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We need more Time

I really enjoy IDPA and the average Joe and equipment neutral design of the sport. I have been a member for a number of years now. I have come to question the current formula used for Vickers scoring. In the last couple of years there seems to be an increasing propensity for some shooters to shoot faster than they can get good hits. Even so, it seems that it IS possible to miss fast enough to, if not win, at least beat out slower, but more accurate shooters. I do not believe that a half second penalty for each point down is sufficient to reward accuracy over pure speed as is stated in Appendix IV of the IDPA rule book. As an example, in one match I shot in, my raw time was 163.2 with 36 points down. Another shooter had a raw time of 124.74 with 93 points down. That other shooter ran all stages in two thirds my time but with three times as many points down. After the Vickers count was figured, I had 181.20 to his 171.24. If the formula had been a full second per point down it would have been 199.20 to 217.74. I don't want anyone to think I am a whiner. I just think it is a little too biased to speed and something worth considering. I was a police firearms instructor and I taught my officers to shoot only as fast as they could get good hits. Such a rule change, if instituted, I believe would force shooters to focus more on accuracy and a little less on speed. Which is the intent of IDPA is it not? Regardless of any decision pro or con, I will continue to support and participate in IDPA. It is still the best "everyman" defensive firearm game in town.

James Blackwood A26645

James, you bring up an interesting point. Sometimes it is true that speed can over take accuracy on a stage. I do think that you will find that this only happens on open, hose-fest type stages. While these are a lot of fun I don't think they represent what IDPA is supposed to be

about. Once you incorporate tight shots, hard cover, non-threats and difficult shooting positions the formula works. I do think IDPA is based on these types of stages and is more representative of what you might actually encounter. Still, your idea has merit and we will take a look at it. Until then I hope you continue to enjoy IDPA.

Editor

We got you covered kid!

Ye Gads! That poor kid in the camo coat looks kind of scared of the woman pointing her 1911 at him while she reloads!

You should not feature such poor gun-handling/safety on the cover of the Tactical Journal. Pointing guns at kids! Shame on you!

Ray Lindsay CL017

You are absolutely right, that kid does look fairly concerned. Although I must admit, if he and his friends have the ability to float in the air as it appears, he does not have to worry about gunfire. I think they may be superhuman..

Editor

A Beginner's Tale

As a newcomer to International Defensive Pistol Association shooting this winter I must say of all the sports and hobbies to catch my fancy the people and goals of IDPA have stood out above all other. How so? Here I am, some new guy at a Michigan sportsman's club I have never visited (Detroit Sportsman Congress). I am wanting to advance my carry skills but I am figuring I'm in for a tough sell on membership and a cold shoulder.

Not so, RO Fred explains the when and where and a few days later I show up and SO Ben gives me and my friend safety, range and weapons training a commercial range would have charged good money for. Half an hour later Jerry and Matt run me through my first stage. Sure they keep an extra close eye on the

newbie but never do they say anything but good advice and words of encouragement. Considering the range of age, skill and equipment involved as I watch and meet others the professionalism and comradery is heartwarming.

Fast-forward five months, a low light / no light match in Fenton only reinforces my first impression of IDPA. Creeping around in the dark with a flashlight and a pistol with sixteen new friends, what's not to love. My entry for the Great Lakes Championship is in, my skills and confidence are greatly improved and my daughter says she has never seen me smile so hard. Might I get my butt kicked at my first major? Sure but that smile will be only bigger.

Last week another new shooter came to practice and I saw the same support and care displayed. I wandered over and introduced myself and watched him carefully walk through his first stage, hey I'm no longer the newbie! Once again my hats off to the IDPA and all the kind volunteers I have met. This organization really has it right reflected in current discussions about BUG and 22 cal matches that only shows you care and listen to the membership, thank you. Ron Rabine A39411

Ron I think you have discovered the one truth about people in the shooting sports. I don't believe IDPA has a lock on these folks (although I believe we have the best of the best), you will find these same great people in USPSA, cowboy action, sporting clays, you name it. I am glad you met up with the great guys at DSC and I hope you continue to enjoy getting out and shooting.

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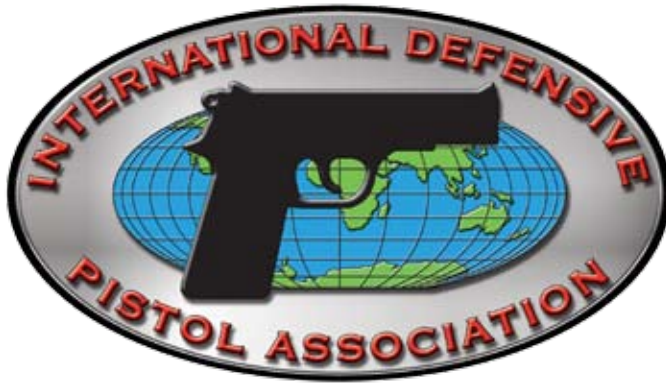


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I hope you enjoy this final *Tactical Journal* of the season. The holiday season is just around the corner. IDPA HQ wishes you a great remainder of the year and Happy Holidays.

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 Ted Murphy A02127

Shooting:

My wife Melissa and I had a great time at this year's Nationals. We were working the Chronograph and Equipment Check this year again. We get to interface with all the shooters and it sure is nice to see and talk to everyone. I hope you all had as good a time as we did and shot as well as you had hoped you would.

It is a popular belief that modern pistols do not need to be cleaned regularly. Just today I was lectured by a shooter who thinks it foolish to clean your gun after each firing. I used to think this way, but in the last two years have made it a ritual to clean my guns after each firing. This paid off a nice dividend last week. I was practicing the day before a match and upon returning home I broke down my gun for its cleaning. Upon examining the field stripped pistol, I realized the slide stop spring on my Glock 17 was broken. This would have cost me some serious trouble had I not caught it; I would have at least one stage DNF, if not a match DNF. So it might not be sexy to always clean

your gun, but if you treat your firearms as a serious tool, serious maintenance is a solid idea.

