me.



Dig my own grave, fagitaboutit!

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On Stage 8, you started seated on an actual bus near the driver's seat. On the signal, you had to turn around, take a knee and engage five targets clustered near the back of the bus. You had to do this while avoiding the two non-threats. Then go almost prone to engage the last target that was standing on the ground at the back of the bus. This was pretty tough on a round guy like me.

This concluded day one of shooting. After dropping off your gear at the car, you were welcome to partake of a mouth watering Carolina style pork BBQ dinner. A day of shooting and then great food; you can't beat that.

Day two started out a little warmer but still pretty comfortable.

Stage 10 was pretty interesting. You started seated at the back of a round restaurant type booth with a privacy curtain cutting you off from the rest of the restaurant. On the signal, you had to drag a non-threat towards you and

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down into the seat. This made the privacy curtain rise and allowed you to engage three targets with two rounds apiece while avoiding a non-threat. A lot of tight shots in here.

Stage 16 was a continuation of the “Goodfellas” stage from the day before. You started with your gun drawn in your weak hand supported by your strong hand. Think about that for a moment, weak hand supported by your strong hand. Try that for yourself; it is a pretty odd feeling if you have never done it. You are not really sure what to do with that strong hand. Anyway, you had to advance on a truck while engaging two targets with two rounds a piece



Weakhanded in the woods

at about five and seven yards. After engaging those two targets, you could use the truck for support and low cover and engage the last target at about 17 yards with two rounds. If you were fast, you did not have to go all the way to the truck and could kneel after engaging the second target and engage the last. Tough to do with a supported weak hand shot.

Stage 18 was your typical family day at the park. You were seated at a picnic table. On the signal, you had to push over a family member (pepper popper) which started a non-



Shooters getting ready for another day of shooting!

threat swinger. From the seated position you retrieved your gun from an IDPA box and engaged four targets with 3 rounds a piece while avoiding the non-threat swinger. Again, this was another of several stages in the woods which really makes for interesting shooting.

After the last shot was fired, it was not very long until the final results were up. Many thanks to the stats people on the quick posting of the scores. The whole match ran very smoothly and there were more great stages that I did not mention here. Frank does a fantastic job and he has a really great crew to back him up. Besides doing a professional job, they

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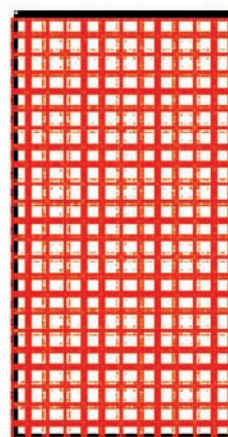
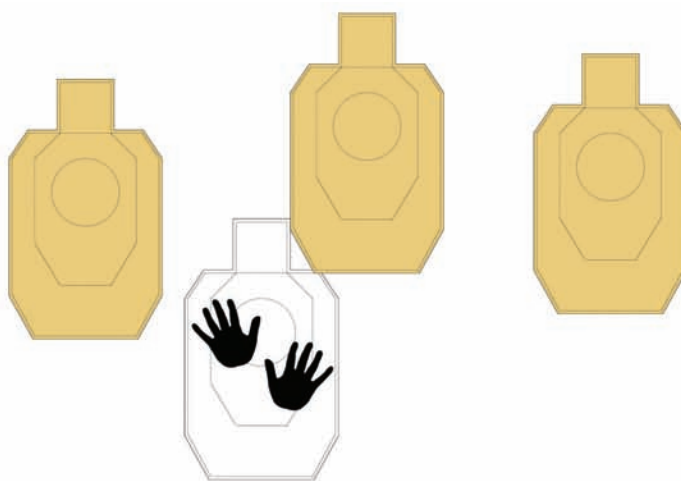
There is no bigger argument among IDPA shooters than the one that pits “Gamers” versus “Tacticals.” “Tacticals” is what I choose to call those shooters that view IDPA from the survival & self-defense point of view and I include myself in that group. Tacticals worry more about points down than doing it fast. We want to see those holes in the –0 zone even at the expense of precious seconds. We want to make sure that the target is down for good like it was a real bad guy in a real life situation.

