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- All applicants must be current IDPA members with a classification of Marksman or higher.
- Limited to 380 entries based on accumulated points.** Ask that your match director makes sure to upload results to the IDPA website in the format that includes your IDPA number so you get credit toward the points system to attend the IDPA World Championship.

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| Points System: | Points will be accumulated from September 1, 2013 through October 1, 2014. The points will be awarded based on participation at sanctioned matches whose results have been uploaded to IDPA HQ or as noted below. Clubs that hold matches in the last two weeks of May should have their results uploaded to IDPA HQ no later than June 3, 2014. | The Points: | Tier 2 matches are worth 1 point. Tier 3 matches are worth 2 points. Tier 4 matches are worth 3 points. Tier 5 matches (US and Indoor Nationals only) are worth 4 points. Match Directors of sanctioned matches in this year or the previous earn 1 point. The club contacts listed on the IDPA website as of October 1, 2014, earn 1 point. |
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| How slots will be awarded: | We will fill the first 200 openings using the Points System. 50 openings will then be filled by random drawing of all the remaining shooters who did not get a slot using their points. This will allow shooter in areas not featuring frequent sanctioned matches to have an opportunity to attend. 100 openings will be reserved for International Shooters and will be awarded by random drawing; any international shooters who do not receive a slot via this method will be entered into the random drawing for the 50 openings mentioned above. These numbers do not include IDPA Staff and SOs as they do not take up any of the slots on Wed, Thur, Fri or Sat. |
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| Entry Fee: | \$275 until November 1st. \$325 after November 1, 2014. Entry fees for Foreign Members are to be paid by credit card only. Includes the match and all festivities. (One dinner is included in the entry fee. Extra dinners for guests are \$35.) No match fee refunds will be made for any reason after March 2, 2015. Make checks payable to IDPA. | Location: | RL Shooting Club, Caguas, Puerto Rico |
| | | Match Director: | Max Rivera |
| | | Assistant Match Directors: | Rodrigo Carvajal, Phil Torres |

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| Events: | Tues., March 24 | 8:00 am | Safety Officers and Staff shoot remaining half or full match |
| | | 7:00-9:00 pm | Competitor Sign-in/Hospitality Room open |
| Wed., March 25 | | 7:15 am | Shooter's Meeting at the range for squads 11-18 |
| | | 7:30 am | Squads 11-18 shoot 5 bays |
| | | 12:30 pm | Lunch at the range for squads 11-18 |
| | | 1:15 pm | Shooter's Meeting at the range for squads 21-28 |
| | | 1:30 pm | Squads 21-28 shoot 5 bays |
| | | Evening | On your own |
| Thurs., March 26 | | 7:45 am | Squads 21-28 shoot 3 bays |
| | | 8:00 am | Lunch at the range for squads 21-28 |
| | | 12:00 pm | Squads 11-18 shoot 3 bays |
| | | 7:00-9:00 pm | Competitor Sign-in/Hospitality Room open |
| Fri., March 27 | | 7:15 am | Shooter's Meeting at the range for squads 31-38 |
| | | 7:30 am | Squads 31-38 shoot 5 bays |
| | | 12:30 pm | Lunch at the range for squads 31-38 |
| | | 1:15 pm | Shooter's Meeting at the range for squads 41-48 |
| | | 1:30 pm | Squads 41-48 shoot 5 bays |
| Sat., March 28 | | Evening | On your own |
| | | 8:00 am | Squads 41-48 shoot 3 bays |
| | | 11:00 pm | Lunch at the range for squads 41-48 |
| | | 12:00 pm | Squads 31-38 shoot 3 bays |
| | 7:00-10:00 pm | Awards Dinner - Dinner served at 7 PM with Awards Ceremony to follow | |

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to the large number of entries, your entry form must be completed **ENTIRELY AND CORRECTLY** or it will not be accepted. NO EXEMPTIONS. So please check thoroughly before mailing.

IDPA #: _____ NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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| SSP | Expert | Junior (12-18) | Industry | | |
| ESR | Sharpshooter | Lady | International | | |
| SSR | Marksman | Military | Press | | |

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Shoot Like You Train

A Message from Joyce Wilson, IDPA Executive Director

“First, do enough training. Then believe in yourself and say: I can do it. Tomorrow is my day. And then say: the person in front of me, he is just a human being as well; he has two legs, I have two legs, that is all. That is mentally how you prepare.” — Haile Gebrselassie

As we gear up for Nationals, I wanted to share my favorite quote about training with all of our members. We are excited that the National Championship in Tulsa is full with a waiting list. Match Director Mike Webb, Assistant Match Director Darrell Sells and Second Assistant Match Director Phil Torres have some interesting things in store for the shooters this year. Shooters can expect the same great experience at the US Shooting Academy range – a wonderful venue – and at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center. Are you ready?

The Headquarters staff is very busy not only with the IDPA Nationals, but with finalizing plans for the second World Championship to be held March 25-29, 2015, at the RL Shooting Club in Caguas, Puerto Rico. We'll be announcing registration information shortly and that will include both information about registration criteria and any permits necessary for transporting a firearm to PR. Our MD and gracious host Max Rivera and assistant MD's, Rodrigo Carvajal and Phil Torres will treat us to some exciting stages and experiences.

We are very excited to announce a partnership that will benefit many of our members. Plans are underway to work with the National Rifle Association (NRA) on an initiative. This partnership will include the opportunity to certify as an NRA Range Officer along with IDPA Safety Officer Certification. The NRA is currently updating their on-line training options and once that has been completed, we will be sharing more information about this program. Look for an eblast late this year or early in 2015 for more details.

We're also continuing with our Tiger Teams. I feel that it is vitally important to have membership input for the direction

of the sport. In early July, the Safety Officer and Continuing Education Tiger Team kicked off. This team will be a little different than previous teams, as their lifecycle will not be limited to the usual 90 days. They will design the SO recertification process that will be rolled out in 2015, and will also work closely with the Video team to create educational videos for our members. I feel that one of the keys to developing consistency in the sport is to have as much information available as possible so that our members can easily access it. We will be using video and printed materials to help our membership further understand the founding principles and how the rules apply.

Finally, this fall, after the National Championship, we will again be reviewing our rulebook. While we originally thought that it would be beneficial to have quarterly reviews and clarifications, we now realize that it is not. The Founders originally stated that we would not make changes to rules more frequently than every two years. They understood that competitors, as well as manufacturers, need stability. While the intention was good, the implications have not been. Once the rulebook is reviewed this fall, it will be closed for a period of at least two years. With the implementation of continuing education, we also hope to reduce the need for the clarification process as well. I think that if we can show by video what the rules' intention is, we don't need to clarify it. And once we get the rulebook sealed, we can more effectively educate our Safety Officers, SOIs and Area Coordinators as well.

As previously announced, we will open the Member Suggestion Tool for suggestions from our membership to help our work on the update. Specific

dates for this initiative will be announced in late September. After Nationals, we will gather the suggestions, meet to discuss, and post the new rulebook which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2015. (Note: our clarifications process will not occur in Q4, as we will be working from the member suggestion tool.)

Recommendations from the BUG Tiger Team will be reviewed by the Board of Directors this fall. While we won't have new rules in place for the 2014 Smith & Wesson BUG Nationals, we will be adopting more stringent rules in light of the growing popularity of BUG matches.

We have also begun some quarterly round table meetings for two of our membership areas. A Safety Officer Instructor Round-table and Area Coordinator Round-table were held to identify areas of opportunity to better educate folks in these roles. Our idea is to work “top down” – the more our SOIs and ACs know, the better able to share knowledge with the local clubs they will be. I encourage you to work with your ACs and SOIs if you have questions or concerns that you feel need to be addressed.

Most importantly, as we look toward the beginning of fall, have a safe and fun-filled end-of-summer. Take your kids, your spouse, significant other or just your friends to the range and show them how much fun you can have shooting IDPA or just shooting in general.

I hope to see you on the range!

~ Joyce



Joyce Wilson, #CL087

Joyce Wilson is Executive Director of IDPA. Members can contact her at Joyce@idpa.com.

It's in the Bag!

By Kitty Richards



Range survival essentials! Here are a few things that simply make life more comfortable during a long day of competition.

The 2014 Shoot House Shoot Out (SHSO) held in Moyock, NC, in June provided an unexpected bit of amusement for my squad. A male shooter asked a female shooter for a band-aid. “Get one out of my range bag, inside pocket”, she replied as she continued to load mags. “I can’t get into your range bag – that would be like reading your email”, he protested. “Besides, who knows what I would find in there?” This conversation begged the age-old question – what does a female shooter carry in her bag?

Since this squad boasted 3 lady shooters, we spent the time between the daytime match and the night match sorting and comparing what items we had, what we needed, and what we never thought of as crucial to our time on the range. The estrogen triumvirate ruled out guns, mags, ammunition, holsters and

mag pouches - they were things we HAD to have and that everyone carried. What were the things, we wondered, that were unique to each lady that made life easier for us as we competed in the action shooting sports?

ESP Sharpshooter Virginia Daku from Northampton, PA, may have one-upped the other gals with her CVS-like approach to her bag. A small first aid kit includes Advil, Band-Aids, contact lens solution and chew-able Pepto Bismol tablets. The cotton swabs do double duty – they can be used for first aid OR an emergency gun cleaning. What are the three most important items that Daku couldn’t do without? “Sun screen, hair ties and bug spray. Oh, and maybe feminine hygiene products, since you can’t bum them off the guys”, she grins. The fair skinned shooter also has plenty of sunscreen in her bag, heavy on the SPF factor, Chap Stick, and aloe gel for burns.

Daku carries a pen and note pad for taking notes on the range and exchanging information with other shooters. At the SHSO she used these items to document and review her stage analysis, which may help explain her recent bump

from MM to SS! Tissues, chewing gum and hand sanitizer have also earned a home in her bag.

Five Gun Expert Joanna Lenczewska identifies Chap Stick as the number one item in her range bag. “I have one in every bag - my purse, range bag, gym bag, in both cars, and at work. It is like my ‘don’t leave home without it’ item.”

Her number two item is baby wipes or hand sanitizer. “After using all those porta-johns, these items are a must”, she says. And her third item? “Hair Bands! I have a few of them in my bag. I could not imagine shooting a match with my hair not being put up.” The long-haired Hellertown, PA, shooter spends lots of time shooting IDPA, USPSA, ICORE and 3 Gun in hot and sticky locales, so the hair accessory is a necessity for her.

Lenczewska, a fitness instructor, also has a passion for healthy eating. Many of her fellow IDPA shooters have become big fans of a treat she carries called Power Balls. This range-bag-friendly snack, she says, is “Tangy, sweet, energizing goodness that provides sustained energy and endurance”. Made from raw ingredients, there are many recipes for it; Joanna tweaked and experimented, and provides the recipe for that which she has made her own. (See sidebar at right).



Some items in your first aid kit may also serve as field tools in a pinch.

As for this shooter, I find my squib rod to be vital for matches, especially those where I am an SO. Although not needed frequently, it has been a lifesaver for a few other shooters. Some vendors sell squib rod multi packs so that an SO is prepared for an emergency in any pistol caliber.

