



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MATCH RESULTS: Rained out. Dag nab it!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Just a reminder for our monthly match this Sunday, June 1st. The yearly dues are dually due: \$25.00 in dues become due in June of each year, bring money (or a check) for that purpose to this match.

Nominations for SDPS Board Officers will be closed and election of Officers will be held prior to the match.

Important ! Saturday, June 7th, is Erection Day! SDPS members and the other action pistol club members will join forces to erect four new shade covers at the Action Pistol range. This will also be a range cleanup day. We will arrive at 0800 hrs. Equipment needed includes: at least four (4) 6'-8' step ladders, battery-powered drills, 5/16" hex screw drive drill chucks and small sledge hammers. Any owner of a gas-powered posthole digger, or any one who can acquire one to use on June 7th, please contact me (10 holes).

For the cleanup, please bring gas-powered weed eaters, rakes (grass & tine), flat and round shovels, picks or mattocks, wheelbarrows, saws (hand & powered), crowbars, Sawszalls, gloves, sunscreen, water, drinks and a lunch.

Expect to be out there all day! Let's have an excellent showing. If you CAN'T make it, contact me, otherwise I will assume you will be there (but make a strong effort to be there).

Your Most High Exalted Overpaid Leader of our Club, Wayne Johnson

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VESTS SUITABLE FOR IDPA and/or CONCEALED CARRY

Concealed carry is required by IDPA as part of the simulation of potential real life defensive scenarios. In the past, one of our members made vests to order that are suitable for IDPA. Unfortunately, these vests are no longer available. I searched the WEB for some sources of suitable vests. These are included below. I have no further information about quality or service and make no specific recommendation.

Domke "Photog" Vest By Syd

<http://www.tacticaltrainers.com/vestwebdw2.htm>

Basic Description (from the WEB)

The Photog vest is a substantial garment that is constructed with a great deal of thought. It has no less than 18 pockets, a couple of which are hidden or nearly hidden. All pockets have either zippers or double Velcro closures. The shoulders of the vest are padded providing a degree of comfort when carrying things using shoulder straps like rifles, cameras, and range bags. The yoke—the area of the deltoid muscles, just below the shoulder pads—is cotton mesh as is the back down to the middle of the back. The small of the back is solid fabric allowing for good concealment for holsters and mag carriers. The insides of the pockets are lined with nylon, giving them a degree of water resistance although they are not waterproof. The entire back of the vest below the mesh is a large pouch with snap closures which can be opened for quicker access. The vest closes with either a single snap or a double-pull zipper which runs from about the sternum to the bottom of the vest.

Field Testing

The vest performs pretty much as I had hoped. I'm fortunate in the fact that my shoulders are still bigger than my middle, so the vest hangs well and allows a lot of air to circulate between the vest and the body to provide cooling. I walk my German Shepherd every evening regardless of how muggy it gets and I have had some good comfort tests. The vest is warmer than wearing nothing at all over your shirt. The areas where I notice the warmth are the shoulders and, to a lesser degree, on my chest and stomach. The mesh does provide cooling but it is also an extra layer of fabric even though the holes are about 3/16". After my walk with pooch this evening, the vest was wet around the collar and on the yoke going down to the zipper, but it was an extremely muggy night.

I have shot two IDPA-style matches in the vest since I got it. It performs well in that setting. It gets out of the way well for the draw and the multitude of pockets are handy for carrying extra mags and for dropping mags into during tactical reloads.

If I were to point out negatives, they would be only negatives that are also positives. Owing to its strong, double-layer construction throughout, the vest is a bit heavy. It is also longer than the average hunting vest and this might bother some who like the look of the shorter western-styled vests. At the same time, it's long enough to conceal the largest of handguns, so this negative is a positive for a lot of folks. There are so many pockets that you can kind of lose things unless you remember precisely where a particular item is. The price is also a bit high, but this vest is more like a field jacket without sleeves, and is a much more complex construction than a sport coat which would bring twice the price.

TravelSmith Carries Vests for both Men and Women

<http://www.travelsmith.com/ts/home.jsp>

Masters of Concealment

<http://www.masterofconcealment.com/index.php>

The "Concealment Masters" carry and "Urban Concealment Vest" that is similar to the photographers vests. They also carry a variety of other concealed carry items.

Concealed Carry Clothiers

<http://www.concealedcarry.com/home.php>

Concealed Carry responded to a request for information with the following message:

We have a special "Hot Weather Vest" just for IDPA shooters that comes with a small pocket on both sides of the bottom of the front flaps. Shooters put weights about credit card size or smaller in these pockets so they can throw the flap of the vest rearward with more authority. This completely exposes your holstered pistol for a faster draw. We don't charge IDPA shooters for these extra pockets. All interior facings are stitched down with an extra heavy duty thread so there will be nothing to snag on. Will accommodate customer requests.

These Folks Carry Safari Vests and a "Videographers Combat Vest"

<http://www.greatoutdoorsdepot.com/apparel-vests.html>

A Source of Photographer-style Vests

http://www.exofficio.com/store/search_results.asp?keyword=vests

On the RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS:

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." - Thomas Jefferson