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The anniversary of September 11th is fast approaching. On September 11th 2001 was the beginning of the war against terrorism. Since this date we have learned some hard lessons. We have a new department in our Government called Homeland Security the object of the this new department is to prepare and respond to terrorist threat. After this major attack on our great nation

Americans have flown the red, white, blue all over, isn't it wonderful to see our flag all over, in windows, flying on vehicles, on shirts etc. Its great to be patriotic but there is a little more to it then just flying our flag. Many of our freedoms are slowly being eroded away under the disguise of protecting our freedoms.

We can not lose sight on what our founding fathers believed. They believed in the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and these were very important to them. These are the bases for all of the rights listed in our Constitution and its amendments. Right to freedom of religion, right to freedom of speech, right to bear arms, or to own weapons, right to a trial when accused of a crime, and know of what crime one is accused and the right to own property and to expect the government to help protect private property. These are rights guaranteed by the Constitution to us.

Many of our law makers want to take these rights away from us. The only way we can protect our freedoms and rights is GET OUT AND VOTE. Remember primaries elections are just as important as the general elections. Be a good American and go out and vote every time the election polls are open, its everyone's duty to mark those ballots to let the law makers know our opinion.

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POLICE COMBAT NEWS

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During a meeting in March of this year, the Florida Police Combat League voted to allow participation in its 1500

PPC league matches by non-law enforcement personnel. Anyone interested in shooting with the league should request a copy of the league schedule at:

FLORIDA POLICE COMBAT LEAGUE (FPCL)

PO BOX 441

NOKOMIS, FL. 34274-0441

We are also pleased to report that the FPCL has renewed its membership with the FSSA.



PISTOL MATCH UPDATES



Sept 21st - 22nd WAC, Fl Fall Convention (2700).
Tentative EIC "Leg" match

Oct 26th - 27th Orlando, Fl. Fall Int'l Championships
(AP-RP-SP-CF)

Nov 2nd - 3rd WAC, Fl State Int'l Championships
(AP-FP-SP-CF)

Contact Dave Tadder at the WAC, or Al Dart at Orlando or Gene Pitts.

DSF Summer Shoot-Out Article and Photos by Tom Eichling

The Defensive Shooters Fellowship (DSF) of West Broward, Inc., held it's annual Summer Shoot-Out at the Bishop's Farm range a little early this year. In past years, the competition was held later in the summer but was scheduled on June 22nd this year for a reason that will soon be explained.

DSF is a Florida Sport Shooting Association (FSSA) member club as well as an International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) affiliated club. Matches are held in accordance with IDPA rules.

Two scenarios comprise the Shoot-Out. One trophy is presented to the winner of each. Despite Camp Perry style weather, 2/3 of the club membership showed up for the event. Everyone was ready to compete and have some fun even if it meant running between a few raindrops while running for barricade cover. Scenarios were designed by Ed Sparks and Charles Kasprzak and involved a restaurant setting, using IDPA targets, shoot/no-shoot targets, table and barricade as well as a 'pepper popper'. Competitors were 'reading the Real Estate section of the newspaper' when the timer buzzed, then had to engage targets while still seated, were required to move forward and from left to right to barricade cover, perform a tactical reload and shoot from both sides of the barricade. Scenario two was a strong hand only event.

Scenario 1 started on time, but was interrupted by about a 25 minute rain delay. Duane Marion planned ahead by bringing an extra large umbrella that he shared to help keep everyone's equipment on the shooting benches dry... well, as dry as possible under the circumstances. Competition resumed once the storm front passed. Scenario 2 was held immediately after scenario 1

Ed Sparks records time for Doug Erickson during scenario. Doug took 'top-gun honors and trophy last year & 2000



while we all continued to watch the skies. This time the 'liquid sunshine' didn't fall and, considering the weather, the match was actually finished a bit earlier than we expected. So we packed up our equipment and headed for an early lunch at Shorty's Barbecue where everyone feasted on ribs, chicken, brisket, onion rings and cole slaw.

Club t-shirts were given to all shooters after lunch. Scores were announced and trophies presented. Jack Spear, DSF club president, was fast and accurate again this year but finished scenario 1 with a time of 20.68, or .07 seconds behind this year's trophy winner Bill Groll, DSF club secretary/treasurer, who completed the course in a time of 20.61 seconds. The trophy winner for scenario 2 was Tom Eichling with a time of 23.55 seconds, while Doug Erickson took second place with 25.98 seconds.