Nail clippers do double duty for me – broken or chipped nails can be dealt with on the range, and the replacement of a fiber-optic rod in my sights is made easier when the clipper cleanly cuts the length of fiber I need. My “Big Three” is rounded out by nutrition. Some of my favorite snacks are high in protein: nuts, venison jerky and string cheese. No-sugar-added applesauce in a pouch is easy to carry and really yummy. Finally,



A squib rod is something you hope you never need but sure are glad to have it handy.

if I am feeling tired and sluggish, for an added shot of sugar and caffeine, I will indulge in that Nectar of the Gods known as...Mountain Dew.

Ladies (and guys), what accessories do you carry in your bag that are helpful and not mentioned in this article? You might give it some thought and find you need to add a few things to make your bag a little more prepared for match day. Please stop by my bay at IDPA Nationals in Tulsa and chat with me about what you carry and why. I look forward to seeing you there! Tj

Kitty Richards, #LM18564

Kitty Richards is an SOI in New York, has been shooting IDPA since 2002 and works more than 12 sanctioned matches each year.



Joanna's Power Balls

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsweetened coconut
- 1 cup raw almond butter
- 3/4 cup unsweetened dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup raw honey
- 2 tablespoons Siberian ginseng root powder (for stamina and endurance)
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (for an increase in circulation)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chia seeds (for energy and hydration)
- Pinch of sea salt

Directions:

- Set aside 1/2 cup of the coconut in a shallow bowl for coating.
- Put the remaining ingredients in a medium bowl and stir well to blend. I normally use my hands instead of a spoon to really knead the ingredients into a cohesive ball.
- Pinch off pieces of the dough and form into balls about 1 1/4 inches in diameter. Roll each ball in the reserved coconut to coat.
- For the best flavor and consistency, allow the balls to set for 24 hours before eating. Store the balls in a tightly sealed container in the refrigerator and consume within 2 to 3 weeks.

Of course many of the above ingredients can be replaced with others as long as they are raw and unsweetened.



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Action Cams From The Other Guys

By Jason Mather



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Jason's offset AR mount gives the Garmin VIRB an clear view while staying free of his own sight picture.

As threatened in my last article, I'm back with a couple of different cameras to discuss. We'll be looking at HD action cameras from Garmin (www.garmin.com) and Midland Radio Corporation (www.midlandusa.com).



Photos: © Jason Mather

The Midland XTC-285 on Jason's ball cap mount.

First up, we have the XTC-285 HD Action Camera from Midland. This is one of many cameras in Midland's XTC lineup and it falls near the middle in terms of price with an MSRP of \$169.99, but it's usually found for less online or in stores. The XTC-285 is directed towards the hunting market based on its Mossy Oak® camouflage case and the fact that it doesn't make any noise.

The first thing I noticed about the XTC-285 was its size and weight. It is amazingly small and light. I mounted it on top of

a ball cap for a local IDPA match and I hardly noticed it was there. The second thing that caught my attention was it only has one visible button. Slide it forward to record, slide it back to stop - it's that simple. The only other switch is the record mode selector near the recharging port. As someone who normally shoots a revolver, I felt right at home with the simplicity of operation.

Midland also sent me all manner of camera mounts to try out. They sent a picatinny, hat, head strap, shotgun, and rifle mount. I put them all to the test and they worked great. They also provided an extra battery, but I found I really didn't need to use it because battery life was overall quite good. Extra batteries are relatively inexpensive (MSRP \$29.99) and are good to have in your range bag if you're at a sanctioned match (or spending a long day in the blind).

Video quality was good, although field of view is less compared to higher end cameras. Sound quality was decent, but I found the microphone did not do well with really loud sounds (i.e. gunshots). To be fair to Midland (I've been waiting weeks to type that), the XTC-285 is a

considerably cheaper (not to mention simpler to use) unit.

Midland does not have it's own video editing program, but the XTC-285 records in the MPEG-4 format which is editable with commonly available software, free and otherwise.

I'd say the Midland XTC-285 is good for the shooter who wants a no nonsense camera to use for basic match footage and/or for hunting. Midland offers quite an extensive lineup of cameras ranging in video quality and features (and price) and there's likely something there to appeal to everyone based on their needs.



Photos: © Jason Mather

The Garmin VIRB comes with a nice head mount.

Next up, Garmin. This spring I volunteered in the IDPA booth at the NRA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. During a booth break, I got lost on my way back from the facilities and happened upon the Garmin display. I spoke with the Garmin folks about their VIRB series of cameras. Less than a month later, one showed up on my doorstep.

Garmin sent me one of their top-of-the-line VIRB Elite cameras to evaluate. Like most HD action cameras on the market today, it shoots in 1080p and has several mounting options. Unlike other cameras, the VIRB Elite has a built-in barometer, accelerometer and altimeter, along with GPS. It can also be connected to external sensors like a heart rate monitor using ANT+ technology. Oh, and it's got Wi-Fi and a slo-mo mode, and can be used to take still pictures, too.



The VIRB takes advantage of Garmin's GPS and data collecting know-how to give the user a number of data/display options including speed, orientation and through external devices, even heart rate.

Garmin included the VIRB head strap mount and a heart rate monitor and I used both at the 2014 IDPA Great Lakes Regional. It was easy to produce a quality video with an overlay of position, speed, altitude, and heart rate data using Garmin's



Photos: © Jason Mather

The above still was taken with the XTC-285. Note the dual camera setup on Jason.

VIRB edit software. Their editing software is quite good and it's built-in YouTube interface worked well.

Picture quality from the match was excellent and the VIRB performed well on what turned out to be a mostly overcast match day. Some action cameras find low light situations to be challenging, but not the VIRB, although image color vastly improved on the one stage where the Sun actually appeared. As for the sensor data the VIRB collected, it was interesting to observe my heart rate increasing before

the beep and throughout a stage. Speed data from the match was underwhelming since I'm only considered 'fast' when in proximity to a glacier, but I did get a good test of its speed capabilities when I attached it to the side of my car. I also attached it to an AR-15 and a boat to test ruggedness and water resistance – it survived both. I'm hoping to hear from IDPA's Executive Director so we can give the altimeter a good work over.

Overall, I really like the Garmin VIRB Elite and hope to add one to my video arsenal. It has an MSRP of \$399.99, but it's found for considerably less online and in stores. It has impressive battery life and the simple REC/STOP slider makes it easy to use. The onboard LCD viewfinder makes it easy to frame a shot. The head mount strap puts the camera in the perfect position for POV footage, while its ability to capture position, speed, and other data make it well suited for those who enjoy outdoor activities with wheeled (or winged) vehicles. (Joyce, call me!) **TJ**

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Julie Golob captures a string of shots above using the XTC-400 on one of her preferred mounts, a compact flexible tripod. (Seen in the background just behind her pistol.)

When I originally contacted Midland to get a camera for this article, I'd hoped to get my hands on their new XTC-400, but they were in great demand at the time. I'd read on Julie Golob's blog (juliegolob.com) that she had one, so I asked her if she'd take time out of her busy Mom and shooting schedule to share her thoughts on the Midland XTC-400:

"I love simple. The XTC 400 is a one-button start/stop video camera that records in beautiful HD yet is small and light enough to fit in your range bag. With built in Wi-Fi, it's easy to view and control from a smartphone to capture video, photos and even time-lapse shots. What really sets the XTC apart is the number of ways you can mount it with attachment points on each side and along the base. There are plenty of mounts available and with a little creativity you can find a way to attach it to just about anything. I have mounted XTC's to my muffs for the first person view of running and gunning, but it can also be paired with a small bendy tripod that fits easily in your bag. You can rig this little wonder up to all sorts of props to get some neat perspectives of targets, shooters and pie! Yes, I said pie. XTC footage is crisp and clear. Applying slo-mo with editing software really brings out the fun watching bullets rip through melons, candy and baked goods."

Match Performance – In the Mind

By Morgan Allen



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Shooters are often told that performance is 95% mental and only 5% technical skill at the higher echelons of the sport. While that may sound like a figurative assessment, it's quite accurate.

Everyone arriving at a match is expected to have a certain requisite skill level. Assuming that most within a specific class are already at roughly the same skill level, the match outcome will largely be determined by how well each person performs on that day.

When under stress, people execute skills at the lowest level that has been mastered. The same also applies to their mental execution of these same skills. Exiting a stage knowing that they “could have shot the stage better,” i.e. avoided this non-threat, that miss, etc., plays into the notion that the frame of one’s mind when stressed has a direct impact to their performance. So how does one know what the value of effective mental match performance truly is?

If a shooter practicing a full stage course of fire decides to run that stage 10 times, at some point, usually after the 4th or 5th run, they will land what will turn out to be their best run of the set. Familiarity of the shots and positions required, coupled with a more relaxed mental state from having run the stage a few times, allows their true skill to shine and therefore produce the best score. When compared to the very first

run, the difference between the two is the value of their mental match performance. Sometimes that best score is during their first run. Most of the time however, it’s not. This is exactly what happens during a match. And shooters with good mental match performance are able to more consistently produce stage scores closer to what their technical abilities are.

There are a number of tools, practice methodologies and other things that can be employed to improve the ability to shoot to a maximum potential when at a match during which everyone only gets one chance at each stage. A good starting point is to read up on the subject. A book by Lanny Bassham, *With Winning in Mind*, is one great source.

Speaking to any top level shooter, most will likely find that they have some routines that help them achieve a good mental state as they prepare to shoot a stage.

It all starts with the Pre-Shoot phase. It’s the time between walking onto a new bay and hearing the start buzzer. Some of the components include a good walk through done by standing at every shooting position (not 6 or more feet behind it), evaluating all options, asking questions of the SO to help

determine what those options are, knowing when a better score is produced within what risk reward balance the shooter is comfortable considering, etc. Regarding the last, saving a half second with a faster option, or for example, shooting a static target between an activator and a once exposed moving target, but dropping two points down in the process, will negate the time saved and actually hurt the total score for the stage. Therefore, stage options should be weighed appropriately. Many good shooters forget this fact and instead focus on finding the fastest possible option for shooting a stage.

Once a plan has received a shooter’s commitment, the task at hand needs to center around driving it as deep into their subconscious as possible. As unique as what gun works best for each competitor, so too is the notion of what works best to accomplish embedding what you need to execute in a stage into your mind so that flawless execution happens after the buzzer sounds. Some people will actually close their eyes and “see” themselves shooting the stage in their mind’s eye. Others may only focus on key elements of a stage such as making sure that they spontaneously know what to do at each significant point in a stage.

How many times have shooters paused when their gun runs dry, momentarily doing nothing until it hits them that they need to reload and only then initiating their reload all the while as the clock continues to run? If knowing when a gun is going to be empty will save time, it should be worked into their mental Pre-Shoot routine, avoiding preventable time loss and hiccups in cadence. The same applies to all other actions within stage execution, such as knowing how many targets must be engaged when and where, index points for where eyes should be placed when arriving at a new shooting position, and many others.