Speaking of tools, my friend Mike A. suggested to me the 10-8 Performance Armorer tool (<http://www.10-8performance.com>) Not only is it designed to aid in working on AR-15's, 1911's, Glocks, M&P's and other guns, this little polymer tool is a great aid in cleaning your gun as you can push patches into nooks and crannies. It was very inexpensive and very indispensable.

Officiating:

Match Directors and Safety Officers need to remember that we all mentor each other. Keep an eye out for mistakes and oversights. Always be polite and instructive when pointing out issues, but make sure you help educate and develop each other on the range.

One of the things to keep an eye out for is S.O.'s who are not paying proper attention to their shooter. There is a reason being caught "flat footed" is a negative. You are not as quick to respond when you are

flat footed. Try to be on the balls on your feet. Keep an ready stance and watch out for your hands. You may need to react quickly to whatever a shooter is doing. Be aware where you put your hands. If you have your hand in your pocket, you will really hamper your ability to react to a shooter. Keep your hands up and ready to respond.

Remember that your focus should be on the shooter's hand and gun. Don't idly sit by and watch the targets, or be otherwise preoccupied. At one of my local clubs, they had a non-IDPA fun match where I shot a large field type course with over 30 yards of movement. The Range Officer activated the timer and stood by while the shooter moved far downrange, shooting on the move. Had there been a problem or the shooter broke the muzzle safety points, it would have been a disaster. Be ready to respond, stay with the shooter, and keep your focus on the shooter. If you feel like it is time for a break, ask for one. There is no shame in admitting this, as safety is at stake.

Match Directing:

Now that the year is moving along and most clubs have a number of matches under their belts, many clubs are looking at the money they have raised and may be considering some purchases of equipment. While some clubs may have an ace welder on staff, many are looking at store bought solutions. Before buying, take a hard look at what your club will



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need, and where you are going to get the most bang for your buck. A prop you will use in the majority of your matches is a much better investment than a super-cool one you won't want to drag out but once or twice a year.

Steel targets are a good choice if you do not have any yet. Look at your situation and see if you would be better off with forward falling steel or backward falling steel. Some clubs prefer forward falling steel as it prevents spent bullets from bouncing and leaving the range when set up correctly. The bullet tends to hit the dirt right in front of the steel. Forward Falling poppers are a little stressful for shooters who "double tap" steel as the second shot may well reset the target. Backward falling steel is easier to reset and usually cheaper to buy. A combination of the two will give the MD a solid toolbox for putting popper-activators where you want it. IDPA sponsor MGM targets (www.mgmtargets.com) makes a good product, as does Gun Steel (gunsteel.com) and GT targets (www.gttargets.com). Be sure to look for some local vendors as you will save on shipping that way.

Disappearing targets are also a great option. Since a target that appears and disappears offers such a representative real world challenge, I love to use them.

Two types of disappearing targets are the drop turner, and the Out-N-Back type of target. Drop turners can usually be set for a single or double appearance, and work well with both Threat and Non-Threat targets. The target is hidden by being turned 90 degrees from the shooter. When engaged, the target turns 90 degrees and stays

there for a set period of time. It then turns another 90 degrees and stops. The Out-N-Back target swings out on a downward angle, drops its weight, and then disappears. Varying the weight combination changes its speed. MGM & Gunsteel sell excellent drop turners, and GT Targets has a wonderful Out-N-Back target. There are also pop-up targets. When a pop up target is activated, the target rises up and gives a presentation for a set period of time. The pop up then disappears. These are very handy, but are usually larger than the drop turners. This translates to more real estate on the range used for the prop, as well as more room for storage.

Swingers are also a good choice. There was a time when I used them more often in my matches. So often in fact, that a shooter called my range "swinger central". Swingers are a cheap way to offer a target that will have some range of motion. They can be challenging to shoot and are fun as well. I don't think they are as representative of a "street" situation as a disappearing target, but they can be set up smartly and are a great confidence builder.

Clamshells are also a popular choice. Clamshells are a variation of the "pop up target". They typically start out flat on the ground. When activated, the rear target pops up. After a small delay, the forward target pops up, covering the rear target. The net effect of this is the shooter is given a brief opportunity to engage an appearing target, before the



non-threat target covers the threat target. I'm not overly fond of the clamshell. I also do not like how the target presents a non-threat from below as it can really hurt newer shooters as they don't see the target when they pull the trigger, but it then slides up into the path of the bullet. It becomes less of a challenge to the shooter than a simple timing problem. Bear in mind it is a legal target, just one I prefer not to use.

I prefer store-bought props because they are typically more durable and real world tested. When you are laying out a stage that will see 300 shooters, you want to have absolute faith that the product will work as advertised, the welds will hold, and that it will not fail. I have seen instances at major matches where a home-made wood mover did not last the match as the wood swelled and the prop ceased to work properly. If you have a local ironworker you can do marvelous things, but otherwise I would suggest you go the ready-made prop route. For those of you with the skills to build props but who need some solid and proven ideas, I recommend my friend

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Women's Perspective

by Julie Golob A19366

I had a wonderful time at the IDPA Nationals. I was impressed with the stages and had such a fun squad. I shot with one of the best ladies in the biz, Randi Rogers, along with other incredible shooters. I also brought my 2 year old along and had the chance to show her off for the first time at a match. Yeah... I am a proud mom. Unfortunately I had to rush back home but was very excited to learn I had won the ladies title. All around it was an awesome experience.

I am also thrilled to see the number of women who participate in this event. There were so many talented ladies at this year's IDPA Nationals from those working behind the scenes before the match to those helping with registration and match administration. There were women working in stats who knocked out scores as fast as competitors could shoot them with both speed and accuracy, even posting preliminary results periodically throughout the event. There were women serving as safety officers running shooters through the fun and challenging courses of fire. Then of course there were the ladies who competed in the match head to head against their fellow male competitors and against the rest of the ladies vying for the Women's National Title.

How can I not mention the First Lady of IDPA? Joyce Wilson was on hand working and sharing a smile with every competitor. Always ready to jump in to help when needed, Joyce has been instrumental in

IDPA's success. Though she has not competed in a few years, make no mistake; she is with the sport every step of the way.

