

# Match Points

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Left Brandon this morning at 6:30am trying to get to the range by 7:00, after leaving both Steven & Phillip which really helped me get away sooner. After stopping to rob the ATM and grab a couple sausage, egg, and cheese biscuits, I rolled towards Byram trying to keep it between the ditches at a high rate of speed considering I was pulling a trailer with a borrowed ATV and running on 7 of 8 cylinders. A ½ mile from Byram, I encountered a motorist who had left the road and skidded to a stop in the ditch, but was outside the vehicle and talking on the cell phone. No time to offer assistance, I checked my speedometer and decided I could drop down from 87 to a respectable speed and John Heiter would probably understand. Rolled into the range at 7:01 AM, and was number 12 to get there, the Vicksburg crew, led by Carl May was pointing and laughing when I finally made it inside to offer advice and encouragement to the real work crew. Steve Roberts and Danny Warren were there early setting up. The five stages were set up in record time due to the large early turnout, which was a sign of 67 degree weather. The 32 shooters were ready and waiting at 9:00 am for the Shooter's meeting as we were split into three squads.

BJ Martien started off on Stage 5, Danny's Barrels, and finished just in time to realize he did not move to Box B and engage T5, about the time I realized the RO did not read the Stage Description nor know there was a Box B and T5. Do over for BJ, while I read the Stage Description. Chris Heath, who had on a brand new pair of khaki 511 pants, squatted down to shoot T3 & T4 under the table, and ripped his 511's exposing his baby blue boxers. Corley Marsalis and Michele Willis were impressed to say the least. Nothing that a little duct tape wouldn't fix. During this time, Chris's new Open Gun turned into a single shot, which led to an unexpected shot through a wall while trying to make it run on Stage 4 for a DQ, I think this was part of his exit strategy after the pants ripped with the only two ladies on a squad. John Heiter later ripped his pants on the same stage, so we now must check for not only shoot thru's, and safety, but apparel damaging stages. Joel Senia also got points for style on Stage 5 when he made a reload only to fire 3 shots and run dry. Is that why they say to never put a magazine back on your belt until it is reloaded? Mike Gilbreath gave me pointers on how to shoot the stages quickly and efficiently without stovepipes in his Glock like my CZ was experiencing. Cliff Cargill shot without the finger splints on his left hand since jamming his fingers up with a football.

On Stage 4, the no-shoots got three shots from Ed Marsalis but he picked up the shots and got better with his new CZ Shadow SP-01. I later tried to RO stage 1 without the Pocket Pro II, but was reminded by the helpful shooters that my wristwatch wouldn't pick up the shots.

Pat DeBerry came back after a two month hiatus. Danny Warren ran his wheelgun, and Mark Young reappeared from the Witness Protection Program along with 9 month old Sebastian, a black Russian Bear Schnauzer. It was also good to see Jeff Carey and Bill Cheney back on the range. Bryant Chaffin and Bud Berthold were easy to keep up with on the range, just listen for what sounded like fully

automatic fire as their "Open" guns were running well. Richard Pittman was really giving his Para P-16 a workout and Gale Butler made sure most of the brass was picked up before moving on to another stage.

Overall great weather, great match, and let's just try to do it all again in February at 7AM.