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Don't overlook the walk through as an important part of your pre-shoot mental preparation.

Break the stage down to arrays or shooting positions. Once those independent series of events are committed to memory, tying them together becomes a little easier. After the entire stage is in place in one's head and the shooter is closer to becoming the person to be called to the line, the shooter should change focus to only the first array of target(s) that is to be engaged at the start. When the shooter has been named the on-deck shooter, the first target or action to start the stage needs to become the sole focus. If done well, after the start buzzer sounds, the remainder of the stage execution will fall as dominoes would after the first one is struck.

It takes a bit of practice to both find what works best for the individual and to gain competence at the best routine - hence the notion that practicing your mental match performance becomes a necessary and vital part of the game. Whatever the case ends up being for each person, they must do it the same way every time. The mind likes repetition. If one performs the same actions during the pre-shoot phase of every stage, they will in fact actually relax more and therefore be better positioned to shoot at as close to their actual skill level as possible and get closer to achieving the best possible stage run on their first (and only) try at a match.

The Shoot routine and Post-Shoot routine are important, but not as impactful to the game as the Pre-Shoot routine described above.

During the Shoot routine, a shooter needs to relax and recognize that their mind, while under stress, is not often able to measure time correctly. People usually think that they are going slow, when in fact just the opposite may be true. Mistakes made during the execution of the stage cannot be undone, but that doesn't stop competitors from instinctively speeding up, effectively digging a deeper hole. The key is to relax and continue to shoot the stage as if nothing happened. Once a stage is complete and called clear by the SO, the competitor should follow the score keeper around to validate scores on all targets and the raw time. This is important because, as an SO/CSO for over a dozen sanctioned matches, I've made mistakes such as seeing three holes on a target requiring only two hits yet erroneously calling out the total point count for all three hits. Unintentional as it may be, it can happen; albeit very rarely, it can make the difference between first and second in a match.

Once scoring is complete, what shooters do next is as important as everything they did leading up to shooting the stage. Many will have just undergone some type of adrenaline dump during the stage. So it's key to be able to execute their Post-Shoot routine, which is all about relaxing and bringing oneself back to a calm state, reserving their hyper-awareness and concentration levels for the next stage and so on. Just like a gas tank, most have only a certain amount available to them over the course of a full match without becoming mentally exhausted.

Next up – Speed/Accuracy Balance and Other Match Performance Tips **Tj**

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Keeping A Low Profile

By Adam Painchaud



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A failed attempt at concealment can mark you as the first target of a violent crime. Buy shirts with enough length and cut to hide your rig. Wear your holster properly. Paddles go on the inside of your pants.

In my daily travels and while manning the Sig Academy, I see constant examples of “concealed carry”. I put that phrase in quotes because of the fact that I SEE the concealed carry. Unfortunately I staff the Academy office these days more than the range, but this lends itself to a continuous flow of students and Pro Shop customers outside my window.

I see it all. Full size hand cannons “concealed” under tight fitting tee shirts, eight inch bowie knives on belts, keep honking I’m reloading stickers, and the occasional slung up AR getting out of a truck just because they can.

Some of you may take offense to what I’m about to say, but please take it with a grain of salt. It’s obvious I’m a huge second amendment supporter; I live the second amendment every day and rely on it for my livelihood and peace of mind. However, those who don’t know me would have absolutely no idea that I am a “gun guy”. There are no Sig stickers on my truck, no “driver only carries \$20 in ammo” sticker, life member sticker (even though I am), no police or military stickers. In fact there are no stickers or indications of anything on my truck. Why? Because I’m a big fan of flying under the radar when off duty or not working at the Academy. The other is because I typically have guns in my truck and certainly don’t want to entice anyone to take them when I’m not around. I am one of those people who religiously carries a gun every day, everywhere.

Typically I have an ankle gun and an appendix gun. But you would never know this because you would never see them. Nor would you see my gun industry tee shirt concealing it. Because I don’t wear them unless I’m working around the house or shooting a match at my local club. I carry a gun for one reason; protection. For me it is the ultimate insurance policy to protect me, my family, or others in case of an extreme emergency. The only one who needs to know this besides immediate family is me.

An example of this is my beloved step mother who passed away a couple years ago. One day we were having a conversation about guns (she was not a very big fan to say the least, but I appreciated her opinion). We were specifically talking about concealed carry. She said to me that she never saw me



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The wrinkles above may look unkempt but any printing of the pistol underneath disappears in the noise. A properly fit holster that draws the firearm into your side is a priority for carrying larger weapons.

carrying a gun. I told her that was the point. I then told her she probably had not seen me once in the past 20 years that I didn't have a gun on me. I then showed her the two I had on and she was shocked. I hope you are following my point. ... My carry guns are for protection however; my primary means of protection is my brain and solid situational awareness.

Two things I can do really well are shoot good and run fast. I rely on the later as the primary mode of getting out of situations. I'm not getting in a gun fight for something stupid. Something stupid constitutes anything other than the potentially imminent loss of life. Someone wants my

wallet, no problem, here it is. Someone wants to car jack me, no problem keys are in it. You want to hurt me or my family; we are going to try and get away to safety. If there are no other options? It's going to be a very bad day to be a bad guy around me.

I've always favored the quiet professional demeanor. We are fortunate to have an incredible instructor staff out here at the Sig Academy. Many of whom are the epitome of what most people would consider badass. In fact several of our folks are pictured under badass in the dictionary I believe. But you would never know it.

Don't get me wrong. I am a proud and vocal supporter of what we do and

stand for, I just choose to do it in a quiet humble way. This approach may not be for everyone and I certainly don't think less of anyone who does not share the same option. We are all in the fight together.

No matter what you do make sure you get professional training on concealed carry. I'm not just talking about the permit processes and knowing the laws. I'm talking about no kidding hands on concealed carry firearms and tactics training. Master your defensive tool and know how to manage it in any situation you could potential find yourself in.

And for those of you who have a selective concealed carry routine, meaning you carry sometimes 'when you think you may need it'. Stop fooling yourself. If you are going to carry, then carry like it's your job. Make the commitment, invest in the quality gun and gear, dedicate some professional training time and follow up range sessions. But most of all be smart and consider a low profile concealed carry lifestyle. **TJ**

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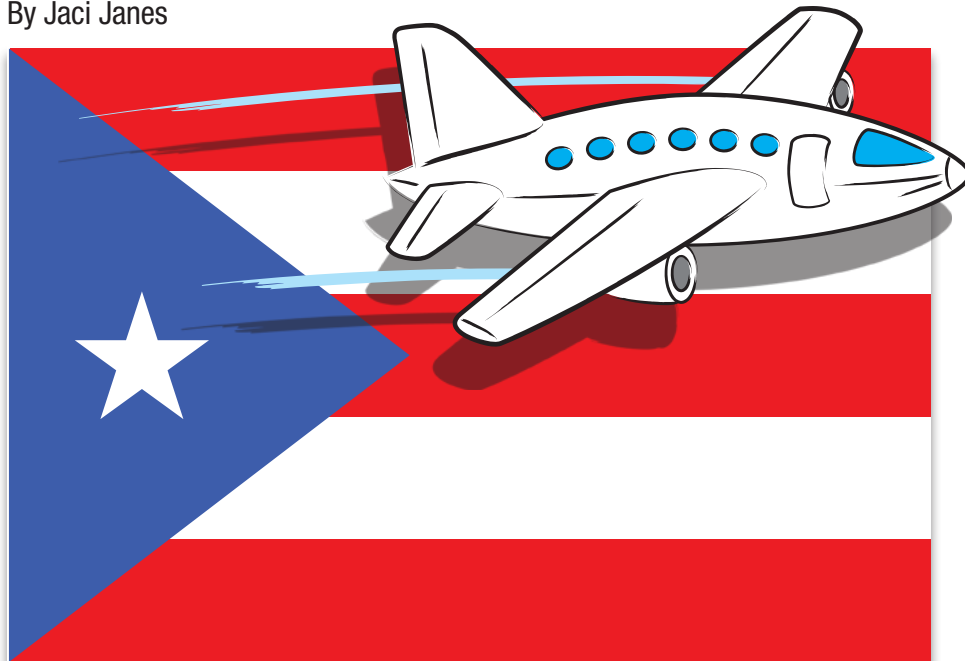
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Traveling To Puerto Rico With A Gun

By Jaci Janes



Traveling to Puerto Rico for competition? It's nothing to be afraid of.

Last March, my better half and I temporarily said goodbye to the dusty, desert ranges of Arizona and traveled across the country (and beyond) to the lush, tropical island of Puerto Rico for the 2014 Puerto Rico IDPA National Championship. We knew little about what awaited us, but after a fellow IDPA competitor and friend urged us to make the trip, we decided to take a chance and book our tickets.

Our chance was rewarded with amazing people, gorgeous scenery, fantastic food and drink and one of the best IPDA matches we've ever shot. If you're thinking about making the trip to the 2015 World Championship in Puerto Rico, I can assure you that it will be worth your time and money.

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For those who are planning on making the trip to the 2015 World Championship, but are not sure what to expect, here are some of observations and tips about Puerto Rico so you can be at least a little more prepared than we were.

The Basics

The official languages of Puerto Rico are Spanish and English. Almost all Puerto Ricans I encountered spoke at least a little English. Since Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth of the United States, the U.S. dollar is the official currency (no conversion required) and U.S. citizens don't need a passport to travel to there.

Getting to Puerto Rico

When booking your flight, there are several airlines to choose from, and you'll likely need to make a stop in the southeast part of the country like Atlanta or Southern Florida before hopping over to Puerto Rico. Southwest Airlines has a good reputation for treating people traveling with firearms like human beings, and their prices were hard to beat. It's important to note that Jet Blue requires prior approval and written authorization

from the Superintendent of Police in Puerto Rico to transporting a firearm in your checked baggage. Always check your airline's requirements for traveling with firearms, and it's a good idea to keep a copy of them with you, along with the TSA guidelines for firearms.

If you are traveling to Puerto Rico from a country outside the US, make sure you have your passport, as you'll have to go through U.S. immigration and customs at the first U.S. territory you land on. If you have already made it to the continental U.S., you won't have to go through immigration a second time.

When you return to the San Juan airport for your flight back home, your first stop will need to be at one of the agricultural inspection stations, which are located just inside a few of the front doors. You won't need to remove your firearm from your bag here; this check is to make sure you have no fruit or vegetables in your luggage. Once your bag is run through the x-ray and nothing questionable is found, a sticker will be placed on your bag and then you are free to check in. If you attempt to check your bag at the airline counter without a sticker, you'll be sent away very quickly. Ask me how I know.

Traveling with your gun

Getting to Puerto Rico with your gun is not complicated; it just requires an extra step or two, depending on your home country. Once your registration for the World Shoot is confirmed, it's time to get your papers in order. Non-residents of Puerto Rico who live in the U.S. will need to complete and return a Target Shooting License application, and foreign competitors will need to complete the Target Shooting License application and some additional forms. Detailed information on this process will be offered in the World Shoot

online registration form. Once you have completed and submitted the required forms, the awesome folks in Puerto Rico will take care of the administration and make sure your Temporary Target Shooting permit is issued.