Special thanks go out to the women who did their part to make this year's Nationals a huge success. Behind the scenes in scoring, match administration, IDPA Pro Shop and prize table were Dru Nichols, Sandra Tumbleson, Lisa May, Jennifer Webb, Nicole Story, Jennie Baughn, Jane Fleming and Ronda Ray. Serving as safety officers, chronograph/equipment

check officer and medic were Cindy Bowser, Roxanne Hill, Kitty Richards, Angela Swenson, Melissa Murphy and Tammy Sharp.

A big thank you to all the ladies who sent me their photos for this edition of Women's Perspective. In closing here's an ode to the women of the IDPA Nationals: Shooting is not just for the guys, There's more to it than winning a prize.





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Beretta 4		
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Elite II	9 mm	1
Browning 1		
D35	9 mm	1
Caracal 2		
Full Size	9 mm	2
Casplan 2		
Not Specified	.45 ACP	1
1911	.45 ACP	1
Chiappa Firearms 1		
Rhino	.38 Special	1
Colt 7		
1911	.45 ACP	1
1911	9 mm	1
Gold Cup	.45 ACP	2
Series 70	.45 ACP	1
Series 80	.45 ACP	1
Series 80	9 mm	1

Cusanelli Custom 1		
1911	.45 ACP	1
CZ 12		
75 B	9 mm	5
75 BD	9 mm	1
85	9 mm	1
85 Combat	9 mm	2
SP-01	9 mm	2
SP-01 Tactical	9 mm	1
Dan Wesson 2		
PM-9	9 mm	2
Detonics 1		
1911	.45 ACP	1
Ed Cameron 1		
1911	.45 ACP	1
Glock 137		
17	9 mm	45
17 Gen 4	9 mm	3
19	9 mm	6
19 Gen 4	9 mm	1
21	.45 ACP	3
21SF	.45 ACP	6
22	.40 S&W	1
23	.40 S&W	1
34	9 mm	68
35	.40 S&W	3
H&K 2		
P7M13	9 mm	1
USP	.45 ACP	1
Kimber 17		
1911	.45 ACP	5
1911	9 mm	2
Custom Stainless 2	.45 ACP	1
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13	.357 mag	1
19	.357 mag	2
1911	9 mm	1
1911 DK	.45 ACP	1
586	.357 mag	2
610	.40 S&W	2
610	10 mm	1
625	.45 ACP	10
646	.40 S&W	1
66	.357 mag	3
686	.357 mag	5
686SSR	.357 mag	3
945	.45 ACP	1
M&P	.40 S&W	1
M&P	.45 ACP	5
M&P	9 mm	23
M&P Pro	9 mm	27
Mil-Spec	9 mm	1
Springfield 30		
Not Specified	9 mm	1
1911	.45 ACP	6
1911	9 mm	2
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A Note from the Match Director

by Curt Nichols A02814

Most of you know John May is my guru. During some dark days before the 2010 Nationals, he gave me another insight. "It'll work because it has to".

There is a reason I listen to the man.

On September 1, we lost the founder of United States Shooting Academy. Tom Fee was a personal friend, and a strong supporter of IDPA. His death was not only a tragedy, but a loss to many of us.

His death also threw the upcoming Nationals into an uproar. Court actions were filed by F&M bank. Receivers were put into place and removed. Employees were not receiving checks, and quite frankly I was at a loss.

The ever supporting staff

of USSA assured me we were okay. Range staff told me they would work for free so the Nationals could go on. While I have nothing but respect for USSA management and staff, I know one thing – when a lawyer is involved – get ready.

Plans were made for an alternate location. The ever helpful Match Director at Oil Capitol Gun Club, Jack Ostendorf, fought a motion thru his board to accept nationals at his facility.

Stages were sent to Jack, and plans were made for what would fit, what props were available, parking, and a million other details.

Robert Ray consulted attorneys, made phone calls, and basically kept me from imploding until we had the assurances we needed. The match was on.

"It'll work because it has to".

Indeed.

Most of you know I have a background in law enforcement and the military. I do not see guns as an alternate form of golf club. I see them as tools to keep me alive, and most of my scenarios are based in lessons I have learned, and wish to pass on. While describing the below stages, I will pass on some rationales.

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Eagle 5.0	9 mm	3
Infinity	9 mm	1
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Spartan	9 mm	2
Tactical	.40 S&W	1
Trojan	.45 ACP	4
Trojan	9 mm	4
SVI		3
2011	.45 ACP	1
2011	9 mm	1
Infinity	.45 ACP	1
Tanfoglio		4
Elite Match	9 mm	1
Limited 924	9 mm	1
P21 L	9 mm	2
Taurus		1
PT-1911	.45 ACP	1
Wilson		1
1911	.45 ACP	1
Wilson Combat		16
Not Specified	9 mm	2
1911	9 mm	1
1911 Professional	9 mm	1
1996A2 Service Grade	.45 ACP	1
Classic	.45 ACP	2
Classic ESP Custom	9 mm	1
CQB	.45 ACP	4
CQB Elite	.45 ACP	3
Spec Ops	9 mm	1

Gunsmiths Used

Accurate Iron	3
Amadini Sandro	1
Angus Hobdell	2
Apex Tactical	2
Armeria Piccolo	2
Barsanti	2
Bob DuBois	1
Bone's Rotation Nation	1
Brandon Strayer	2

Brian Bilby	1
Bruce Gray	1
Burwell Gunsmithing	17
Chris Hagemann	1
Cusanelli Custom	6
Dale Hunnicutt	6
Daniilo Oppici	1
Danny McKinney	1
Dave Adolfson	1
Dave Williams	1
David Cupp	1
David Maglio	1
Dawson Precision	3
Dean Brevit	1
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Dennis Lawrence	1
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Face Trauma Tactical	1
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Gary Cuttitta	3
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Hatfields	1
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Jim Bodkin/Jason Knowles	1
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Joe Mathis	1
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Kevin Toothman	6
Lonestar	4
Matt McArthur	1
Matthew Mink	5
Michael Bay	1
Michael Rowe	2
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Mike Hardison	1
Mitchell Custom Guns	1
Morris Metal Works	1

