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Newsletter of the Utah Precision Marksmanship Society

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2009 MATCH SCHEDULE CHANGES

As noted on the schedule below, we will be hosting a USA Shooting sanctioned International Rifle and Pistol Regional next weekend, 5-6 June. This will be a Regional Competition with nice medals supplied by USA Shooting. Remember that the NRA Conventional Pistol Regional has been rescheduled for Sunday 14 June at the Hendriksen Range. The exciting news about this match is that for the first time ever we will be hosting a Distinguished Revolver Competition. The rules for this match were published in the last newsletter and are repeated below. The course of fire is a standard 30 shot National Match Course so it can be fired simultaneous with the Leg Match. We also have great hopes of getting out enough non-distinguished competitors for the Leg Match to again give out points. We still have a small quantity of .45 hardball available for non-distinguished shooters as well as several guns for loan. Please help us get more people distinguished!

Status of New Range Construction

Matt DeLong met recently with University Vice Presidents Fred Esplin, Institutional Advancement (fund raising) and Kim Wirthlin, Government Relations (lobbying) and Eric Browning of Campus Planning (the person who knows what is physically and programmatically possible). There was some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the VP for fundraising thinks he can raise a few hundred thousand dollars to upgrade the current range facilities. Along these lines, the Director of Space Planning and Management is researching whether we have the option of converting two classrooms in the Naval Science Building to a permanent, dedicated air gun range. The bad news is that there is no obvious way to upgrade the powder gun facility that isn't in the category of putting lipstick on a pig. (Because of the location of utilities, there is no room for expansion outside the current footprint of the building.) In this case upgrading the current facility would appear to be a giant waste of lipstick!

The VPs were quite negative about a stand-alone structure on campus, especially one near the population center. Eric saved the day by suggesting that the range might be placed on a level below the envisioned parking structure that may be built east of Naval Science, which is currently being turned into conventional parking. It has been made clear on many occasions that the University's only contribution to such an enterprise would be the land and utilities; all funds for capital construction must be raised outside of the University and its donor network. This means that for such a range to happen we must gather of consortium of agencies and users who can generate the capital to build it. In the current economic climate this is clearly impossible but, with a large amount of work, could happen on the time frame projected for the parking structure: 5-10 years. Any contact you may have or can develop that can lead us to such funding would be greatly appreciated. The current target amount for a range that will meet our needs is \$7M.

Camp Perry Team?

This year for the first time in many years we have UPMS members going to Camp Perry for the Conventional National Pistol Championships. Let's try to support a team of four members. Who wants to go? The matches are scheduled for 14-18 July, with the Small Arms Firing School 13-14 July and the National Trophy Pistol Match (EIC Leg Match and President's 100) on 19 July. Please contact Robert Maust, slcbullseye@hotmail.com, for more information. Camp Perry is a truly unique experience. Let's do this! It appears that you can still sign up for this match at [/www.nrahq.org/compete/camp_perry_signup/default.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/camp_perry_signup/default.asp).

Local Range Records Tabulated

UPMS member and computer guru Aaron Ozminski has taken our incomplete compendium of match results and extracted from them range records as well as other data. This was because there was some interest in learning what UPMS range records were, who held those records as well as when the scores were recorded. The project of course grew, but the result is that all available UPMS International match results now reside in a modern SQL database. By using this type of database as well as a custom interactive website for the presentation of the information, match results and range records are now available for everyone to view at any time. In addition, other club statistics and information are available as well as a graphical chart of each member's results from match to match in each discipline in which they participated.

The database will ultimately exist on the upms.org website; however the initial launch and beta version is currently available at: www.aaronoz.com/club for review.

The data were in many different formats and required manual data entry; there will most likely be some data entry issues. Please review the new online, interactive match database and report any errors you notice, for correction. One final note, if you happen to have any match results that are not included in this database, please forward them for entry into the database. Also if any of you are opposed to having your name on the web in this database, please let Aaron know so he can remove it. Contact him at aaron@aaronoz.com.