Please submit your forms as soon as possible to make sure that your permit is processed in time for your trip. While all of the range staff in Puerto Rico will happily work to make sure you have a good time, the forms have to be submitted to the state police for approval and there will come a point where they won't be able to guarantee that there will be enough time to process your application. Basically, don't be "that guy."

Getting Around

A rental car is a necessity, and bigger is not always better when driving in Puerto Rico. The range road is well maintained, so there's no need for an SUV or 4-wheel drive, and you will quickly find out why having a smaller, more nimble vehicle will be an asset. Plunk down the extra few bucks for the GPS, it's almost mandatory in several areas and make sure you either accept the additional coverage on the vehicle or have a solid policy that will cover you in case of an accident or other vehicle damage.

The speed limits in Puerto Rico are posted in MPH, but distances are posted in Kilometers, and the GPS will help tremendously when you need to make a turn or get on a different freeway. Just make sure you pay attention to both the mile marker and the exit name, the exit signs aren't always consistent.

I would also highly recommend paying for the electronic toll pass, as there is no shortage of toll booths on the freeways and having the electronic pass will allow you to choose the AutoExpreso lanes, which will be the far left lanes of the freeway.

The area of San Juan is extremely congested, so expect and plan for delays when going to or from the airport. We

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traveled about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the island during our trip, and each time we got past the San Juan metropolitan area, the roads were much less crowded.

Now, let's talk about the actual driving part in Puerto Rico. The most polite way I can think to put it is that it's not for the timid. I've heard some people describe the driving in Puerto Rico as reckless, but it's really more of a held-together-buy-a-thread organized chaos. Any hesitation will be seen as an invitation for another driver to insert their vehicle in front of you and forget about "safe" following distances. It's not uncommon for drivers

to make turns or exit a freeway off ramp from any lane or run a red light if the intersection is (mostly) clear. The drivers in Puerto Rico may be a little out there by even New York standards, but we noticed that there was no animosity or aggression; that's just how they drive. Despite the white-knuckle chaos, we saw no major accidents, though a quick inspection of our rental car showed that fender benders are a very common occurrence.

Try to stay on the beaten path, as some side streets can become narrow and downright scary for those of us used to driving on roads where there's enough room for two cars at the same time.

Getting to the Match

The RL Shooting Club range in Caguas is about 15 minutes from the match hotel, and you'll be on relatively wide, paved roads for the entire drive. Take the time to jot down the GPS coordinates of the range so you can plug it into

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your GPS when you get to Puerto Rico (18°14'45.9"N 66°04'58.9"W), the GPS we rented had trouble finding the range by address.

The Range

Once you enter the range and cross the small bridge, you will quickly realize that you are not in Kansas anymore. By any standard, the range in Puerto Rico is very nice, and includes a comfortable clubhouse with restrooms that makes for a great respite after a long match. There is a set of bays just behind the clubhouse that backs up to an uber-green hill, and another set of bays well-within walking distance that you will see to the left as you drive into the range. When we visited, they were just beginning construction of several new bays up on one of the surrounding hills, and I am confident that these new bays will be just as nice, if not nicer than the existing bays.

While the bays on the hill are shaded

in the morning, and there are wooden canopies on the open bays at the front of the range, it does get hot and humid. Water is your friend and bring lots of sunscreen! The UV index in Puerto Rico can climb much higher than what most of us are used to, and that extra ultraviolet radiation equals a speedy sunburn if you don't protect yourself.

Eating and Drinking and Carrying On

The food and hospitality in Puerto Rico are worth the trip alone. The infamous Guavate Pork Highway is just a hop, skip and a snort down the freeway on Exit 32. Here, you will find several Lecharones, which are magical places where whole pigs roasted on spits will greet you as you walk in the door. If pork is not your thing, then try one of the many restaurants that feature Mofongo, the signature dish of Puerto Rico that is made with mashed plantains and served

with either meat or seafood.

Mojitos pour freely in almost every eating and drinking establishment, which is no surprise, considering Puerto Rico is the home of some of the best Rum in the world. Back up in San Juan, you can take the Bacardi Factory Tour and sample some of their rum during the tour. We chose the less tourist-traveled route and visited "The House That Rum Built", the Serralles Castle in Ponce that was the summer home of the family that produces Don Q rum. There are no samples on the castle tour, but the gift shop offers several varieties of rum and other spirits, if you are so inclined.

For basic necessities and pre-match cooler stocking, you will find a Walgreens across the freeway from the match hotel and another a few miles away from the range. They also carry spirits, so if you're the frugal type, you can get your mojito on while saving a few bucks. The slightly adventurous

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will appreciate the roadside fruit stands, which feature several varieties of bananas, mangos, avocados larger than my hand and a few other not-so-identifiable fruit. At least I think they were fruit.

The Attractions

There are so many beautiful and spectacular places to visit and things to do while you are in Puerto Rico you will likely have trouble fitting them all in to your schedule. There are beaches that offer reef diving, snorkeling and frolicking, rain forest tours, ziplines, and Bioluminescent Bay excursions, just to name a few. If chance is your game, you will find several casinos, including one adjacent to the match hotel. My suggestion would be to make a list of all the things you'd like to do from most to least important and start at the top. We only got about halfway through our list during the week we were there.

The People

It would be a shame if I neglected to mention the people of Puerto Rico, who are some of the kindest and friendliest people I have ever met. Every single member of IDPA Puerto Rico went out of their way to make sure we were having a good time and that all of our needs were met. The generosity and genuineness of both colleagues and strangers shined the entire length of our visit.

Have you ever taken a cab ride where the cab driver tells you not to worry about paying him until he comes back to pick you up? I certainly hadn't, until I went to Puerto Rico. **TJ**

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Bug-Out at Valley Forge

By Paul Jones



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Book sponsors early and provide banner locations with lots of exposure.

I came back from the Smith & Wesson IDPA Back Up Gun Nationals very excited realizing that there is really something to BUG matches. Our home club is Lower Providence Rod & Gun Club in Southeastern Pennsylvania. I told our match director, Marty Acker, that we have to do a match like this, and real soon.

We already do an annual sanctioned match, The Liberty Match at Valley Forge, so adding the work it takes to do an additional sanctioned match is a big effort. Soon, however, we were convinced that doing a sanctioned BUG match was a great idea not knowing how great it would turn out in the end.

We picked a date and set up a registration site for the BUG OUT at Valley Forge. We had 75 shooters signed up and paid in the first week alone by using online registration and payment and closed out registration with 160 total shooters. This answered out questions about whether it was worth hosting a BUG match.

The goal for Marty and I, along with the great SO's and staff from our club, was to run a match as close as possible to the BUG Nationals hosted by Smith & Wesson. We decided to design 13 unique stages with a total round count

of 180. Fortunately, we have a great facility with a nice indoor range that offered two low light stages where a flashlight was necessary for most shooters.

The challenge for us was how to design and build stages for a BUG match



Add props. Recruit club member help.

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that would be challenging, fun and doable for all shooters, while adhering to the current IDPA BUG rules. Our stages came from several sources within our club, and as we started to refine them for design and build our excitement grew in anticipation of the great match we were putting together.

There are several keys to making a BUG match successful. One is to design stages that are somewhat realistic, exciting and challenging. Keeping the shooting distance realistic for a BUG match is important. It's okay to push the limits on a couple of stages but not all of them.

For instance, on the stage 'Good Doggy' we pushed shooters to take their time to make the hits by having them wear the leash on their wrist and engage targets as close as three yards and as far out as 15, using the tree as cover.

This is a list of what we believe important to run a successful sanctioned match, BUG or any other.

1. Once you have committed to host the match, start promotion early. Send out emails, talk about it at matches you attend and build excitement. Make up a match brochure and give it to your local gun stores to put on their counters.
2. Offer easy registration. Do it online. We used www.shootnscoreit.com as it offered an easy way for participants to register and pay. We are all too busy, having to print a form to fill out and mail in with payment is just not the way to do it.
3. Start working on sponsors for your match early. Most are fully committed by the first quarter of the year. Many will send you small packages of items for the prize table as a small gesture. It's nice to give the



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Post stage descriptions where they can be seen.

shooters something. Make sure you follow through on your part of the bargain and promote the sponsors. Put their banners everywhere to give them as much exposure as possible and make sure they are announced at every stage briefing. Put any brochures and promotional information they send in the shooters bags.

4. Dress up the range. We made it bright with sponsor banners and flags. It makes the event very professional looking adding a lot of credibility and exposure for the sponsors. We used our shooting benches for banners where shooters can load their magazines and store their equipment while at a stage.
5. Design good stages. Make them interesting and fun. They should be challenging but possible for all shooters. Place moving targets where marksmen can shoot them and masters can shoot them faster. Stage designs that allow for risk/reward choices for shooters at all levels are important to make everyone happy.



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Stage design should be fun for all shooter levels.

6. Use props for the stages to make them as realistic as possible. Your shooters will remember them. Once we had our stages designed, we sent an email asking for prop material and received a great deal of support from staff and club members.
7. Post the stage descriptions on each of the range bays for the shooters to read. This added a little more flair to the match and the shooters

really appreciated it. A well-written stage description eliminates a lot of questions and helps the match flow better. Many times shooters would huddle around the stage descriptions discussing strategy which drew them into the stage.

8. Stay on top of scoring, make sure the score are right and get them posted quickly. We were able to get the final scores up on the website

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Above all, make your BUG match enjoyable.

the next day with preliminaries posted throughout the match. Participants really appreciate the constant updates.

9. Make sure your staff uses the current, correct IDPA commands for running a stage. This avoids confusion and shooters know what to expect. Have your staff understand the SO code of conduct and make sure everyone is treated properly, fairly and consistently. We know this works because we were frequently

complimented on our staff during the match.

10. Mostly, have fun and enjoy what you are giving your match participants. We were having a great time designing stages and anticipating the shooters reaction to them. Matches are a lot of work, so make it enjoyable. Delegate the work because we are in a sport where people love to help each other, and making others part of the match helps you and makes them feel good about helping.

The BUG OUT at Valley Forge 2014 was a huge success. Everyone really enjoyed it and we plan on hosting it every year.

About 90% of personal defense incidents happen in less than 21 feet and more than 50% happen in 5 feet or less. Most of us would not use our actual carry gun to shoot a

regular IDPA match. This makes a BUG match more realistic and gives shooters an opportunity to use their real back up or pocket gun. We saw .32, .380 and small revolvers come out for this match.

If our success is any indication of the popularity of BUG matches, we encourage you to host one at your club at least once a year. **Tj**

Paul Jones, #A34375

Paul Jones is a Safety Officer and works many sanctioned matches including the Indoor Nationals and Bug Nationals. He joined IDPA in 2008. He shoots all 5 divisions, is expert in SSP, SSR & ESR. Sharpshooter in CDP & ESP. He is also an NRA Training Counselor and teaches personal defense to 125 students & instructors each year.

