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Ruling out competition based on the purchase of equipment based advantages places IDPA squarely in the fulfillment of Col. Jeff's vision. Serving the SQJ shooters is the hallmark of the brand.

The civilian is the source of power. All the checks and balances maintained by the Constitution to curtail the rise of corruption, hinge upon the vote of the common man and woman. We must present a welcoming spirit that makes shooters comfortable to carve out a niche, at whatever level of investment suits their balance of priorities. This fulfills the greatest truth available to IDPA.

Citizens come to us looking for something very important. Of people

who show up, a small percentage will prove to be core players. Most want to build defensive capability to the Sweet-spot Quantity that they can Justify. Clubs like ours can carry the heart of the efforts of Paine, Church & Wingate and Cooper. We can help people be ready to defend freedom when that means guns and we can keep it safe, respectful and fun as a barrel of monkeys.

Guy Masterson, A27971

Guy,

I hope that all our clubs allow their competitors to find that sweet spot that works best for the individual. I believe that is one of the most important parts of our sport, well that and like you said, having more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

Editor

Bigger BUG

As a new member of IDPA I want to state my agreement with the ideas expressed in Thomas Pinney's latest Random Shots column (Vol. 13, Issue 2).

I propose that "BUG" be dropped from IDPA usage and a more relevant term adopted. Better descriptions are "Concealed Carry Gun" or even "Concealed Carry Weapon." Most civilians don't carry a BUG, they carry one gun, a Concealed Carry Gun or a Concealed Carry Weapon.

Secondly, since the ideal around IDPA is practical shooting with actual carry guns, there's a need for a formally recognized division that has regular matches for smaller, lower capacity guns that people will actually have with them at all times. Examples of the guns I'm referring to include:

Kel-Tec PF-9,
all snubby revolvers,
guns from Kahr,

Glock 26,
Walther PPS,
etc.

These guns will have barrels less than 4 inches in length.

I joined IDPA to get practice with my carry gun, tactical practice that I'm can't get at my local indoor shooting range. But, of the two local IDPA clubs I've shot at, one will not allow me to shoot with my "BUG" in regular matches because I'd slow down the other shooters. I understand this. Fortunately, another club will allow me to shoot with my carry gun, though I'll be handicapped in every match I shoot in. I'm okay with that, and all clubs should allow this. So, please consider the creation of a "real" division for stock "Concealed Carry Weapons." As suggested by Thomas Pinney, they should include Carry Gun Practice Matches.

Respectfully,
Dennis Cantrell, A37594

Dennis,

I have received a number of comments on adding this type of division for IDPA. I have for years competed with my carry gun as well. One thing that we don't want to do is to get overloaded with divisions to meet everyone's wants. This only dilutes the competition and makes match administration difficult for our clubs. I do think that the idea has merit and I will take a closer look into it. I won't promise that it will happen but you may be right that there is room for one more division. I hope you continue to enjoy IDPA with your carry gun.

Editor

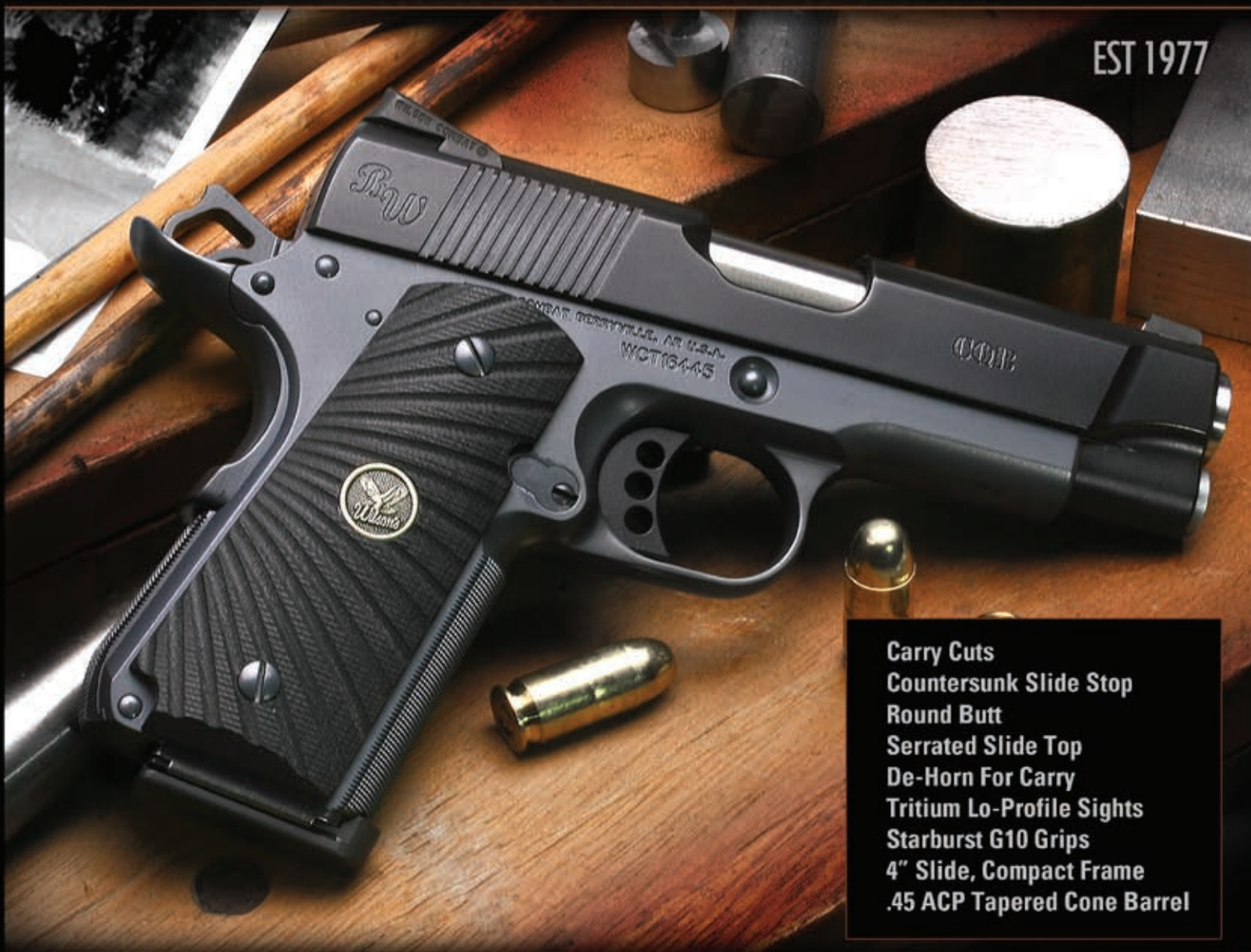
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IN THIS ISSUE

