

Match Points

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Sunday, February 1, was like Groundhog Day over, and over, and over! A total of 41 shooters signed up for the match, 25 of them signed up for the lunch that Shane Hutchinson and Richard Pittman, and Shane's buddy Shane, helped prepare.

Enroute to the range, the boys and I passed John Heiter, glad I moved over so we didn't pull the door or paint off his truck. We were only going about 70, but Heiter was shaving and driving about 50 which made it appear like we really blew him off the Interstate. Arrived at 6:58 AM, to a crowd of shooters waiting to get started, absent from the crowd was the Vicksburg crew, guess that's the only way we can beat them to the range is if they don't show up. Tom Duchmann, of Action Shooting Supply and his group of shooters came in the RV Saturday night and beat us all to the range.

Setup went really smooth with all of the help which has really worked well since the stern lecture we stragglers received from the Sermon on the Mount by Reverend Heiter in December. Let's try to keep up the enthusiasm for next month.

We had a returning shooter at the range as Matt Moorer came back from a six month walk about, which sounded more like a work about and brought along Brandon Moorer and Sammy Moorer who, along with new Junior shooters Cameron Hutchins, Patrick Warren, and regular Juniors, Phillip Womack, and Steven Womack gave us six Junior shooters, who finished in the aforementioned order respectively.

Limited and Production tied with 14 shooters for each division after realizing that Ed Marsalis was incorrectly put into the Revolver Division when he actually shot his new CZ 75 SP-01 Shadow with the new Team CZ squad. When our squad started on Stage 2, another squad was on Stage 3 about 25 feet away, after running 2 shooters, we were told that Stage 4 Threeper was available without waiting, so we picked up and walked over to try our luck on the Texas Star. Both Cliff Cargill and I had stovepipes at the Texas star, I had magazines falling off my belt because I have it configured for Glock magazines and haven't installed the shims for the CZ magazines, and after leaving the star, I only had 4 rounds left in the gun when I needed 12 to finish. After engaging each target once, so as not to earn Fail To Engage penalties, I was about to Unload and Show Clear, when I recalled that I had an extra couple of magazines in my left cargo pocket, so I reloaded and engaged all three Targets with 3 rounds each. Cargill suggested the targets looked like they had been shot up by an IDPA shooter with 4-5 rounds per target.

Our squad finished Stage 4 and went back to Stage 2 where another squad who had finished Stage 1 was shooting Stage 2. So we worked our way through Stage 2 and Stage 3 where I called Range Is Clear at 2:28 pm. All the stages had been put away except 2 and 3, so we got that put away and went to the Range House for some of the best chili I have had.

Thanks are in order for a job well done by Shane Hutchinson and Richard Pittman for the excellent chili that Hutchinson prepared and for sending out for rice when they realized how many people had signed

up . I thought real men ate Chili with Saltine crackers, where did these Oyster crackers come from? I felt like I was dining with the Martha Stewart of Chili cooking when I saw the oyster crackers.

When the smoke cleared, looks like Bryant Chaffin won Overall and Limited Division and was followed by Walter "Garlic" Latapie, DC Alcantara, Richard Pittman, Robbie Landry and Jeff Carey. Bud Berthold took third Overall and won Open Division and was followed by Matt Moorner, Geoff Brantner, and Neal Wailes. Cliff Cargill won fourth place Overall and took the top spot in Production, followed by Mick Brown, Steve Roberts, and Mike Gilbreath who not only beat me to the range, but also beat me in Production. Gilbreath has beaten me for so long now I just bow to him whenever I see him. Someone ran off with the printouts of the Revolver Division so I do not know who won the battle there, suffice it to say, Pat Deberry and Danny Warren were probably battling it out and practicing for the upcoming Southern Regional's in Thibodaux, LA on March 21-22.

Finally, Phillip Womack beat older brother Steven Womack, with a .22 Browning Buckmark. Little brother had better enjoy it, since it was Steven's second match with a Glock 17 9mm. Steven is doing well with the additional recoil and at least you all did not have to listen to the sibling rivalry all the way home and throughout the Super Bowl. Speaking of which, I got home and unpacked just in time to turn on the television and hear Faith Hill before the kickoff. Sunday was a long day.....

Remember in lieu of 3-Gun or Multi-Gun this year, John Heiter and I have decided to have side matches after the USPSA matches. So bring your rifles March 1 if you care to shoot a side match. We will leave 2 or 3 stages up to run with our rifles for those who want to participate. If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, or just have something that happened at the match that you would like to include in next months' Matchpoints, give me a call or e-mail.

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