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Kicking and Screaming: Well, actually quite happily, the SDPS newsletter moves from e-mail to our website. However, we will continue to use e-mail to contact our members with more timely information.

MATCH RESULTS: The **October** Match Director was Mike McGinn, himself. The match consisted of shorter scenarios in order to accommodate a Safety Officer class conducted by Ron Durham and an IDPA Rules class given by Ed Vernon. Ron and Ed, thank you for efforts.

Allen Lowe, John Mercurio, and Russ Holetz, in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall, finished less than 0.6 sec apart. It's interesting to note that they each also were 1st place finishers in their respective divisions, Stock Service Pistol, Custom Defensive Pistol, and Enhanced Service Pistol. These shooters were followed closely by Gayl Morse in 4th place.

Jim Cyran and Mike Grant finished 5th and 6th overall. Scott Yu, Wayne Johnson, and Nick Young jostled each other for 7th, 8th, 9th place, while Ed Vernon finished 10th overall. Andy Chiapuzio, shooting Unclassified, placed 11th overall, less than 1.0 sec behind Ed Vernon. Andy, I think that you've been classified!

The **November** Match Director was John Lustig and the Assistant Match Director was John Schegel. Thank you both. The match consisted of stages that flowed from Gravel Day that was held the day before. Much of the effort for stage construction was put in after the gravel was spread at the range. We gratefully thank all those who contributed to the success of moving props, spreading gravel, moving props again, and general cleanup. Thanks also to the individual scenario creators.

John Mercurio and Darren Mayo placed 1st and 2nd overall, separated by only 0.1 sec! Wayne Johnson followed in 3rd place by less than 1.0 sec, in turn followed in less than 1.0 sec by Allen Lowe in 4th place.

Gayl Morse was 5th overall, Ron Durham was 6th, and Jim Cyran was 7th overall. Roger Maryatt in 8th place led Nick Young in 9th place by 0.5 sec. Russ Holetz finished in 10th place overall.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: My Fellow SDPS Members: The Action Pistol Range is really looking good these days! On Saturday, November 1st, about twenty five members of NCPS, CAPSL, FSC, SASS and SDPS plus four pieces of equipment moved almost FIFTY TONS of gravel into the areas that turn to mud in the winter. All tables, chairs and props were moved and by 11:00am we had all the gravel spread. Great going guys and gals! The members of SDPS spent the next few hours setting up scenarios for the next day's IDPA match. The presence of the signs reminding folks to police the bays and the brass rakes in

each bay seems to be have a positive effect. The brass, trash, and shotgun wads are being picked up. The clubs that use the range usually pick up after themselves; it is the outside entities that rent the range that need to be educated that we don't have a custodian to clean up after them.

Future plans for the range are to expand by building three 50 yard-deep bays to the West. This would give us a total of eight bays which would benefit us in several ways,

1. The new 50 yard-deep bays will help some of the USPSA scenario requirements.
2. The eight bays will enable our clubs to easily put on large sanctioned matches.
3. Two Law Enforcement Officer agencies (LEOs) will be able to rent the range at the same time (more income) and still leave room for members to practice during week days.
4. Small firearm classes and practice sessions can be conducted at the same time a match is on in the other three to five bays.

Regarding Our New Website: Especially note the "Current Match Status" feature. This feature will warn of match cancellation due rainy weather, or for some other very special reason that requires that the match be cancelled. In the rainy season, at 6:00 p.m. (1800 hrs) on the Saturday before the scheduled match, we will update the "GO-NO GO" feature based on "eyeballing" the range conditions and weather forecast. We would like to thank Mark Williams, our Webmaster and new board member. We also extend our gratitude to Steve McCormick who, although not an SDPS member, has previous very graciously hosted and maintained our website. Steve has also contributed greatly to SDPS by his contributions to the range. Again, Steve, our thanks.

Regarding Match Conduct, Honesty, and Integrity:

1. It has been noted at a match in another galaxy far, far away that some members engaged in conduct best described as "locker room" humor at one scenario. We have to remember that our actions reflect to bystanders and new people what our clubs are about.
2. Also, at this match, a shooter did not have his time recorded by his ASO friend. The ASO knew what the time was but let his friend have a re-shoot because the friend performed poorly on that stage.
3. A shooter engaged shoot targets while charging through a door instead of from cover, as per course description, without any penalty or FTDR. We all should know the general rules. Unless the scenario specifically requires otherwise, the IDPA general rules must be followed.

Note: "Unsportsmanlike conduct, unfair actions, or the use of illegal equipment which, in the opinion of the match director, tends to make a travesty of the defensive shooting sport shall result

in disqualification from the stage or the entire match at the discretion of the match director." IDPA Competition Rule Book, Competition Rules, page 31.

The big, year-end, December match drawing prize will be a free pass to all of our regular monthly matches for 2004. You must attend the December match to win the prize.

GOLD COUNTRY CLASSIC: A note from Ron Durham.

About a year and a half ago, me, my wife, and with the help of some good folks that are members of SDPS and NVSA, organized and put on the first Gold Country Classic. This was an IDPA regional (multi-state) competition. It was a lot of work, especially because it was the first time that our groups had attempted a match of this standing. However, those that contributed felt as I did, that future regional or state championship matches it would be fairly easy considering this base of experience.

We have received expressions of interest in a succeeding Regional Match from people who attended the first Gold Country Classic and who wanted to know when the next match was coming up. Well, of course it is too late for this year. Unfortunately, this meant that we only had one IDPA sanctioned match in the State of California for 2003.

We are lucky to have facilities in which to shoot and a club membership of over 150 shooters. In order to put on a second Gold Country Classic we need five people that are willing to get involved and do a portion of what it takes to organize a sanctioned match. For the match itself, we'll need a couple of stage designers and folks who are willing to SO the day of the match.

At the first Classic, we had enough SOs and ASOs so that each only officiated for 1/2 a day of the match. Now we have a lot more people qualified to SO than we had a year ago. So hopefully five smiling volunteers and will beat on Wayne Johnson's door to get the Gold Country Match going. Everything that has been done on the match has been spelled out and given to Wayne, we just need to get going on it. Ron Durham

ANOTHER PLACE TO COMPETE: El Dorado Rod and Gun Club. John Lustig and club members hold an IDPA-based match on the fourth Saturday of each month. My son-in-law, a new shooter, and I competed at their November match. The match typically has six stages. John Karlovich usually puts on a more complicated stage with movers, swingers, and traveling targets. What great fun! Because I momentarily stopped for a popper that hadn't been reset, I was able to shoot Karlovich's scenario twice. Thank you very much! Life should always be this much fun.

The remaining stages were similar to familiar IDPA scenarios, but contained non-IDPA elements. All were fun to shoot. Because club membership is small, the

matches can be shot quickly and the match usually completed by 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a great place to shoot, it's nearby, and the cost is also reasonable: \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Club membership is \$25.00. For further information call John Lustig at (530) 676-1199, or check the gun club's website at: www.eldoradorodandgun.com.

I was especially happy to run into Peter Bird at the match. Peter was a founding member of SDPS and its Board. He hasn't been able to shoot nearby for some time. I hope that he'll be able to find time to join us again.

"There isn't a Parallel of Latitude but thinks it would have been the Equator if it had its rights." Mark Twain

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