

# Match Points

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The August match was held after nearly a month of record breaking rainfall especially in the last week, which prior to the excellent work done on the west side of the range to improve drainage, would have had us finding alternate bays to shoot in as well as having to pump water off the back 40 and trudge through mud and muck. Even after a tremendous rain on Saturday, the bays did not have ANY standing water. It had all drained off due to the correct grade being used when the dirt work was done back in March. Thank your Board of Directors and those involved with making sure the project was done correctly. Prior to the new drainage work, the range would have been an absolute mess due to poor drainage. I would also like to point out that the concrete firing lines are a huge improvement. We now have a dry place to congregate before the match and afterwards where we have had lunch after the last two matches. I would like to say that we need to continue to push to finish the drainage projects on the east side, ESPECIALLY the 100 meter range which was obviously the muddiest during the Magnolia Classic on Stage 3, as well as the East 50 which became known Lake Magnolia on Stage 1 during the Classic.

Tom Duchmann with Action Shooting Supply was at the range with the RV full of competition shooting supplies, and had everything I had called him about earlier in the week to get my S&W Model 627 .38 Super Revolver ready for the upcoming ICORE Cup match in October. Of course I got to help Tom dress Joel Senia in his CR Speed inner belt, a long time fantasy of mine, as Derek Flores looked on as he was headed to the shower and growling about who had forgotten to clean the hair out of the drain in the shower....I don't know what all goes on in the RV with those three, but next time they come into town for a match, I have promised to head down there for dinner and see myself. I was trying to psyche Joel out while helping with his inner belt, he still came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. I think I only succeeded in psyching Tom, Derek, and myself out....maybe that is why I shot such a poor match in hindsight, maybe I shouldn't even mention hindsight in the context of this paragraph, next.

33 IPSC Shooters showed up to brave the heat and humidity at the Magnolia Rifle and Pistol Range, uncharacteristically I arrived at 7:11AM to see the Vicksburg gang was there as well as Tommy Cabell, Mike Gilbreath, Pat Deberry, Lane Frazier, Kevin Smith, and several other shooters who were already unloading the props for Stage 3, which meant they had been there long enough to get all of the props loaded into Deberry's truck. I followed Deberry around to Stage 4 on the Back 40 and started helping put together Crossed Up with Lane, Kevin, Steven Womack, others and finally Bill Cheney stopped by to help with the finishing touches on target stand placement.

After Bud Berthold and the target crew got the targets stapled on Stage 4, and as they were working on the targets on Stage 1 and 2, a tremendous downpour came through that drenched those in the open who were sent running for cover and the targets that needed to be replaced. Everyone in the open looked like drenched rats. Thanks to modern technology, the Blackberry's showed on Accuweather that the rain was only the northernmost tip of a large band of rain that was south of Byram headed to the east. Once again due to the work of many volunteers who got to the range early, setting up the four stages went quickly.

After the Shooters Meeting the targets that were too wet where replaced. Our squad consisted of Rodney May, Carl May, Steven Womack, new shooter Sam Shumate, Kevin Smith, Danny Warren, and myself and was joined by Shane Hutchins, one of the two primary Chef's for Team Magnolia, who was in the process of shooting thru to get a delicious lunch of stuffed hamburgers ready and the lovely Mrs. Hutchins, who had apparently revoked Shane's yard pass, and wasn't letting him out of her sight. I

started to tell her, "I sure am glad Shane finally came back to shoot with us, I haven't seen him around here in several months." , but thought I better not heap any more gasoline on our fine Chef, it might get too hot in the kitchen and where would we find a replacement.

Stage 1 What the Hell, which consisted of 4 IPSC targets, 2 small Pepper Poppers , 2 Pepper Poppers, and a Texas Star with a No Shoot Penalty target painted black, which according to Mark Young technically should have been white with a black X, which would cost you -10 points. Luckily NO ONE shot the penalty target. The barrels and walls on this course had bullet magnetism solution inside, as Carl May, Sam Shumate, I and several others can attest. There were splinters and Mikes aplenty on this stage. Stage 1 was shot by Bryant Chaffin (Limited) in 14.53 seconds, by Bud Berthold (Limited) in 16.36 seconds by Rodney May (Limited) in 16.41 seconds, and by Cliff Cargill (Production) in 17.34 seconds. Hit Factor went to Rodney May at 7.1298, Bryant Chaffin at 6.9511, Cliff Cargill at 6.5744, and Bud Berthold at 4.9511.

Stage 2- 4 Bill Drill CM 08-01 Classifier consisted of 4 IPSC Targets with 2 strings of fire. Targets 2 and 3 where at 35 yards, Targets 1 and 2 were at 15 yards. First string was six rounds on only one target freestyle with a mandatory reload and 6 rounds on only one target strong side, unsupported. Second string was six rounds on only one target freestyle with a mandatory reload, and six rounds on only one target weak side, unsupported . This stage was challenging to say the least with the distance and one hand shooting, splinters were flying, and a lot of rounds impacted the dirt berm without ever hitting any targets, as in Mikes, and more Mike's. Hands Above Shoulders was the starting position, which took on a new meaning as the hecklers were all over John Heiter, as he was getting ready to shoot, Heiter let them know, he thought they were number 1 in his book. I even saw Tommy Cabell running Mike Harrell, with a Single Stack, as we were finished shooting and eating those delicious stuffed hamburgers. Mike was shooting the second target freestyle instead of strong hand unsupported, as Ed Marsalis was keeping count of the Procedurals on two hands when the six shot was fired. Lucky for Mike, Tommy gave him a little coaching before the second string of fire. Stage 2 was shot by Bryant Chaffin (L) in 20.29 seconds, Rodney May (L) in 22.60 seconds, Joel Senia (Open) in 23.24 seconds, and Derek Flores (L) in 25.93 seconds. Hit Factor went to Bryant Chaffin 3.7950, Joel Senia 3.7435, Gerald Benton (L) 3.1036, and Rodney May 2.5664.

Stage 3 Both Ends Now consisted of 11 IPSC Targets and 2 steel plates, with the clamshell being activated by a stomp box on the 25 yard range. John Heiter ran this stage first for our squad on his way through, and decided to drop a loaded magazine on the stomp box, and IT WORKED PERFECTLY. He pitched it with his left hand across his body to his right side right on top of the stomp box and violas, it activated the clamshell and off he ran, Failing To Engage (FTE) a target. Thanks to Mike Gilbreath giving me a stern warning before we shot Stage 3, I was able to point out to Rodney May, who had also missed it in the walk through and others, that we were failing to see the same target that Heiter FTE'd. We were discussing this when Heiter was doing the walk through, I guess he was so focused, he did not hear our discussion. Due to all of the recent rain and the two squads who shot it before we did, Stage 3 was beginning to get a bit slick. We were even beginning to tease one another about who would be the first to do a full spilt in the mud, but everyone stayed upright. Prior to shooting Stage 3, the cloud cover had kept the bright sunshine at bay and had made for a very nice cool morning of shooting, but that all changed when the cloud cover gave way to blue skies and it felt like we were in a steam room in one of those steam rooms you see at a fitness center. Just as we were about to run the third shooter through Stage 3, Hammy the squirrel, from Over the Hedge, came out of the hedge on the 25 yard berm, looked at all of us, and I could faintly here him speaking the most eloquent French as he explained that he was moving out with all of that shooting. Hammy made his way down the berm, and scampered by the plate rack, and then up the wing berm, stopping long enough to give us a one fingered salute, that I think he witnessed Heiter giving the hecklers on Stage 2, then scampered over the top of the wing berm . I tried to follow Rodney May in running up to the stomp box, activating the clam shell, while running to the left to engage the 6 targets and 2 steel plates. Note to Self and Others, just because the CZ is shot hammer down in Production, does not mean that you can FORGET to swipe the safety off when in the cocked and

locked mode in Limited. I still got my shots on the clamshell, an Alpha, Delta, but it was pretty harrowing, knowing it was closing up while I was moving into position, only to realize I had FORGOTTEN to swipe that safety off. Stage 3 was shot by Bryant Chaffin (L) in 13.94 seconds, Rodney May (L) in 14.23 seconds, Joel Senia (O) in 15.55 seconds, and Bud Berthold (L) in 17.38 seconds. Hit Factor went to Rodney May 8.4329, Bryant Chaffin 8.2496, Bud Berthold 6.3867, Gerald Benton 6.1214.

Stage 4 Crossed Up consisted of 12 IPSC targets on the Back 40, also known as Purgatory, where no air movement and extreme heat and humidity are the normal conditions for shooting. By the time we got to shoot Crossed Up way back in Purgatory we really were just trying to survive what had started as a nice, cool, cloudy, pleasant match and had changed to become a brutally humid match. I was the first contestant on this stage and did really well until a factory round that must have had the lip curled over when the projectile was loaded, lock up the action on my pistol before going into battery, just as I was moving forward to engage the last set of targets on the left. The gun would not fire, nor could I eject the cartridge without trying to yank the slide off the back of the frame, which finally worked, allowing me to chamber a new cartridge, but causing me to lose track of the hidden target and having to back up to prevent a FTE. I did such a good job of backing up to engage the hidden target, that Rodney May who shot next, used the same move in his course of fire. And you guys thought I was kidding when I told you that I have been showing Rodney "how NOT to shoot" for a long time. Stage 4 was shot by Bryant Chaffin (L) in 10.80 seconds, by Bud Berthold (L) in 13.31 seconds, by Joel Senia (O) in 13.62 seconds, and by Rodney May (L) in 16.50 seconds. Hit Factor went to Bryant Chaffin 10.4630, Bud Berthold 8.4147, Joel Senia 8.2966, and Rodney May 7.2727.

Production Division had the largest number of shooters with 13, followed by Limited with 11, Single Stack with 4, Limited 10 and Revolver both had 2, and Open had the Lone Ranger Joel Senia. The Production Division was led by Cliff Cargill, Mike Gilbreath, Will Mullendore, and Kay Ulmer. Limited Division was led by Bryant Chaffin, Rodney May Gerald Benton, and Bud Berthold. Single Stack was led by Tom Duchmann, Gale Butler, Dwayne Jones, and Mike Harrell. Limited 10 was led by Carl May and Bill Cheney. Revolver was led by Tomy Cabell and Pat Deberry. Open Division was won hands don by Joel Senia.

Set up and tear down went well at this match, remember that next month we go back to our regular 5 stage matches, so we need everyone to be there at 7 AM for setup and stay for tear down if you can. I would also like to have a rifle side match after the regular match for those who would like to shoot their AR-15's, M-4's, M1 Garand's, Carbines, AK-47's, 10-22's or whatever you have to compete with. We will decide what stages to leave up so that those who would like to run a rifle after the main match can do so. There is also a new Forum for shooters called Mississippi Gun Owners click here <http://www.msgunowners.com/forum.htm> also many of the shooters are now connected via Facebook, so if you haven't gotten online yet, you might be surprised how many of the people you enjoy shooting with are on Facebook.

Outlaw Steel is scheduled for Saturday August 8, Cowboy Action Saturday August 15 in Mendenhall, and ICORE Revolver match is scheduled for Sunday August 16. Our next monthly IPSC match is scheduled for Sunday, September 6, Labor Day Weekend. Make plans now to come out and shoot. Hope to see you there.

Range is Clear!  
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