Well, another year is coming to a close. The holiday season is just around the corner and our lives will be very busy through the end of the year. We here HQ hope you have a great holiday season. I hope you enjoy this final, Nationals issue of the Tactical Journal. We look forward to the return of all your favorite columnists for the first issue in February of next year. Until then, be safe and get in that dry fire practice for next year. As always, if you would like to write, please do so at editor@idpa.com. Letters to the editor may be edited for brevity and clarity. RR

Run a Better Match

Build a Better Club



by John L. May A03563

The 2009 IDPA Nationals turned out to be even better than the ones that preceded it. How about that, how many years have we as an organization been able to one up the previous year? Curt did a wonderful job with the help of his crew to make the match come off with almost surgical precision. I personally was impressed with the courses of fire; they were inventive and challenging. How about the tunnel rat stage? Well done!! The match seemed to be a great mix of realistic stages that were very channeling and action packed with interesting shooting situations and props to make it a

little more difficult. Not sure how long Curt, Jerry and crew worked on getting the stages worked out and setup, but they did a great job. When I shot the convenience store stage, the only thing I missed was exploding product when shooting through the shelving. What a great match! For those of you who have not had the opportunity to shoot at that wonderful facility, first time I was there I wondered what happened to the golfers. In past years I, along with a great crew, had to get ready for nationals to come our way, but we didn't have to mow nearly as much as they did to get ready for this year. Great match, great range and great weather; not much more to ask for, except maybe better scores.

If you get the chance to thank those who worked the match so we could enjoy it, do it. If you have never worked a national event, you have missed out on a week full of fun and hard work. In past years, we have faced all kinds of weather and walking the ranges for a solid week starts to take a toll by Saturday. Even the nice grass covered ranges get to be old after a week of walking the same steps over and over again. All that being said, thank the SOs at every match you shoot. In most cases, they do it to make sure that all of the competitors have a great experience and because they love the sport.

I learn something from

every match I shoot. No matter what, the brain has to be fully in the course of fire or mistakes will happen. It takes practice to perform at your best. I have not practiced in the last few years and it was apparent in my performance during the match. Due to the efforts of Curt and crew, there were some challenging shots in this match. There were several props that could at times eat bullets. Automobiles are great at sometimes letting them get through and other times not. Real life is like that, sometimes it gets through and sometimes it does not.

I can give some insight into what goes into a match of this quality. It takes a fair amount of time to make sure the courses of fire are what you want to have in the match. They must be of a level that gives a "Nationals" level of challenge. They must work efficiently and not become a choke point for your staff or the competitors. You must remember that besides all that you expect a National competition to be, it is entertainment for many as well. It must be fun, interesting, challenging and move efficiently enough that the "customers" do not lose interest. Good course design, good props and a good staff go a long way to helping you achieve that goal.

All of what goes into a good match also goes into a good club.



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If you put on good matches, your shooters will come back to shoot again and again. That is what it takes to be successful with a shooting program. Regular attendees will sometimes become members and they will continue the effort to grow your club. I have been to several matches over the years where round count was more important than the quality of the courses of fire. That is never a way to make shooters attend. While it never hurts to give them the opportunity to shoot a few more rounds, you will find, as we did, that the quality of the course of fire will be a better draw than the number of rounds fired. Offer the option to shoot the match within a different division. They get to fire more rounds and the focus remains on the quality of the courses of fire and not round count. The founders understood the need for quality courses of fire and not high round counts. It is about shooting ability and not equipment.

One of the interesting things that I continue to see is the change from when I first began shooting IDPA to today. When I shot my first match, the 1911 was king. CDP led the pack. That has


changed quickly over the years. I actually overheard someone this year saying they were to go retro and shoot CDP in the future. I did not know I had been retro all these years. This year marked the first time I did not shoot CDP. I tried my hand at ESP with a Wilson Combat CQB in 9mm.

Participation by Division from 2005-2009	
CDP	Down 20%
ESP	Up 40%
SSP	Up 61%
SSR	Up 64%
ESR	Down 24%

I have always wanted to do it and I guess the planets aligned and it happened. I know why you guys that shoot a steel 1911 in 9mm do it, because it is fun. No recoil, no muzzle lift and easy to shoot, if you haven't spent most of your adult life shooting a .45 and didn't take any time to get used to the differences. I found myself still shooting my .45 even though the pistol I was

actually shooting had less recoil and held more rounds. Old dogs learn new tricks, but I guess they do it slowly.

Not sure how many countries where represented at the match, but I can tell you we had shooters from all over the world. They all stopped by to visit me at the Wilson Combat expo bay and took the opportunity to shoot one of our AR15s, Scattergun Technologies Shotgun and their choice of a Bill Wilson Carry Pistol or a Classic five inch 1911, both in .45. It seemed to me that everyone enjoyed themselves a great deal as did I sharing the time with all who stopped by to shoot the shotgun side match. It is always fun to visit with our shooters from abroad; funny how the language barrier is not so bad when it comes to shooters. Got the opportunity to catch-up with some old friends and make some new ones as always. That is what it is all about; getting together with like-minded people to enjoy a common interest and friends.

