



**Policies and Bylaws
Club Manual
2011**

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is effective as of January 2011

**WELCOME
TO
Redwood Practical Shooters
of Fort Bragg, California**

The match schedule for the year will be posted on the web site and distributed via e-mail addresses as supplied by you with your membership application.

Normal match schedule will start with the Classifier in March and end with the Classifier in October.

Additional matches and shoots will be included as time, weather and participation presents.

Active participants in the matches must be at the range one half hour prior to match start time in order to be registered and assigned to a shooting group.

Affiliation

Redwood Practical Shooters is an officially recognized and affiliated club with the International Defensive Pistol Association, IDPA. RPS is also affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

All range rules contained in the Official IDPA Rule Book shall be in full effect at all times. RPS Club policies shall not contravene IDPA rules. Local policy that enhances good tactics may be enacted by the RPS Club membership as is required as long there is no conflict with IDPA rules. If you should find any conflicts please let us know so we can update our policies to comply.

Example: Pistol cut outs are to be used on all standard stages for threat identification. Painted pistols can be substitutes during scenarios.

Awards Program

An established Awards Program has been confirmed by the membership. RPS recognizes shooting skills, within the IDPA Divisions and Classification structure as outlined in IDPA Rule Book. Guidelines for RPS Awards Program *See to page 10.*

Fees for Matches and Membership

RPS Annual membership fee of \$75.00 are due at the first match of the year. This would normally be the **March Classifier**.

Persons wishing to join and who would prefer to make payments at subsequent matches may do so. Payments of \$25.00 per month can be made in 3 consecutive installments which will be required to be paid in full by the **May Match**. All membership fees should be paid in full by the end of this three month period.

Membership Fee Schedule

Individual Club Membership:

\$75 for the current calendar year.

Family Club Membership:

\$75 plus \$25 for each additional member

Family Membership shall consist of:

A Married Couple

Two Persons who are involved in cohabitation on a full time basis.

Children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, under 21.

Match Fees

Members: \$10.00 per match

Non-Members \$20.00 per match

You must be a current IDPA member in order to shoot a match with Redwood Practical Shooters.

Matches

Regular Match Schedule will be the weekend of the Second Sunday of the month of March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October.

The exception to this schedule could be May and Mother's Day. Any other conflicting holiday or event will also be taken into consideration. The board will make up the annual match schedule usually during the month of February of the current year.

Twilight Match Schedule will be made up by the board and will be adjusted as needed.

Classifier Matches are scheduled for the first match in March and the final Match in October. Classifier Matches will not be scored for trophy matches or awards points. One re-shoot may be allowed for your Classifier after all shooters have finished.

Those shooters that are late arrivals, or early departure to scheduled matches may be integrated in to the flow at the discretion of the Match Director.

Participating persons that are from out of the area of Mendocino County will be allowed to shoot the Final Stage first from their group. This will allow them to have an earlier departure. Any other accommodation will be at the discretion of the Match Director.

RPS Official Meetings

The end of the season Awards Bar-B-Que shall be the time to elect new officers and to conduct new business. Members will be notified in advance of the time and place of any additional meetings. All current active members are invited to participate.

The President may call a General Meeting of the membership at other times when issues emerge during the calendar year and a vote of the membership may be required.

Newsletters and Match Scores

Disseminating of RPS Club information will be conducted via e-mail. Most information will be posted on the web site as time constraints allow. If you do not get e-mail then it is suggested that you make arrangements with those that do in order to get your club information in a timely manner.

New Shooters

Any and **ALL New Shooters** will complete the Safety Class prior to shooting with the club. Those shooters that have experience in other shooting disciplines or law enforcement may be allowed to compete if the **Chief Safety Officer** feels his/her safety and handling skills sufficient. ***This decision is the Exclusive Authority of the Chief Safety Officer.*** This requirement does not apply to current IDPA members from other locations.

NOTE: Please **DO NOT** invite your friends or family members to shoot a match until they comply with this policy. They will not be allowed to shoot until this requirement is met.

Officers Of The Club

To become an officer of the Redwood Practical Shooters you must be a paid up active member. Any member can be nominated by the membership at large. Currently the offices that are functioning are President, Vice President, Treasurer and other active Club Members. Officers are assigned duties and responsibilities, by the Board of Directors. Officers will call upon the membership at times when club work needs to be accomplished. Please support them and your club and help get the job done.

Members are encouraged to get involved with the operation of the club. Leadership should change frequently to keep new ideas and fresh people on board. Don't expect the same people to step up every year and do the work. This will only lead to **Burn Out** and the end of the club.

Safety Officers

Range Master: Ken Dexter

Chief Safety Officer: Darrell Goodwin

Safety Officer Instructor: Ken Dexter, Darrell Goodwin

CCW Lead Instructor: Don Miller

Safety Officer: Don Hooper

Safety Officer: Charles Hand

Safety Officer: Edward Davies Jr.

Safety Officer: Brian Dixon

Safety Officer: Dick Whetstone

Safety Officer: Clayton Ball

Safety Officer: Jerry Beaty

Safety Officer: Don Miller

Safety Officer: Pat Chapman

Safety Officer: Ralph Brautigan

Safety Officer: Kate Spellman

Safety Officer: Jan Sarri

Safety Officer: Russell Sarri

Safety Officer: Steve Canterbury

Safety Officer: Ralph Umbertis

Safety Officer: Richard Miller

Safety Officer: Charlie Bates

Safety Officer: John Allen

Safety Officer: _____

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Those members wishing to become Safety Officers must contact one of the Safety Officer Instructors to be included in the next scheduled Safety Officer Training Class.

