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Dear RPS Members,

Yesterday's match was perfect in many ways. We could not have had a more beautiful day. The range was in top shape. Match Director Ken Dexter's four stages were some of the most imaginative, most challenging and just plain fun stages to shoot. Loads of compliments from all of the shooters.

I will be honest, at first I was a little concerned about the "dynamite toss" on stage three and the "rifle backup gun" on stage four but the positive comments from the shooters made me a believer. I loved it when I shot it.

We had 31 RPS members and 5 Ukiah shooters as well. A few traveled great distances to shoot with us. We must be doing something right.

It was also nice from my prospective to see most everyone there early so the check in was not too hectic and we managed to get started on time.

We broke into two squads shooting stages one and four at the same time. The safety officers from both stages did a great job of keeping an eye on each other and we scored and taped at the same time. VERY SAFE.

Stage One we took cover behind the front or rear wheel of a "simulated" high riding pickup truck. Starting with six rounds the gun and a spare mag lying on the ground we engage three targets while in the prone position from under the pickup. Two each, a slide lock reload and then shot the leg out from under another bad guy. Then finished him off with two more to the body and one to the head.

Stage Four started with gun and spare mag sitting on a simulated night stand (plastic drum). The shooter opens the door and engages five targets. Two fallers and three paper targets. Shooter then engages safety, sets gun back down on night stand and moves to the window. Shooter then picks up rifle (Ken's 22 cal gallery gun) and engages two paper targets at approximately 25 yards. Sweet shooting little pump gun.

Stage Two was also a blast. Five paper targets. Starting from left to right (right to left for "leftys") engage first target with six rounds while moving straight back, tactical reload, moving right two shots each to the next three targets, another tactical reload and then six more into last target while moving forward. I saw some really fast reloading on this stage.

Stage Three. What can I say? Tossing dynamite and then shooting it to make it explode. WOW, what a BLAST. This was a stage that Ken thought up while watch the old John Wayne, Dean Martin movie "Rio Bravo" He changed the name to "Rio Noyo" for effect.

We started this stage with three sticks of dynamite taped together. We then tossed the dynamite through a doorway into a three foot square at about five yards. If the dynamite lands in the box you do not need to engage the two paper targets above the square. (Zero points down) The dynamite takes care of them. If you miss the square then you draw, engage the two targets and start slicing the pie. Swinging left there is a paper target in a window and a popper through a doorway. That popper unleashes "Lawnmower Man" who comes through the doorway. But this time there are three paper targets on the lawnmower in tandem. You either engage the targets as they come through the doorway or wait for them to clear a no shoot and get them after they stop. Or a combination of both. Then it's on to another popper and a paper target with a non shoot at its feet. Lastly you come back to the right and shoot another stick of dynamite (an unopened beer can) at about six or seven yards. You have to take at least one shot at it. If you get the dynamite (beer can) three seconds are reduced from your overall score. This stage really made you think and turned out to be the most popular based on the feed back.

I would like to thank all those that came out Saturday to help with the set up and all those that helped with the clean up Sunday afternoon. Also a special thanks to Ukiah shooters Serg and Jade who assisted with Safety Officer duties.

Don Miller and a few of us who will not be going to Ed's birthday party at Front Sight will be conducting a CCW renewal class next Sunday, April 20th at the range.

We will be teaching a Safety Officer class the weekend of April 26th. Call me if you would like to attend (964-7887).

Don Miller and the Safety Officers will be conducting the last CCW class of the year the weekend of May 3rd. Contact Don Miller at 964-0803 if interested. We will have a small Classifier that Sunday afternoon for those few who have yet to shoot one this year. Come out after 12 noon. As always, **Ukiah Shooters Welcome.**

Remember that the May Match is moved to the weekend of May 17th. Darrell will be Match Director. That means it will be another fun weekend.

See you soon, Stay Safe

Don Hooper, President