

From the Desk of the President:

We have a new year coming up soon and I would like to talk to you about the health of our club..... It is good! Great attendance, lots of help, enthusiastic members, and lots of new shooters.

I have been in many types of clubs over the years and know the cycles they go through. A good club like ours can have similar down cycles happen if we let it. The same excellent people that step forward to be Board Members and Match Directors can be the very same people who get burned out if they always have to be the only members who keep stepping up to the plate.

We have had the following sixteen persons be match director once or twice for the last two years: John Mercurio, Allen Lowe, Gayle Morse, Ron Durham, Jim Cyran, Ed Vernon, Fred Morey, Mike McGinn, Alec Libante, John Lustig, Brian Meloy, Doug Olver, John Schlegel, Ben Norman, Bill Zaepfel, and myself.

We need more of you step forward to be Match Directors (MDs), Assistant Match Directors (AMDs), and Scenarios Designers (SDs) This will keep the club healthy and growing so that the older members don't get burned out and the new members feel that they are part of a good active club.

Below is a list of people who I think have the talent and experience to do the following

Match Directors: Darren Mayo, Scott Yu, Lawrence Dotson, Bruce Keilor.
Assistant Match Directors and Scenario Designers: Mike Grant, Russ Holetz, Nick Young, Greg Ramos, Wade Bandy, Bob Hodges, Randy Askins, Brian Goodnight, Mike Maynard, Randy Bates, John Hartsock, Mark Williams, Steve Lind, Chris Worland.

We have printed guidelines for MDs and AMDs. Check with me for copies

A few tips for Scenario Designers: keep it simple, keep it realistic, keep it challenging. Do not make a scenario difficult just to make it seem neat and cool. Too many twists, turns, and tricks take away from the reality of something that could really happen. Check the IDPA rule book for the limits of design parameters.

This is a practical pistol sport with the emphasis on **practical**. Ideas might be taken from the headline stories. Check the web site (www.IDPA.com) and Arizona Shooters website for scenario ideas on the Internet. Run your ideas past some experienced designers. This is a user friendly club and I would like to keep it that way.

We need Match Directors for February, March and April.
Think about it, be bold!

Other items: Mike Grant tells me that the new handgun law signed by the last Governor will take effect in 2006: this law mandates a Magazine Disconnect and a Load Indicator. The word is that the big custom gun makers Wilson, Kimber, Springfield and the like will pull out of doing business in CA. Buy that custom gun before you won't be able to.

Steve McCormick has come through again, using his woodworking skills to build a third "Safe Area". Steve's tables are made to withstand both the weather and users. Thank you once again, Steve.

Our website weather-related "Current Match Status GO / NO GO" indicator seems to work well with this last match being right after a storm. Thanks again to Mark Williams for his work. Mark has also updated the Match Results to include both PDF and Excel formats.

Something you may want to know. All club records of names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are kept confidential. I respect the background information of you all.

Ron Durham is the new Area Coordinator for the newly formed North-Central California Area that includes nine IDPA clubs whose locations range from Fresno to the Oregon border. We really needed this to happen. I think Ron will do the excellent job that he always does. We will have better and more timely rule information and clarification, easier access to match sanctioning, (Anyone ready to help run the 2004 "Gold Country Classic?") and Safety Officer training.

We still are missing two of the club target staplers. Check your range bags to see if you picked one up by mistake.

We now have a new batch of (1000) official IDPA targets in stock. They went up a few pennies in cost to \$27.00 for a bundle of 50 if you want to buy some for practice.

A note from Bill Zaepfel: Wayne and I have arranged for a lunch vendor (actually a hot dog cart) to come out to our facility starting Sunday, January 4th. It will be on a trial basis for awhile (for him and us) to see if everyone involved is happy. His name is Jim Oliver and lives in Cameron Park.
Regards, Bill

Finally, we will be holding an IDPA Classifier Match in the Spring on a Saturday, T.B.A. Lawrence Dotson will be the Match Director

Your Prez. Wayne Johnson

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR