



USPSA & THE HOLMEN PRACTICAL SHOOTERS

By Mark Thole

This past April the club hosted the United States Practical Shooting Association's (USPSA) WI Section Match. We had 110 competitors from many different states participated, one from as far away as West Virginia!

Competitors shot eight challenging and very fun courses of fire. The weather was perfect for everyone shooting on Sunday, a clear sky and comfortable temperatures were a nice break from gloomy, damp weather the Saturday shooters had to deal with.



Lori Casper executing a perfect magazine change on the stage "Hay There"

Overall, the match came off without a hitch. The staff received some very positive feedback from all levels of competitors. Many decided to come to Holmen so they could get a feel for how the club might handle a larger match, like the Area 5 Championship coming up this August. With all of the positive feedback received, we are expecting a full house in August.

Of course in addition to the WI Section & Area 5 Championship, Holmen Practical Shooters holds monthly club-level matches on the third Sunday of the month. You do not need to be a member of HR&GC or USPSA to shoot these matches, although you do get a match fee discount if you are club member. USPSA membership is only required if you wish to become classified in USPSA's classification system.



Bob Mills shooting in the Open division on "179 Degrees"

This has been an exciting – and very busy – year so far. The Area 5 Championship will be an awesome event, with some of the top shooters in the world here to compete.

A very big THANK YOU to all of our sponsors: DPMS (match sponsor), Springfield Armory, Mach 2 Tactical, Montana Gold, Starline, Competitive Edge Dynamics, Shooters Connection, City Brewery, Brian Enos, Law Enforcement Targets, Lee Precision, Midway USA, Para-Ordnance Mfg, Zero Bullets, Sierra Bullets, Wilson Combat, Hogue, Brownells, Moe Hardware and Sporting Goods, and Gander Mountain Eau Claire

Another very big THANK YOU to all of the staff and volunteers that came together to pull this match off and make it the success that it was. A special thanks goes to match director Ronnie Casper and Lori Casper for their countless hours of work and seemingly endless energy.

Finally... If you've never experienced USPSA shooting or seen it on TV, it's definitely worth a look. When it comes to shooting sports, USPSA is the "extreme" shooting sport!

Go to <http://www.uspsa.org> or <http://www.wisconsinshooters.com> for more information.

IHMSA UPDATE

By Tony Willemarck

The weather was not for this match like the others were. The highs in the low nineties and light winds



made it a little uncomfortable to shoot. Despite the hot temps there was a good turn out with 46 entries. Mike Zuba came up Friday and did the camping thing. Did breakfast both days and a cookout on Saturday night.

Glene Tullius and Dennis Kautzer fighting for the top UAS winner spot. Glen took it with a 16 to 12 on the shootoffs. Me on the other hand just keep moving up the ladder every time I shoot. Look out I'm on my way to the TOP!!!! Ya right!!!!!! Thanks goes to Dan and Mike for the setup and Roy with teardown. And most of all THANKS to ALL that came to shoot the Hot Holmen Match!!!!

YOUTH DAY RECAP

By Ben Gappa

The fifth annual Youth Day at the Gun Club is behind us. There were 52 registered participating youth. This number is down from last year by 14. Those youth that chose to participate were rewarded with a day of fun and instruction in the Shooting Sports. The Club also provided a lunch for all the participants and any other family members that came with them. All participants also received door prizes to take home with them. The door prizes were donated by local businesses in the Community.

Please review the list of sponsors and thank them for their support by patronizing their businesses.

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I feel this was still a big success. We have to compete with ball tournaments and other events in the surrounding communities. The Youth of today have such a wide variety of things going on. They cannot do

every thing, so the fact that we do have this many youth show up to the event means we are doing something right.

This event would not be possible without a group of dedicated volunteers. I wish to thank all of those people who give of their time to make this event happen. Your efforts may not be known to all, but I am thankful for all the help and support.

IBS WI STATE TWO GUN BENCHREST

By Roy Oines

We hosted shooters from Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and of course Wisconsin. That was what week-ends are made for, old friends and some new, good shooting and generally having a great time.

Saturday high lights: John Puhl walked way with a 100 yd. win over some pretty tough Hunter class shooters. 250-16X Good job. Randy Robinett took the 200 yd with a 250-8X his first 250 at 200 yds. Glad I was there to see it Congratulations!! The only 250 shot all week-end at 200 yds. He also won the grand in Hunter Class with a 499-18X. Nice job.