Two sad notes added to the emotions of the day. The first was our notification during the scenario 1 rain delay that Bishop's Farm owner, Dean "Pop" Bishop, had passed away earlier in the week. We knew that he had not been well for several months, but news of his passing was still very difficult to hear. Then one of our range safety officers and a founder of DSF, Ed Sparks, announced during lunch that he is moving to Ormond Beach and must resign from the club. These were two disappointing aspects of an otherwise upbeat day. However, since the Shoot-Out was scheduled early, Ed did get to compete this year and said that he'll join us for our July 9th IDPA and bullseye practice matches before moving north. He also promised to come back south and visit us often after he moves. We will hold him to his promise (are you listening, Ed?).

Competitors

(Left to right top row) - Bill Groll, Duane Marion, Mark Slowinski, Jack Spear, Doug Erickson, Tom Dondona, & Ed Sparks. (Low center) Charles Kasprzak, (Not pictured) Tom Eichling, Bob Lev.



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2002 REGIONAL LONG RANGE HIGHPOWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

If you like the opportunity to shoot high power 1,000 yard match then you maybe interested in this match in October on the 18th

19th, 20th in Oak, Ridge, Tennessee. Florida does not have any place to shoot 1,000 yard match and Tennessee is not that far to travel for this match. Some members of the FSSA will be attending this match.

SPONSOR: Oak Ridge Sportsmen Association

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all NRA members and members of NRA affiliated junior clubs.

RULES: Currant NRA High-power rules will apply.

ENTRY FEES: Package fee \$50 for matches 1-8 (includes \$8 NRA fee)

ENTRIES: Send entries to ROBIN MESNARD, 104 TAYLOR ROAD, OAK Ridge, TN 37830

Advanced entries are suggested, Entries are limited to 96 individuals, Cancellations prior to commencement of firing on Sat. Oct 19th will be refunded in full. No refunds will be made after firing commences on October 19, 2002.

LOCATION: ORSA range is located on the Oak Ridge Turnpike (State Route 95) 3.5 miles west of intersection of Illinois Ave. (State Route 62) and the Turnpike, The range entrance is the first road on the left past stop light No. 16 at Nebraska Ave.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping is available at the range. Motels are in the area

SQUADDING: Squadding for individual matches will begin at 7:30 A.M. Saturday

CLASSIFICATION: NRA long range classification system will be used in all matches

DIVISIONS: There will be 2 divisions: service rifle and any rifle. Competitors in the any rifle division may choose to shoot telescopic sights both days. If there are 5 or more entries, individual awards will be made in the any sight category, however, these competitors will be ineligible for open and aggregate awards. @ categories, Civilian and service will be recognized within the Service Rifle Division. 5 or more entries are required to make an award in each category. Rifles are defined in rules 3.1, 3.1.1,3.1.2, 3.1.3 for service rifles and rule 3.2 for any rifle. Competitors must declare division and category to the statistical officer before firing begins Saturday Oct 19. Change of division or category after this time will result in ineligibility for open and aggregate awards.

TARGETS: The LR target will be used in all matches

SCORING AND PITS: All competitors will be required to perform scoring and pit duties.

AMMUNITION: Rule 3.17, provided by the competitor.

Challenges: A fee of \$2 will be collected IN ADVANCE for each challenge.

Individual Awards: There must be 5 or more entries in a class for 1 place award. A 2 place award will be given for 10 entries in a class, and a 3 place award for 15, and so forth. If there are fewer then 5 entries in a category they will be combined with another category in the same class. If there are still fewer then 5 entries after combining all categories in a class, there will be no awards in that class. All competitors will be moved back to their respective categories and combined with the next higher class, until a minimum of 5 competitors is reached in the combined class. If there are fewer then 5 High Masters, they will compete for open awards only.

Regional Championship Awards:

WINNER: NRA Regional Gold, **2nd place:** NRA Regional Silver, **3rd place:** NRA Regional Bronze Medallion

Courses of fire

Friday, October 18, 2002 12:00 noon

Warm Up Match

Each competitor will have 1 hour on the line for practice and 1 hour of pit duty

Saturday October 19, 2002 9:30 A.M.

Match 1 1000-yd any-sight individual-unlimited sighting shots & 20 for record in a total time of 30 minutes

Match 2 1000-yd, iron-sight individual-unlimited sighting shots & 20 for record in a total time of 30 minutes

Match 3 1000-yd, iron-sight individual-unlimited sighting shots & 20 for record in a total time of 30 minutes.

Match 4 Aggregate of matches 1,2,& 3

Sunday October 20, 2002 10:00 A.M.

Match 5 1000-yd any-sight individual-unlimited sighting shots & 20 for record in a total time of 30 minutes.

Match 6 1000-yd any-sight individual-unlimited sighting shots and 20 for record in a total time of 30 minutes.

Match 7 Aggregate of matches 5 & 6

Match 8 Aggregate of matches 1, 2 ,3 ,5, & 6