I know holsters and tweaked guns are the usual suspects when trying to place blame on how IDPA is becoming a race game, but I think a great share of the blame relies on poorly designed Courses of Fire. A simplistic Course of Fire will favor speed over accuracy when the game should be an even balance of both. If I had my druthers, all CoFs would be surprise with only a minimum of information given to the shooter and have him/her “solve the problem” because, in real life, you do not get advance warning on what will happen.

Surprise CoFs are a pain to set up if your range does not have bays. Lack of bays will force a club to do an elaborate set up to keep the CoF secluded from the prying eyes of the shooters. In our club these set ups are called “Habitat for Humanity CoFs” since they require a small army and many props to build them. If you have the time, personnel and capability to do them, go

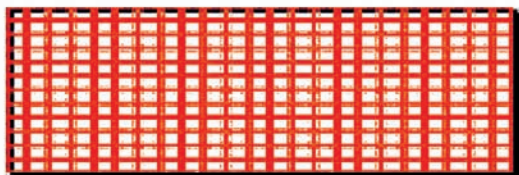
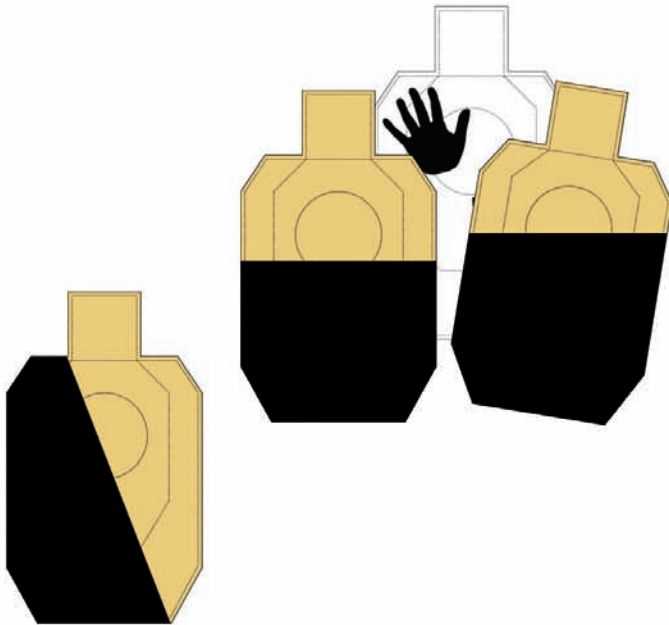
ahead. They are fun to shoot!

However, that does not mean you cannot design a challenging CoF without lots of props. Most of the time, you can create a real pain in the butt CoF with just a can of spray paint, some deviousness and very few props. Let’s check the following example:



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This could be your standard vanilla boring CoF. A dream come true for Gamers. However, with the same props, some spray paint and a few changes you can do some challenging stuff like:



Now the shooter is forced not only to seek a harder cover but he/she must care for accuracy or risk mikes and shooting a Non-Threat.

You can also take the holster out of the equation by designing a CoF that starts with the gun some place else (A box, inside a drawer, under a prop, etc) and have the shooter reach for it and engage the targets. If you really want to be devious, make the shooter use a gun that is not his/hers. And if you really want to put a dent in the “Gamieness”, make the gun an auto, have it unloaded and force the shooter to load one round in the magazine before inserting it in the gun. Do you want to add more to the pot? Make it weak-hand shooting.

The whole point is to add pressure in a controlled way and throw a wrench in the mental air gunning and there are many ways in which you can make a CoF interesting and fun otherwise the sport becomes just a way to throw lead downrange.

Will this cure Gamieness? No, but it will make it harder for gamers to lose track of the original intention of IDPA. If they complain too much, you can always have an El Presidente set up now and then so they do not get too grumpy. At the end, it is just a question if we want to preserve the sport or become just like the other racing & shooting disciplines.