Till next time: Stay safe, shoot straight, and always watch six! 



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2009 IDPA Nationals Side Matches

by Robert Ray A05118

Besides all of the fun and challenging shooting offered by the main match, the Nationals also had three different side matches for the competitors to (pardon the pun) take a shot at. Each side match was scored individually and allowed the competitor to shoot one or all, free of charge no less. That's right, in this economy with the difficulty of securing ammo; these four companies stepped up to the plate to make this match even more entertaining for our competitors. Each company supplied guns and ammunition for our competitors to use to complete the CoF's.

Glock, along with Atlanta Arms and Ammunition, sponsored the Back Up Gun side match. Each competitor shot three short stages of 5 rounds each using a Glock 26 in 9mm and started with the gun pointed at the base of the target stand. Stage One had the competitor engage each of 5 targets with one round each. The targets were staggered in distance from 3 to 12 yards. Front sight and quick target transitions were the key factor here. Stage

2 had 3 targets at 6 yards arrayed around a non-threat. Each of the outside targets received 2 rounds each and then the middle target with 1 round in the head. Unfortunately some competitors did not watch that front sight close enough and a few "hits on a Non-threat" were given out here. The 3rd and final stage was a up close and personal type stage. The shooter started about 1 1/2 yards from the target. On signal, the competitor engaged the target with 2 rounds to the body and 1 round to the head while in retreat. Once the first target was engaged, the competitor pivoted to the left and engaged one more target with 2 rounds. This stage was probably as close to real life as it gets.

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These stages were a lot of fun and our competitors turned in some really impressive times. The time to beat was turned in by ESP Champion and team EOTAC shooter Bob Vogal with a total time of only 6.32 seconds with zero points down. I can't even think of shooting that fast. I admit my time was a long way off this one. Way to go Bob! Glock was also kind enough to give away two certificates by random drawing to the pool of competitors that shot in this side match. Glock is very dedicated to the support of our sport. Thank you Glock! They also had a number of their great products there for competitors to look at and shoot as part of their Expo bay.



Further up the firing range road you came to the Wilson Combat Expo bay. Wilson also had a number of their superb weapons for competitors to handle and fire. Wilson was also kind enough to be the sponsor for the Shotgun side match. Each competitor had the choice of two of the very fine Scattergun Technologies pump action shotguns to use in the CoF. There was a fixed stock and their adjustable stock to fit any competitor's needs.



The stage had the shooter start in the open with only 3 rounds in the gun. Two more were located on the sidesaddle shell holder affixed to each gun. On the signal, the competitor started towards cover while engaging a line of pepper poppers. Once they reached cover, each shooter had to reload two rounds and then using cover, engage the final two pepper poppers. The steel was set just right making the competitors really use the front sight. A solid, center hit would knock over the steel but a few glancing and low hits caused a number of shooters to drop out of the running.

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Amadini Custom		1
T-Rex	.40 S&W	1
Beretta		3
92FS	9 mm	2
Cougar 8000	9 mm	1
Caspian		2
1911	.45 ACP	2
Colt		6
1911	.45 ACP	2
1911	9 mm	2
1991	.45 ACP	1
Series 70	.45 ACP	1
CZ		5
75 B	9 mm	2
85	9 mm	1
SP-01	9 mm	2
FN		1
Hi-Power	9 mm	1
Glock		136
Not Specified		1

Not Specified	9 mm	1
17	9 mm	39
19	9 mm	4
21	.45 ACP	10
22	.40 S&W	3
23	.40 S&W	1
34	9 mm	71
35	.40 S&W	6
H&K		3
P7	9 mm	1
USP	.40 S&W	1
USP Expert	9 mm	1
Kimber		18
Classic Custom Target	.45 ACP	2
Classic Royal	.45 ACP	1
Custom II	.45 ACP	6
Eclipse	.45 ACP	2
Grand Raptor II	.45 ACP	1
Stainless Target II	9 mm	3
Super Match	.45 ACP	1
Tactical Custom	.45 ACP	1
Target II	9 mm	1
Les Baer		2
SRP	.45 ACP	1
Super Tac	.45 ACP	1
Nighthawk Custom		2
1911	.45 ACP	1
Talon	.45 ACP	1
Nowlin		1
1911	.45 ACP	1
Para Ordnance		2
19	9 mm	1
1911 SSP	.45 ACP	1
Sig Sauer		4
Not Specified	9 mm	1
1911	.45 ACP	1
P226	9 mm	2
Smith & Wesson		86
10-6	.357 mag	1
13	.357 mag	1
15	.357 mag	2
19	.357 mag	1
1911	.45 ACP	2
1911	9 mm	2
1911 A	.45 ACP	1
586-3	.357 mag	1

625	.45 ACP	13
66	.357 mag	2
67-6	.357 mag	4
686	.357 mag	6
686SSR	.357 mag	4
9L	9 mm	1
Combat Masterpiece	.357 mag	1
M&P	.40 S&W	2
M&P	.45 ACP	2
M&P	9 mm	39
Pro 9	9 mm	1
Springfield		28
1911	.40 S&W	1
1911	.45 ACP	5
1911	9 mm	3
1911A1	.45 ACP	3
TRP	.45 ACP	5
XD	.40 S&W	2
XD	.45 ACP	1
XD	9 mm	5
XD Tactical	.40 S&W	1
XD Tactical	.45 ACP	1
XD Tactical	9 mm	1
Steyr		1
M40A1	.40 S&W	1
STI		23
2011	.40 S&W	1
2011	.45 ACP	1
2011	9 mm	1
Eagle 5.0	.40 S&W	2
Eagle 5.0	.45 ACP	1
Eagle 5.0	9 mm	7
Legacy	.45 ACP	1
Ranger II	9 mm	1
Sentinel	.45 ACP	1
Spartan	.45 ACP	1
Trojan	.45 ACP	3
Trojan	9 mm	3
SVI		4
2011	.45 ACP	1
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Tanfoglio		6
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P21 L	9 mm	1

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2009 IDPA Italian National Championship

by Gary Burriss A01202

I've missed only one Italian National Match since they started IDPA in Italy. The first Match took place at a range north of Rome and Giorgio Acerboni, who was at the time the Area Coordinator for Italy, asked me to be the Chief Safety Officer for the match and I was honored to help.