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Paul Leibenburg	1
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Richard Heinie	1
Roberto Dallera	1
Roger Tate	2
S&W Performance Center	1
Salient	1
Sam Demoro	1
Schupbachs	1
Scottsdale Gun Club	1
Self	57
Speed Shooter Specialties	1
Steve Cline	2
Steve Sturm	2
Thunder Mountain	1
Tommy Guns	1
Triangle	1
Tripp Research	1
Tulsa Gun Works	1
Warren Kmetz	1
Werner Custom	1
Wilson Combat	3

Holsters Used

Locking Paddle	1
5.11	1
Model Not Specified	1
Amadini	6
Model Not Specified	5
Rhino	1
Blackhawk	8
Model Not Specified	1
CQC	1
Kydex	1
Serpa	4
Serpa Duty	1
Blade-Tech	99
Model Not Specified	42
17	1
Belt Slide	4
Bobby McGee IDPA Combo	3



fall down when they back up. Guns go everywhere. MD's have heart attacks. Do you know many gunfights where people attack positions? Two aimed shots from cover. Then a target

was an array of 6 very different targets, that had to be engaged from kneeling.

Stage 5 – Can I bite em? Can I bite em now - Guns and Weapons for Law Enforcement

This stage involved two principles that I love. First, a confrontation will not start when you are in your standing normally (gunfight crouch) with both hands available. We are invariably carrying something, walking a dog, holding car keys, etc. The second is noise. As a police officer, you have no idea how disorienting noise

Stage 1 – A Day at the Range - sponsored by Tactical Knives

The shooter is sighting in his pistol at the range when he is attacked. He only has six rounds in the gun, and has to fight his way to cover.



Some people think I like 12 round stages because I shoot revolver. I like 12 round stages because they are the most unforgiving of stages. One draw, one reload, 6 targets, no slack. Very limited movement, and cover in this stage.

that required a center hit to start a mover. No spray and pray, make the shot. Then a set of moving targets. People do not stand still during gunfights. And finally, three targets that required the use of proper cover, and accuracy.



Stage 2 – Metal Mania - sponsored by W. C. Wolff Co.

This stage had everything I like in it. The first two targets are engaged on the retreat. Most MD's always have forward movement. You know why? Because people

is. The boom box with the dog barking was not as loud as I would have liked. As a serious shooter, you have to be ready to go with what you have, and under loud disorienting circumstances.



Stage 3 – Standards - sponsored by Montana Gold

Not much to say. Show me you can shoot. Strong hand, weak hand, and distance, long distance (12 rounds at 29 yards).

Stage 6 – The Office – sponsored by Brownells

Stage 4 – They'll let anyone in here - sponsored by Smith and Alexander

This stage starts with a Bill drill on a target on the move. One skill that will keep you alive. After that, there



A Note from the Match Director

While I write this, there is a news report about another shooting at University of Texas. A gun out of a drawer, getting a chair out of the way, and filing cabinets as cover for assailants is about as real as we are getting.

Stage 7 – Intersection of 735 And 602 – sponsored by Cor-Bon

Cars, cars, cars. Americans are a mobile society. We live, work, and play out of our cars. Many shooters were concerned about the size of the cars. Ever went to match and rented a car? Ever borrowed a car at the range? It might not be your SUV you are used to. Shooting in and at cars is a vital skill that I stress.

Stage 8 – Revenge of the Village tribe – sponsored by American Handgunner

The shooter started lying down in a tent. Multiple targets were engaged thru a mosquito netting. Yet another exercise in preparing a shooter for the situation he gets, not the one he wants.

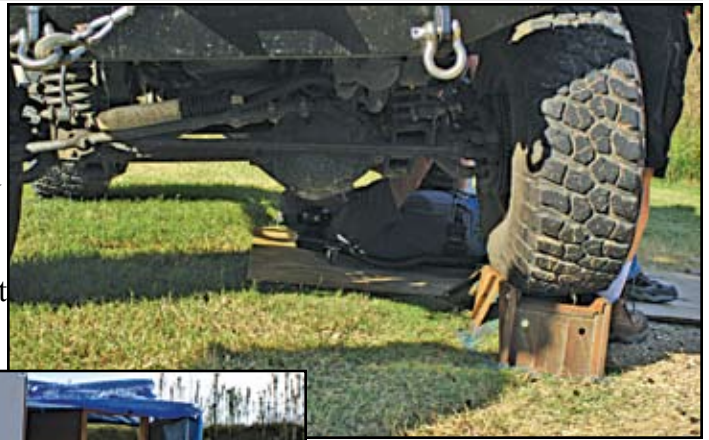
Stage 9 – Smart Car blues – sponsored by Wilson Combat

I really wanted a real smart car. Oh well, we made do. Most targets were obscured behind steel hard cover. When you are shooting in and out of cars, you shoot till they stop.



Stage 10 – Nimble little bugger – sponsored by MGM Targets

This stage started with the classic Tueller drill. One attacking target that you Bill Drill as



you retreat.

As real as it gets. The shooter then moved laterally and engaged two targets from one position, and one more from further down. This stage appeals to my sense of sparseness. Gunfights do not involve a million assailants.

Stage 11- Jeepers Creepers – sponsored by DAC Technologies

Yet another alternate shooting position stage. The shooter started under a Jeep on a creeper. The gun was in a tool box.

Stage 12 – All Jacked Up – sponsored by Combat Handguns

Another stage involving a car.

Most facilities just do not get, and cannot use cars. Since USSA is blessed in this regard, I used cars again. The Texas stars were used as hard cover.

The shooter could either shoot them

off, or take some low 1's in the gut. I try to train shooters that you do not always get a chest "1" hit. If you are using a gun, take what you can get.

Stage 13- Motorcycle mania – sponsored by Guns of the Old West

IDPA has a lot of bike riders. I was throwing some training their way.

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1st Russian Nationals Match

by Andrey Chuyev F00601

My first experience of participation in IDPA match was in September 2005 in Italy.

And now, five years later, the first Russian National Championship has taken place in Moscow. In the middle of June according to regulations I as MD have requested HQ IDPA to explain an order for sanction reception on championship carrying out. Robert Ray has kindly responded and has offered all the necessary explanations. For the first competition as large as this we have decided to use stages which were used earlier at various IDPA competitions.

