

# Match Points

- The TeamMagnolia Newsletter -



Sunday, June 7, 2009 started with a great group of shooters showing up at 7:00 AM prepared to set up five stages only two weeks after completing the grueling 3 day 2009 Mississippi Classic for a total of 15 stages in only two weeks.

I headed down and got there about 7:20 AM, not quite sure how my recently dislocated left shoulder from totaling the Expedition out while shooting the Drazy Steel 500 at Pasa Park in Barry, Illinois was going to perform. I decided it was probably best to play the shooting ambassador and just do my normal routine of walking around and talking, but I actually made it out to help staple targets up on Stage 4 Have A Drink On Me, which looked exactly like what I faced the previous Saturday night just before the big wreck. From the pain generated by stapling the targets, I considered just sitting this one out, but I knew if I could make it to Stage 4 and have a drink, I could probably complete the match.

Let me say that this is one of the best groups of shooters who work extremely hard getting the stages put together in record time. I saw Daniel Hidalgo pull up, as well as several other friends from Louisiana, and overheard Cliff Cargill telling Hidalgo we needed to close our southern borders, in jest. Thanks for all of the support from our friends from south of the border of Mississippi, as well as all of the local shooters. Limited Division had eighteen shooters followed by Production with eleven shooters, Single Stack and Revolver had four shooters each, Limited 10 had three shooters and Open had the Lone Ranger Bud Berthold for a grand total of 41 shooters.

Stage 1 Six Speed was a fast stage comprised of six of the Classic paper targets and six Pepper Poppers on the East 50, formerly known on Sunday during the Mississippi Classic as Lake Magnolia. Stage 1 was completed by Bryant Chaffin (Limited) in 7.80 seconds, Bud Berthold (Open) in 9.33 seconds, and Joel Senia (Limited) in 10.22 seconds.

Stage 2 Area 4 Standards is what you get when you don't come to the shooter meetings and someone (CC) asks for a stage with long distances. What is it with a six second time limit to draw, aim and fire six rounds at 50 yards? This was the most difficult stage I have ever shot due to the six second time limit. On the weak hand only portion, I wasn't able to lift my pistol high enough to see the sights with my left arm so I had to bend my knees and lean way back to see the sights, which did not do much good either. This is the stage where Cargill learned that having a pistol safety lock unknowing to the operator can cause great distress, and we have the film to prove it posted on Facebook. The High Hit Factors were Bud Berthold (O) at 64, Bryant Chaffin (L) at 51, and Ed Krieger (L) at 49, I really don't know how to describe the outcome of this stage since it was a par time of six seconds, so please understand who you're working with here.

Stage 3 R U Ready? Was on the West 100 Range and was completed by Bryant Chaffin (L) in 12.41, by Robert Konrady in 14.09, and by Bud Berthold in 14.80

Stage 4 Have a Drink on Me. Looks just like the Moose Lodge in Pittsfield, Illinois, that I stopped in after dinner with my friend, Kent Baker who we were staying in his hunting lodge, which I have hunted at the past 7 years, while we were shooting the Drazy 500 Steel match. Bill Cheney named the starting position for this stage the Womack position...which was extra hard on me to pull the simulated mug to start the swinger with my left hand, with my freshly dislocated left shoulder, but I persevered.

Stage 4 was completed by Bryant Chaffin (L) in 13.06 seconds, Robert Konrady (L) in 13.48 seconds, and Bud Berthold (O) in 14.35 seconds.

Stage 5 Do What? Was completed by Bryant Chaffin (L) in 11.43 seconds, by Robert Konrady (L) in 13.84 seconds, and by Joel Senia (L) in 14.46 seconds.

Amazingly Open Division was outright won, first, second, and third place by Bud Berthold, the only competitor in Open Division. Limited Division was won by Bryant Chaffin, followed by Robert Konrady, Joel Senia, and Jeff Carey. Production Division was won by Cliff Cargill, followed by Daniel Hildalgo, Mark Condon, and Matt Moorer. Revolver Division was won by Glenn Whitfield, followed by Pat DeBerry, Gerald Benton, and Sammy Moorer. Single Stack Division was won by Ben Davis, followed by Gale Butler, Tom Duchmann, and Dwayne Jones. Limited 10 Division was won by Bill Cheney, followed by father-daughter team, Carl May and Michele Willis.

This was a great match with 41 shooters participating. Glad to see all of you come out to help with the match setup and tear down. I apologize for the length of time it took me to get the newsletter out, I have been a little busy lately, and not quite up to speed from the bruises and dislocation, but I am making a great come back, Ok, maybe not great, but I am getting there.

Range is Clear!

Sincerely,

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