Giorgio has resigned as AC due to family commitments (new granddaughter) and because he felt that he would be unable to devote the time necessary to fulfill the obligations of AC for Italy.

Fabio Guerra was selected to replace Giorgio and I brought a contract from IDPA HQ with me to Italy for him to sign. Fabio is president of Robin's Shooting Academy Club, one of the largest clubs in Italy. He has a lot of experience running shooting matches. His organizational skills were tested at his first National Match as Area Coordinator. And, I might add that he came through with flying colors.

I got to Italy a couple of days before the match to find Fabio, Fausto Alberti (Match Director) and others in a state of panic. It seems that the shooting range at Mazzano where the match was to be held had some problems with local officials who took issue with the safety of the event due



seemed to be talking on both of them at the same time. The logistics involved in relocating the match were formidable. Everything associated with the match had to be moved. And as if by magic, at noon on Friday, all was in place. The match began on time on Saturday morning and ran without a hitch. Well, maybe one small issue. The match T-shirts say, "Mazzano" but it's a small price to pay. Well done, Fabio.

Fabio even had time to surprise me by presenting me with a Glock 34 chambered in 9x21 mm. The gun has my name engraved on the nickel plated slide. It will stay in Italy and I will be able to use it during future trips to Italy.

The scorekeeping team consisted of Simon Ciucchi, Silvia Gentile and Rina, her mother. Match scores were



to some reason I did not fully understand. In any event, the local officials would not give permission for the match to be held there.

An emergency meeting was held Thursday evening to discuss a plan forward. Finally, near midnight, the Gualtieri Shooting range was secured for the match located not far from Bologna, Italy and some 80 miles from Mazzano. Fabio had two cell phones and





posted in a timely fashion. Not surprising is the fact that there were very few issues about the scorekeeping because Simon is a Detective Sergeant in the Carabinieri (military police), Silvia is a lawyer specializing in gun laws in Italy and Rina is an office clerk. Could you ask for a better team to do the scoring?

There was a 2-gun (pistol and shotgun) side match. I

helped Andrea Simoni of the Armeria Zanotti and Giovanni Mazzacurati with one of the two stages.

They did all the work while I enjoyed visiting with the shooters who came to shoot the side match.



The Italian National Match consisted of 12 stages and slightly over 200 rounds. I guess if I had to criticize anything I would have to say the match was a little too IPSC-like for my taste. This is understandable because the majority of the shooters in Italy come from an IPSC background.

They really enjoy shooting IDPA and, in time, I think they will come to appreciate what defensive shooting is all about.



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Michael Rowe	2
Mike Cyrus & Mike Hardison	1
Mike Fielden	1
MRE	1
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Tom Vester	1
Tommy Guns	1
Uber Tactical	1
USSA Custom	1
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Model Not Specified	1
Bianchi	1
105	1
Blackhawk	9
Model Not Specified	4
C1311	1
CQC	1
Serpa	2
Serpa CQB	1
Blade-Tech	89
Model Not Specified	43
2	1
Belt	8
Carbon Fibre	2
DOH	5
G34	1
GL17-22	1
H721	1
Kydex	1
Paddle	1
Revolver	1

Holsters Used

5.11	1
Model Not Specified	1

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"Frequently Asked Questions"

Thought provoking ideas to stimulate discussion on the continued growth of IDPA

by **Thomas Pinney A24541**

Most IDPA clubs have a web site to provide information about and coordinate club activities. A Frequently Asked Questions or FAQ page should be part of that web site. Many people who are interested in our sport never get their initial inquiries answered. An FAQ page will provide consistent and accurate answers to many of the questions people have about IDPA. Such a page will also help new shooters show up for their first club match with the proper equipment and a better understanding of what will happen.

Below are the Frequently Asked Questions we have posted on our club's site. Please feel free to use it for your own club's site. Just remember to change our club specific information such as location and fees!

Who can shoot an IDPA event?

If you can shoot a handgun safely and can legally bear arms you will be welcome to participate in our IDPA matches. Thunder Tactical makes it a practice to welcome shooters from other clubs, law enforcement personnel, and new shooters to join us.

How much does it cost to shoot an IDPA event?

Range fees vary at different clubs. Thunder Range has a \$10 fee to use their range which must be paid to the range inside the office. The Thunder Tactical club charges a fee for Wednesday night practice matches of \$5. Saturday matches are \$8. The club fees cover the

cost of targets, equipment, and insurance.

What types of matches are held by the IDPA?

There are levels of competition within the IDPA. Local club matches are the most informal. We try to have a club match every Wednesday evening. Monthly matches are typically held on a Saturday and are larger, and more complex. Major or sanctioned matches are the most rigorous and complex matches. They are much more expensive and typically involve advanced competition with trophies being awarded. An example of such a match would be a state championship. Finally there are local classifier matches; these are highly structured stages to classify each shooter's skill level.

What is a classifier?

In order for shooters to be able to compete fairly with their peers, IDPA competitors are divided into five classifications based on their skill level. A "Classification Match" is a standard formatted match scored by an accredited Safety Officer. We recommend you shoot a classifier if you are going to compete at any level. Thunder Tactical holds classifiers every fifth Saturday or by special arrangement.

What are the Classifications and Divisions?

IDPA classifications are: Novice, Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, and Master. These classifications are determined either by performance in a Classifier match or meritorious advancement by winning a classification/division in

a major match.

Divisions are the five different types of pistols used in competition. **Service Stock Pistol** — Semiautomatic 9 mm or larger; **Enhanced Service Pistol** — Semiautomatic 9 mm or larger with certain modifications; (Don't worry about these modifications if you are new, the club will let you know your gun's division when you sign in.) **Custom Defensive Pistol** — Semiautomatic .45 ACP; **Enhanced Service Revolver** — revolver making the same power factor as a .45 ACP with a barrel length of less than 4.2 inches; moon clips are allowed; **Service Stock Revolver** — revolver of at least .38 special with a barrel length of less than 4.2 inches. Reloading an SSR may be done with speedloaders, but not with moonclips.

How old do you have to be to shoot IDPA?

You must be at least 12 years old. Children who want to participate must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during the entire match.

What kind of a gun do I need?

IDPA requires the pistols be "safe and serviceable". That means they have to operate safely and reliably. The IDPA also requires a certain minimum "power factor". These power factors are usually met by pistols shooting .38 special or more powerful cartridges. The most common cartridges used are .38 special, 9mm, and .45. You may shoot either a revolver or an automatic.

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2009 IDPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

by Robert Ray A05118

The IDPA National Championship was held at the US Shooting Academy in Tulsa, OK this year. This was our first year at this huge facility and it was fantastic. I admit that there were a number of people that were skeptical of the choice to go there. Unfortunately, the two previous years the USPSA Nationals had been held there it had gotten hammered by Mother Nature with heavy rains. We were somewhat concerned as well but the range had done a lot of work to improve drainage and we were convinced that Mother Nature is an IDPA shooter. I guess she is as we did have a heavy rain come through but it was only on Monday. We are talking in the neighborhood of 5 or 6 inches at the range but the water rolled off and the ground started to dry and by Wednesday we were just about back to normal. There were one or two low spots where it tried to get muddy but the USSA range crew, spearheaded by Levi Sprouse, was always on top of things. They put down some animal bedding and no more problems. This was typical of the attention that Levi and his crew

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showed us while we were there. I barely thought of something that needed done before Levi and his crew there doing it. This is the type of people that USSA has working for it on all levels and we were very happy with the entire range facility and staff.

There is a tremendous amount of effort put into producing a National Championship match. The hard work done by USSA made the Match Director's (Curt Nichols) and Assistant MD's (Jerry Biggs) lives a little easier although they still had a formidable amount of work to do. Sharing some of this work load was a dedicated group of IDPA shooters. Building props, staging material, new coats of paint, setting up stages plus countless other things have to be done to make this happen. Most of these people were also the hard working SO's for the match. As part of the thank you for their hard work, each SO received a set of clothes from EOTAC. This included the new Shooting Sport Polo (SSP, neat huh) that was not even on the market yet. What a great gift from long time supporter EOTAC. We really appreciate everyone that helped in bring this match to success.

Points Down, 168 Hits on Non-Threats, 304 Procedural Errors, 438 Failures to Neutralize (several of which were mine), 7 Failures to Do Right, 2 Did Not Finishes and 12 Disqualifications. Almost all of the FTDR's and DQ's were the result of competitors not paying close enough attention to the rules on legal equipment and/or modifications and wear on safeties. This was the first year that the National Championship has had a comprehensive gun check as well as the usual chronograph, weight and box check. I can guarantee that before their next match a lot of people will be rereading the rule book and checking their safeties. Remember, guns are just machines and all machines wear with repeated use. As for the Points Down, HNT's, FTN's and PE's, well folks, if you did not watch that

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And what a success it was! We had a record breaking 359 competitors this year. The match was also larger by having nine shooting bays instead of the usual eight. We had four Expo bay vendors **CZ USA, Glock, Wilson Combat and XS Sights**, three of which also sponsored the Side Matches. All this combined means that we put over 91,000 rounds down range. There were also some other record breaking numbers at this years match. We had 47,483



2009 IDPA National Championship

bumpy thing on the front of the gun, you were in trouble.

This was one of the most challenging National Championships to date. The stages were in most cases deceptively simple and yet if you did not pay attention to the front sight, you most certainly paid attention when they started calling out points down. You realize that if you average it out, that means that every shooter would have received over 130 points down for the match. And yet almost everywhere you looked you saw grinning faces. Everyone was having a blast! The stages were not some carnival trick or hose fest, they were just good, solid courses of fire with a fun yet challenging use of actual hard cover and tight shots. And I do mean “hard” cover. Most of the stages had steel plates, tree trunks, boxes of gravel or actual vehicles used to obscure targets. I can tell you that I saw a number of people throw a shot at a target and start to move on then realize that the dingy sound of bullet on steel meant they needed to stop and take another shot. The tree trunks are also a bit heavier now than when they started the match. The most widely held feeling at the end of these stages was summed up by an SO with the phrase “My front sight is a lying piece of s*%#!” But everyone enjoys a challenge and this is exactly what Curt and crew gave them.

Stage 1 was sponsored by **Wilson Combat** and it was one of those deceptively simple stages I was talking about. The competitor started in front of a door, on the signal the door was open and the shooter retreated while engaging a swinger with 6 rounds. Oh, and the



door posts were a 8 inch plywood square filled with pea gravel. Hard cover indeed!

Stage 2 was sponsored by **Safariland** and had the shooter engaging six targets with 1 round each then moving to cover an engaging six more with 2 rounds each using cover. The first six mimicked a threat diving for cover. The rest were tight shots around non-threats and one particularly well hit piece of steel hard cover.

Stage 3 was the dreaded Nationals standards which tested your basic gun handling skills and included shooting at 26 yards.