After the consultations with

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Robert it has been decided to stop on 10 stages:

1. Wrong Time, Wrong place;
2. Wrong time to shop;
3. To the rescue;
4. Terror at school,
5. Stand and deliver;
6. Single handed standards;
7. Officer down;
8. Country road breakdown;
9. Better use of cover;
10. Bill Drill, strings attached.

The confirmed Championship dates were on August, 27-29th. But the reality was corrected by the nature. In the beginning of July dry and hot weather was established (nearby 950 F), it has led to mass forest fires. In the end of August all Moscow and shooting range area has been covered by smoke from forest fires, at times visibility was only about 4-5 yards, there was simply nothing to breathe. In a kind of such emergency situation it has been decided to shift the championship on two weeks later (on September, 11-12th).

This unplanned delay with the beginning of the competition has allowed us to prepare for this match even better, as we had time to finish the reconstruction of the shooting range. The first Russian championship became the first large competition on this new shooting range.

And at last there has come a long-awaited day of the Championship. Weather has not let us down, solar warm days stood out. In the morning the last instructing of SO has been conducted before the beginning of the match, and shooters dispersed

on exercises. All of us felt some excitement; it is the first large match in Russia. And the first command here was distributed: "Stand by – Be-e-ep" and all excitement has departed with the first shot.

All the participants were adjusted to keep attentively the IDPA rules and as a result only one person has received DQ in the match. SO watched very strictly that neither rules nor IDPA principles were broken.

As all shooters and SO have participated already in club matches there was no big problem with points counting, but any way disputes have inflamed sometimes. As in some clubs they leave out of account "Failures To Neutralize" (FTN), so it was necessary to explain shooters the principles and rules of this penalty calculation directly at targets. After detailed discussion all have come to the general opinion, that it is necessary to take into account FTN even on club matches, as it most brightly shows the main principles of defensive shooting.

In general there was an atmosphere of the big shooting holiday on the Championship. All the participants were pleased by the exercises very much, especially by exercise "Officer down". All the shooters at once nicknamed the dummy of the officer and called it "Van'ya", treated it as a friend. But the most interesting exercise for everybody, despite the simplicity of the equipment, was "Bill Drill, strings attached", some named it with humor

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Plenty to do at the IDPA Nationals!

by Robert Ray A05118

There is more to the IDPA National Championship than completing the stages. This year's Championship had a number of other things to keep the competitor occupied.

CZ-USA had their fine products set up on a demo bay and allowed the competitors to try some hands on, live fire handling of their guns.

Glock went a step further by randomly drawing a person to receive a free Glock pistol. Congratulations to Cindy Bowser as the lucky winner.



Glock also had their guns set up for live fire demos but additionally they sponsored the BUG side match. Competitors had the opportunity to use a Glock 26 to complete three challenging 5 rounds stages. The ammo was generously sponsored by Atlanta Arms and Ammo all the competitor had to do was step up and shoot. The top 4 winners received trophies and

Not only was Cindy a competitor but she was also one of the hard working Championship SO's.

The other side match this year was sponsored by our good friends at XS Sights and the NSSF. The NSSF supplied the ammo and Dave Biggers from

XS was kind enough to bring out several shotguns outfitted with the superior XS Sight system. He set up a great seven round stage for the competitor's enjoyment. It was comprised of both full and half sized poppers, moving and shooting as well as reloading. Woe to the competitor that left steel standing as that meant a hard knock to your score in penalties.

If that did not satisfy your need to put rounds down range then Saturday was your day. There was a bay full of drool worthy toys just waiting for your attention.



L & L Machine Gun brought out a whole host of toys from .32 to .50 BMG including a mini-gun, a M2 Browning belt-fed .50 cal. and a 20mm Gustav that rocked the earth when it went off. Competitors and spectators were quick to rent a little happy time with

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Carbon Fiber	3	Home made	1
DOH	8	IWB	1
G17	1	Hunkler Mikler	1
Kydex	2	Model Not Specified	1
LDO	1	J. S. Holster	1
M&P	1	Paddle	1
OWB	4	Kytac	8
Paddle	2	Model Not Specified	3
Pro Series	1	Belt Locker	1
Stingray	22	Counter Attack	2
Straight Drop	1	Super Hooper	2
Tek-Lok	3	Morris Metal Works	1
Comp-Tac	152	Model Not Specified	1
Model Not Specified	68	OLG	4
Belt	22	Model Not Specified	1
Diva	2	El Viejo	3
DOH	1	Radar	3
G-1	1	Model Not Specified	3
IDPA	1	Ready Tactical Products	13
Kydex Belt	3	Model Not Specified	8
Locking Paddle	16	Belt	2
OWB	1	Kydex	1
Paddle	33	Paddle	2
Pro Competition Kit	1	Rusty Sherrick	1
Straight Drop	3	Tom Givens	1
D&D Holster Co.	5	Safariland	14
Model Not Specified	5	Model Not Specified	9
DeSantis	3	5188	2
Model Not Specified	1	ALS	2
Pro Fed	2	Duty	1
Dillon	1	Side Armor	3
DOJ	1	Model Not Specified	2
Don Hume	1	34/35	1
JIT Slide	1	Talon Tactical	3
Fobus	11	Model Not Specified	1
Model Not Specified	5	A-10	1
GL2	1	Paddle	1
HK-1	1	TKW	5
LK-4	1	Model Not Specified	3
Paddle	3	4K	1
Galco	5	Cheetah Custom	1
Model Not Specified	1	Tucker Gun Leather	2
Concealable Belt Holster	1	HF-T	1
G17/22	1	IDPA Thunder	1
M5X	1	Uncle Mike's	9
TR 224	1	Model Not Specified	3
Glock	1	21	1
Safety	1	Kydex	1

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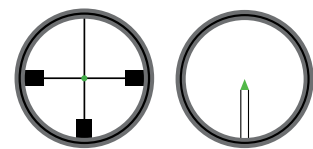
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Law Enforcement	2
Paddle	2
VPS	1
Hardin Special	1
Wilson Combat	10
Model Not Specified	3
Adjuster Paddle	1
Practical	5
TA1	1