Voting

Voting eligibility requires a current membership in the Redwood Practical Shooters. Each Family Member within a Family Membership shall have one vote. The election of officers and any other matter brought before the membership shall be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the quorum consisting of a minimum of 20 percent of the current active members in attendance.

All rules and policies in this document have been confirmed by a vote of the Board of Directors and shall be in effect until modified by any future votes of the Board of Directors.

Current Active Board of Directors

President: Don Hooper
Vice President: Dick Whetstone
Treasurers
Jan Saari and Rhonda Stoker

Board Members

Richard Miller Edward Davies Jr
Russ Saari Don Miller
Jerry Beaty Ken Dexter
Chuck Hathaway Darrell Godwin

Redwood Practical Shooters Awards Program

Eligibility

Current Active Member of Redwood Practical Shooters.

Current Active Member of IDPA.

IDPA Classified in Division competing in.

Declares Division for trophy points prior to first match shot.

Must shoot in declared Division first.

Places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in declared Division

Divisions:

CDP: Custom Defense Pistol Division

ESP: Enhanced Service Pistol Division

SSP: Stock Service Pistol Division

SSR: Stock Service Revolver Division

ESR: Enhanced Service Revolver Division

Commonly Used Acronyms and Abbreviations

AC	Area Coordinator	FTN	Failure to Neutralize
MD	Match Director	FTDR	Failure To Do Right
SOI	Safety Officer Instructor	HNT	Hits on a Non-Threat
SO	Safety Officer	DNF	Did Not Finish
CoF	Course of Fire	Mag	Magazine
MA	Master	PD	Points Down
EX	Expert	TPD	Total Points Down
SS	Sharpshooter	BoD	Board of Directors
MM	Marksman	HQ	Headquarters
NV	Novice	DA	Double Action
UN	Unclassified	DAO	Double Action Only

Awards Program

Eligibility

Definitions:

Member: Those persons who have paid all club fees by the end of the grace period at the May Match. Those persons joining later in the year shall be allowed to accrue points for all matches AFTER membership is granted.

Trophy Match: Regularly scheduled matches other than IDPA Classifier Matches. Special events and side matches are excluded.

Award Points: A system of points that are accrued by placement in "Trophy Matches" in RPS's single calendar year.

Points Earned:

First Place: Five (5) Points

Second Place: Three (3) Points

Third Place: One (1) Point

Awards for 1st Place in each Division

Stock Service Revolver – 1st – 2nd – 3rd Place

Stock Service pistol – 1st – 2nd – 3rd Place

Enhanced Service Pistol – 1st – 2nd – 3rd Place

Custom Defense Pistol – 1st – 2nd – 3rd Place

Awards Entitlement

The participating members with the highest **Total Award Points** during the course of the year will be declared the winner of his/her division. Appropriate points will be awarded for First, Second and Third placement.

Total Award Points will be used to determine winners of each Division or Class into First, Second and Third place.

Ties in Award Points will require affected shooters to compete in a "**Mano A Mano**" with double steel poppers or other targets as needed, at 10 yards. Drawing from a holstered start position with the winner being the best of 2 out of 3.

Awards are also available for classes within each Division. A minimum of three (3) shooters of the same class are required within any Division. This will provide for more opportunity for more members to win an award. This would mean that if there were 3 each of participants in each classification, Novice, Marksmen, Sharpshooter, Expert and Master, awards would be available for First, Second and Third Places within each Division and Class. Any shooter who may win both Division and Class Awards shall have his placement stated on a single plaque. There shall be only one single award made.

Second and Third place winners will receive a plaque with their name, year, placement and division engraved as needed.

Awards and How They Work

This Awards Policy has been confirmed by the Board of Directors. This Awards Ceremony is for the membership to say Thank You to ourselves and our efforts throughout the year.

Examples of Award Determination:

Shooter A: Comes to five out of the eight trophy matches in the year. He/She manages to win first place in his/her chosen division. Shooter does not compete in any remaining matches or other division. Shooter has earned 25 Award Points in that division and may win that first place trophy.

Shooter B: takes second place in the five matches against **Shooter A** and has earned 15 Award Points. Unlike Shooter A, Shooter B stays in the same division the entire year and shoots all eight trophy matches. Shooter B wins three first places in the remaining matches for another 15 award points, which now totals 30 points, or 5 more than Shooter A has in this division. If we use the point system we would award a first place trophy to the shooter who only won a first place three times, instead of Shooter A, who has won first place in the majority of trophy matches for the year. (5 out of 8).

Lets Hypothesize Again

Shooter A and **Shooter B** each win first place four of the eight trophy matches. Each shooter also takes second in the four matches in which they did not win first place.

We have a tie.

Both shooters now have 32 points each.

Rule number three determines the outcome. The shooters must face each other in our "**Mano-On-Mano**" steel shoot off.

Poppers at ten yards using the double based popper. This will again be a best 2 out of 3 runs from the draw position. The bottom popper will determine the winner for each run.

Redwood Practical Shooters has given this system a great deal of thought, with lots of "**What ifs**" thrown into the mix. We believe that this is a fair and equitable system that is fair to all.

It recognizes only shooting ability covering the majority of our matches that are held during the season.

It does require a commitment to show up and compete on a regular basis. This we feel gives us the ability to recognize the best shooters over the course of the year.

We hope that you agree If however you should spot any "**Red Flags**" in the system we encourage you to bring it to our attention so we can get it resolved as soon as possible. Please notify any Safety Officer or the Club President or Board Member the first chance that you get.

If you should find any errors and or suggestions for changes
please contact any Board Member
or you can go directly to Chuck Hathaway
ChuckH@mcn.org

*We are doing the best that we can and
we depend on your feedback to be sure that
we are not confusing the issue.*

If you don't speak up then we will never know.

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we know you are paying attention.

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