New Option for Targets in Air Gun Competitions

As further evidence of his keen interest in UPMS activities, Aaron has also researched the cost and availability of higher quality air gun targets. Specifically, since UPMS constantly reviews new products and ideas to enhance the quality of our events, he has recent undertaken re-evaluation of the type of targets used for air pistol. USA Shooting has started using ISSF-approved Kruger targets for all of their events. These targets are considered to be of the same quality (better according to some) as the Edelman targets which many UPMS members have used at National events. A company in Maine imports the Kruger targets for USA Shooting and can now provide these targets for USAS clubs. The Kruger targets are a longer paper fiber and far thicker than the NRA targets. The Kruger targets give extremely clean holes, even by low-power hand-pumped air pistols. When considering 1/10 point finals, this is critical for accurate scoring. The most significant concern is of course cost. One thought to keep costs similar is to begin shooting 3 shots per target as most other clubs in the US currently do. With the cleaner holes, many clubs shoot 5 shots per target as their standard. If UPMS adopts 3 shots per target on the higher quality Kruger targets, a cost increase would most likely be avoided.

A small batch of the Kruger targets will be evaluated at the next PTO on June 5-7. UPMS will ask several shooters if they would be willing to evaluate the targets and provide feedback. Your thoughts are also welcome at any time.

Match Schedule Changes and New Event

As a result of a failure by the UPMS Scheduling Department to forward this year's match schedule to the Hendriksen PMAA range master, the ranges will not be available for two of the dates previously published for the Regional and State Outdoor Pistol Championships. Both the Regional and State Championship will have to be fired on Sunday. The Regional has been rescheduled for Sunday 14 June; the Utah State Conventional Outdoor Pistol Championship will be held Sunday 13 September. We plan to host not only the usual Leg Match but also a Distinguished Revolver Match in conjunction with the Regional and State Championships. Stay tuned for details! The May, July and August matches will be held on the dates previously announced. Matt will be out of town for the May Conventional 2700. Volunteers are needed to staff this event if it is going to happen.

What is a legal revolver? Below are the DR rules in order to help you locate a legal revolver.

3.1.4 Distinguished Revolver - The revolver must be capable of chambering and firing a 158-grain round nose or semi-wadcutter .38 Special cartridge. It must be a factory-manufactured revolver with no external modifications except for stocks, which may be modified or changed because of the size of the competitor's hand or to facilitate loading. Except for stocks and the honing of the sear or sear notch to make a more crisp trigger, and maintain a 2 1/2 lb. minimum trigger pull, no external or internal modification may be made to the revolver as manufactured and sold by the factory of origin. No parts may be removed from the revolver, either externally or internally, nor may any part be added. Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based upon compensators, barrel venting, barrel porting or weighted grips.

- (a) Trigger - Must have single and double action capability and must be capable of lifting 2 1/2 lbs when the revolver is cocked for single action firing. Triggers will be weighed. Any trigger, sold by the manufacturer of the revolver, without modification, may be used.
- (b) Sights - Fixed or adjustable rear sights may be used. An adjustable front sight is not allowed.
- (c) Barrel - Length not to exceed six and one-half inches (6 1/2").
- (d) Stocks - Except as set forth above, the right and left stocks must be mirror images of each other.
- (e) Ammunition - New, factory manufactured ammunition or commercially re-manufactured ammunition: .38 Special 158 grain round nose lead bullet or .38 Special 158 grain lead semi-wadcutter only.
- (f) The following are not allowed: Trigger shoes, compensators of any type or design; any external trigger stop device or any internal trigger stop not originally installed by the factory as original equipment in stock revolvers of the same make and model; tape on the stocks, stocks flared at the base or any substance which results in a sticky surface to the stock or hand.

Match Reward Changes Finally to be Implemented!

We forgot to include this information in the announcement for the last PTO, so it will not take effect until the June Sectional Competition. Be forewarned again! This is a reminder that since USA shooting is now posting shooter classifications (and national rankings) in a timely fashion (apparently after competitors have fired in three matches), individuals competing in UPMS PTOs and other USA Shooting-sanctioned matches, like the upcoming Regional, will be required to enter their classifications on their entry cards to be eligible to win UPMS. We will still keep track of shooters' scores for their first three matches and assign temporary classifications until official ones are issued by USAS.

To find your classification in each event, go to usashooting.org, log in and click on the "membership" tab at the top of the page. Scroll down a short distance to see your classification in each event. Note that in accordance with USAS rules, if you have classifications in some event you may use the highest one in additional

events until a classification is assigned in the new event you are taking up. Thank you for your assistance in making our match operations more efficient and accurate.

News from Europe

The UPMS board recently made a substantial contribution to the efforts of Phoenix shooter John Zurek to compete at the international level, hopefully culminating in his participation in the London Olympics in 2012. (John has been very helpful to U team members on their visits to Phoenix and will come up here to give training in the Fall.) John recently returned from firing in two World Cups in Europe. His report on his adventures follows.