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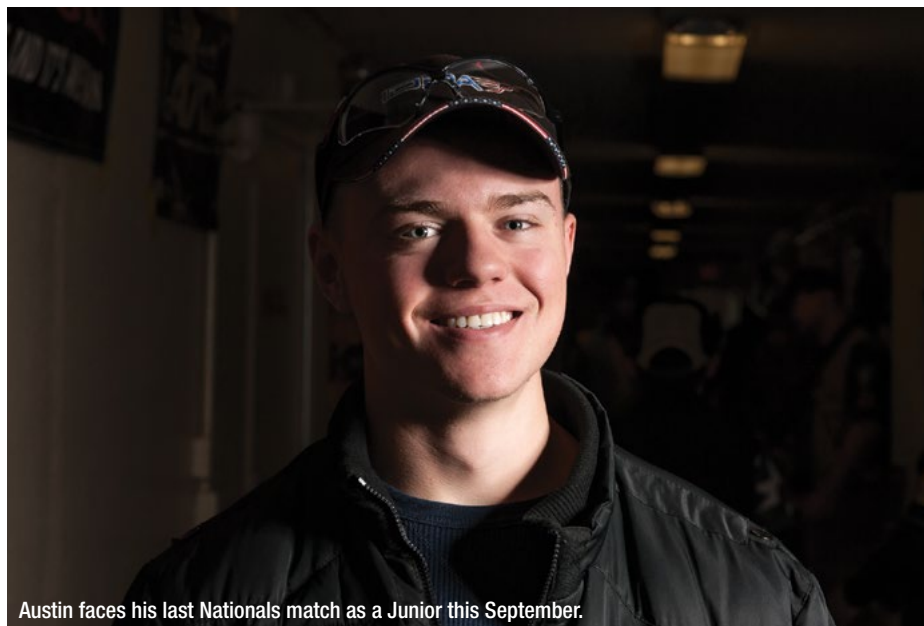
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Austin's Last Stand

By IDPA Staff



Austin faces his last Nationals match as a Junior this September.

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The 2013 U.S. Nationals was not Austin Proulx's finest match. The defending IDPA Junior National Champion ran headlong into the buzzsaw-fast Ashley Rheuark who blazed a path to the Junior title with seeming ease.

Rheuark, who made Master by the time she turned 15, competed in the Enhanced Service Pistol division while Proulx, then an Expert, was competing in Custom Defensive Pistol. By all accounts Rheuark had a big match, not only defeating the defending Junior champ but also placing second to the incomparable Randi Rogers in the race for High Lady.

Going into this year's U.S. Nationals it looked as if there would be no redemption for Proulx as a rematch was out of the question with the original date of the match set for after his 18th birthday.

Then, in order to accommodate

scheduling conflicts with USPSA, IDPA volunteered to move the U.S. Nationals from the original timeframe – which, by-the-way has traditionally been when IDPA has held its premier event – back two weeks to September 9-13.

The new date now puts the Junior title back into play for Proulx and sets the stage for what could be an epic head-to-head matchup between two of IDPA's best, and well liked, junior competitors.

However, it is a year later and things have changed – for both.

Proulx has had a strong season, most notably with a standout performance at

this year's Comp-Tac Republic of Texas Championship where the CDP shooters took High Junior, finished 30th overall, 4th in the division and took 1st Expert, earning himself a match bump to Master.

While Proulx's had a good run this year, Rheuark is, well, having a standout season.

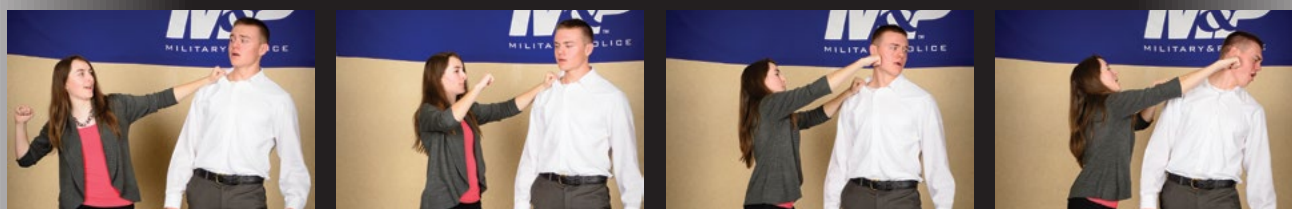
She's won High Junior and High Lady at Alabama State match, won High Junior and High Lady at Spartanburg Showdown in South Carolina. She has also won High Lady at North Carolina State Championship.

But most notably, this past June she killed it at the Carolina Cup where she took High Junior, upset Randi Rogers (for the first time in years) to take High Lady, and finished 1st Master in ESP by out-gunning Morgan Allen by just 1.82 seconds. Her final time of 242.67 put her 10th overall among all shooters.

"The Ashley-Austin matchup is one of the great stories to follow at this year's U.S. Nationals. Each is an outstanding shooter as evidenced by their short yet impressive IDPA careers, but more importantly they are both respected by their peers and their fellow competitors," observed Joyce Wilson, executive director of IDPA.

When IDPA's best convene in Tulsa there will be many shooters to watch and many story lines to follow, but whether Austin Proulx can pull out one more Junior title, or fall yet again to the defending champ will be fun to watch.

No matter which takes the title it is really IDPA that wins because as Joyce Wilson points out, "Regardless of which one comes out on top, their participation in our matches is just one more reason IDPA is such a great sport." **TJ**



Strong competitors and good friends, Ashley and Austin squared off at the 2014 S&W Indoor Nationals banquet.

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Pura Vida!

Costa Rica Nationals

By Jaci Janes

Photo: © Sebas Vega

When most people think about Costa Rica, they think about tropical forest, sunny beaches, volcanoes and Pura Vida! For those of you unfamiliar with the term, Pura vida is a characteristic Costa Rican phrase that literally means 'pure life' and can be used as a greeting, a farewell, an answer expressing that things are going well or as a way of giving thanks.

Well, Costa Rica is all that, but it is also home to one of the best IDPA matches on the shooting scene. With a population of just over 4.5 million and a landmass of 31,940 square miles, Costa Rica offers plenty of places to go on vacation and enjoy beautiful scenery like volcanoes, a rainforest, and more within a one hour drive from the capital, San José. But it is ASOTIPRA, the local IDPA club that has brought

over 100 top shooters to Costa Rica to compete for the national title.

The 2014 championship marked a significant milestone for ASOTIPRA for a number of reasons. First, Smith & Wesson partnered with the organization as the title sponsor of the Costa Rica Nationals. Along with S&W came several other top companies to sponsor the match, including Armadillo Concealment,

BlackHawk, Comp-Tac, Eagle, Federal Premium Ammunition, Gunslick Pro and Safariland. It was the very generous support of these wonderful sponsors that made the 2014 Costa Rica Nationals possible.

This was also the second year in a row that international shooters outnumbered local shooters. Thanks to the hard work of the ASOTIPRA, the match was heavily promoted to U.S. IDPA members. In addition to the U.S. contingent, there were competitors from Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

ASOTIPRA drew so many international competitors because flying into Costa Rica with firearms is

no different than flying with firearms within the U.S. The organization took care of all the paperwork while the shooters only had to send the details of the guns, a copy of their passport and their flight itinerary. With that they were all set. When traveling all shooters had to do was declare everything at the airline counter, follow TSA rules and present their permits at customs in Costa Rica. In addition to making it easy to travel to Costa Rica with their shooting gear, the organization took care of visiting IDPA members by selecting a match hotel with an airport shuttle, free international calls, free WiFi and, of course, a happy hour every day from 5 to 6 pm. Getting back and forth from the match hotel to the range was once again handled by ASOTIPRA which provided several shuttles every day.

The match itself consisted of 12 stages (plus chrono) with a variety of challenges that ranged from shooting on the move, facing a selection of moving targets, shooting through the windshield of a car and more. ASOTIPRA's team made the quality of the match a top priority and, as in previous years, most CSO's were experienced folks from the U.S. with



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The staff did an amazing job. Thanks guys!



local Costa Rican SOs working as part of the overall SO team. Laura Brancacci, a well-known shooter and SO, took care of feeding the shooters by putting her dietitian's degree to work and picking great food for the range. She also handled stats.

Once the match started, it was all business for the shooters and the SO teams until the final shots were fired. Then it was off to celebrate at the awards ceremony which was held at the match hotel. The evening even included serenading Laura with a rendition of Happy Birthday.

As for the top shots, in CDP it was Alberto Soto (Costa Rica) who won the division with a time of 247.70. Second place in CDP went to Peter Linder (USA) who was sponsored by match sponsors Federal Premium Ammunition, Eagle, Gunslick Pro and BlackHawk.

The ESP division championship went to Vrikson Acosta (Venezuela). Vrikson shot an amazing match, winning three stages, and earning High International honors. Morgan Allen (USA) took first Master followed

by second Master Daniel Messulam (USA), who also won High Military.

In SSP, Edwin Flores (Puerto Rico), who shot a really good match with a total time of 185.14, won the division and Most Accurate with only 28 points down. Rodrigo Carvajal pulled double duty as Match Director and competitor, finishing first Master. Second Master, High Senior, and High Industry went to good friend, Max Rivera (Puerto Rico).

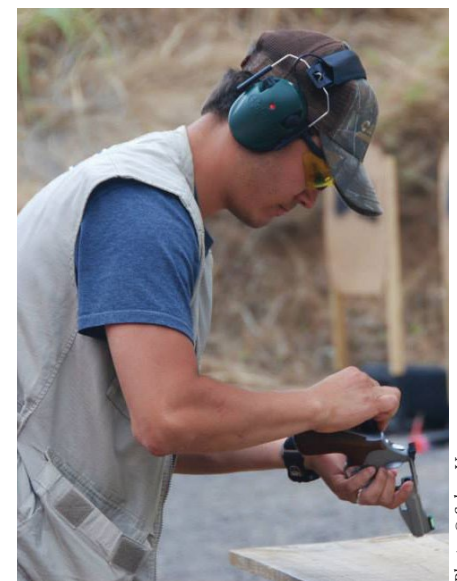


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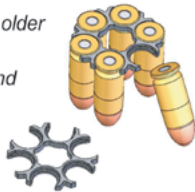
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Among the revolver shooters, in the ESR division champion David Jimenez (Costa Rica) won with a time of 328.10 while the SSR division title went to Kenneth Ortbach (USA), who also pulled double duty working as a CSO.

Also working the match was Joanna Lenczewska (USA) who won High Lady. High Law Enforcement went to Puerto Rico's Alberto De Leon. High Press stayed in Costa Rica with Sebastian Vega.

Overall, the 2014 Costa Rica National Championship was another great event. If you are looking to expand your shooting schedule with

a trip outside the U.S. then be sure to add the Costa Rica Nationals to your list of matches. Let your friends at ASOTRIPRA teach you all about Pura Vida and make your trip to Costa Rica one of the best match experiences you'll ever have. **Tj**

Jaci Janes, #A48122

Jaci Janes is the recipient of the 2013 NRA ILA Volunteer of the Year award. She is an avid shooter and regularly competes in IDPA. She is also a frequent guest on the Talking Guns radio show.