Brad (Dad) Lewis won the VH 100-200 and the Grand with a very respectable 495-11X. Don't look now dad, but Ridge (young) Lewis in VFS finished with a 497-15X and Connor (younger) Lewis in VFS with 493-13X. This will be fun to watch develop over the next couple of years .Good shooting.

Sunday high lights: Al Nyhus won the 100 yd. VFS with 250-23X. WOW!! It doesn't get a lot better than that. Great shooting, Al. Brad Lewis won the 200 yd. VFS with a 249-4X in not very nice conditions, and he made it look easy. Good job.

The Two-Gun: Brad Lewis won the two-gun with a score of 994-32X followed close by Craig Nagel with a respectable 993-40X, Al Nyhus settled for third place with 991-50X.

For those of you who are not familiar with bench rest shooting, the targets have a 1/2 inch ten ring at 100 yards with a 1/16 inch X, 200 yards has a one inch ten ring with a 1/8 inch X. The rifles are mostly 30 cal. or 243 cal. center fire. The Hunter class uses a six power scope limit, the VFS (varmint for score) has no limit.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION AT HOLMEN ROD & GUN CLUB

By Greg Gentry

I am looking to establish a list of persons interested in any of the following training: Bow Hunter Education, NRA Basic Pistol or White-tailed Deer Hunting Clinic. Also, a NRA Marksmanship Qualification program could be started if there is enough interest.

If you would like your name put on one of these lists please contact me. Costs for these programs has not been established except for Bow Hunter Ed, which is \$10

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to have an excellent trainer. Al has proven he knows how to train them. Congratulations!

Thanks to all for attending and your support.



Randy Robinett

Al Nyhus

Brian Miller

BIG BORE RANGE

By Craig Nagel

The Holmen Rod & Gun Club hosted a HBR score match on 6-4-06. There were 17 shooters present. The weather was sunny with light winds and mirage that kept some of us dazed and confused. Al Nyhus and his (that'll never work) wolf pup outran the pack at 100 yards with a 250-19X for the top spot. Roy Oines and the Rock barrel produced another 250-18X for the first loser. Brian Miller hung in there and shot a semi respectable 250-16X for third place.

The afternoon weather was more of the same. The wolf pup??? Gathered more strength and Al nabbed the top spot again with a 248-8X. R.G. Robinett as always was lurking in the shadows and posted a 248-5X for runner up. Third went to Holmen's Steve Rosendale with 245-6X.

The Grand was all packed up with Al's wolf pup coming in as the top dog 498-27X. R.G. Robinett kept a tight leash on the pup with another semi respectable score of 497-21X. Brian Miller was third with 494-22X. Brian said he is saving his good barrel. Boy, I can't wait!

It appears that Stan "Warewolf" Ware has grown up and is running with the big dogs. However it still has

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2006

By Mark Thole

Each year at the May meeting elections are held for new board members and executive officers. The up-to-date listing is available at the end of this newsletter.

PLEASE VOTE IN NOVEMBER

By Tom Bice

Please be sure to vote in the Primary and the General election this fall. It is extremely important to elect people who represent our Constitutional rights. If we don't vote we will loose our rights. Get your friends to vote also!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- IHMSA WI State Match – August 5 & 6
- USPSA Area 5 Championship – Aug 25-27
- Field Days – September 2 & 3
- Fandango – October 13-15
- Friends of the NRA Banquet – November 4th



~ OTHER NEWS ~

Hunter Sight-In

There will be two fall weekend days (Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, November 11th) designated as “Deer Hunter Sight-In Days” during which anyone from the general public may use the Big Bore facilities for a very modest fee. **At all other times, full membership is required.**

***** Newsletter Changes *****

Starting in 2007, this newsletter will be available on the website *only*. Please visit <http://www.holmenrodandgunclub.com> for the latest Club news and information. This means that you will no longer be receiving a “hard”-copy in the mail three times a year. Look for a major website upgrade in 2007 as well.

~ Members ~

The Holmen Rod and Gun Club exists because of its member participants. Your participation (as a volunteer and as a participant in events) is essential to ensure that the Club continues to provide recreational shooting sports activities to the community. Please – get involved – its *your* club!

~ Board of Directors ~

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