Stage 4 had you cast your mind back to the hell of underground fighting in the tunnels of Vietnam. This stage had you start in the prone position with your gun in one hand and your flashlight and spare magazine in the other. Once ready, the SO dropped the lid and you were in near complete darkness. On the signal you illuminated and engaged three threats down one tunnel (plastic culvert) with 2 rounds each and then pivoted to the left a little and engaged 3 more down the second tunnel.

Reloads were as necessary. Woe to the competitor using smoky powder. This stage was sponsored by our good friends at **Combat Handguns**.

Stage 5 really had us SSP and ESP guys on our toes. It was an 11 rounds stage where you really needed that front sight. The competitor engaged two targets with 3 rounds each while retreating to cover. From cover you engaged the “foot” of a threat target that released a runner composed of a non-threat with a threat on either side. These moved across a ten foot opening and then stopped behind a barricade. If you did not get your 3 hits on each while they were on the move, you had just the heads visible behind the barricade but you had better remember that the middle one was the non-threat. This devilish stage was sponsored by **Brownells**. And for those that are wondering, yes I did miss the boot on the first shot and had to reload.

Stage 6 was a nifty little stage sponsored by **Ruger**. This stage was designed around a video clip on the internet where a would be



to steal your gear. Starting with a chain saw in hand, you engage the first two targets with 3 rounds each while retreating to a handy wood pile. From there you engage the remaining three bad guys with 2 rounds each. Unfortunately they are hiding behind rather large tree trunks that ate more than one competitor's bullets.

Stage 8 was a simple twist on the old El Prez but with the added difficulty of doing it in a three foot square box. Big guys beware, it could get a little tight in there. This stage was sponsored by **Guns of the Old West**.

robber comes into a store, draws his gun, fumbles it onto the counter at which point the store clerk picks it up and aims it at the butterfingured thug. All target on this stage also required 3 hits. You started by picking up the "dropped" Glock and engaging T1. I might mention here that this was the only target in the match in which you did not need hearing protection as the Glock had a suppressor attached to it. Too cool! You then dropped it, and drew your own pistol from a drawer. This set off a charging target that then set off a swinging target. After engaging these two you moved down the counter and engaged two more threats while attempting to miss the shelves full convenience store items.



I must mention here that during all of this running and shooting our dedicated staff kept everyone hydrated. Our beverage cart made a continuous circuit of the bays. The cart was sponsored by **TK Custom, Glock and Wilson Combat**. The water on the cart was sponsored by our tremendous friends at **Harris Publications** which produces **Combat Handguns, Gun and Weapons for LE**

Stage 7 was sponsored by **Tactical Knives** and involved a situation all too familiar to us local competitors. It was based on the severe ice storms that came through earlier this year. You are trying to clean up your yard when thugs try





and many other great magazines.

Stage 9 was another deceptively simple stage. This one sponsored by **Sig Sauer**. On this one the competitor faced up range. On the signal you would turn and engage T1 and T2 with two rounds each. Each of these had a swinging non-threat in front of them. A slow, barely swinging non-threat that really did not give you much of a clear shot! You then moved down range engaging the remaining 4 targets with 2 rounds each reloading a necessary.

Stage 10 was sponsored by **Guns and Weapons for Law Enforcement**. This one had the competitor start with a bucket and fishing poles in their hands. On the signal the competitor retreats to lower cover while engaging three targets with 2 rounds each. Cover happens to be a “minnow tank” that is two halves of a 55 gallon barrel filled with water on a stand. At cover you had the option of shooting around the side or across the top. It was interesting to watch the muzzle blast on the water and some of the competitors got a little wet.

Stage 11 reminds us that the bad guys are not all stupid and may use cover as well. Each of the six targets had varying angles of hard cover on them, covering approximately half of each target. You engaged each from cover with 2 rounds each. **Montana Gold Bullets** was the proud sponsor of this stage.

Stage 12 put you in the place of a security contractor working overseas. You started holding a slung AR15 on a “Tactical Ted” target. When he tries to activate an

IED you find your rifle is jammed. On the signal you muzzle strike the “Ted” and then retreat to cover while drawing your pistol and engaging T1 (next to the Ted) with 6 rounds. From cover you engaged two other targets with 2 round each and then moved over to low cover at a car to engage the final target. All this time the slung rifle is bumping along at your side. **W.C. Wolff Springs** was kind enough to sponsor this stage.

Stage 13 was another one of those bullet eating stages and was sponsored by **Cor-Bon**. The shooter started at cover at the driver side door of a car. Down range in a shallow crescent shape are three other vehicles with nine targets arrayed in and behind them. One of these is a swinger hiding behind the hood of a car. It is one of the fastest swingers I have ever seen and both ends of the swing are hidden behind the car. On the beep, the shooter takes cover behind the car engages each target with 2 rounds each. The activator for the swinger is a plate located behind one of the targets. I am not proud to say that I had two FTN’s on this

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stage. I swear those cars are evil bullet eating aliens.

Stage 14 was sponsored by **American Handgunner**. This stage gave the shooter a choice depending on how agile you felt. You started in the passenger seat of a Dodge Neon (read as not fat man “me” friendly) with your gun out pointed at a spot on the dash. At the start, the competitor shot T1-T3 with 2 rounds each. You then had a choice, you could get out of the car and retreat to the back and engage the final three targets from low cover or you could launch yourself across the cramped interior of car, over the center console with hand brake and engage T4-T6 while hanging out the driver window. I understand that when I did it (across the interior) that they though the car was going to come apart at the seams.

Stage 15 was a great little Halloween stage. This one was sponsored by long time supporters **Smith and Alexander**. Each target in this stage receives 2 rounds

each. You start at a door and on the beep you open it and while using cover engage two threats. You then move to a wall, engaging one threat on the way, and from there engage three targets hiding behind hay bales with pumpkins (steel plates) on them. From there you moved over to another wall for two more threats bracketing a non-threat; again these were hiding behind hay bales and pumpkins. I was never so happy to free those pumpkins with out hitting one. Those big orange globes drew the eye and a fair number of bullets as well.

