

# Match Points

- The TeamMagnolia Newsletter -



## SUPER SUNDAY

(For Some)

First off, let me apologize for the lack of a newsletter last month. This was entirely my fault, as I had told John that I would put something out. Initially I had some computer problems, then it became just a matter of simple procrastination. So, my apologies to everyone and hopefully this will make up for it.

January started off the year with a real bang as 38 competitors came out in great weather to try their luck. However, this was not the best match for new shooters to cut their teeth on. The result was a total of 5 DQ's due to the toughness of the stages and in one case a design that was tough even on the experienced shooters. For those that fell victim, don't let it get you down. There are only two types of shooters in USPSA, those that have had a DQ and those that will have one.

In Limited, there weren't any surprises as Bryant Chaffin, Walter Latapie and Bud Berthold fought for the top spot. As has been the case in times past, Bryant came out on top with Walter in a close second and Bud a close third. Jeff Carey and Matt Moorner scratched out fourth and fifth place finishes in a close race. Bill Klein came in at sixth and Doug Breaux returned to Magnolia to take seventh. Old time shooter Gerald Benton was another returnee to Magnolia taking eighth and brought along his son Josh who took the twelve spot. Jared Hutchins was High Unclassified and new shooter Bryant Willet and Brandon Moorner finished the field.

Limited-10 was much like Limited, as Robbie Landry took his usual High Overall with Charles Morrison giving a strong run to finish second. Brett Hutchins and Norman Standifer finished out the group.

Open Division had a single shooter in Hank Stern.

Production Division was the second largest group this month with 13 shooters. Rodney May, coming down from his job in North MS, easily took the win over the closest competitor Cliff Cargill who came in second. Jim Davis was well back of Cliff in third. Justin Dupont left his dot gun at home and still came in a respectable fourth. New shooter Nathan Howell placed a very respectable fifth in a strong field such as this one. Mike Gilbreath, Tim Ward, Norman Standifer Jr., Tom Bagan and Carl May finished out the field. By the way, this was Carl's first match. Rodney's dad got tired of being a spectator and cameraman for Rodney and decided to get in the pool and swim with everyone else. Welcome aboard Carl.

Single-Stack was unique this month as two junior shooters went for the title. Nikko Carmona and Blaise Cargill shot it out under the tutelage of their dads with Nikko getting the win. Both were shooting one of their first matches at Magnolia and it looks like Sammie Moorner is about to start getting some competition. Go get her boys!!!!

Last but certainly not least, there was Revolver Division, where the truly elite compete. There were three of these intrepid individuals, and one wannabe. Robert Konrady came up from the swamps and once again took first by winning three out of five stages. Second place went to Tommy Cabell who won the other two. Glenn Whitfield hung in there all the way, but could not get his wheel turning quite fast enough to overtake the leaders. That fourth guy, well we won't talk about his miserable performance. The best that can be said about him is that he didn't shoot himself.

That is the news from last month, now let's talk about this month.

Super Bowl Sunday almost turned into Mud Bowl Sunday as rain threatened all morning long, but held off long enough for everyone to get at least four stages in before they had to get wet. Despite the weather we still had 25 show-up to try their luck.

As usual, Limited and Production had the largest turnout and with the threatening weather keeping the Louisiana contingent at home and Bryant Chaffin conspicuous by his absence, this was the time for someone to step up and take a big win.

In Limited, that was Richard Pittman as he slipped past Bud Berthold and Matt Moorner to take the High Overall. John Heiter managed to get out of the stat shack and take fourth with a solid match. Jared Hutchins was right on John's heels to take fifth. Brian Parker, Mike McArthur, and Stephen Sprouse fought hard for the six, seven and eight spots. Hunter Hutchins, another new junior shooter, was in at nine and Ed Marsalis at ten.

Limited-10 was probably the closest fought bunch of all as all three shooters finished at over 90%. Steve Roberts was High Overall with Danny Warren at 99.11 and he was shooting a Revolver at Minor PF. Of course, Danny is now known as "Eight-Shot Danny" after he pooched the classifier, but I'll leave that story for another time. Brett Hutchins was a strong third.

No one showed up to shoot Open this month so there is no news from 'the dark side.'

Rodney May showed up again this month and this time Cliff was ready for him. Rodney won the High Overall, but this time he knew he had been in a match as Cliff was right on his tail all the way through. Rodney only won two stages to Cliff's three, but the margin on those two was enough for him to squeak by. Scott Womack shot solid, but was still well back for third. Norman Standifer Jr. and Carl May were only separated by 4/100ths of a percent at four and five. What a difference a month can make as Carl climbed from tenth last month to fifth this month. Stephen Hall, Walter Clark, Tim Ward and Blaise Cargill finished out the field.

Single-Stack had only one shooter this month, Norman Standifer.

In Revolver Division, there were only two of the previously described elite. This month Tommy Cabell took an easy win over Pat DeBerry as once again he struggled to not shoot himself.

That's it for this month. Next USPSA match is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Get some stage ideas in to John if you don't like the ones that we have been shooting. Speaking of stages, don't forget the 2008 MS Classic is coming up in May and the stages need to be finalized and approved well before that. Get your ideas in to John NOW!

Other matches that are coming up include Outlaw Steel at Magnolia on February 9<sup>th</sup> and the monthly ICORE match on February 17<sup>th</sup>. For those that wish to join the elite who compete, either of these matches will be a fine tune-up to get ready for the Southern Regional Revolver Championship to be held March 29-30 down in Thibodaux, La.

That's everything I know, maybe John will add a few things before he sends this out.

Hammer Down and Holster. The range is clear.

# **WAY TO GO GIANTS!!!!**