



Dear RPS Members,
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As it was last month, it was a beautiful day in the woods this weekend. The weather was perfect, the stages were challenging and the shooters were, as always, great to be around.

We had 32 shooters make it to the match, *I really feel sorry for those of you who could not make it.* Once again Darrell put on a great match as follows:

STAGE ONE - The shooter was returning from a flight and approaching his automobile in the parking lot with his suitcase in tow. Shooter hears a scream and looks over the top of his ride, *Darrell's El Camino*, and spots a bad guy, *Pepper Popper*. Shooter lets go of suitcase and door handle and draws his handgun and shoots bad guy. Bad guy goes down only to pop up dragging a hostage. At the same time two more bad guys, *two lawnmower men*, race by from left to right. So you need to put one more to the head of pop up bad guy and two each to LMM as they go by and slowly return to view. I don't think anyone managed to get both LMM on first pass. It happens so quick that only a couple of shots were taken by most shooters on the first patch. Movement was required to get the right angles to finish. Fun, fun, fun.

STAGE TWO - Another automobile. This time the shooter is stopped curbside. Shooter has hand on door handle when a Jeep pulls up with four bad guys. (three are fallers and one is a pepper popper. Shooter draws and starts to retreat to front of the car (*Darrell's El Camino* again) while shooting from right to left. Taller shooters could shoot over the *El Camino* while others had to shoot from cover to finish off. Some really good times on this stage. Not sure how that crease got into the roof of *Darrell's* ride. Hmmm

STAGE THREE - For lack of a better description this was like moving down an alley way with six bad guys at the end. Three shots required in each while moving forward, sideways or backwards. Shooter starts from about 10 to 12 yards with both hands on barricade. At the buzzer shooter draws and starts forward. In my case I had nine rounds (CDP). That meant that I would have to empty gun, move to cover, reload and resume firing (8 rounds), move to cover, reload and move again for last shot. Not sure why I shot two rounds after that last reload. Big P on that one.

STAGE FOUR - The Rack of Doom at about 10 yards with a pepper popper on each side and a third pepper popper up the hill at about 15 or 16 yards. Nine shots minimum. So almost everyone had to reload. This stage went very quickly. Short but sweet.

We took a short lunch break about three quarters through the match, *everyone looking for the shade which kept moving on us*, and were finished by around two in the afternoon.

The **June Match** will be on the June 15th. **Jerry Beaty** will be the **Match Director**. This is the first time that he has developed the whole match so I expect he is going to put a lot of effort into making it interesting. Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. Thanks again to Ukiah Guys Serg and Jade who helped out with Safety Officer duties.

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President