



Redwood Practical Shooters
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Dear RPS Members,

This past week we held the second to the last set of matches of the 2009 season.

I was not at Wednesday's Twilight Shoot. From looking at the score sheets it looked like Don Miller set up the stages instead of Edward Davies. Hmmm. From the comments I heard over the weekend it sounds like it was a fun evening for the 24 shooters who took part.

We had 48 shooters at the weekend matches. Darrell Godwin was Match Director and once again did a bang up job on his stage designs.

Stage One was a "limited Vickers" event. The shooter had three 6 round Mags or Speed Loaders. One in the pistol and two on a table. With both hands on the table the shooter picks up pistol and engages three targets near to far free style, strong hand and weak hand. Most started free style, two rounds at each target, reload then two rounds at each target strong hand, reload then two rounds at each target weak hand.

Stage Two was a scenario used at a State Match a few years ago. It was called the Mad Dog Market. Shooter is sitting in Hummer outside the market waiting for spouse to come out. Shooter realizes a hold up is taking place and must rescue spouse. Shooter is holding pistol at the ready while sitting and must engage two targets at about 10 yards out (one is a Pepper Popper). When Popper is knocked over it trips a pop up at about four yards. After dealing with pop up shooter stands, moves foreword a couple of yards stops and engages a second popper through the store window. This popper releases a drop down target in a second window which the shooter must engage while moving foreword. Shooter comes to front door of store and opens it while NOT muzzling self and engages three more targets (slicing the pie).

Stage Three Shooter and friend have just gotten out of car when friend is attacked by gang members. Shooter must engage Pepper Popper with his friend directly behind it (non-threat). When popper goes down it releases two Lawn-mower men who cross from right to left and left to right in front of popper and non-threat. Shooter must shoot while moving forward. Several "Procedurals" here as many shooters shot after stopping or passing over the end line. Very fast times here with many shooter in the 4 to 6 second range.

Stage Four Shooter is standing at the side of his news stand while reading a magazine. Right shoulder is against a wall. As gang members attack shooter must drop magazine, draw and engage two targets while moving backwards. Shooter moves to window and has two more targets inside (head shots only, two each). At this point shooter is hit in support side arm and must move to right and engage two more targets strong hand only while missing a non-threat.

Darrell set things up so we could shoot stages one and three at the same time and then stages Two and Four. This allowed us to get all the shooters through very quickly. So quickly that on Sunday several shooters shot a second time in a different division and we still got out very early.

As the last shooter (Darrell) was shooting Stage Two we were treated to quite a show by a very large three to four point "Buck" running down the road past us with his antlers pointed down at a high rate of speed. Luckily on one was on the road or it could have been a real test of our emergency medical skills.

RPS member Steve Canterbury donated a 100 round box of 45 cal bullets to be given to the top shooter in CDP just to make things interesting. Scores should be out soon so I will hand over the box next month to the winner.

Next Month, will be the last match of the year followed by the October Classifier. Yours truly will be match director. Hee, Hee, Hee. I have been working on stages with Jan in mind. Just kidding, Jan. Here's a hint, practice your malfunction clearances. Practice safely. Use snap caps or dummy rounds but practice. This is a skill that could save your life some day. I am planning on having a short malfunction clinic after the Twilight Shoot on October 9th for those of you who need to sharpen these skills.

Thanks Edward and Darrell and all who helped out for a great week of shooting.
Don Hooper, President