Stage 16 and 17 were in the USSA shoot house. The entire shoot house was sponsored by **First Light**. They provided the awesome little Tomahawk lights that were used in stage 17 as well as the light for the tunnel rat stage. On stage 16 you started seated in a recliner with a remote in one hand and a drink in the other. You are accosted by three thugs in your home. You draw your gun from the IDPA box and engage each threat with 2 rounds each in tactical

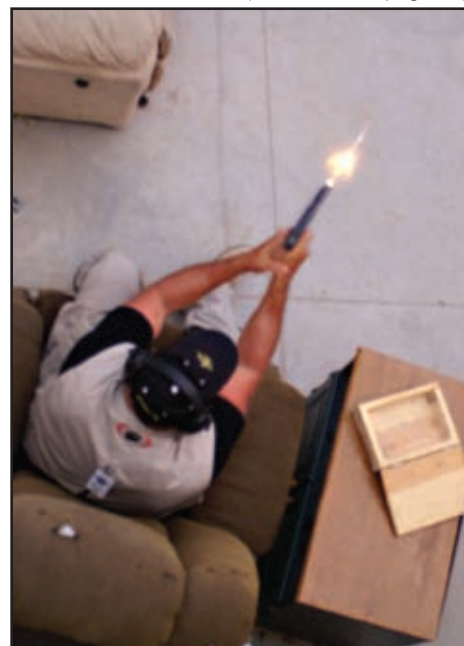
sequence.

On stage 17 you maneuvered your way through several rooms of the house engaging threats as you see them with 2 rounds each. The last two threats are located in the last room of the house and it is darker than the inside of a coal miner’s hard hat. Just outside of this room the competitor picks up one of the Tomahawk lights and uses it to illuminate the last two targets.

The whole match was scored using **Beach Bunny Software’s** ForScore system. We were able to get scores out and posted within 10 minutes of the last shot fired. It really would have been faster but we did have to track down the Match Director who had 6 scoresheets stuck in his bag. Even still, you can beat the time on that.

All in all, the match challenged shooters from Masters to Marksman and everyone in between. I really enjoyed the stages and Curt and Jerry did a masterful job of balancing things out so that everyone had a great time shooting. There were a

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What else should I bring to shoot?

Hearing protectors, (either muffs or ear plugs), eye protection, (impact resistant sun or regular glasses or clear shooter's glasses) a holster; hip only, no shoulder holsters, cross draws, or pocket holsters. Inside the waistband holsters are okay. You will need three magazines or speed loaders for revolvers (only two are required for almost all scenarios but it is much better to have three). You also should have a garment that conceals your handgun in its holster.

What are the requirements for concealment for a match?

One of the goals of IDPA is to more closely approximate real world situations in a safe environment. Some local club matches held in hot climates relax that requirement during the heat of summer (Summer Rules). With that minor and local exception, the handgun must not be visible when your arms are held straight out to the sides. If you are shooting for the first time on a Wednesday night the club may also give you a waiver from this requirement for your first practice match.

Can I just watch a match?

Yes. Spectators are always welcome. You are required to wear hearing protection and safety

glasses just like the shooters do. That said, we encourage participation above merely looking. No one will think the less of you if you are not a highly accomplished shooter. If you are going to be there, you might as well join in fun. Should you decide to simply observe please let one of the match directors know you are there simply to watch.

I just want to improve my shooting skills; I am not interested in the competition. Can I just shoot for practice?

Lots of people come out and shoot just for practice. Because of safety requirements we will treat everyone who is shooting just the same. You will have a safety officer right behind you at all times and he will time your run. If you are not interested in your scores, just ignore them. Focus instead on shooting safely and accurately. Each run is made individually; the only real competitor you have is yourself. We are all trying to learn how to shoot faster and more accurately within the strict limits of safety. If you are not interested in your scores, no one else will be either. No matter how well or badly you shoot; if you shoot safely you will be welcome.

Do I need a concealed carry permit

to shoot IDPA?

No.

What do I do when I show up for a match?

If you are a first time shooter please arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the event. For our club that is 6:00 PM on Wednesday nights. The Thunder Tactical shooting bays are on the right side of the range office. Because it is a public range you will need to pay your \$10 range fee in the office. Our sign-up site is by the metal shed on the right. Come up to anyone standing around there and let them know you are a new shooter and ask what to do next. They will make you feel welcome (really!) and set you up with the right people to give you a personal safety briefing.

Is IDPA safe?

Yes. IDPA has an admirable safety record; far better than other recreational activities such as softball or jogging. And we intend to keep it that way. Shooting a firearm can be a risky activity but as long as everyone observes the safety rules you are more likely to be hurt playing football or soccer. To minimize risk there are stringent safety requirements. We will not bend, alter, waive, or otherwise try to shortcut safety rules.

The rules are commonsense:

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- The 2nd Law of Gun Safety - Never Point A Gun At Something You're Not Prepared To Destroy!
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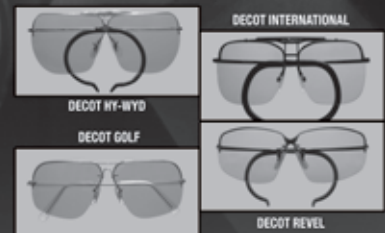


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01-03	1	ALS	3		
Glock	1	Belt	1		

Ammo Used

Factory	126
Handloads	209

Reloading Presses Used

CH	1
Autochamp	1
Dillon	196
Model Not Specified	3
1050	21

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RL 550B	81	0	4	Bullet Works	4
Square Deal B	17	III	1	Bushwacker	1
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Lock-N-Load	5	Vihta Vuora	35	Frontier	3
Projector	1	Type Not Specified	10	Home Made	1
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Model Not Specified	2	3N37	1	Impact Zone	2
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Model Not Specified	1	Type Not Specified	3	Mastercast	4
Junior 3	3	231	23	Missouri Bullet Company	1
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Rock Chucker	4			Perilton	2
Redding	2			Precision Delta	30
T7	2			Ranier	16

