

# MATCH POINTS

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## *Better Late Than Never*

Once again I find myself having to apologize for the late appearance of the monthly newsletter. With less than a week before the next match I should have gotten it out sooner, but sometimes life just doesn't cooperate. That said, I will again try and do better in the future.

The July match was actually very surprising. Considering the date and the weather, we had what I would call an excellent turnout, 26 shooters. As usual, all divisions were represented, but it was kind of thin in the Open and Revolver divisions. The match itself was set up to be low prop due to the expected heat and that was probably not a bad thing, even though the temperatures were milder than expected.

In Limited Division, with the largest turnout, Bryant "Burner" Chaffin took the High Overall (again!) with a win over Bob "Lightning" Konrady out of Louisiana. His victory was not an easy one though as "Lightning" only trailed him by 4.1% in the final standings. Jeff "Michelin Man" Carey was a distant third at 80.22% with Tommy "Dead-Eye Doc" Cabell a close fourth at 77.30%. Matt "Wood Butcher" Moorer fought with the 'miss monster' and struggled to a fifth place finish at 66.28%. Our resident heavyweights, Tim Franks and Leighton Dillard fought it out for the six and seven spot with Tim coming out on top 50.41% to 48.83%. Bill "Midget Man" Cheney took eighth with a close win over "Amandarize" Moorer 47.58% to 44.94%. The tenth spot was taken by "the Butcher's Wife" Diana Moorer at 38.88%. "Big John" Heiter, Hank Stern,

Brandon Moorer and Sammie Moorer rounded out the field.

In Limited-10 Division, we seem to have a new sheriff in town. Since “Dead-Eye Doc” Cabell has moved over to Limited it seems the man to beat in Limited-10 is David “Deluxe” Donovan. Since March, he has taken three out of five High Overall in this division. Frank Farmer kept it close with a 95.69% but still had a little rust on from not being able to get out and shoot regularly. Robbie “Crack-Boy” Landry made his debut in Limited-10 with his new iron, but still needs to work some of the kinks out, namely getting the sights adjusted to be able to hit those little plates! He took third with a distant 70.19%. Mike McArthur overcame some feeding problems to take the number four spot with a solid 65.25%. I believe that is a B Class score. Is someone carrying a sandbag in their shooting bag? *(Ha! -- Mike here, and I can assure y'all that the only sand in my shooting bag was on the rails of my 1911, which doesn't seem to like being full of crud as much as my Glock, hence the feeding problems)* Lester Williams continues to shoot back into his old form as he finished fifth at 53.13%. Lester’s grandson Cody had an off day as he battled the miss monster on several stages, to come in with a 13.09%. Definitely not up to his usual performance.

Production Division was without a couple of it’s regulars as “Crack-Boy” shot Limited-10 and the fat little cajun Jim Davis was unable to make the match. That said, Walter “Garlic” Latapie ran away with things as he won every stage to take the High Overall. The battle for second was between Chuck Lingenfelter and Judson Williams. Chuck came out on top 59.61% to 49.21%, but Chuck took three out of five stages in second place to Judson’s two. Fourth place went to Robert Smith with 26.73%.

As I said earlier, Open and Revolver Divisions were a little thin as “Happy Jack” Harrington and Pat “Bwana” DeBerry took the wins against their own toughest competition, themselves.

Next month (August) our match is a Special Classifier Match. For anyone unfamiliar with this, all stages will be classifiers and it will give everyone a chance to boost their average or if you are not already classified, this can get the job done in one match. If any of you new shooters are thinking about shooting in the Magnolia Classic in October, the August match is a must do. Shooting Unclassified in the state match is the pits.

Speaking of the state match, the time is getting short. Many of you may have received an e-mail from Big John, who is this years match director, asking if you are going to be able to help out as an RO. Let him know immediately. If you did not receive the e-mail, but are interested in helping out, contact John immediately. Even if you are not certified, you can still help out on a stage with a certified RO. October will be here before we know it and then its too late to try and get an RO slot. If you are not able to RO, get your application and match fee in as soon as possible. You don’t want to wait and pay that late entry fee. I am sure John will be scheduling some work nights in the

future to prep for the match as we have a lot of walls and other props that need repair and/or refurbishing. Don't be afraid to come out and help. As Mike Voight has pointed out in the Front Sight on numerous occasions, ours is a volunteer sport and without people volunteering we are left sucking wind.

Enough pontificating. See you on the range August 7th.

Hammer Down and Holster, Range Clear.