

MATCH POINTS

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

(VOLUME 2 OF WHAT MAY BECOME "THE REVOLVER TIMES")

Bright sunshine, cool breezes, and a load of good shooters. What better way to spend a Sunday in Mississippi? This was another great turnout for IPSC shooters at Magnolia Rifle and Pistol Club even though it was a Special Classifier match. The good thing about a special classifier match is that it is all classifiers and any new shooter will get enough to get started right away. The bad thing about a special classifier match is it is all classifiers and can be just about as exciting as having a root canal without anesthetic. Hopefully everyone pointed out to the first timers who came out to shoot with us that things do get better and more fun as time goes on, otherwise we may never see these guys again.

We had several close matches this month, and a few not so close. We will also have a lot of shooters with new classifications after this match, generally in divisions they had not previously shot. In Limited we only had one unclassified shooter but that's ok. One is a start. Limited-10 had three new people getting classified and that's not a bad thing. Production was the big turnout with five newly classified shooters. Open was a strikeout, and Revolver had two newly classified shooters. The biggest news though was that we had SIX, count'em **SIX**, shooters in the Revolver division. That is only one less than the most we have ever had in a match of any kind at Magnolia, and that was two years ago for the 2004 MS CLASSIC. If I was a gloating kind of guy I would say something like: "Take that, you bottom-feeders.", but I have to be fair to everyone so I won't. Enough of this gibberish, on to the match details.

Limited had a close run for the top gun, but Scott Sims came up from the south and edged out our own Jeff Carey for the High Overall by a mere .45%. Jeff was a little crippled up from some recent minor leg surgery or he might have gotten the win, but he still finished 1st A Class. Bryant Chaffin was his usual speedy self, but had a bad case of the miss-i-tis strike and dropped to an unusual third overall and 1st GM. Robbie "Crack-Boy" Landry reared up on his hind legs and took fourth overall and 1st C Class with a 91.57%. Look out bubba, you are moving up. Tommy "Dead-Eye Doc" Cabell was fifth overall and 2nd A Class at 90.98%. Right on his heels was Matt "Wood-Butcher" Moorer for sixth overall

and 1st B Class. Matt you should be hitting that A Class card pretty quick bubba. Coming back from the dead to the land of the living was Bob Griffin from Meridian to get seventh overall and 1st Master. Better get to grinding that rust off Bob. If you talk sweet to your betrothed you could probably squeeze in the 2006 MS Classic on the weekend you are getting married and get a head start on your honeymoon in Byram. Richard Pittman, newly inaugurated President of Magnolia R & P, suffered from the same thing as Bryant and ended up eighth overall and 3rd A Class. Bill “ Midget” Cheney didn’t need any low ports or other handicaps to take ninth overall and 2nd C Class. “Big John” Heiter slipped in there at second B Class and tenth overall. Diana Moorner, Brett Hutchins, Brandon Moorner, Sammie Moorner and Ronnie Repsher finished out the field in Limited with Brett taking the 1st D Class and Ronnie getting High Unclassified.

Limited-10 saw Robert “Lightning” Konrady come up from Louisiana to take the High Overall against three unclassified and one D Class shooter. However, to be fair, we must give credit where credit is due, and a win is a win. Jared Hutchins has continued to improve and took High Unclassified and second overall. Jared enjoy this, you are classified now and I think you will end up in C Class. There are no more free lunches. Bill Coates shot a solid 37.48% to take third overall and 1st D Class. New shooters Max Tullos and Jerry McDonald finished out the field at fourth and fifth respectively. Welcome Guys!!

Open had no new shooters, but that is not surprising since no one wants to go to the “Dark Side” from the very start. Bud “da bomber” Berthold took the High Overall from Amanda “THE AMANDARIZER” Moorner in a match that was only close on one stage. Amanda, you are doing your best to make me look bad. The day before the match I e-mailed a guy on the benos forum about coming to the MS CLASSIC and bringing his two junior shooters because you could put some smoke on those boys. Picture this guys. The load and Make Ready command is given. Shooter draws and practices getting down in the prone position a couple of times and then stokes that puppy up with a guaranteed no fail magazine. RO hits the buzzer and what happens? “THE AMANDARIZER” immediately draws and caps off six without even making an effort to go prone! SIX procedures! Amanda, you gotta at least make Bud work for it a little bit.

Now we come to Production and there was a bit of a battle here, with Cliff Cargill and Walter “Garlic” Latapie battling it out head to head for the top dog spot. Each won two stages, but Cliff got the money stages and took the win. Walter was on his heels at 97.07 % to take 1st A Class. Jacob Lancaster shot his first match with us and took the High Unclassified with a third overall finish. Jacob shot in my squad and I can tell you, that fella can shoot. Give him a couple of matches to get the hang of this game and he will be A CONTENDER! Daniel Harrington came down from Tennessee or up from the coast as the case may be and finished fourth overall and 2nd Unclassified. New shooter Ed Brundage was fifth overall and third unclassified. Richard Booth took first D Class and sixth overall. Austin Clark shooting under the coaching of the “Wood-Butcher” got seventh over all and 4th Unclassified. “Happy Jack” Harrington, left his open gun at home and took eighth and 1st C Class. Danny Warren, another shooter resurrected from the land of the near dead finished out the field. Danny you need to get with the program!

Now we get to the good stuff, Revolver Division. Up from the coast comes Wayne Alcock to take the High Overall, winning three out of four stages. I think that come state match time I will have to slip some of my “special reloads,” ”read” “no powder/spent primer” into his bag before he shoots the match. This guy can turn and burn with a wheel gun. “Bwana Six Gun” Pat DeBerry slipped into second overall and 1st C Class with a paltry 81.27%. God must have been looking the other way when he shot. Glenn Whitfield was third overall and 2nd C Class 76.37%. Glenn, you gotta hit that steel bubba. Mark Young, taking a break from the dark side, decided to get classified in wheel gun and finished fourth overall and High Unclassified. Bill McFetridge was fifth overall and 2nd Unclassified shooting his new 610 which he will hopefully be shooting in the 2006 MS CLASSIC. Bubba work on those reloads and you will smoke it in May. Hank Stern finished out the field with only three stages, he got sick, so you better watch out for him in the coming months.

That’s about it for the March Madness match. If you go to TeamMagnolia.com you can see all of the results, including the combined. You might be surprised at the number of “bottom feeders” that fell short against the Limited-Six (Revolver).

All kidding aside, it is time to get those applications in for the 2006 MS CLASSIC. We are a Level Three match, so for those who don’t know, if we get 20 shooters in a division, there are three slots to the nationals available. Right now, Sam Keen (Hopalong), Glenn Whitfield (haras) and Pat DeBerry (Bwana Six-Gun) are pushing as hard as they can on the Brian Enos Forum and anywhere else to get the necessary 20. If we get 20 this year we will have more than that next year. Same for Production or Limited-10. Get out there and recruit!!!!

Next match is April 2nd. Be there and be square, trigger time is fleeting.

Unload and show clear. If the gun is clear, Hammer down and Holster!

Range Clear!

