

FIREWORKS BEFORE THE 4TH

Once again the crowd was smaller than expected, but still another great turnout for the monthly Team Magnolia match. For a change, the match only had four divisions shooting as the wheel-gunners all took the month off to find out what it was like to shoot a bottom-feeder again. For some the transition was no problem, while others stumbled, fumbled, and jammed their way through the match, but more on that later.

Limited-10 tied with open for the smallest turnout with only three competitors. Chuck Lingenfelter took the High Overall with newcomer Nick Brown coming in second and Don Vough third.

Open Division had a little tighter race as Bud 'da bomber' Berthold held off "the Amandarizer" to win four out of five stages and take the High Overall. Amanda did not go quietly though as she took a big win on Stage 1 and kept it close on the other four. Watch out Bud. As Charles Barkley is often quoted, "In sports, if you get beat by a girl or the smart kid, you're no good." Words to live by. LOL! LOL! (If I had a nickel for all the times I've been beaten by a girl or the smart kid, I could retire and do nothing but shoot all day.) Hank Stern came in third as he left his wheel-gun at home and took to the dark side this month. Hurry up and get that wheelie fixed Hank, shooting on the dark side has been known to become habit-forming.

Production Division had the closest race for the High Overall honors as Team Magnolia's Cliff (Professor of Production) Cargill fought it out with Jim (the little fat cajun) Davis for the title. Even with his nose dive on the classifier, (that seemed to happen to a lot of folks) Cliff pulled out the win by taking four out of the five, but Jim was right on his heels throughout, not giving an inch of slack. In the end, Cliff only edged him by 5 ½ match points. Jacob Lancaster came in third and Nancy Klein finally got a week-end off to come shoot with us and her husband to take fourth overall. Welcome back Nancy!

As usual, Limited had the biggest turnout with thirteen this month and the stage wins were spread out among three different shooters. Robert 'Lightning' Konrady took two, Jeff 'Michelin Man' Carey took two and Walter 'Garlic' Latapie took one. In the end though, Lightning came through to take the High Overall by eleven match points over Tommy 'Dead-eye Doc' Cabell who finished second and 1st A Class. Tommy had originally planned to shoot his wheel gun, but when he realized he was the only one, he could not take the pressure and switched to the bottom-feeder. Garlic, who seems to be alternating between Limited and Production was third overall and 2nd A Class. The Michelin Man despite winning two stages had to settle for fourth and 3rd A Class. Bill Klein, whom rumor has it is going to retire his Para in favor of a Tupperware toy, finished 5th overall and 1st B Class, edging out local favorite Matt 'the wood-butcher' Moorer by a mere two match points. Mathew, you need to tighten up. Can't keep letting these guys from down south get all the first place finishes and glory! Pat 'Bwana-Six Gun' DeBerry, another erstwhile wheel-gunner who decided to see what it was like to shoot a bottom-feeder again, managed to stumble into 7th overall and 1st C Class

in spite of having numerous jams and having to remember to take the safety off each time before shooting. Shooting a revolver is so much less stressful. There is not near as much to remember. Safeties, loading magazines, counting shots to figure out the optimum reload point. None of that is necessary with a revolver, you shoot six and reload, shoot six and reload. What could be more simple? Danny Warren, working on getting that initial Limited classification claimed 8th overall and 1st Unclassified. Diana 'the wood-butcher's wife' Moorner came in at 9th overall and 2nd C Class. Keeping it in the family, Brandon Moorner took 10th overall and 1st D Class. Newcomer Johnson Knox finished 11th and 2nd Unclassified. Our fearless leader, "Big John" Heiter overcame a zero on the classifier to finish 12th overall and 3rd B Class with that little darling Sammie Moorner finishing out the pack. To give John proper credit, he zeroed the stage due to a case head separation on about his seventh or eighth shot which gave him a stage ending jam. Getting hit with all those FTE and misses makes it a good thing that you can't get a negative score. Take heart though John, you did not get beat by the little girl.

After the match, everyone was invited over to Bud and Anna Berthold's house for a pool party and pizza to cool down. I could not make it, as I had been tasked with multiple 'honey do's' for that afternoon, so I will leave it to John to fill in the details before this goes to final form. Hopefully, there was nothing that occurred that can't be printed here. This is, after all, a family oriented newsletter.

[The pool party went really well. We had lots of pizza, pool fun, and a big punch bowl full of tasty Sangria (thank Diana) so there was something there for everyone. I wasn't the last to leave so I can't speak for anything that occurred after I departed, but I know when I left that all the furniture was intact and no cops had been called so in my book that's a complete success. Thanks Bud and Ann for putting up with us once again. – John]

Later this month, the 22nd to be exact, Team Magnolia and the Magnolia Rifle and Pistol Club will host the first ever regular ICORE match. For those unfamiliar with ICORE, it combines elements of Bianchi Cup, IPSC and Steel Challenge into one venue exclusively for revolvers. The July and August matches will be relatively straightforward, just to get people a little taste of what they are getting into and then become more advanced as the year progresses. For details, contact Glenn Whitfield at GLENWHITF@aol.com or 601-398-0476.

The next Team Magnolia match will be August 6, 2006. Set up starts at 7:00 AM with first shots downrange at 9:00 or a close as we can get. The more people out to help set up, the quicker we can get started. It will be hot, so make sure you bring your cooler with plenty of water/Gatorade to keep from getting dehydrated.

That's it for this month. Range Clear.