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In October of 2013 the International Defensive Pistol Association sent out a survey to 19,700 of its members. 5,648 responded. Earlier this year the National Shooting Sports Foundation released an Industry Intelligence ReportSM based on that data. The following graphics are highlighted results pulled from that report. Our thanks goes out to the NSSF for their effort and to you for participating in the survey.

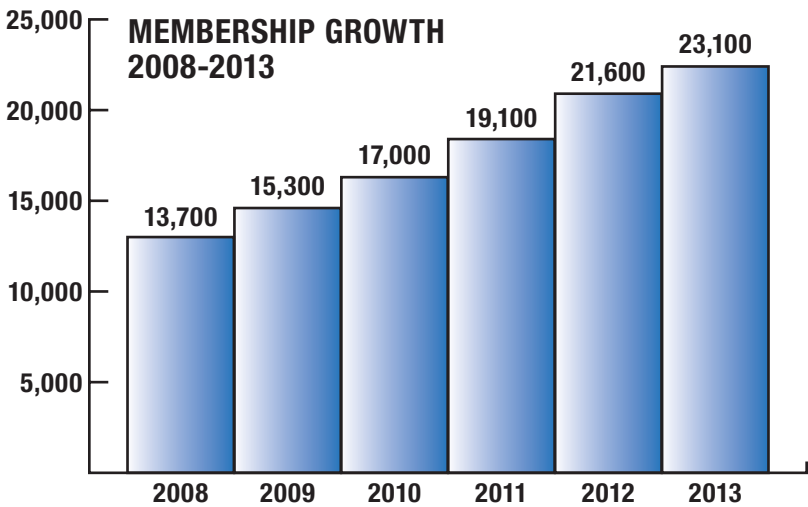
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IDPA WITNESSED:

**69%
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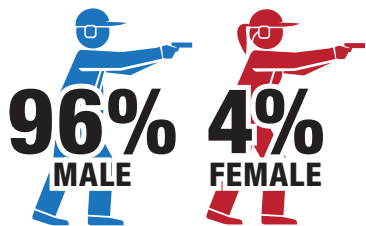


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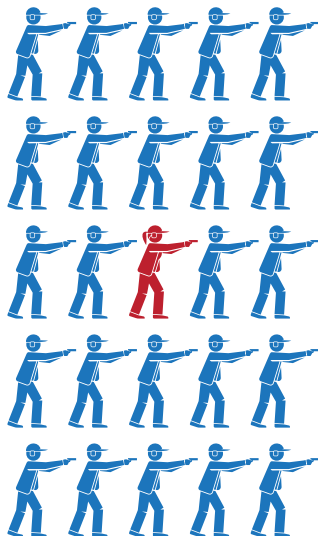


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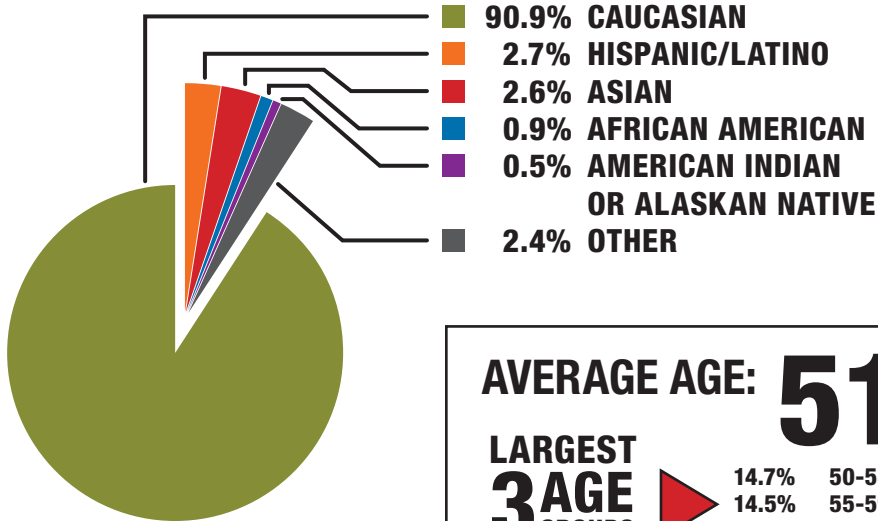
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ETHNICITY:



AVERAGE AGE: 51

LARGEST AGE GROUPS:

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| 14.7% | 50-54 |
| 14.5% | 55-59 |
| 13.5% | 60-64 |

TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS:

- 23.8% TECHNICAL
- 21.7% PROFESSIONAL
- 16.7% MANAGEMENT
- 9.9% BUSINESS OWNER
- 5.4% LAW ENFORCEMENT

73% WORK FULL TIME
19.8% ARE RETIRED

87.2% OWN A HOUSE

WHERE WE SHOP:

7 OUT OF 10

RESPONDENTS SHOP ONLINE

5 IN 10



RESPONDENTS SHOP LOCALLY

RANGE MEMBERSHIP:

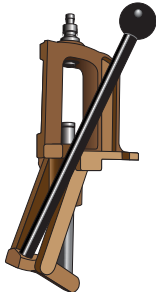


ARE MEMBERS OF A LOCAL RANGE

AVERAGE COST OF RANGE MEMBERSHIP: **\$163** YEAR

RELOADING:

65% OF MEMBERS RELOAD



SPENDING POWER:

TOTAL SPENT BY IDPA MEMBERS IN THE U.S. ON THE SPORT FOR 2013?

\$30



UPWARDS OF: MILLION

\$1,580.83

AVERAGE EXPENDITURE (2013)

FOR IDPA SHOOTING EQUIPMENT



67.9% ARE LIKELY TO PURCHASE A HANDGUN IN THE COMING YEAR

FIREARM OWNERSHIP:

92% OWN AT LEAST ONE HANDGUN FOR **CONCEALED CARRY**

7 OUT OF 10 OWN MORE THAN ONE



86% ALSO OWN A SHOTGUN

79% OWN AT LEAST ONE HANDGUN FOR **COMPETITION**

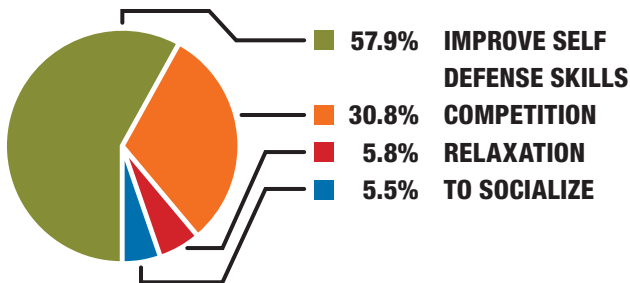
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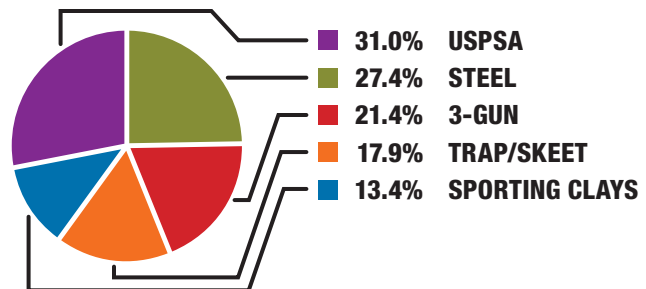
92% ALSO OWN A RIFLE

RESPONDENTS WITH A CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT: (2% ARE WAITING FOR PAPERWORK) **89%**

TOP REASONS FOR SHOOTING IDPA:



OUR OTHER SHOOTING SPORTS:



AVERAGE NUMBER OF IDPA EVENTS ATTENDED ANNUALLY: **FOURTEEN**

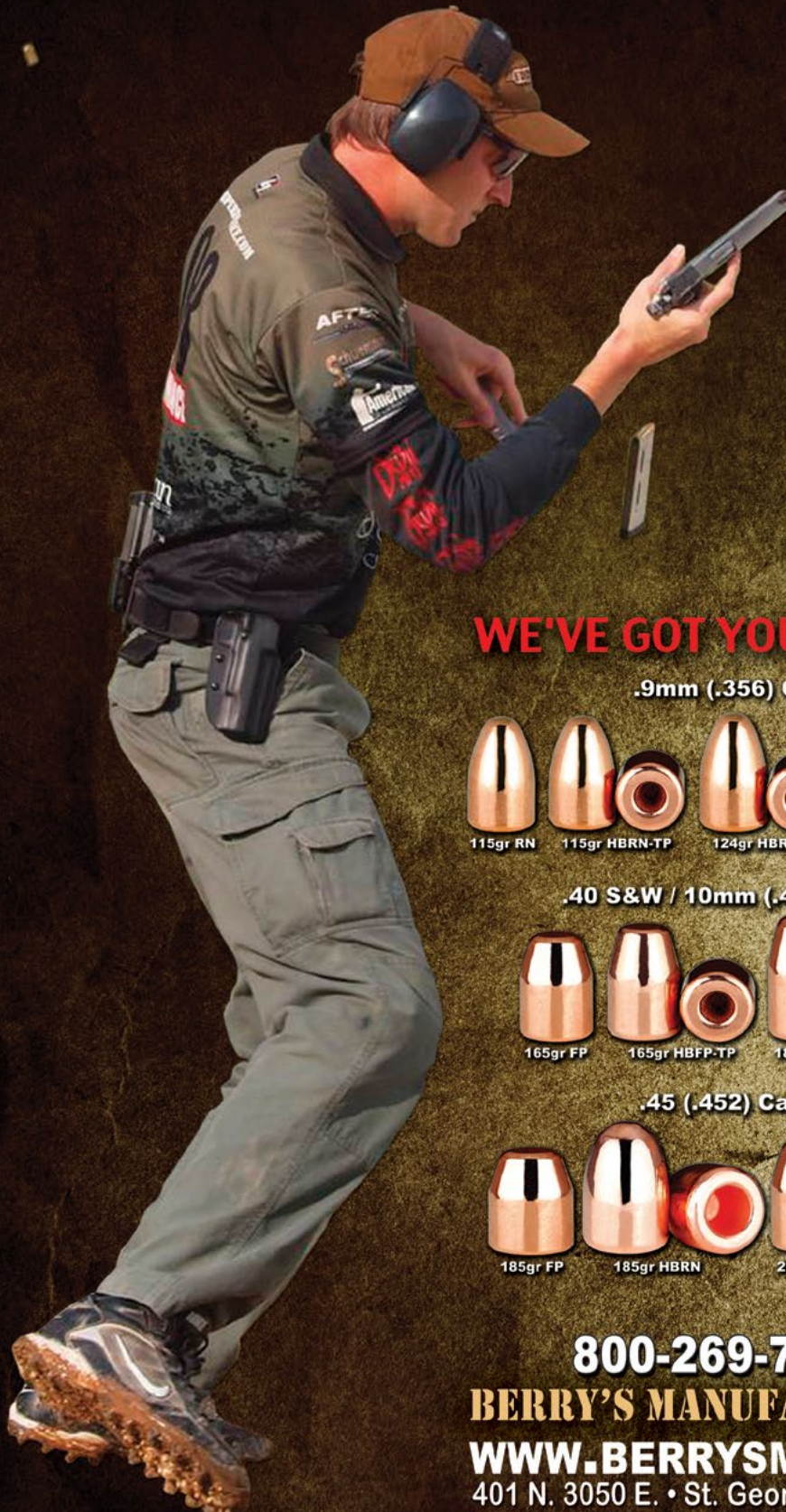
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G36