Ammo Used

Factory	145
Handloads	221

Reloading Presses Used

Dillon	199
Model Not Specified	4
1050	27
450 B	1
500	1
RL 550B	79
Square Deal B	20
XL 650	67
Hornady	8
Lock-N-Load	8
Lee	14
Model Not Specified	2
Breech Lock Challenger Press	1
Classic Turret	3
Load Master	2
Pro 1000	6
RCBS	9
Model Not Specified	1
Junior	2

Pro 2000	3
Rock Chucker	3

Powder Used

Accurate	21
Type Not Specified	1
#2	3
#5	2
Solo 1000	14
Solo 1250	1
Alliant	17
Type Not Specified	2
Bullseye	13
Unique	2
Americal Select	1
Type Not Specified	1
Hodgdon	98
Type Not Specified	16
Clays	24
HP-38	4
Titegroup	54
IMR	4
4756	2
700X	2
Lovex	1
D032	1
Nobel Sport	1
Cheddite Granular S	1
Ramshot	1
Silhouette	1
Rex	3
Type Not Specified	1
2	2
Vihta Vuora	34
Type Not Specified	8
N310	11
N320	14

N350	1
Winchester	37
Type Not Specified	4
231	16
AutoComp	3
WSF	7
WST	7

Brass Used

Armscore	1
Brassman	1
Cavim	1
CCI	1
FC	1
Federal	7
Fiocchi	2
GFL	2
GFL, Double Star	1
Hodgdon	1
HSM	1
Mag-Tec	1
Mixed	128
Remington	7
S & B	2
Speer	1
Star	2
Starline	16
Winchester	34

Bullet Type Used

Jacketed	100
Lead	52
Molycoated	6
Plated	55

Bullet Manufacturer

Aim Projectiles	2
Bayou Bullets	5
Bear Creek	7
Berry	28
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DMG on the Isle of Malta

by John Cassar F00342

From the moment Patrick Azzopardi, founder and president of the Pistol & Rifle Club, an MSSF subsection (Malta Shooting Sports Federation), became interested in IDPA, he immediately sought ways on how best to raise his membership's awareness and interest in IDPA and its concepts.

It wasn't long before he organised and held, on Monday 19th July, the first phase of a series he plans to hold and which will eventually lead participants to fully understand the principles of IDPA. This event was well attended even though it was a working day with members of the military and law enforcement taking part alongside civilians from all walks of life.

Fundamental concepts, close to heart to all IDPA aficionados like, for instance; no 'race guns', iron sights only, limited magazine capacity, shooting and loading from behind cover - whenever this was possible - needed to be passed on effectively to participants without it having to be boring - enjoyment in a safe environment was the order of the day.

And what would be better, within the confines of a federation that boasts one hundred years of solid tradition in competitive ISSF clay shooting events, than to hold a shotgun event - albeit dynamic and, as much as possible, within the spirit of IDPA? In due course, valuable lessons learnt from similar introductory activities would be incorporated in more demanding Tri-Gun courses-of-fire Patrick plans to hold later this year.

Having obtained the necessary licences from the authorities concerned, he single-

handedly manufactured an impressive array of steel targets that, at this stage of proceedings and in the light of police license constraints were absolutely essential, as the relatively small shot size permitted by the authorities (71/2 or 8) rendered any other form of target impractical.

Patrick decided on a scenario where a minimum of 25 shots were required. This was further broken down into six distinctive parts but the whole CoF had to be taken in one continuous flow. Shooters loved it and many re-entries were registered.

Being a first for MSSF, safety was the principal concern and this important consideration led to the only

'departure' from established IDPA rules.

One must appreciate however that in the light of the lack of experience Maltese shooters have in dynamic shooting and in the interest of safety, this moving away from an important IDPA defensive kingpin, was more than justified.

Dynamic shooting events are a far cry from static traditional clay pigeon shooting and so local shooters were instructed to run from one position of cover to the following with



unloaded firearms. This requirement obviously goes against IDPA's rationale but, no doubt, as more experience is gained, future modus operandi will, without fail, fall well within IDPA established parameters.

The Course of Fire:

Shooters started in the sitting position with their shotgun on a table in front of them loaded with two rounds only - safety catch on. On the buzzer the competitor engaged a small metal plate and a much larger metallic IDPA type silhouette target about 10 yards away.

One shot, one hit concept. Vickers count, one may at first assume, but then again not quite, as a novelty kicks in, if a target is missed one had to quickly reload one cartridge at a time, (as many times as was required) until the target was down before moving to the second part within this overall scenario. This ensured no one would run with a loaded firearm. Another concept in support of the above was that shooters could load only the minimum number of required cartridges at each stage of proceedings and this never exceeded six rounds.

Having successfully completed the first part of the task in hand, a five yard run brought the competitor behind a barricade where four plus one, slightly apart, metal plates were required to be engaged, among which a non-threat target





was strategically placed for good measure. Here both loading and shooting was required from behind cover and in the kneeling position.

A short quick run saw the shooter taking cover behind a Bianchi barricade where six rounds were quickly loaded and fired, from the standing position, at an array of six steel plates on a single rack. This concludes the third part.

The next or fourth phase is where it became really interesting, as the next part saw the shooter engaging four targets while moving towards his next position of cover some seven yards away.

Before leaving cover however, this time, the shooter had to load the required number of rounds. The targets consisted of two steel plates and two clay pigeons perched on metal rods. Misses had to be re-engaged by first re-loading in the kneeling position behind low cover, breaking cover and re-engaging targets until all

hits were registered. Having thus successfully negotiated the above a quick run brought the shooter to the penultimate stage behind a second Bianchi barricade.

This position required the shooter to load six rounds and engage from behind cover, slicing the pie, another battery of six steel plates on a rack at the end of which a short run brought the shooter to the final part of this exciting CoF.

Here the shooter had to shoot through a window a popper which activated a swinging plate - the final target.

The event started at nine in the morning through to eight in the evening. The weather couldn't have been better - a typically idyllic sunny Mediterranean day, at times a bit too hot for some but in the end everyone left with a big smile on their faces and a great sense of satisfaction.