Miguel Gonzalez
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PS: The images of the props were taken from Gunracer.com.

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were a professional looking crew; due in part to the sponsorship of Backyard Outfitters. Backyard is the distributor for the Woolrich "Elite" series of clothing. Each SO was decked out in shorts, shirts and vests provided by Backyard Outfitters. The SOs had a lot of good things to say about the clothing. After a short period to let everyone check their scores, Frank handed out the awards including the coveted Cups to the Division winners. I was so close to winning one... if a comet had taken out three quarters of the CDP class. Oh well, maybe another year. I took solace



More shooting in the woods!

in the real reason to make the Carolina Cup; peach moonshine. Ask me not where it came from, but it was good.

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One of those darn Yankees!

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What is your age range?		Track/Running	5.95%
12 - 20	0.62%	Water Sports	13.44%
21 - 29	5.41%	None	13.36%
30 - 39	22.47%	Are you a member of a gun rights/lobby organization?	
40 - 49	30.35%	National Rifle Association	80.15%
50 - 59	29.19%	Gun Owners of America	8.57%
60 and over	11.97%	National Shooting Sport Foundation	3.32%
Which, if any, gun magazines do you read?		Not Listed	14.59%
American Handgunner	48.57%	No	16.99%
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Guns & Ammo	44.09%	Yes	83.71%
Guns Magazine	21.08%	No	16.29%
Shotgun News	17.99%	What type of gun do you most often carry?	
Not Listed	31.66%	Full Size Single Action Pistol	20.00%
None	11.66%	Compact Single Action Pistol	15.75%
Do you shoot other handgun sports besides IDPA?		Full Size Double Action Pistol	14.05%
Please check all that apply.		Compact Double Action Pistol	34.98%
Cowboy Action	2.93%	Large Frame Revolver	1.16%
Falling Plates	9.81%	Small Frame Revolver	7.49%
IPSC	41.54%	None of the above	6.56%
Polite Society	0.39%	Are you a member of a local gun club?	
Steel Challenge	14.75%	Yes	78.38%
Not Listed	20.31%	No	21.62%
No	38.46%	What is your primary reason for shooting IDPA?	
What other sports/activities do you participate in?		Competition	26.64%
Please check all that apply.		Improved Self-Defense Skills	50.81%
Bicycling/Mountain Biking	19.61%	Rest & Relaxation	10.73%
Camping/Hiking	33.82%	To be around like-minded people	11.81%
Extreme Sports	3.78%	Does your spouse or significant other participate in IDPA?	
Fishing	33.59%	Yes	10.66%
Fitness/Weighlifting	27.64%	No	89.34%
Gambling	0.23%	Do you have children that participate in IDPA?	
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The Tactical Advantage

By: Robert Ray



Ok, you bought a nice gun, holster and mag pouch. You have ammo, good eye protection and an expensive set of electronic hearing protectors. Add cleaning supplies, a few tools, spare parts and a kitchen sink. You have everything together in one place; now how do you get it to the range? I know, why don't you use your: gym bag/suitcase/kids outgrown knapsack? Why? What are you thinking? It seems that I run into this whenever I go to a range. There is someone there carrying several thousand dollars, or more, worth of equipment in a two dollar bag. You know what happens next. It gets dropped, stepped on or breaks open, spilling everything and breaking one of your expensive, delicate or collectible toys.

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The bag has one main compartment and two separate zippered compartments. The compartment on the

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 back runs the full length of the bag and almost as tall. It is like a big flat pocket. The inner side of the pocket is padded but not the outer side. This makes it a great place to store pens, paper, score sheets and other small flat non breakable items. On the front of the bag is a deeper compartment that zips open on three sides to allow a flap to fold down and this makes for easy accesses to the inside. The front flap is lightly padded and has a pocket with a Velcro closure. Along the inside wall is an elastic band that is sewn off to form six sections perfect for holding magazines. The top of the bag zips open

on three sides to allow easy access to the main compartment. The main compartment is the most heavily padded and set up just right for a shooter. The main compartment has four adjustable padded panels. Two of the panels run length wise and two that run the width. These are held in via Velcro and allow for multiple configurations to suit the individual.