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| G36 | |
| MSRP: \$637.00 - \$684.00 | |
| Description | Caliber: .45 Auto Capacity: 6+1 Rounds Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.77" (9.6 cm) Weight: 22.42 oz. (635 g) |



G26 Gen4

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| G26 GEN4 | |
| MSRP: \$649.00 - \$696.00 | |
| Description | Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 10+1 Rounds Std. (15/17/33 opt.) Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.42" (8.7 cm) Weight: 21.71 oz. (615 g) |



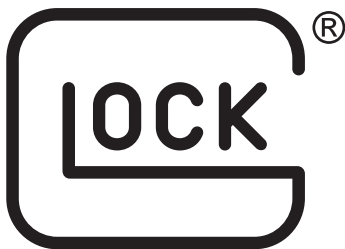
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| Description | Caliber: .45 Auto Capacity: 10+1 Rounds Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.77" (9.6 cm) Weight: 22.95 oz. (650 g) |



G26

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| CW380 | |
| MSRP: \$419 | |
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| CT9 | |
| MSRP: \$369* | |
| Description | Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 8+1 Rounds Action: Double Action Only Barrel Length: 3.965" (10.0 cm) Weight: 18.5 oz. (524.5 g) |

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| CT45 | |
| MSRP: \$449 | |
| Description | Caliber: .45 ACP Capacity: 7+1 Rounds Action: Double Action Only Barrel Length: 4.04" (10.26 cm) Weight: 23.7 oz. (671.9 g) |





Model 686

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| MODEL 686 | |
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M&P Shield 9mm

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| M&P SHIELD™ 9MM | |
| MSRP: \$449.00 | |
| Description | Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 7 Rounds & 8 Rounds Action: Striker Fire Barrel Length: 3.1" / 7.874 cm Weight: 19.0 oz / 538.7 g |



Model 442

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| MODEL 442 | |
| MSRP: \$469.00 | |
| Description | Caliber: .38 S&W Special +P Capacity: 5 Rounds Action: Double Action Only Barrel Length: 1.875" / 4.7 cm Weight: 15 oz / 425.3 g |



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| 738SS & 738GW | |
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| Description | Caliber: .380 ACP Capacity: 6+1 Rounds Action: Double Action Only Barrel Length: 2.84" / 7.21 cm Weight: 10.2 oz / 289.16 g |

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| 111G2 | |
| MSRP: \$434.59 - \$449.89 | |
| Description | Caliber: 9mm (.40 S&W - 140G2) Capacity: 12+1 Rounds Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 3.2" / 8.13 cm Weight: 22 oz / 623.69 g |

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| 85VIEW | |
| MSRP: \$599.00 | |
| Description | Caliber: .38 Special Capacity: 5 Rounds Action: Double Action Only Barrel Length: 1.41" / 3.58 cm Weight: 9 oz / 255.15 g |

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| M380IBULSS | |
| MSRP: \$465.56 - \$433.51 (blued) | |
| Description | Caliber: .380 ACP Capacity: 5 Rounds Action: Double Action Only Barrel Length: 1.75" / 4.44 cm Weight: 15.5 oz / 439.42 g |

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| 709SS | |
| MSRP: \$503.73 - \$403.98 (blued) | |
| Description | Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 7+1 Rounds Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 3.0" / 7.62 cm Weight: 19 oz / 538.64 g |

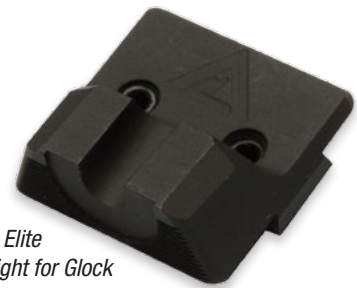
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| 809BC | |
| MSRP: \$486.93 | |
| Description | Caliber: 9mm (.40 S&W - 840BC) Capacity: 17+1 Rounds Action: SA/DA Barrel Length: 4.0" / 10.16 cm Weight: 30.2 oz / 856.15 g |





Edge Holster

| EDGE HOLSTER | |
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| MSRP: \$69.95 (Part# ED1BR15) | |
| Description | The 100% molded kydex Edge is our fastest concealment holster. The fully molded construction ensures a super quick draw and secure re-holstering. The smooth interior reduces firearm wear while the unique external sharkskin pattern gives a more traditional leather-like look. The Edge is a low profile Pancake style holster with a full sweat guard. It's the perfect OWB alternative to IWB holsters. The Level 1 friction fit locks your firearm securely into the holster with the signature Blade-Tech click yet will not snag or hinder draw and will not collapse when reholstering. |



Vickers Elite Battlesight for Glock

| VICKERS ELITE BATTLESIGHT FOR GLOCK | |
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| MSRP: \$49.95 (Part# 669B) | |
| Description | The high profile Vickers Elite Battlesight rear has a .145" wide, deep U-Notch for optimum sighting in low-light, dynamic range conditions and is a perfect match to our .125" wide front sights. The concave non-reflective rear blade is serrated 40 lines per inch, while the notch area is recessed into a semi-circular pocket for a crisp, protected sight picture. Two hardened set-screws ensure this sight will never shoot loose under the most demanding conditions. |



Pancake Pro Holster

| PANCAKE PRO HOLSTER | |
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| MSRP: \$114.95 (Part #PP1BSR15) | |
| Description | The Pancake Pro features the retention and speed of a pancake holster and the adjustability of a modular rig. This OWB holster features user-friendly cant adjustment, and our legendary quality and attention to detail. The Pancake Pro is an ideal holster for concealed carry or range use for those who like the stability of a wider holster platform that molds to the contour of your body. It's construction features a stiff piece of thermoplastic sandwiched between a natural suede leather lining and premium sharkskin exterior. |

1911 Elite Tactical Magazine (ETM)



| 1911 ELITE TACTICAL MAGAZINE | |
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| MSRP: \$45.95 (Part# 500C-HD) | |
| Description | ETM Heavy Duty/+P rated .45 ACP magazines with Wilson Combat exclusive stainless flatwire MAX magazine spring and our time-tested stainless steel ETM tube. Guaranteed to never need replacement, the ETM with MAX spring will change the 1911 magazine forever. Our testing has shown these to be the most reliable 8 round, .45 ACP 1911 magazines in the world. |



Bullet Proof® One-Piece Magwell

| BULLET PROOF® ONE-PIECE MAGWELL | |
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| MSRP: \$184.95 (Part#626B) | |
| Description | The One-Piece Bullet Proof Magwell is CNC Machined from hardened tool steel and can be seamlessly fitted to any standard 1911 frame. Available in a variety of popular grip options, this is the toughest magwell on the market with the largest opening possible. Radiused contours are legal for competition and ideal for carry. 30 line checkering matches most custom handguns. |





Cloak Tuck 2.0



Cloak Tuck

| CLOAK TUCK 2.0 | |
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| MSRP: \$35.88 | |
| Description | Our PATENT PENDING, 'Cloak Tuck 2.0' Neoprene Composite Holster is our most comfortable and stable holster yet. This inside the waistband (IWB) hybrid holster features a light weight design with a soft neoprene body-side layer that forms perfectly to your hip and provides more comfort than you've ever felt in a holster. This new material is completely waterproof, so you'll never have to worry about corrosive sweat reaching your pistol. It also includes a fully swappable handgun shell for versatility. |

| CLOAK TUCK | |
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| MSRP: \$29.88 - 34.88 | |
| Description | Our affordable, inside the waistband holster is proudly made in the USA and provides optimal concealment and comfort. The "Cloak Tuck" IWB holster is crafted from quality leather and includes a rigid, plastic shell that can be used for our "Cloak Slide" outside the waistband holster. |

| CLOAK SLIDE | |
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| MSRP: \$34.88 | |
| Description | Our "Cloak Slide" Holster is an outside the waistband (OWB) hybrid holster. It's super comfortable, easy to re-holster, and features a fully swappable plastic shell that is interchangeable for use with the Cloak Tuck IWB Holster. Perfect for open or concealed carry. |

| CONCEALED CARRY COMBO | |
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| MSRP: \$45.88 - \$55.88 | |
| Description | Our IWB/OWB Holster Combo provides the leather for both an inside the waistband (IWB) hybrid holster and an outside the waistband (OWB) hybrid holster, along with an interchangeable shell and standard clips. This is a great value for anyone who wants the convenience of both carry options |



Cloak Slide



Concealed Carry Combo





IWB Version



Straight Drop Eclipse Holster (OWB Version)

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| STRAIGHT DROP AMBIDEXTRIOUS ECLIPSE HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$79.99 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-in-1 holster: IWB/OWB/Left & Right hand mount • Klipt appendix attachment allows quick holster on/off without removing belt • Contoured to reduce "Hot Spot" • Positive Lock Trigger Guard™ • Will not collapse/Will not snag on draw • Full length sweat guard |



Eclipse OWB Holster

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| ECLIPSE™ OWB "OUTSIDE THE WAISTBAND" HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$69.99 to \$79.99 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancake Style Holster • Full length sweat guard • Positive Lock Trigger Guard™/Level 1 friction lock • Contoured profile fits snug to body & reduces "printing" • Increased stability on the belt • Will not collapse/Will not snag on draw • Fixed belt loop sizes 1.5" or 1.75" |



Ambidextrous Klipt Holster

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| AMBIDEXTRIOUS KLIPT HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$39.99 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambidextrous appendix style IWB holster • Klipt appendix attachment allows quick holster on/off without removing belt • Thinner material for better concealment • Contoured to reduce "Hot Spot" • Positive Lock Trigger Guard™ • Will not collapse/Will not snag on draw • Full length sweat guard |



Nano IWB Holster

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| NANO IWB HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$59.99 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinner material for better concealment • Reduced material use yet retains increased stability • Body contoured to reduce "Hot Spot" • Positive Lock Trigger Guard™ • Will not collapse/Will not snag on draw • Full length sweat guard |



Classic OWB Holster

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| CLASSIC OWB HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$59.99 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustable Cant: Straight Drop, Muzzle FWD or FBI • Positive Lock Trigger Guard • Adjustable tension screws • Broad, lower profile paddle for increased stability • Hand formed, folded & finished • Available for Right or Left Hand |



Team Pouch

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| TEAM POUCH | |
| MSRP: \$34.99 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed for concealed carry and sport shooting • Designed to match natural mechanics of reload • Rear opening allows magazine to clear pouch sooner • Available for Glock, STI, Springfield, Smith & Wesson, and 1911magazines |



