

Match Points

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MARCH MADNESS . . . MAGNOLIA STYLE!!

As I sit at this keyboard listening to my oldest son yell that his ear hurts (probably caused by the Q-tip sticking out of it), I can't seem to fathom the idea that we actually almost broke the all time monthly match attendance record set just 3 months ago! It seems every time food is involved, attendance is high. Imagine what a few "suds" would bring! Forty-seven shooters, great weather, great stages and beans that give a new meaning to " gas 'em up, cowboy" made for an awesome day. Really, I would like to thank Tom and Ramona for the fabulous lunch provided just out of sheer kindness. You can't ask for better people than that. To the new shooters, Tom Duchmann owns Action Shooting Supply based in Louisiana. He has about the best prices around for shooting related gear. Keep that in mind when you plan to reload your own ammo. As you saw at the match, the travel trailer is the place to shop.

5 stages made for an unusually long day with 4 field courses and a classifier. Don't get discouraged because it took soooooo long to finish. We usually shoot 5 stages, but it's normally one fairly large field course, a classifier, one or two medium courses and one or two speed shoot courses. There's also about fifteen less shooters to accommodate. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad to see so many new faces getting involved in our sport. If all decide to stay, we'll figger out a system that works better to push everyone through quickly. If you new shooters have young kids at home, say age 7, 8 or so, bring them out with you. We welcome junior shooters as well as adult shooters. If you don't have gear, we'll try to find you some.

Team Magnolia would like to send thanks to all the "regulars" that work so hard to get new shooters out to the matches and even loan their personal gear to let to

participate. These guys don't have to loan anything to anyone, but it's usually at their expense that they do. If you see them on the range and especially if you have their gear, pass on a word of thanks to them. Matt, Cliff, Robbie, Glenn and anyone forgotten, thanks a bunch guys!

Match results can be found at www.teammagnolia.com. Unfortunately, we had a couple DQ's this month. Rules are there for a reason, boys and girls, it's not personal. Sorry.

After the match concluded, a man on man steel challenge course was set up to add to the fun. Robbie took charge and got the course set up quickly with a lot of help from everyone that stayed to shoot. As shooters were eliminated it seemed that Robbie and Cliff would be going at it for top honors. That is, until a new shooter who was, get this, using Robbie's Glock rig knocked him out of contention. That's GOT to hurt. Better luck next time Rob.

The 2008 MS Classic is coming fast and we need help! Work nights and some weekends will be scheduled for prop repair, building and anything needed to make this the best match yet. If you can help out, please do. It normally doesn't take long and isn't hard work when we have a large crew to handle all that needs to be done. If you're willing to help and be a RO for the match, let John know asap. Everyone needs to fill out a match application, even if your info hasn't changed and send it to John for updating. Don't forget to include your shirt size.

The April match will be a Special classifier match for new shooters who'd like to get classified before the MS Classic quickly approaching in May. As John stated in an e-mail, this will be the Tim Lott memorial match. If you haven't heard, sadly we lost Tim in late February. He will be sorely missed amongst all the shooting sports he was involved in and the dedication and friendship he showed to all shooters. God Bless and farewell Tim, you will always be remembered.

That's all for now. Range is clear, I'm outta here. (actually, off to the ER for the blood starting to trickle from the ear)

C.B.