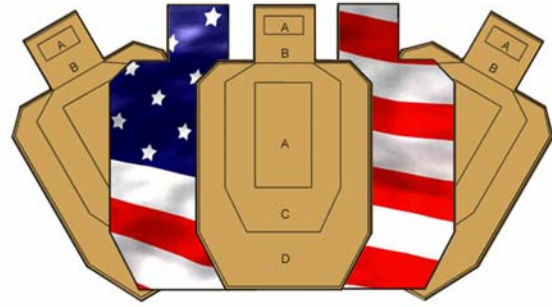


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Getting' Ready For Turkey Day!!!!

60+ Degree Temperature-No Problem

Four Challenging Stages-No Problem

One Goober Stage-Nobody's Perfect

Thirty-six Shooters-PRICELESS!!!

The sun was warm, the sky was clear and the shooting was good as thirty-six shooters from Louisiana, Mississippi and points waaaay north came to Magnolia to give it their best "shot." In addition to our regulars, Tom Duchman showed up with his travel trailer full of goodies and shooters from down in the bayous. The Tangi crowd was here in force, (minus Garlic), no wonder Jim Davis was so relaxed. To top it all off, we had some new Open shooters and a cowboy to make it interesting.

Four different stage designers put forth their best efforts to make it tough on the unwary and except for one, who shall remain nameless for now, all were imminently successful.

Stage One, "Baffled", designed by Glenn Whitfield, was a 23 round field course that gave a couple of different options for shooting depending on when you wanted to reload. For the Open division shooters with their big-sticks it should have been a walk in the park. In Limited Division, Bud "da bomber" Berthold took a match off from the dark side and showed everyone he still has the touch when it counts, besting everyone on this stage with a smooth 11.35 run. In Open Division, Bryant 'Burner' Chaffin switched over

to the dark side to balance out Bud and ran this one in 10.84. In Limited-10, Frank Farmer ran a smooth 22.22 to take this stage. In Production Division, Jim Davis just squeaked past Cliff Cargill to take the win on this one by .58 seconds. Last, but certainly not least, Tommy 'Dead-Eye Doc' Cabell shot a perfect run in 23.34 to win this stage for Revolver Division.

Stage Two was the Classifier, "Bang and Clang", a simple six round burn it down. In Limited, Joel Senia turned a 3.05 to take the win. Open had Bryant Chaffin take another stage win with a blistering 2.87 run. Hank Stern showed what it takes in Limited-10 by going 3.65 on this one. Robbie Landry jumped into the mix in Production with a 3.60 time. Tommy Cabell continued his winning ways with a 4.51 on this one.

Stage Three, "Say What", was designed by Robbie "Crack-Boy" Landry. For those of you new to Team Magnolia, Robbie is referred to as Crack-Boy not because of any problems with recreational pharmaceuticals, but because his stages always seem like he has that problem when he comes up with them. In addition, they are the ones that always seem to jump up and bite somebody in the a\$\$ before the match is over. Robert "Lightning" Konrady found his groove on this one to win it in Limited. Open was another repeat for Bryant Chaffin. Limited-10 had Hank Stern chalk up another win and Production saw Cliff Cargill burn it down in a blistering 14.00 to stay in contention there. In Revolver, Tommy Cabell turned in another winner as Glenn Whitfield and Pat DeBerry both zeroed this stage. Lesson to be learned here. After Glenn had shot the stage, forgetting to switch to strong hand on the second half, Pat laughed and said, "I think I can take you on this one." Always remember that the shooting gods are listening and they will stick it to you if you give them the chance. When Pat got up on the line and the buzzer went off he burned the first two rounds and then PFFFT. Squib Load. Score: Two A's, Fourteen Mikes and Five Failure To Engage. Zero Score. **TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED!!!** You can always do worse than the guy in front of you.

Stage Four, Ocean of Motion, was designed by, wait a minute, let's come back to this one.

Stage Five, "Bryant's 24 round Speed Shoot", was designed by, you guessed it, Bryant Chaffin. Twenty-four rounds in two separate strings with a sprinkling of no-shoots to keep everyone honest. Joel Senia took the Limited win on this one with 9.89 seconds. In Open, Bryant was only a hair faster with a 9.81 run. Frank Farmer took another win here with his 16.79

second finish. Jim Davis got another stage win here with a time of 10.46 seconds. And, even though he threw a miss, Tommy Cabell was still fast enough at 18.20 to get the win on this stage also.

Now we can come back to Stage Four “Ocean of Re-Shoots”, by Matt “the Wood-Butcher” Moor. Originally intended to be “Ocean of Motion”, we all saw how it turned out. When it was originally set up, everything appeared to work just fine, but when the competition started it seemed like everything decided to do whatever was needed to frustrate the shooters. Activators didn’t activate, swingers didn’t swing and clamshells didn’t clam up or whatever the right verb would be. Some people got lots of practice on this stage having to shoot it as many as three times before everything would finally function as and when it was supposed to. What should have been an interesting and challenging stage became a classic example of “Murphy’s Law”, what ever can go wrong will go wrong and always at the worst possible time. Nonetheless, we all got through it and when the smoke cleared and the cussing stopped, Robert Konrady had taken the Limited stage win in 12.36 seconds. Bryant got Open with an 11.11 time and Hank Stern got his third stage win of the day with 21.54 seconds. Jim Davis was actually slower than Cliff on this one, but got the win anyway when Cliff through a miss on his final re-shoot. In Revolver, Glenn Whitfield took the stage win as Tommy got hammered on his re-shoot by two misses and a FTE.

With the exception of Open, where Bryant Chaffin swept the field, all of the other divisions had multiple stage winners. Limited had three different stage winners, but Robert Konrady stayed in the hunt all the way to take the High Overall. Limited-10 split the stages between Hank Stern (three wins) and Frank Farmer (two wins), but Frank won the bigger ones and took the High Overall. In Production, Jim Davis had three wins to Cliff Cargill’s and Robbie Landry’s one each and finished as top dog. Tommy Cabell could have swept the field in Revolver if not for that pesky re-shoot on stage four, but won without breaking a sweat anyway.

Complete results are available at Team Magnolia’s web page.

Next up on the calendar in the ICORE Special Classifier. This will be November 25th with set-up at 7:00 AM and shooting to begin at 9:00 AM. This is a chance for any of you who haven’t gotten classified yet to do so. For all you bottom-feeders out there, this is a chance to try something with a

real challenge. Those that have a set of 230 hard cast will be shooting that day. Those with the 115 Hps will just be sitting at home wishing they could play with the big kids.

Next month's IPSC match will be December 3rd, last chance to go out in a blaze of glory before the new year.

Now that I have thrown out a few insults, it's time to start practicing for the 25th. Hope to see you there.

Range Clear!