Hello to Everyone,

I have returned from the World Cup Munich/Milan competition and I will have to say that I really enjoyed visiting Europe, however I am glad to be back home in the desert. Thank you to all who have donated to make this trip possible, without your support I would still be “wandering in the desert”. Thanks to everyone for letters of encouragement and hope – it means a lot to me.

First stop on this grand tour was Plzen Czech Republic for the 40th Grand Prix Anniversary of the Liberation Cup. Their Liberation Jubilee is not unlike our Independence Day. The Czech people are all grateful to the USA for their Liberation. The competition started with Men’s Air Pistol. I started the match strong, but slow, so as I picked up my pace I lost a few more points. Finished with a 576... only two points out of the finals. Finished 14th out of 86 shooters. <http://liberation.hyperlink.cz/libera09/defaultgb09.html> Then the Free Pistol competition, which is what I have been training my butt off for... the weather was fine, a bit cold on the fingers so the hand warmer in my pocket came in handy. My score did not reflect the energy I poured into each shot. However, I finished with a 540, placing 30th out of 85 competitors – not proud of that score, but glad to have the coach watch me shoot. I have been training alone without a coach staring over my shoulders to prod me along (or correct me), so it was nice to get some feedback on what he saw as I progressed through the match. Together we determined that I was using a lot of energy trying to make a “perfect” shot, instead of accepting my “area of movement”. So we came up with a plan for the Munich/ Milan competitions...

After a record breaking trip from Plzen to Munich (2.25hours) on the autobahn, we arrived safely at the Hotel Blauer Karpfen – I think it means “Blue Carp”, at least that is what we called it. It was nice to have some range time to work on the new shot approach that the coach and I determined was necessary. Free Pistol is the first event at Munich WC, considering the number of entrants, they ran two elimination relays to qualify for the “qualification” round. My elimination round put me safely inside the “cut” with a 547... not near what I have been shooting in my practice sessions here in Phoenix, but enough to let me shoot again in the qualification round. Had a rough match for the qualification round, kept thinking about results and that I shoot “so much better than this”... I made the MQS score for Free Pistol with my 541(MQS is 540, to shoot in the Oly Games) but that was it. http://www.issf-shooting.org/xmlresultpage.aspx?cshipid=922&resultkey=Q10000_I_1705090830.1.FP.0

It sure hurt my pride to shoot such a score as this. Perhaps my expectations did not match my skill set(hard to believe). Then I took a step back to realize that my goal was to make it to this competition so that I can get a feel for the range for the World Championships next year - my pain eased a little. For the Men’s 10m Air Pistol match I was shooting for MQS only, I finished with a 570 – MQS for 20Men’s air pistol is 563. http://www.issf-shooting.org/xmlresultpage.aspx?cshipid=922&resultkey=Q10000_I_1905090830.2.AP60.0

All of the scores can be found at http://www.issf-shooting.org/calendar/championship_schedule_by_discipline.ashx?cshipid=922

Had a day off for sightseeing, went to the Dachau Concentration Camp, what an eye opener. Lots of photos in the museum to depict the horror of the prisoner’s life. A real eerie feeling as I contemplated the number of

prisoners encamped at this location, and the psychological battle they faced each day – makes me wonder why I “fear” shooting a ten in competition.

USA Shooting did a great job supporting the athletes endeavors in Munich. They provided sports Physio’s and Psych’s as well as a team environment as we prepare for the World Championships next summer. Gun manufacturers were also on hand in Munich, so I was able to get some repairs and even a tune-up on my guns. Had my air gun lot tested with pellets from RWS. My gun shot a 5 shot group into the same hole, and then they placed a pellet in the hole after removing the target from the pellet trap, and the pellet did not fall through the hole – just means that “it ain’t the equipment”. I also spent an hour with a grip maker as he tweaked (fine-tuned) my Free Pistol grip – now I am truly “without excuse”.

When the smoke had cleared (from all the shooting), we loaded into a bus and headed to Milano Italy. This was a chartered bus, more like a “coach”, equipped with an espresso machine, beer on tap and a variety of snacks and beverages. We shared the bus with a few Canadian shooters and the Israeli Team. We traveled through Austria into Italy, what a beautiful drive, a couple of stops along the way (had to show our guns to the Polizia at the border of Italy) and the driver was required to stop every 4 hours. The drive through Austria and Northern Italy makes me want to “holiday” there some time in the future. Lots of snow on the mountaintops, lush hills and valleys – superb!

Milano seemed dirty compared to Czech Republic and Germany, there also appeared to be a shortage=2 0of parking spaces for vehicles – they park them on the curb, on the sidewalk and in the median...crazy. The shooting complex was right in the city, actually walking distance to a nice mall. The competition in Milan started with Men’s Air Pistol. I had high hopes as I started the match with really good sighters, then I hit the “match” button and just missed the ten ring for the first five shots – it’s called a 9.9 on the decimal target – very frustrating to have several in a row. The rest of the match I had to work extra hard. I finished with a 573, not too shabby. Then, as I packed my gear a jury official selected my gun to have a “random” trigger weight test. I didn’t think anything of it as this was my third competition in a row and the trigger was fine during “equipment control” before each match. The trigger didn’t hold the weight on the first attempt, the jury official looked at me like I was cheating him or something – then he uttered something in Italian and tried another lift. It didn’t hold on the second attempt, the official looked at me again – like he was trying to get me to say “okay, okay, I changed my trigger weight so that I could shoot a 573!” NOT! Anyway, I was allowed three attempts for the gun to hold the weight, of course it didn’t and they gave me a “red card” which disqualified me from the competition, so if you are looking for my name on the 10m Men’s Air Pistol results, scroll to the bottom where a “z” would normally be located.

http://www.issf-shooting.org/xmlresultpage.aspx?cshipid=923&resultkey=C10000_I_2405091200.1.AP60.0

Men’s Free Pistol was one of the last events for World Cup Milano. Again there was an elimination match in which I fired a comfortable 546 to secure a spot in the day 2 qualification round. I had been working on the “new” approach and felt confident going into this match that I have what it takes. I had better execution as I started the match, my confidence was high, and my attitude was good. Hit a couple bumps in the road as I plugged along through the match, couple of poor string of fire in the second half of the match made me start thinking that I want a better “score”, -two steps forward one step back- after I cleared the “excess thinking” from my brain, I was able to settle down and shoot a good string of fire – now that is just like me! I finished with a 547, right at 30th place.

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So now it is back to the practice range. The USA Shooting Nationals is two weeks away. So I have again cleared my calendar to be able to train daily for this important competition in Ft Benning, Georgia.

This past World Cup trip has really helped me. Sure, it hurt my pride, but maybe, just maybe, I needed a little “adjustment”. September is the USA Shooting Selection Match for 2010 World Cups Beijing and India (?), which will keep me working on my shot process as the summer unfolds.

I will certainly send an additional updates after the Nationals as well as the Selection Match.

Again, thank you for your continued support and encouragement,

May God bless you,

Sincerely,

John

May Conventional Pistol results

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Hendriksen Range

Monthly Conventional Outdoor Pistol 2700

Name		Class	Score	X
Arnie	Vitarbo	EX	2474	74
Robert	Maust	EX	2403	36
Eugene	Mishchenko	SS	2377	49
Tony	Thompson	SS	2111	16
Brian	Oberg	MK	1956	15
Courtney	Healy	SS	1466	23
Stewart	Shostak	MK	687	5

May International PTO Pistol results

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U of U Ranges

Open Air	Gold	Don McGraw	560
	Silver	Brad Collins	557
	Bronze	Rich Sheya	536
Women's Air	Gold		
	Silver		
	Bronze		
Standard Pistol	Gold	Brad Collins	547
	Silver	Robert Maust	545
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	525
Free Pistol	Gold	Brad Collins	508
	Silver	Don McGraw	500
	Bronze	Bryan Moore	460
Rapid Fire	Gold	Eugene Mishchenko	490
	Silver	Hyrum Davis	464
	Bronze	Matt DeLong	420
Women's Sport	Gold		
	Silver		
Centerfire	Gold	Mark Morris	504

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
5-7 June	International Pistol PTO	UPMS/UU
14 June	Conventional Pistol Regional	Hendriksen
11 July	Approved Conventional 2700	Hendriksen
17-18 July	International Pistol and Rifle PTO	UPMS/UU
8 August	Approved Conventional 2700	Hendriksen
14-15 August	International training match	UPMS/UU
13 September	Utah State Conventional Outdoor Championship	Hendriksen
25 - 27 September	International Pistol and Rifle PTO	UPMS/UU
Who wants to	help schedule matches	for next year?

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