Comp-Tac Kydex® Reinforced Contour Belts



| COMP-TAC KYDEX REINFORCED CONTOUR BELTS | |
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| MSRP: \$90.00 | |
| Description | Adequate support is essential to carry concealed comfortably and effectively. A sturdy belt will help to keep your gear where it is supposed to be. Flimsy dress belts cannot hold up the weight of most concealed carry equipment and they will lose their stiffness. Comp-Tac belts are designed to far outlast anything you might have hanging in your closet. A thin strip of Kydex® is sewn in-between two layers of cow hide ensuring that it stays put and gives the belt the intended support. Comp-Tac belts are also designed and built on a curve allowing the belt to hug your body's shape more comfortably and hold up longer. |



MTAC Holster

| MTAC HOLSTER | |
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| MSRP: \$90.00 | |
| Description | The Minotaur MTAC is the ultimate level of deep concealment on the market today. This hybrid holster combines cowhide leather backing with a Kydex half-shell mounted on the leather. The leather backing provides the desired comfort while the Kydex® half-shell provides the reliable, consistent draw and re-holstering capabilities that make Kydex® holsters so popular. The MTAC also offers cant adjustability for the user to find a draw angle comfortable to them and ride depth adjustability to change how far the firearms sits inside the waistband. Finally, the durable nylon clips allow users to tuck in their shirt over the firearm and holster giving them the ultimate options in concealment. |



Flatline Holster

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| FLATLINE HOLSTER | |
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| MSRP: \$75.00 | |
| Description | The Flatline is an all Kydex® pancake style holster. It comes with three sets of clips that allow the user to wear the holster as an Inside the Waistband, Outside the Waistband or Outside the Waistband at an off-set. With cant adjustability, ride depth adjustability and retention adjustment, this holster offers more options than any other for your concealed carry needs. |



Infidel Ultra Holster

| INFIDEL ULTRA HOLSTER | |
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| MSRP: \$88.00 | |
| Description | The Infidel Ultra was designed after years of holster wear and feedback from customers all over the world. The cowhide leather backing offers the premium in comfort for an inside the waistband holster. The Kydex® shell allows easy re-holster and versatility in allowing the user to buy additional shells for multiple firearms. The 15° forward cant allows the holster to be worn comfortably in positions from 2:00 to 5:00. The durable Nylon clip is fast and easy to put on and take off, allowing this holster to be worn quickly in any situation. |



Kingtuk Holster



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| KINGTUK HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$71.95 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid Kydex®/lined premium steer hide construction • Tuckable design with metal belt clips and optional patented C-Hooks • Butt-forward cant • Kydex® holster pocket for easy holstering • Accommodates multiple barrel lengths on similar frame size • Standard metal clips for belts up to 1¾" |



Ankle Glove™ Holster

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| ANKLE GLOVE™ HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$98.95 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium steer hide • Retention strap with reinforced thumb break on most models • Neoprene ankle band with Velcro® fastener • Comfortable genuine sheepskin padding • Fits ankles up to 13" in circumference |



Avenger Holster

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| AVENGER HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$94.95 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium steer hide • Adjustable tension unit • Reinforced mouth and stitched-in sight rails • Neutral cant • Fits belts up to 1¾" |

Triton Holster



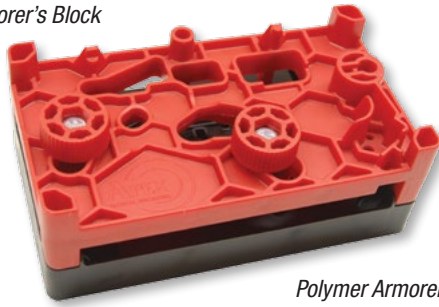
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| TRITON HOLSTER | |
| MSRP: \$94.95 | |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kydex® construction • Adjustable tension units • Slight butt-forward cant • Raised sweat guard to protect pistol wearer • Injection molded nylon clip that fits belts up to 1¾" |



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Duty Carry Action Enhancement Kit (DCAEK)



DUTY CARRY ACTION ENHANCEMENT KIT (DCAEK)

MSRP: \$92.95

Description The Duty Carry Action Enhancement Kit(DCAEK) is a DIY drop in kit for your M&P pistol. The DCAEK replaces the factory sear, striker block and spring set with Apex's custom designed products to reduce your trigger pull to approximately 5 to 5.5 lbs. The DCAEK is available for the 9, 40 and 357 caliber M&P and a different kit is available for the 45 M&P.

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MSRP: \$159.95

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J FRAME DUTY/CARRY SPRING KIT

MSRP: \$25.95

Description The J Frame Duty / Carry Spring Kit is a DIY drop in kit which replaces the factory firing pin, firing pin return spring, rebound slide spring and main spring to reduce the trigger pull weight of your Center Fire J Frame to approximately 9 lbs. The included Apex Firing Pin allows for lots of dry fire without risk of damage to the gun as well as aiding in reliable ignition. (Does not work in polymer frame or rimfire revolvers.)



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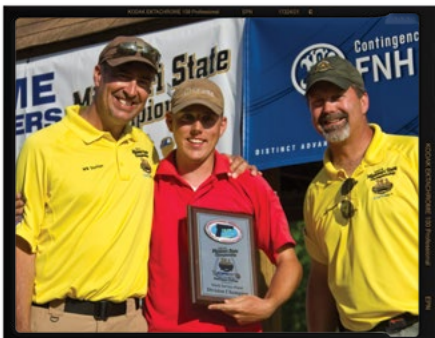
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SEPTEMBER

Sep 13, 2014

2014 Ohio State IDPA Match

Ashland Lake Gun Club, West Salem, Ohio
 Hosted by: Ashland Lake Gun Club
www.ashlandlakegunclub.org

Sep 13, 2014

2014 Idaho State IDPA Championship

Parma Rod & Gun Club, Parma, Idaho
 Hosted by: Parma Rod and Gun Club
www.parmarnrg.org

Sep 14, 2014

Iron Wolf Match (Tier 2)

VŠI Savigynos šaudymo sporto klubas, Vilnius, LITHUANIA
 Hosted by: Savigynos Saudymo Sporto Klubas - "IDPA.LT"
www.idpa-shooting.lt

Sep 20, 2014

2014 WI State IDPA Championship

Schultz Resort Rod & Gun Club, Muskego, Wisconsin
 Hosted by: Racine IDPA
www.racineidpa.com

Sep 27, 2014

Blade-Tech 2014 New Mexico State IDPA Championship

Del Norte Gun Club, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
 Hosted by: Del Norte Defensive Shooters
www.delnortedefensiveshooters.com

OCTOBER

Oct 3, 2014

2014 California State IDPA Championship - Tier 3

Sacramento Valley Shooting Center, Sloughhouse, California
 Hosted by: Sacramento Defensive Pistol Shooters
www.sdps-idpa.org

Oct 4, 2014

Music City Cup IV Tier 3 match

Music City Tactical Shooters, Dickson, Tennessee
 Hosted by: Music City Tactical Shooters
www.mctclub.com

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2014 IN State Championship

Atlanta Conservation Club, Atlanta, Indiana
 Hosted by: Atlanta Conservation Club
www.IndyIDPA.com

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Oct 10, 2014

Lone Star IDPA Championship 2014

Triple C Tactical Training (CCCS), Cresson, Texas
 Hosted by: Cross Timbers Action Shooting Association
www.ctidpa.com

Oct 10, 2014

2014 Italian State Championship

Rocca Massima Range, Rocca Massima, Lazio, ITALY
 Hosted by: A.T.T.S.
www.atts.it

Oct 11, 2014

2014 Sunflower Shootout

Capital City Gun Club, Inc., Topeka, Kansas
 Hosted by: Capital City Pistol Shooters
www.capitalcitygunclub.com/idpa

Oct 17, 2014

Patriot Match

Lewistown Pistol Club, Inc., Lewistown, Pennsylvania
 Hosted by: Lewistown Pistol Club, Inc.
www.lewistownpistolclub.com

Oct 17, 2014

Smith & Wesson NH "Live Free or Die" - Blockbuster State Championship

Pioneer Sportsmen, Inc, Dunbarton, New Hampshire
 Hosted by: Pioneer Sportsmen, Inc.
www.pioneersportsmen.org

Oct 18, 2014

Fall Brawl

Central Arkansas Shooters' Association, Perryville, Arkansas
 Hosted by: Central AR Shooters Association (CASA)
www.casarange.com

Oct 18, 2014

Kentuckiana Kolonel

Silvercreek Conservation Club, Sellersburg, Indiana
 Hosted by: Silver Creek Conservation Club
www.silvercreekcc.org

Oct 25, 2014

Northern AZ High Country Shootout

Prescott Action Shooters, Prescott, Arizona
 Hosted by: Prescott Action Shooters
www.prescottactionshooters.com

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OCTOBER

Oct 25, 2014**Southern Kentucky BUG Championship**

Green River Gun Club, Inc, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Hosted by: Green River Gun Club
www.bggrgc.com

Oct 25, 2014**2014 IDPA Georgia State Championship**

South River Gun Club, Covington, Georgia
Hosted by: GADPA - Greater Atlanta Defensive Pistol Association
www.gadpa.com

NOVEMBER

Nov 6, 2014**Smith & Wesson IDPA National Back Up Gun Match**

Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center, Springfield, Massachusetts
Hosted by: S and W Defensive Pistol League
www.downzero.com

Nov 8, 2014**Stars & Stripes Regional**

United States Shooting Academy, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Hosted by: United States Shooting Academy
www.usshootingacademy.com

Nov 8, 2014**The Silver Dollar IDPA Championship**

Double Tap Ranch, Wichita Falls, Texas
Hosted by: Double Tap Ranch Gun Club
doubletapranch.com

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Comp-Tac Victory Gear is giving you the opportunity to take a parting shot – but be kind, we don't want to hit you with a Failure To Do Right. Submit your own original caption for the photo below by emailing it to PartingShot@IDPA.com. We suggest you don't post your entry on Facebook to keep others from "stealing" your idea. Once your entry is received a super secret panel of judges (think of them as a Trilateral Commission or the Illuminati) will review the entries and select their top three. So bring the funny.

**Ready?
Caption
This...**



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HOW TO ENTER:

Step #1:

Think of something funny to caption this photo.

Step #2:

Email your (hopefully) funny caption to PartingShot@IDPA.com.

Step #3:

Sit around waiting to find out if you won, all the while complaining about the whole process being unfair in not recognizing your obvious comedic genius.

Step #4:

Cross your fingers, hope we like your wry sense of humor best.



Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will be published in the next issue and will receive, courtesy of our good friends at Comp-Tac, a gift certificate for \$75 (1st), \$50 (2nd), or \$25 (3rd). (And yes, you have to be an IDPA member.)

Parting Shot Winners From Our Last Issue

WINNER

"It's OK... a little bit of tape.. and those Non-Threats will be good as new..."

Randy Barnes, #A5739

SECOND PLACE

"I'm going to keep doing this until you reconsider that PE you just gave me."

Ken Reed, #A10886

THIRD PLACE

"Peace, my Padawan. I promise we will have a Light Saber stage in our NEXT match."

Joe Cunningham, #A10269



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