

MATCH POINTS

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Warm Temperatures and Hot Guns

This month's match featured warm temperatures (although not as warm as everyone expected) and some really hot guns. Some hotter than you would have imagined, or at least hotter than I would have imagined. With thirty-nine total shooters and some shooting multiple guns, we had the equivalent of a fifty-three, yes that's right, fifty-three shooter turnout. In all my years of shooting at Magnolia I cannot recall a turnout like that except for the State Championship. Just as a matter of note, that is a larger turnout than we had for the first State Championship, forty-nine shooters.

For a change, **Limited Division** was not the largest group this month. Richard "the Beard" Pittman was the High Overall in this group with Tommy "Dead-Eye Doc" Cabell a close second at 98.53% to take 1st A Class. Matt "Wood-Butcher" Moorner was third overall at 78.32% and 1st B Class. Doug Breaux, normally a stranger except at the Magnolia Classic, took 1st C Class and fourth over all at 77.40%. Why do I feel like he ought to be hitting B Class pretty soon? Diana Moorner, the Wood-Butcher's Wife, was fifth overall and 2nd C Class at 66.93%. Howard "Tax Man" Adams and Hank "Cardiac" Stern fought a close one for 6th and 7th with the Tax Man just edging out the Cardiac Geriatric 48.72% to 47.56%. Brandon Moorner, Sammie Moorner and Timothy McArthur rounded out the Limited turnout.

Limited-10 was the big division this month with seventeen shooters. Most of these were Unclassified coming into the match but that's history now. For better or worse all

now have a classification to shoot. Robert “Lightning” Konrady took the High Overall with “Big John” Heiter taking second overall and 1st Unclassified at 86.64%. Todd Rodrigue almost ran down Big John with a 86.23% to take 3rd overall and 1st C Class. Bill Klein, up from Louisiana with the rest of the Cajun crowd, finished fourth overall and 2nd Unclassified with 79.63%. Chuck Lingenfelter took fifth overall and 1st D Class. David Hill came in sixth overall and 3rd C Class. Mark “Man Mountain” Young put aside his open gun to try his hand at L-10 and got seventh overall and 4th Unclassified with 74.97%. Bill “Midget” Cheney skipped his usual Limited runs to come in at 71.06% for eighth overall and 2nd C Class. Robbie “CrackBoy” Landry didn’t get to exercise his warped mind at stage designing this month, so he tried to work out the kinks in his new gun and finished ninth overall and 5th Unclassified with 65.23%. Finishing out the top ten was Lester Williams with 59.01% for 6th Unclassified. Sean Walsh, Matt Fitzpatrick, Bill Coates, Brett Hutchins, Eric Anderson, Jared Hutchins, and Cody Moore rounded out the field and all now have enough classifiers to get that initial classification. Just get on the ball and join USPSA!

In the **Open Division**, four shooters were burning it up, but Bud “da Bomber” Berthold was the hot gun taking High Overall. Paul Carter, up from the south and shooting his first open classifiers of record, took second overall and 1st Unclassified. Tim Frank trying to break in a new open gun stumbled a little at the start with some funky ammo, but managed to edge out Amanda “Amandarizer” Moorer 69.69% to 69.20% to finish third overall and put the Amandarizer in fourth.

Production Division had the usual suspects this month with Walter “Garlic” Latapie getting the High Overall by putting a whuppin on Jim Davis who took second overall and 1st Master Class with a 71.48%. Cliff Cargill came out of hiding to take third overall and 1st Unclassified with 56.79%. Mike McArthur went back to his Glock for this match and was right on Cliff’s heels at 56.50% for fourth overall and 1st D Class. Robert Smith and Mark Teague were fifth and sixth overall at 49.91% and 34.24%.

The earth didn’t stand still, but it may have staggered a little as there were actually two shooters in **Revolver Division** this month. Pat “Bwana” DeBerry took the High Overall with “Happy Jack” Harrington a close second at 94.87%. Mighty good considering he usually shoots one of those noisy open guns for the dark side.

After the match Bud was good enough to invite everyone over to his house (a.k.a the Party Palace) for pizza, beer, and a dip in the pool. Unfortunately I could not make it, but I understand Team Magnolia now may be responsible for certain bills for therapy for Bud’s kids. Perhaps Mike can supply some of the gory details if they are fit to print and even if they aren’t.

Mike here.... I think John said it best:

We need to extend a big thank you to Bud and his wife Ann for allowing our ugly mob to wander around their home shirtless. There are biker bars that would close their doors if they saw our group coming but you guys open your home to us time and again and we sure do appreciate it.

I suppose I could write some vivid descriptions of the **Team Magnolia Swimsuit Models**, their impressive physiques, bronze (farmer) tans, tattoos, and body hair (that Bud is probably still trying to get out of his pool filter) – but then **I'd** need therapy.

Next month's match has been changed, due to scheduling conflicts with the Louisiana State Championship, so it will now be held on September 18th instead of the scheduled 3-Gun match. That will be your last chance to tune up for the Magnolia Classic without doing some driving. If you haven't already put in a match application for the Magnolia Classic, don't delay. This match is going to fill up fast and you don't want to get left out.

Don't forget that there is a work day scheduled for 7:30 Saturday 8/27. Wear some old clothes and bring something cool to drink. We will start the preparing for the Magnolia Classic by painting walls, lacquering targets, and making minor repairs to some of our existing equipment.

That's it for this month, Hammer Down and Holster. Range Clear until next month.