

Match Points

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Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 3, 2010 January's monthly match started with a cold morning but a great group of active shooters shuttling stage props from the building to the range kept everyone busy. 29 brave souls endured the winter weather and it was nice to see Shane Hutchins unloading beef stew and Richard Pittman with an ice chest full of cold drinks for lunch.

29 shooters started the January monthly USPSA match off, 17 shooters for Production, 7 shooters in Limited Division, 2 shooters for Open Division, and 1 each in Revolver and Single Stack.

Stage 1 Bianchi Does It was designed by Bryant Chaffin. It was set with 16 IPSC targets, with 2 swingers, and 3 Pepper Poppers starting with hands at eye level on the barricade. Our squad had 3 or 4 runs where the activator and or swingers did not work due to our own fault when failing to reset but overall it was a great stage. Stage 1 was shot in 14.39 seconds by Blake Manning (O), in 17.33 seconds by Tommy Cabell (Revolver), in 17.56 seconds by Dr. Adelo (O), in 17.64 seconds by Rodney May (L). Hit factor went to Rodney May with 4.705 (Limited), Steve Roberts with 4.296 (Production), Garrett Hester with 4.006 (Production), and Cliff Cargill (P) with 3.960. Stage 1 is where Shane Hutchins showed up to shoot thru so he could get lunch ready, which is where I noticed his beautiful wife Ann sitting patiently reading a book, with Shane's leash carefully folded next to her...I asked Shane if his yard pass had been revoked AGAIN? Then I just quit listening to whatever excuse he was giving and thanked Ann for bringing Shane out today to shoot and for letting us enjoy his wonderful cooking. I'm just glad Shane is such a good sport and takes my ribbing with a grain of salt...which makes me wonder now why he was so eager to prepare my bowl of stew...wonder what special ingredients he added to the bowl before I got there....hmmm!

Stage 2 Night Moves - This classifier was set up with 5 IPSC targets, starting from a seating position with hands in lap, and a table behind which a no-shoot was places. One shot on the outside four targets with 2 shots on the center target. I started off and incorrectly shot the far right target twice instead of once and the whole squad was laughing so hard that after my second string, the scorekeeper realized he had forgotten to write the string time so I got a re-shoot. The RO even coached me before the reshoot to be sure since I got a reshoot, to only shoot the center target twice, all others once. So at the sound of the buzzer, I shot the same target incorrectly again with two shots.....at least I was consistent. Stage 2 was shot in 14.11 seconds by Rodney May (Limited), in 14.57 seconds by Bryant Chaffin (Limited), in 15.84 seconds by Blake Manning (Open), in 17.68 seconds by Cliff Cargill (Production). Hit Factor went to Rodney May with 9.567, Bryant Chaffin with 8.9224, Blake Manning with 7.638, and DC Alcantara with 6.360.

Stage 3 Winder Licker's Winders designed by Steve Roberts aka Winder Licker started with gun on table, seated in chair, consisting of IPSC targets, Pepper Poppers, and Swingers, shoot them as you see them. One shooter made a comment about running for the table with your gun and through the course of fire like a dog was chasing you. And that's what they reminded me, after I ran up to the stat shack to grab a cup of Cargill's Coffee and was trying to keep up with shooters with a timer in one hand and a Styrofoam cup of coffee in the other. I caught most of the shooters by the first shot and was able to stay with them through most of the Course of Fire! When it was my time, I took off like the 21 year old's jealous husband had shown up unexpected and was after me with a German Shepherd and pouring hot lead in my direction.....I looked like a Polar Bear migrating south for the winter! Stage 3 was shot in 12.83 seconds by Bryant Chaffin (L), in 15.28 seconds by Cliff Cargill (P), in 15.35 seconds by Rodney May (L), and in 16.16 seconds by Blake Manning (O). Hit Factor went to Bryant Chaffin with 10.678, to Rodney May with 8.403, to DC Alcantara with 7.392, and Blake Manning with 7.363.

Stage 4 | Accidentally the Whole Thing designed by Will Mullendore consisted of 16 IPSC Targets, 3 Pepper Poppers and 3 US Poppers laid out with a narrow L-shaped fault line, and 4 walls. I was watching this stage being built and those devious minds decided to make the fault line extra narrow, I guess to simulate shooting on a catwalk. It was a great stage and was shot in 11.97 seconds by Bryant Chaffin (L), in 13.21 seconds by Rodney May (L), in 13.88 seconds by Cliff Cargill (P), and in 14.14 by Blake Manning (O). Hit Factor went to Bryant Chaffin (L) with 8.771, to Rodney May with 7.872, to Blake Manning with 7.355, and to Cliff Cargill with 7.348.

Stage 5 Two Strong for You consisted of 10 targets, 2 Pepper Poppers and 2 US Poppers. This stage was shot in 12.11 seconds by Bryant Chaffin (L), in 13.42 seconds by Blake Manning (O), in 14.04 seconds by Rodney May (L), and in 15.67 seconds by Cliff Cargill (P). Hit Factor went to Blake Maning (O) with 6.780, to Cliff Cargill with 5.488, to Doc Aquino (O) with 4.974, and to Jimmy Callendar(L) with 4.870. This stage required some thinking, which made it especially challenging for me, more like Mission Impossible. I was laughing so hard at the way I was pausing trying to engage each target only once after my debut on Stage 1, that before the second string, as the RO was saying Standby, I actually had muscle cramps in my back and abs. When you can laugh so hard during a match, that you end the last string of fire with muscle cramps, you know it was a great match.

Production Division with sixteen competitors was won by Cliff Cargill, followed by Jeremy Jouette, Garrett Hester, and Nick Wilson. Limited Division with seven competitors was won by Rodney May, followed by Bryant Chaffin, DC Alcantara, and Will Mullendore. Open Division with two competitors was won by Blake Manning, followed by Dr. Adelo Aquino. Revolver Division was won by Tommy Cabell. Single Stack was won by Tom Duchmann.

The Outlaw Steel Match is Sunday January 10, the Cowboy Action Match in Mendenhall is Saturday, January 16, as well as the LSS Steel Match in Thibodaux, LA on January 16, which was rescheduled, the local ICORE match is Saturday, January 23, and our next monthly match is Sunday February 7, 2010!

Range is Clear!

Sincerely,

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