



## CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 18, 2003

**MATCH RESULTS:** Senior shooter places 3<sup>rd</sup> in class and 13<sup>th</sup> overall! Onlookers were amazed! "It's very mysterious. It must be the close approach of Mars", exclaimed one. Oh, yes. Other shooters also shot well.

Why this emphasis, you ask? Well, it's unlikely that I'll shoot that well again. And very unlikely that John Kemmerle will make such a mistake in scoring.

The other shooters who shot well include Tex Hollis, who placed First overall, followed by Wayne Johnson in Second place, trailed by less than a 1 sec. by Scott Yu in Third overall. John Mercurio placed Fourth and Nick Young placed Fifth overall. Mike Grant and Greg Ramos are listed Sixth and Seventh place; however, their scores were tied. Gayl Morse placed Eighth overall. Brian Gonsalves and Ron Durham placed Ninth and Tenth overall, with Ron trailing by less than 1 sec.

John Mercurio apparently escaped the Match Director's Curse. Not only was he Fourth overall, but also finished Second in both division and in class. John, thanks for an interesting and well-run match.

Wayne Johnson created a "surprise" scenario that certainly surprised many of us. As in, "Surprise! You ran right past the first target!" Although 'surprise' scenarios can create a 'bottle neck' when other scenarios require less time, they present likely defensive scenarios and reduce the amount of 'gaming'. It would be nice to have these more frequently.

**COMMENTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT:** Greetings to the Unwashed Masses: "Gravel Day" is going to be Sat. November 1st at 8:00am. Bring shovels, tine (garden) rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves, lunch and drinks. The range is need of fresh gravel in certain areas. Steve McCormick and John Lustig will be operating tractors to help spread the gravel. All clubs are invited to participate ( SDPS, NCPS, CAPSL, SASS, FSC ). This gravel should last for about five years before it is needed again.

The October match will be short so we can have a Safety Officer Safety class by Ron Durham and a IDPA Rule Book class by Ed Vernon. These classes will help the new and old members in these areas. I will also be giving out as our monthly prize drawing after the classes, a large royal blue range bag with a brass bag from Upland and one

'mystery' item. I have come up with "Johnson's Rule" for the monthly drawing to make the chances better for every member. "Johnson's Rule": Members will be limited to no more than ONE prize in any six month period. I will be logging who wins each month. FYI: The monthly drawing was Ed Vernon's idea (applause, - Take a bow, Ed).

Mike McGinn had signs made and I put them up at each bay to ask people to pick up their brass and trash (some people need common sense spelled out). There is also a sign in Bay # 5 indicating NO STEEL ON THIS BAY and NO TARGETS TO THE RIGHT OF THE RED POST (the East Berm). These step were taken for safety reasons. Fliers and ricochets have been reported to reach the 300 yard range next to Bay 5.

I am cleaning up the bays of brass and trash to start with a "clean slate" so we can backtrack people who have used the bays and left their brass and trash. Then I will become the " Range Brass and Trash Nazi" tracking down the lazy slobs to the ends of the earth ! Achtung! (Take a deep breath, Wayne. There. Isn't that better?)

Mike also has purchased for testing, a Ballistic Rubber Mat that is glued to the face of a Pepper Popper and retains the spent bullet. Initial testing by Mike and me shows positive results. It is supposed to last thousands of rounds. This one Pepper Popper could be used in Bay # 5 to trigger moving targets such as swingers, drop turners, etc. If possible, shooters should use hard ball rounds when shooting this target. This will greatly extend it's life. Semi-wadcutter and hollow point bullets create significantly more damage to the ballistic foam.

Gabe Suarez will be putting on a Carbine Class next year, date (TBA) at the SVSC site and would like a show of hands for those interested. You can have any type of rifle semi-automatic, bolt action, .22, Mini -14, AR, the techniques are the same for all rifles. This is for close range stuff up to 0-100 yd. and then transition back to handguns at pistol ranges. Contact Suarez: <[saurez@ix.netcom.com](mailto:saurez@ix.netcom.com)>.

Speaking of classes, I will be putting on another " Shooting Skills Class" for new shooters only ( those who have been shooting IDPA since January of this year). A maximum of 12 shooters can be accommodated (four have signed up already). It will take place on a Saturday morning (8-12) sometime this Fall and last about for about four hours. The cost will be \$10.00. Brine about 100 of your rounds. The class will cover the basic to advanced skills that you see at our monthly matches but need to know the *why* and *how* used by the top shooters. Contact me.

### **UPCOMING MATCHES.**

October Match Director : Mike McGinn.

November Match Director: John Lustig; Assistant M.D., John Schegel.

December Match director: Bill Zaepfel; Assistant M.D., Jack Uchman.

January or February Match Director: Ron Durham.

Contact these people if you want to help with scenarios or be a Assistant M.D.

I will also be putting on a "Shooting Skills Class" in the spring for the "Competitively Challenged" people who have shot for awhile and want to improve (no guarantees).

From the " Grand Poobah", Wayne Johnson < [WayneKJohnson@Juno.com](mailto:WayneKJohnson@Juno.com) >

**OCTOBER MATCH:** As Wayne noted above, I will be the director for the October match. The stages will be short – 3 to 5 shoot targets each. If you've been kicking around an idea for an IDPA scenario, this will be a good opportunity to volunteer. If you'd like to put on a stage, please contact me. Advice is freely available (perhaps too available), not only from me, but from your other fellow shooters.

**NEW SHOOTERS:** New shooters are encouraged to attend the classes offered by Ron Durham and Ed Vernon and to sign up for the class offered by Wayne Johnson. These folks not only shoot very well, they have a wealth of experience and are genuinely interested in passing on shooting knowledge and skills.

**IDPA GEAR:** Obtaining suitable gear can be a problem for new, and not so-new, IDPA shooters. Before buying holsters and magazine holders, check the IDPA website to ensure that you buy approved gear ,[www.IDPA.com](http://www.IDPA.com)>.

Michaels of Oregon offers Uncle Mikes Kydex holsters and magazine holders that are excellent both for IDPA use and for general carry. Michaels makes their Kydex gear by injection molding so that the holster is a excellent fit to the firearm. These holsters and magazine holders are durable and very inexpensive (\$12.00 to \$20.00). Uncle Mikes gear is available at many retail locations as well as on the internet (for examples, see [www.botachtactical.com](http://www.botachtactical.com) and [www.midwayusa.com](http://www.midwayusa.com)).

## **VESTS SUITABLE FOR IDPA and/or CONCEALED CARRY**

**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.

Masters of Concealment: <http://www.masterofconcealment.com/index.php>

From their web site. **We offer the largest and best selection of concealment holsters, concealment clothing and concealment items available on the internet.** Everything we sell is of the highest quality and everything is personally tested and used by the owners and staff. If you have a question about a product or are looking for a holster or concealment solution, we can help. Email us at the link above or call toll free 1-800-601-8273 Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:30pm PST!

Concealed Carry Clothiers: <http://www.concealedcarry.com/home.php>

These folks 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.

TravelSmith Carrys Vests for both Men and Women:

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

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

"Owning a handgun doesn't make you armed any more than owning a guitar makes you a musician." Col. Jeff Cooper

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