International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights

by Gary W. Burris A01202

What is IAPCAR and why do we need another gun rights group?

The International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights (IAPCAR) met recently in Nuremberg, Germany. Gun rights organizations and activists from several countries, including Sweden, Norway, Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, Italy and the United States attended. The group's official slogan is "Liberty and Security."

Events over the past decade have emphasized the need to protect the individual's rights to defend oneself and one's family against grave threats, including crime, civil unrest and terrorism. IAPCAR is dedicated to preserving these human rights, but needs our help in the fight.

The Tactical Shooters Club of Houston, Texas will be the first IDPA club to host a match in support of IAPCAR. Proceeds from the match will be presented to IAPCAR in order to fight for civilian arms rights.

Second Amendment Foundation Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb, who serves as an IAPCAR director, is encouraged that groups from other countries, including The Philippines, Switzerland, Belgium, Argentina, Finland, India, Israel, Greece, South Africa, and Australia are also interested in joining.

"Self-defense is a human right," Gottlieb observed, "that is not just limited to citizens of the United States. We look at IAPCAR as an organization that can counter the world gun control campaign currently being waged by the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA). We will work to expand the individual human right to defend ourselves and our families from crime, the violence that often accompanies civil unrest and the growing threat of terrorism."

Gottlieb revealed that current plans call for IAPCAR to have offices in Washington, D.C. and Vienna, Austria. Washington, D.C. attorney Mark Barnes will serve as managing director.

"I am very encouraged by the response we're getting from firearms groups all over the world," Gottlieb said. "This is an important 'first step' in regaining much lost ground, and putting the brakes on an international movement to strip private citizens of the means to protect their most cherished right, that of self-defense."

IAPCAR is welcoming affiliate organizations. There are no dues requirements, but any donations would certainly be welcome and appreciated, and be dedicated to furthering the goals and projects of IAPCAR.

What is IAPCAR doing for gun rights? This is the latest news about

what the organization is doing.

IAPCAR Ambassadors Julianne Versnel (SAF), Alan Gottlieb (CCRKBA) and Simone Ciucchi and Silvia Gentile (FISAT) attended EXA 2010, the 29th International Sporting Arms, Security, Outdoor Show in Brescia, Italy where they launched an IAPCAR supported class action lawsuit to protect the rights of Italian firearms owners. At the show over 1200 gun owners signed up as co-plaintiffs for the first ever gun owner class action lawsuit filed in Europe. IAPCAR owes a very big thank you to the Italian gun magazine, ARMIeTiro who provided the exhibit space for the effort.

The answer to the question "Why do we need another gun rights group?" is self evident. No other organization is fighting for our gun rights on such an international level. Laws and regulatory restrictions made outside the US can have a drastic effect on our gun industry and individual rights.

I support organizations that fight for my gun rights. I'm an NRA Benefactor member and a Defenders Club member of the Second Amendment Foundation. And now I'm also a very active participant in IAPCAR. I encourage others concerned about keeping their gun rights to support IAPCAR.



“Madman Bill Drill”.

Unfortunately because of legislative restrictions in sphere of circulation of the weapon for civilians in Russia, it has been opened only two classes of the weapon on the Championship: ESP and SSP. But on the other hand it made easier the chronograph procedure.

In summary I would like to express gratitude to people who took part in my training in this kind of shooting to some extent. They are: Fabio Guerra, Giorgio Acerboni (both Italy), Darko Logar and David Knafelc (both Slovenia). Also I would like to express gratitude to Lance Biddle which has found time and possibility to run courses for the first IDPA enthusiasts from Russia in 2008. Special gratitude to Robert Ray, without his participation and useful recommendations we would not manage to hold at high level the First Russian National IDPA Championship.

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**Stage 14 – Who let the dogs out – sponsored by Cheaper Than Dirt**

The shooter started in the back of his truck. Feral dogs were chasing his kids who were running toward him. Therefore the shooter started with the far away targets and worked his way in. Since they were moving dogs it only required one shot. This stage demanded accuracy, and accountability of shots. Anything in that training that would be helpful?

Stage 15 – Are cars getting smaller – sponsored by Sig Sauer

Another car stage with the added element of having to shoot a bad guy in the foot. Again, you might not get the shot you want. Take the one presented.

Stage 16 – Wrong number – sponsored by USSA

The shooter was attacked by three assailants at home. After the assault, he calls 911. With his phone in the right hand, he has to engage a last assailant with the weapon weak handed.

My God. LISTEN TO ME. The first guy that calls the police wins. They talk to you first. Be lucid. Be brief. Do not volunteer information. Call the police if a shot is not fired. If you draw that gun. Call the cops.

What did it have to with shooting. Nothing. It has to do with survival. Both physical and in the courts.

Stage 17 – Home is where the heat is – sponsored by USSA

A simple home clearing with the addition of bad light. We all love our flashlights. We do not have them a lot of the time. And WE DO NOT NEED THEM A LOT OF THE TIME. Flashlights

are great. They are also slow, and impede gun handling. This stage showed that targets can be engaged very successfully in harsh light situations.

That was the stages. What else happened? Things only Match Directors would appreciate. The targets for the match were sponsored by our good friends at Target Barn. Unfortunately due to a few SO's changing targets a little too early we were running a little short. When we checked the targets brought from IDPA HQ we found the targets had no “0” ring stamped on them. They did not cover that one in MD school. Jack Ostendorf at OCGC again helped. He had 9 boxes of targets there before my blood pressure rose.

The plus is that the competitors saw very little of the problems and only saw a great match. There was a lot of hard work behind the scenes to make this happen and I really appreciate everyone's hard work. Joyce Wilson, my Lord, she kept me sane. Not only do I have the lessons of John May, I have the support of Ms. Wilson and Robert Ray. Match Directors that came before me have my respect. They had a much less supported path.

We also had a lot of great sponsors for this match. Please take a moment to look at the sponsor list and remember these companies when you are looking to make your next purchase. These companies are the ones that are supporting you so please help support them with your purchasing dollars.

