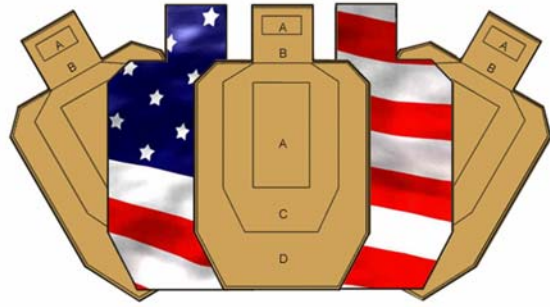


# Match Points

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September's match had a great turn-out! 26 shooters came out for some pretty good weather (considering what we've had the past few months) and 4 fun stages. All sorts of things were going on. We had the Section II Regional Silhouette Championship happening at the range, there were 3 junior shooters, 3 new shooters and the Louisiana crew made the trek north this month. After the match was over, things were packed by noon. That's about as good as it gets. Thanks to everyone that helped with set-up and tear-down. If everyone does a little bit, it goes a long way. I want to encourage the new shooters to attend the shooter's meeting the Wednesday before the October match. We meet at a restaurant and go over the stages. It's a lot of fun, and gives you the chance to meet people and maybe pick some brains about equipment and the game. We don't drink that much... and, most are usually released from the authorities in time for work the next morning. To the match:

In **Limited**, it was no surprise that reigning Mississippi State Champion Grand Master Bryant Chaffin took this one home. Robert Konrady (2<sup>nd</sup> - 93.35%) and Walter Latapie (3<sup>rd</sup> - 87.29%) had a great battle going between them, but nothing for the top spot. Robert did win one of the stages though. I hear Chad Lofton (2005 State Champ) moved to Brookhaven, so maybe Bryant will start looking over his shoulder soon. Richard Pittman came out of hiding and stole some of the regulars thunder (4<sup>th</sup> - 79.23%). Side by side battles are all the way down the finish sheet...check these numbers out: Matt Moorer (5<sup>th</sup> - 71.01%) -vs- Tommy Cabell (6<sup>th</sup> - 70.66%). Bill Klein (7<sup>th</sup> - 63.50%) -vs- Scott Simms (8<sup>th</sup> - 63.21%). Word is Bill Klein whooped Jim Davis in the IDPA match the day before at Tangi. Good shooting Bill. Hank Stern (9<sup>th</sup> - 47.72%) -vs- Dianna Moorer (10<sup>th</sup> - 47.64%) -vs- John Heiter (11<sup>th</sup> - 46.99%). Doug Breaux (12<sup>th</sup> - 38.38%) -vs- Bill Cheney (13<sup>th</sup> - 37.00%). Doug had been on a bit of a lay-off, and broke a tungsten guide-rod in his gun. We're glad you made the drive Doug, come back soon.

Now on to the **juniors**: There was a great 3-way battle in this one. Brandon Moorer (14<sup>th</sup> - 27.89%) barely held off new shooter Andrew Warren (15<sup>th</sup> - 27.45%). Little Sammy Moorer (16<sup>th</sup> - 21.98%) wouldn't let them get too far away though. Don't slip in the turn boys! She's right there and she will pass you.

In **Open**, Bud Berthold and Amanda Moorer cranked up the fire breathers and went at it. Bud took the win, but Amanda is getting closer every time! She was right on Bud's bumper on 2 of the stages and wound up 2<sup>nd</sup> at 88.49%.

In **Production**, Jim Davis came to town seeking redemption from the IDPA match the day before. He found it winning 3 out of the 4 stages. Cliff Cargill (2<sup>nd</sup> - 90.50%) really wants to send his Master card back to USPSA. Seems they sent

the card, but forgot to insert the superhero powers that go with it. When the green flag dropped, Cliff knocked the wall down in every turn as he had misses and no-shoots on every stage. Learn to shoot ya jerk! There was nothing good to say about his day except that it was over. Oh, and that he was proud of the new shooters that made it successfully through the match. Speaking of which, Scott Womack (3<sup>rd</sup> - 72.32%) came back for his second match and continues to improve. Bear in mind, he's shooting his stock Glock 19 duty gun with no modifications. In fact, Scott was the only shooter to finish the Production match penalty free. Danny Warren's (4<sup>th</sup> - 56.94%) participation in the monthly ICORE revolver match is paying off big when it comes to trigger control. New shooter Jonathan Brannan (5<sup>th</sup> - 50.31%) found his speed and wound up 2<sup>nd</sup> on one of the stages. He had such a good time that he's joining USPSA and will be back. Another new shooter Michael Cooper (6<sup>th</sup> - 17.82%), had good day going when he forgot some targets on a stage 4, so his final score really isn't indicative of his performance.

On to **Revolver** division: Two local gunslingers went at it and when then blood, dust, malfunctions and a barrel leaping RO settled, Pat DeBerry won all four stages. Glenn Whitfield (2<sup>nd</sup> - 80.82%) looked like he might have something for Pat until stage 4 put the last nail in his coffin. These two are always fun to watch.

One final note to the new shooters: Congratulations on finishing your first match. And, a word about the sport. USPSA now has 6 divisions. Open, Limited, Limited-10, Provisional Single-Stack, Production and Revolver. Many years ago, we didn't have the luxury of this. It was king of the hill with one big group of guns; sort of a "Run what you brung" atmosphere. The new shooters back then were told, "Yeah, your gun is ok and will get you by, but you really need an expensive gun if you're going to be competitive..." Not anymore. Typically you can bring whatever you have and there's a division for it. Sure, you might have to modify it little bit, but you won't have to dump several thousand dollars into a shooting program if you don't want to, or if you're not ready. Hey, Open and Limited are lots of fun; I've done both, and you may want to try it some day. Just know there's a place for the guns you already own, and we really want you here.