All this boils down to the fact that Waller makes one fine bag. I have traveled to several local and out of state matches. I have packed my Field bag with gun gear and my camera equipment and never had a moment's hesitation or worry. The ability to configure the interior how I need it allows me to carry my range supplies and camera at the same time. This allows me the security to be able to lay my camera down and shoot a stage without having to worry about it. It has done everything that I have asked of it and more. From the range to a carry on bag for air travel (for safely transporting the remainder of that famous peach moonshine home from North Carolina) the Field bag does it. I admit that I was once one of those gym bag carriers, but no more. Give that old backpack up, give Waller a call.

Besides the bag that I

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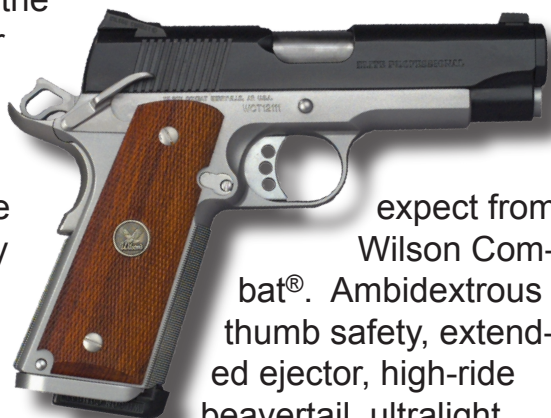
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Do It With Enthusiasm

by Rev. Todd Gould A24170

Even though I've been a shooter, hunter, and firearms enthusiast for many years, I'm just a rookie when it comes to IDPA. Having instructor and RSO certifications from the NRA, credentials with the DNR in hunter education, and expert badges from the military, really doesn't mean much as I struggle to raise my classification in the CDP division. Watching the speed and accuracy of many of the shooters at our club definitely keeps me humble. But let me add that I am as much inspired by their enthusiasm as I am their skills.

I started shooting IDPA practices at the Linwood Bay Sportsman's Club, Linwood, Michigan, last summer. The SO running the event was friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable, demonstrating an enthusiasm that was infectious. Soon I had my sons shooting and another friend. Even my wife got interested when I communicated a positive experience at the club. She now shoots regularly with me and has greatly appreciated the patience and instruction offered by the SOs. She affectionately calls one of them her "gun sensei."

In the short time I have been at Linwood, I have watched the practices and matches grow dramatically, proving that enthusiasm combined with commitment will take you a long way. If that is so, what is this ingredient called "enthusiasm"? We all know it when we see it, but how is it defined? Webster tells us the word comes to us from the Greek entheos; en = in, theos = god, meaning, "in god, inspired, or full of spirit." If you'll indulge an old preacher for a few paragraphs, I would like to draw some parallels between church experience and what I see in the IDPA.

As mentioned earlier, the

enthusiasm of a few SOs has spread to others. Linwood will be hosting its first regional match soon and now needs additional staff. Several of us just finished the SO class and will be certified in time to work at the match. But one point our instructor emphasized concerning SO conduct, and I believe has proven true, is, "Be kind" ("And be kind to one another..." Ephesians 4:32) Now, I know the "kinder, gentler approach" is a turn-off to many – it is to me, however, courtesy, patience, friendliness, and enthusiasm will encourage people, not discourage them, and draw people, not repel them. In class I heard horror stories of the "Range Nazis" at various matches who seemed determined to make the shooter's experience as unpleasant as possible ("A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger," Proverbs 15:1). Yet, I have not found that to be the case at our club and more shooters are

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attracted by the week. It is true “you can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar” (Not in the Bible).

The enthusiasm of leadership can be the inspiration that gets other people moving. Gil Hunt’s article in the Tactical Journal, Second Quarter, 2005, “The Other Failures To Do Right,” struck a chord with me, because in my short time here, I have seen all the problems he spoke about. I was surprised when I went to the range and found the same syndrome I see in the church, e.g., 10% of the people doing 90% of the work. During shoots, we need folks to help keep score, sweep brass, and paste targets. After shoots, those willing to make the mess ought to be willing to clean it up. The old “arrive late, leave early; your job is to serve me” stuff doesn’t cut it (“...let each of you regard one another more important than himself;..” Philippians 2:3). That is not the work ethic I was raised on. My father took a dim view of any able bodied man who refused to lend a hand when the task was before him. I well remember his words

to me as a boy, “Don’t stand and watch. Help out.” Usually when one person pitches in, others will too. To increase the ratio of workers at any given shoot increases our effectiveness and enhances the IDPA experience for everyone. In my observation, SOs enthusiastically plan, prepare, set up, operate, and tear down entire events. They work harder than anyone and do it joyfully, and, just like a church, that is what it takes to build an IDPA organization.

Why be enthusiastic? Because enthusiasm is contagious! It spreads. Currently, I drive fifty-five miles to get to Linwood just to shoot a practice. But I’ve been so motivated, I made an IDPA presentation to our local gun club and now the fervor is beginning to take hold there. We hope to have a shoot in Cass City as soon as the weather gets decent. Enthusiasm will build our base. Enthusiasm will foster participation, involvement, and expansion of the IDPA membership, and just as importantly, expansion of the American gun owner’s political clout.

Our definition of enthusiasm included the phrase “full of spirit.” We often talk about the “spirit of IDPA.” In Competition Rule #1, competitors are not to “...circumvent or compromise the spirit or rationale of any stage... This is the Failure To Do Right rule.” To me, the more the merrier. The more people involved, the more the fun. The more converts we can make, (“Go therefore and make disciples...” Matthew 28:19) the better everything will be. For these reasons we must actively invite new shooters and remember to pay particular attention to young people and women. To not do this is to violate the spirit of an important stage of the IDPA and a failure to do right.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to Gary, Dave, Barb, and Jeff at the Linwood Bay Sportsman’s Club. Their enthusiasm and dedication as SOs has inspired and encour-

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How far do you travel to shoot club matches?	
less than 15 minutes	7.10%
16 - 30 minutes	20.46%
1/2 hour to 1 hour	38.76%
1 hour or more	33.67%

What Division do you usually participate in?	
CDP	28.65%
ESP	17.92%
SSP	47.88%
ESR	2.55%
SSR	3.01%

Do you primarily reload or buy factory ammunition?	
Reload	48.49%
Factory	51.51%

What material is your primary IDPA holster made from?	
Kydex	61.08%
Leather	26.64%
Kydex/Leather Hybrid	4.79%
Nylon	1.62%
Plastic	5.87%
Bruce Nelson/Askins Style	29.65%

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Pancake	32.59%
Pouch	26.33%

What type of gun do you primarily use for competition?	
Full Size Single Action Pistol	41.16%
Compact Single Action Pistol	5.87%
Full Size Double Action Pistol	35.21%
Compact Double Action Pistol	11.12%
Large Frame Revolver	4.32%
Small Frame Revolver	0.39%
None of the above	1.93%

Are you more likely to make a purchase from a company that supports IDPA?	
Yes	67.64%
No	8.03%
Sometimes	24.32%

How often do you visit the IDPA website?	
once or more per month	66.33%
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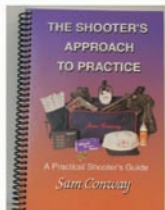
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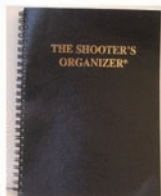
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aged numbers of shooters and built up the organization. To them, SO doesn't just mean Safety Officer – it means "Serve Others" ("...whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant..." Mark 10:43). I suppose if these principles work for God, they should work for the International Defensive Pistol Association as well.

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