But in closing, it worked because it had to. More shooters, more rounds, more stages than we have ever had. Because of a lot of hard work from some very dear friends of mine.





a full auto gun. I guess it's true; happiness is a warm, belt-fed gun! Cheaper Than Dirt was also at the championship with their tricked out truck. You had the opportunity to have your photo taken while in the bed of the truck with your choice of pivot mounted belt-fed gun, either

a M60 or Browning 1919.

If putting extra rounds down range was not your thing then there were a number of great vendors under the tent with goodies to see and buy. You had the opportunity to talk with representatives from

Blade-Tech, Comp Tac, Decot Hy-Wyd, GlockTriggers.com, Gould and Goodrich, Grip Reductions, Lone Star Tactical, Mitchell Custom Guns and Bulletworks, Target Barn, Wilson Combat and the IDPA Pro Shop. There was also the lovely ladies from Tacgirls.com selling their calendar, a must have for your man cave. And if all you wanted to do was sit down and relax while watching the day go by you could find a nice selection of premium cigars up at the USSA lodge.

This year's championship was a tremendous event and although we arrived home tired and wore out, we look back and realize what a memorable time we had. I hope we see you next year for the first ever IDPA World Shoot.



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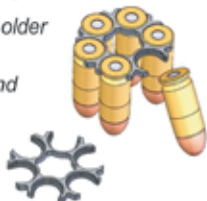
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that they need not be bothered with minutiae, that this really only applies to a “big match”. This is not a healthy attitude to adopt. At this year’s Nationals, a shooter did not know his gun fit the IDPA box because his local club had removed the lid from the box. As a result, he received a DQ at the biggest match of the year. Remember that many shooters shoot local matches to prepare for big ones. While shooters are ultimately responsible to know and understand the rules, if the local clubs don’t follow the rules, then the shooters will likely follow suit. They will then get a BIG surprise when they go to a major match, or to any club that complies with the rulebook in full. Learn the rules, and be sure to educate your shooters so they will be better prepared.

As a Match Director, I love to see the shooters at my club do well at matches. I would feel very bad indeed if I found out I helped contribute to them getting a DQ on an equipment infraction I overlooked or got procedural because they never learned techniques like use of cover or tactical sequence. Stay safe out there and enjoy your days on the range.

Ken’s web page at: www.parmarng.org/freaidaho/.

So which target is the best for a first purchase? I would suggest the swinger, as it is a pretty easy target to integrate into stages, and works great with Threat and Non Threat targets. Next would be a drop turner or Out-N-Back target. After that, you can pick and choose. Just remember that just because you have these hammers, it does

not mean everything is a nail. Not every stage will benefit from props like these; and too many of them can turn your match into a carnival instead of an IDPA match.

In my last column I mentioned that there was a rules update. I hope you all by now have printed it off the web at idpa.com and have digested the changes. Sometimes local Match Directors may feel



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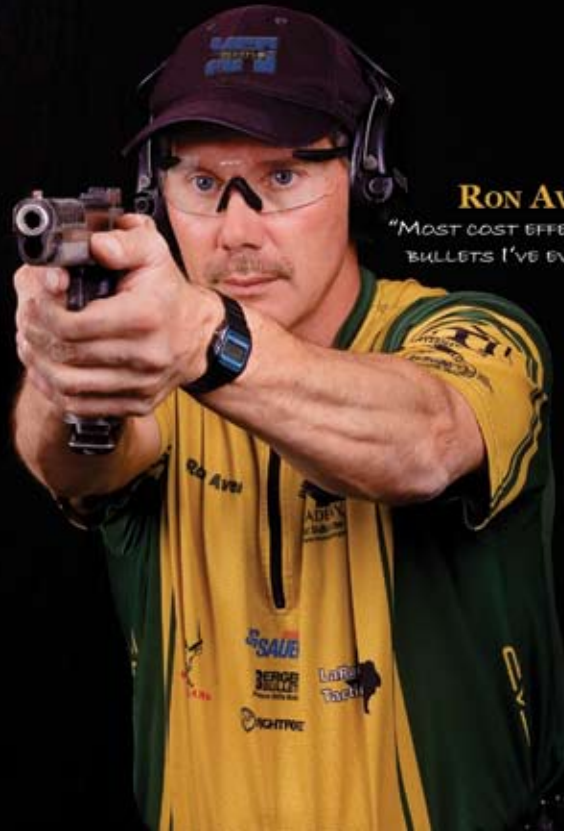
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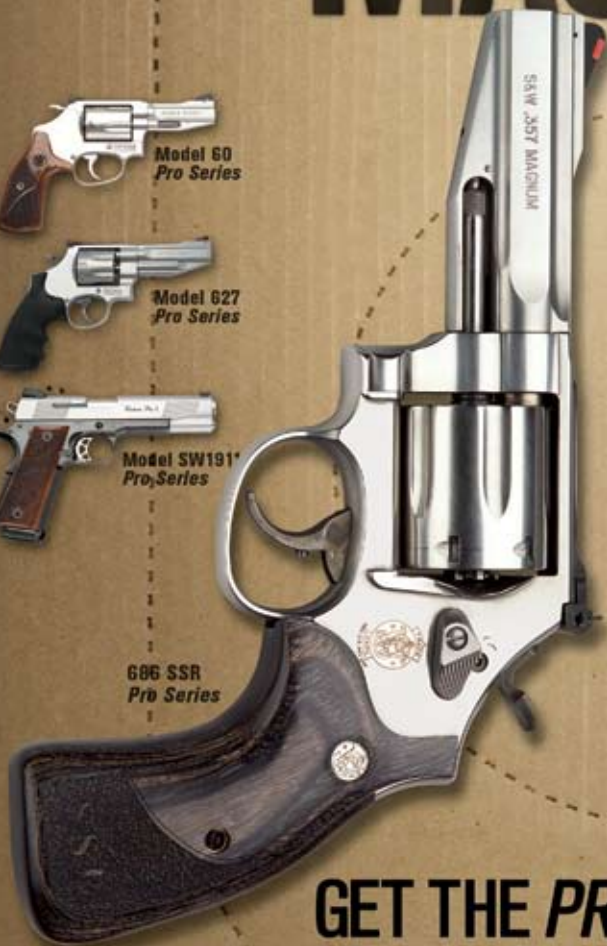
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