



REDWOOD PRACTICAL SHOOTERS
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Dear RPS members

I keep saying it because I believe it; it was another beautiful day in the woods for our August match. Peter and Dick put together a great set of stages. We had 33 shooters. The rest of you missed out on a very entertaining yet challenging social event.

Stage One Shooter is sitting at a table with a loaded weapon and spare magazine or speed loader hidden from view by a small towel. At the buzzer shooter retrieves weapon and shoots two targets to the out side of a non-threat in tactical sequence (one, one two, one) and then fires at two fallers further back to the out side. Reload off the clock and do it all a second time. Some very fast times recorded here.

Stage Two Shooter is returning home from the gym. Weapon and spare mags/speed loaders in gym bag. At the buzzer shooter retrieves weapon, loads and engages two targets through small opening in wall, proceeds to corner, places bag on table (plastic drum), retrieves all spare mags/loaders and stuffs them in pockets (not mag pouches) and engages two more targets through window. From there shooter moves to outside corner and engages outside target. From there it's another window with two more targets and then proceeding down simulated wall it's another outside target at which time shooter is wounded and has to engage last two targets around a corner, strong hand only. Did I get them all? 20 shots, minimum, I think. Fun, Fun, Fun.

Stage Three Shooter is returning home from grocery store with a full shopping bag. As shooter is walking to side of house, he is confronted by three bad guys. Shooter drops bag, and engages three targets in tactical sequence (one, one, one two, one, one). Then it's a reload off the clock. When shooter touches front door knob the buzzer starts the clock and shooter opens door and sees two pepper poppers at about ten yards. One popper trips a faller with a target and a non-threat (sorry to say but that poor non-threat took some hits). The other popper releases "Lawnmower Man" which moves behind the non-threat. If necessary the shooter can move forward to cover and re-engage Lawnmower Man from a better angle. Another great stage.

Stage Four Double racks of doom. One behind the other up the hill. Limited Vickers. Twelve shots only at around 10 to 12 yards. At the buzzer, shooter draws and engages plates in any order. Soooo hard to shoot clean. Lots of hooting and hollering on this one as many shooters seem to shoot all but that last one plate. Too much stress I suppose.

At about three quarters through the day we stopped for lunch and socializing before finishing.

Thank you Peter and Dick, all of those who came out Saturday to help set up and those who helped tear down and store the props.

Next month it is my turn to be Match Director. I have been fine-tuning my four stages for several months and I think you will enjoy what I have come up with.

Don Hooper, President