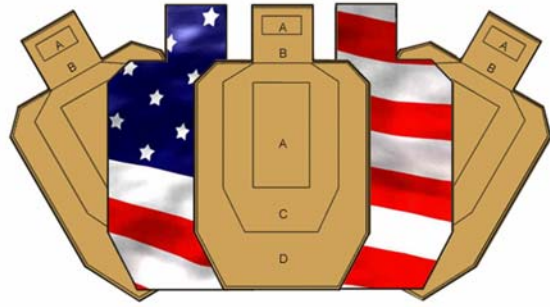


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June Heats Up With New Shooters

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This month's match was a good one with twenty six competitors fighting the beginning of summer heat. There were five great stages in this one. We were missing many of our regular shooters as they are worn out from the Mississippi State Championship. Speaking of that, good shooting and congratulations to all of Team Magnolia's winners in the Classic. We also had nine new shooters and our favorite crew from Louisiana.

In **Open** (1 shooter), Glenn Whitfield took the victory shooting his 8-round minor ICORE set-up. Since his Smith & Wesson holds more than six shots and he intended to use more than 6, he's ineligible for revolver division. He's training for the ICORE state match and will surely be a threat come October.

In **Revolver** (6 shooters), Cliff Cargill took a break from the Production division to pop a few wheelies with the wheel gun. Three stage wins and a couple of bobbles made for a pretty good day with him taking first. Pat DeBerry won two stages and had a good day going until stage five. A plate fell on the rack that he didn't hit. This meant a re-shoot and it wasn't pretty. Some borrowed ammo that hadn't been tested in his gun didn't ignite and he had many misfires. The re-shoot Gods are almost never kind. Still, it was good enough for second place. Tommy Cabell had the strangest match of them all. Seems he was doing some repair work on a collector's plate and sliced his trigger finger badly. With it taped up, he was forced to shoot the match with his...middle finger. When his middle finger grew tired from....ummmm.. from too much use, he switched to his weak hand. I can think of many jokes, but I'll stop right here. Three fingers...third place. All righty then. Danny Warren was also getting ready for the big match in October and shot a strong fourth place. Scott Womack wrapped up the fifth spot with Terry Baldrige rounding out the field in sixth. It was Terry's first match and he was safe throughout the day.

In **Limited** (9 shooters), Bryant Chaffin had bit of a fight fending off Walter Latapie for the win. Bryant won three stages while Walter won two. Bud Berthold had an excellent match shooting it penalty free and taking the third spot. He nearly won the classifier and had the fast time, but slipped on points just a little. That should help him get that Master card he's after. Robert Konrady had a bit of a rough day a finished in the fourth position.

Bill Klein worked his way to fifth. Club president John Heiter finished in sixth and is still working the bugs out of some magazines for his new SV .40. Tim Ward was back for his second match shooting his CZ and wound up sixth. Harold Goldman shot his first match ever and had great time finishing the day safely. Dave Becker was unfortunately disqualified from the match. He was attempting to clear a malfunction when the gun discharged. He is an experienced shooter, but it can happen to anyone, anytime and anywhere.

In **Production** (10 shooters), Robbie Landry shot an excellent match winning all five stages, this on the heels of some minor surgery. Glad you're OK Robbie. Mike Gilbreath had a great match placing himself in second spot. Carl Rutherford, our friend from way up in North Mississippi did quite well securing third place. Andrew Warren charged all the way up to fourth despite a malfunctioning gun. He borrowed another Glock 17 and finished out the day though. Nancy Klein held down the fifth spot and "High Lady". Steven Womack had a great match winning "High Junior" and placing in the sixth position. Timothy Dedeaux, a first timer had a safe day and locked down the seventh spot. Leah Ginn also shot her first USPSA match safely and finished eighth. Kathy Adkins also made her debut shooting snake eyes all the way and safely finishing in ninth. Phillip Womack, another junior shot his first match as well and finished in tenth.

The USPSA club at Magnolia is changing for the better. New shooters, women and children among them are finding out about this sport and enjoying it. As our numbers increase, can you imagine what our club will look like five years from now if we continue this trend? Do your part. Bring a new shooter. And, help the ones that are at the match by bringing extra gear to loan out. Offer advice and guidance and make this a place they'll want to return to. There's a half a million people in the metro area, thus our goal should be fifty shooters on a regular basis. We can do it. WE WILL DO IT.

Don't forget the next ICORE match, Sunday , June 17th.

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