

# MATCH POINTS

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## *THE ALMOST PERFECT WEEK-END*

This was truly, “The Almost Perfect Weekend.” Up in Oxford, the Ole Miss Rebels swept the Mississippi State Bulldogs, the Atlanta Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals, NASCAR had a spectacular 25 car pileup during the race and Team Magnolia had another 35+ shooter turnout for the monthly match. It doesn’t get much better than that. The only things that could have made it perfect were if Tommy “Dead-Eye Doc” Cabell’s revolver hadn’t broken the firing pin at the start of the match and the weather had been a little less windy at the end of the match, but why quibble over things we can’t control. A big “ATTABOY” to all the shooters new and old who came to the match this weekend for helping with the set-up and tear-down at the end. Stages were set-up and ready to go for an almost on time start and came down and were put away so quickly that everyone was able to go home for a cold one without anybody staying out there all afternoon. That is just the way it should be every month. Speaking of new shooters, we had another crop this month and some returnees from last month so I guess the seeds that are being planted by the someone are starting to bare some fruit. I am going to be slightly remiss this month in that I don’t have a breakout of all the newcomers so that I can mention them by name, but suffice to say you were all more than welcome. I’ll try to do better next month. On to the match!

Stage One, CLAPPADEECLANG, came from our own Robbie Landry's drug-infested mind and as such he will henceforth be referred to as "CRACKBOY." This was a 31 round field course with lots of steel throughout and a swinger at the end. This one required forward and lateral movement to negotiate the course. For the Limited-10 and Production shooters it also required careful planning for reloads and target engagement. In Limited, Bryant "Burner" Chaffin took the stage win with an impressive 12.53 run, but Robert "Lightening" Konrady was right on his heels at 13.67. Open stage winner was Bud "da Bomber" Berthold. Limited-10 went to Dead-eye Doc Cabell and Walter "Garlic" Latapie took Production.

Stage Two, Halls of Justice, designed by Bryant Chaffin, was another nice field course of 32 rounds that offered the unwary a chance to blow by some targets in an attempt to get up close and personal with the targets at the end or try to save a few steps and seconds by finding the "sweet spot" to engage the last four targets spread among numerous no-shoots. Limited, Open and Limited-10 stage winners were a repeat of Stage One, but in Production, that little fat Cajun Jim Davis jumped up to cut into Latapie's lead.

Stage Three, El Strong & Weak Prez, was an el strongo stinko survival stage. This was the classifier, and as one shooter put it, "you can't win the match with this stage, but you can sure lose it." According to the USPSA web site where the classifier stage diagrams are available, this was designed by some god-less, Satan worshipping, child molesting, drug crazed, fiend with dubious parentage named Jim Paxon, with further modifications by the obviously drunken USPSA design team. If I was him, I would not want my name anywhere near that sucker! This was a 24 round Virginia Count stage and the only good thing you could say about it was that you only had to worry about getting a maximum of two no shoots on it. Of course, there were ample opportunities for many, many misses. In Limited, Konrady made up all his lost ground on Chaffin as he took the stage win. Berthold repeated in Open and Dead-eye Doc continued his winning ways in Limited-10. In Production, Robbie "Crackboy" Landry through his hat in the ring as he took the stage win with the only clean score in that division.

Stage Four, School Daze, was another Crackboy design. This was a 24 round field course that offered a variety of ways to shoot, but all would require back and forth lateral movement. In Limited, "Burner" Chaffin made up some lost ground on "Lightening" Konrady with a stage win but it might not have been enough. Limited-10 and Open were monotonously the same with "da Bomber" and "Dead-eye Doc" again coming out on top. Production had "Garlic" Latapie moving back into the lead with this stage win.

Stage Five, Headed For Trouble, designed by Bill "Mighty Midget" Cheney was an 11 round speed shoot that allowed a couple of ways to shoot, and again, it would not win the match, but could cause you to lose it. Bryant "Burner" Chaffin had the fastest time at 6.04 seconds, but he only got 49 points, while Robert "Lightning" Konrady pulled a 6.32 run with 54 points to get the stage win in Limited. Pretty much the same thing in Production as "Garlic" Latapie ran a 7.58 to Jim "the little fat Cajun" Davis 6.44 second run, but the points counted this time and not the time. "Garlic" had 53 points to Jim's 41 to take this stage. "Dead-eye Doc" and "da Bomber" completed a sweep of all five stages with this one. Those sandbaggers!!!

In the final analysis, the balanced shooters, accuracy and speed were the winners as Robert Konrady took the High Overall win in Limited with Bryant Chaffin just a hair behind at 99.69% for top Grand Master. That one is too close to get comfortable with. Jeff "Michelin Man" Carey out-dueled Richard "the Beard" Pittman for the third spot and first A Class. Matt "Wood Butcher" Moorner was fifth overall and first B Class with Brad Phillips coming in sixth and High Unclassified. Jeremy Keen was seventh overall and second Unclassified. William Klein out of Cajun country continues to move up and finished eighth overall and first D Class. Our own Howard "Tax-man" Adams finished ninth overall and High C Class with Chris Millsaps and Bill "Midget" Cheney coming in 10th and 11th overall and 2nd and 3rd C Class. John "El Prez" Heiter was second B Class and 12th overall. Jimmy Walker, Silas Knox and the rest of the Moorner Brood rounded out the field this month. Amanda, stick to that open gun!!!!

In the Open Division, Bud "da Bomber" Berthold swept the field to take the High Overall with Jack "Super Gimp" Harrington coming in second and high C Class. The Limited-10 was very much the same as Tommy "Dead-eye Doc" made a sweep (with a borrowed gun) and took the High Overall with David Donovan coming in second and High Unclassified. Steven Walter and Mike Walters were 3rd and 4th overall and 2nd and 3rd Unclassified. Pat "Stickman" DeBerry broke out his Limited-10 gun to go 5th Overall and only D Class. Go back to the wheel gun bubba. Matt Fitzpatrick, Lester Williams, Jeff Wagner, Cody Moore, Michael Fitzpatrick and Michael Macke finished the field.

Walter Latapie took the High Overall in Production from Jim Davis who finished second overall and 1st and only Master. Robbie "Crackboy" Landry was third overall and 1st C Class. Richard Booth was 4th overall and High Unclassified with Sean Walsh and Jim Dollarhide rounding things out.

## ANOTHER ALMOST PERFECT

Mike here... The 3-gun match on the 15<sup>th</sup> was more hilarious than watching a 3-Stooges marathon. I have a lot to add to what Pat had to say, but don't want to delay the newsletter any longer than I usually do. SO... Y'all will just hafta wait for the extra-special 3-gun update I am going to send out – I am still writing it all down.

## LEVEL-1 RO CLASS

Coming up is the Level One RO class. Contact John for details if you aren't already signed up. Next month's match is June 5 and we need another good turnout to keep up the momentum.

## BREAKING NEWS -- "The Boss Hawg" hangs it up, and is selling his gear

It is with great regret that I have to announce that USPSA has lost a great competitor. Greg "The Boss Hawg" McDade has been forced to hang up his guns. Due to personal and business commitments he is unable to devote the time and energy to our sport to do it right and is going to be giving up the shooting sport until he can. Without knowing when he will be able to compete again, he has sold his guns and is looking to sell his other equipment as well. This includes a Dillon Super 1050 set up in .40 caliber Short & Weak, shooting bag and other assorted equipment. Greg emphasized that he is not burned out or abandoning us, he will still be around at state match time and hopefully will one day be back out competing again, but at this time he is just unable to do so. Lets all hope that will be one day sooner rather than later.

Until then, Hammer Down and Holster! The range is clear.