Powder Used

Accurate	24
Type Not Specified	2
#2	7
#7	1
Solo 1000	12
Solo 1250	2
Alliant	16
Type Not Specified	1
Bullseye	9
Power Pistol	3
Red Dot	1
Unique	2
American Select	1
Type Not Specified	1
Cheddite	1
Type Not Specified	1
Hodgdon	95
Type Not Specified	11
Clays	36
HP-38	3
Titegroup	45
IMR	2
700X	1
SR 4756	1
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Rex	5

Brass Used

Brassman	1
Factory	2
Federal	7
Fiocchi	3
HSM	1
Mag-Tec	1
Military	1
Mixed	116
Remington	7
Speer	5
Starline	25
Winchester	37

Bullet Type Used

Jacketed	100
Lead	58
Moly Coat	3
Plated	60

Bullet Manufacturer

Aim Projectiles	1
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Primer Used

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CCI	36
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5.11	4
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Browning	1
Model Not Specified	1
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Custom	13
Model Not Specified	7
Plugs	6
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Model Not Specified	1
Custom Plugs	1
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Plugs	1
Pro 35	1
Dillon	11
Model Not Specified	5
Electronic	3
HP-1	3
Ear, Inc. Custom	18
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Plugs	3
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Model Not Specified	3
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Glock	1
Model Not Specified	1
Howard Leight	16
Model Not Specified	7
Disposable	1
Impact Sport	7
Max	1
InstaMold	1
Model Not Specified	1
Moldex	1
Plugs	1
MSA Sordin	7
Model Not Specified	2
Pro	1
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Model Not Specified	29
10	3
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Model Not Specified	4

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Plugs	7	Wilson Combat	1	MTM	2			
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Foam	1	Plugs	2	Oakley	1			
Pro Ears	36	Wolf Ears	3	One Shot	1			
Model Not Specified	10	Model Not Specified	3	Redhead	1			
29	1	Range Bags			Remington	2		
Dimension	11				5.11	14	Sears Tool Bag	1
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Model Not Specified	3	Hafner	1					
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Plugs	1	IDPA	6					
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number of other things going on besides just the shooting. There were several vendors set up in the lunch tent with great products for your perusal. You could also stop at the IDPA Pro Shop and pick up commemorative shirts. The **National Shooting Sport Foundation (NSSF)** is a big supporter of IDPA and they also sponsored the match shirts. We also had two hospitality rooms at the match hotel, one on Wednesday night and another on Thursday night. These were sponsored by **Wilson Combat** and **US Training Center**. One other new thing we brought to the match this year was an official photographer. **Photo Motion Photography** set up on one stage and captured every shooter that came through. You could stop in their tent and buy a set of photos capturing you in mid stage in all your shooting greatness. The match just gets bigger and better every year.

saying Thank You for all of their hard work and sacrifice.

If that was not enough shooting and good times for you then you had one more opportunity before the weekend was over. The guys at EOTAC have been huge supporters of IDPA and the shooting sports. In another way of giving back to the shooters,

EOTAC offered a free shooting clinic on Sunday. The EOTAC shooting team selected several stages from the Nationals and showed the attendee's the way the professionals do it. The instructors included Team Captain Tom Yost, Bob Vogel, Massad Ayoob, Dave Harrington, Tom Carpenter and Mark Redl. I hesitate to think of what the cost would be if you had to pay for this type of class from these great shooters. Once again thank you EOTAC and Fernando Coelho.

We had a great event and if you did not make it I would recommend getting your ducks in a row for next year. It will be a blast. I look forward to seeing you on a range soon and hopefully you can join us for the 2010 IDPA National Championship.

CDP Champion:	Glenn Shelby	280.89 (66)
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The best run of the match was turned in by John Morris with a run of 8.64 seconds. Great job running that pump gun John. I did a little better at this side match than the BUG, coming in at number 23. I'll take that any day against the talented field of competitors we had at this match.

The last side match was sponsored by our long time supporters XS Sights. Dave Biggers was kind enough to bring along not only a couple of AR's with their new CSAT rear sight, but several other guns for our competitors to play with as well. For those of you that have not heard about the new CSAT sight, it is a new, simple way to deal with an old problem, the offset from barrel to sight. The CSAT takes the innovative approach of having both a notch, for up close accurate shooting, and a standard peep aperture for 100 yard shots on the same blade. You never have to take a hand off the gun to flip sights for

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The CoF for the Rifle side match took advantage of this sight set

up by having the competitor start in the open between three targets and cover. The targets were located seven yards from cover and about 4 yards from the shooters start point. On

the buzzer the competitor started retreating to cover while engaging the first two targets with 2 rounds each. Once they reached cover they engaged the third target with 1 round to the head. This was all you had as the threat had a non-threat standing in front of it. Once the hostage taker was neutralized, the competitor then

engaged another five targets from cover with 2 rounds each. These ranged in distance

from 36 to 40 yards. As you only started with 10 rounds in the gun, each competitor also had to make a reload off the table at the point of cover.

This stage was a blast to shoot and I really enjoyed the ease of the CSAT sight. The best run of the event was turned in by another Team EOTAC shooter Tom Carpenter with a time of 19.66 seconds. Lets just say that my time was no where near that great run.

All in all the side matches were a great hit and our competitors really enjoyed the generosity of the sponsors and the challenge of the



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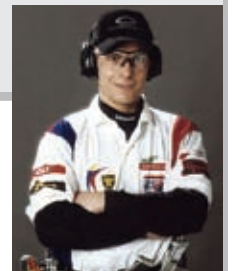
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