



Desert Marksmen Rifle and Pistol Club

November 2011

Match and Discipline Review

Practical Pistol

Second Saturday

8 October 2011

Practical Pistol Event Scoring & Comments

By SPLITHOOF

The theme of this event was “vehicle operations”, and utilized some props geared towards shooting from inside, under, around, and outside a motor vehicle. There were four stages, three of which required shooting, and a fourth component that was in the form of a simple written test. The test covered safety while shooting from inside a vehicle, ballistics of selected handgun cartridges, vehicle related

tactics, a couple of historical questions, and a couple specifics related to various sidearms.

The event host’s pick-up truck was used for most of the stages, and a prop was constructed for the stage that required low clearance as a measure of safety.

We had twelve shooters out for the day, including two new club members who are fairly new to shooting in general. The weather was perfect, with light breezes.

Stage one had the shooters sitting in the host vehicle, belt fastened, sidearm holstered. Upon signal, a pneumatically operated cardboard target appeared very close to the drivers

lowered window, giving them about one and one-half second to draw and fire into the center section. This was intended to replicate a possible car-jacking scenario. The target continued to move forward, exposing two steel silhouettes about twenty-five feet away. The steel targets had to be engaged with two shots each to finish the evolution. This sequence was repeated two more times for a total of eighteen rounds fired. Safety during this stage was well observed, and nobody shot any portion of the truck, but I am still finding various fired cases hidden everywhere inside.

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Loose Ends (Latest News at DM)

DMRPC Secretary has a new email address –

If you need to contact the club Secretary, Jackie, she has a new email address, sec.dmrpc@yahoo.com

Newsletter Advertising –

For pricing information please contact Joe at joe.pizzo@earthlink.net.

Shooter are enjoying DMRPC events –

So far this year we have had 584 shooter attend our monthly shooting Disciplines. These events would not be possible without the Discipline Leaders and their alternate volunteering their time.

Volunteers Needed –

The Club has projects coming up and will be in need of volunteers. If you have concrete finishing experience or access to a deal on concrete please contact our Club President Gary at pres.DMRPC@gmail.com

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What happens at a Practical Pistol event?

At Desert Marksmen, practical pistol is a discipline in which shooters have an opportunity to develop their skills with handguns in a setting that differs from traditional bullseye target shooting. Drawing from a holster, rapid reloading, movement, use of cover, and target identification are skills that are often required to complete various shooting “stages”, many of which are done under time pressure and at many times in direct competition with other shooters who are also participating. Many of the scenarios presented build skills used in defensive settings.

The event design and skill objectives typically vary from month to month, and a number of different hosts take turns on planning and implementation of those events. As an example, some event stages require

shooting from different positions such as standing, prone, kneeling, seated and behind cover. Other stages may also require demonstration of transition skills between two firearms. On several occasions shotguns and second handguns have been used. In the past there have been events that took place after dark that place emphasis on use of lighting tools as an aid to shooting. Generally, emphasis is similar to standards of the old South West Pistol League, and the teachings of Col. Jeff Cooper. A number of current senior Desert Marksmen practical pistol shooters were from that era and contribute to our experience.

Safety standards and proper courteous gun handling are strictly adhered to, and events are designed with safety to shooters, bystanders, and equipment as a top

priority. A safety briefing is conducted prior to the start of shooting at Desert Marksmen practical pistol events.

Equipment needed for participation need not be fancy, but it must be safe and reliable. A service grade, centerfire pistol or revolver is recommended with a suitable holster and means to carry some spare ammunition such as magazine or speed-loader pouches. Practical, everyday “carry” firearms and equipment are well suited and encouraged. For those in various security/protection fields, duty rigs are also well suited. Eye and hearing protection are mandatory. Because we shoot outside, sun protection is recommended, along with sturdy footwear, and suitable outer clothing. Because many events feature stages that require drawing from concealment, suitable

outer garments may also be required.

The Desert Marksman range has no running water, so it is advised that you bring plenty of water to drink, especially in hot summer months. A folding chair to rest on is also advised.

Practical pistol events usually get started close to 09:00, with set-up starting around 08:00. We usually finish the event after lunchtime, and everyone helps to store equipment and ready the range for the next discipline that will be using it. The fees to participate are usually \$10 per shooter, which goes towards event materials with the balance going directly to the club. If you are interested in shooting with us, come on out and give it a try. We encourage you to first contact the practical pistol host through the club website to facilitate event planning.

Please keep the gate locked and roll the combo when entering or exiting!

If you find the gate unlocked or open please let us know who's on the range. Write down the license plate and vehicle information, either go to the website or call a club officer.

www.desertmarksmen.org or 661-944-6411

Possible Angeles National Forest Takeover

This could have major ramifications to DMRPC. There is a possibility of the National Park Service taking over the Angeles National Forest from the United States Forest Service.

There are public meetings in Palmdale as well as Santa Clarita scheduled

for mid November. These meetings will be open to the public. The Palmdale meeting is scheduled for November 14th from 7 pm to 9 pm, at the Chimbole Cultural Center. The Santa Clarita meeting will be held on November 16th from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Carvalho Activities

Center, 20880 Centre Point Parkway.

If you are a hunter, hiker, shooter or camper you should read the proposal. The NPS is suggesting four alternatives, visit the website listed below for the full report. This may effect the future of our club, and the all Southern

California's ability to enjoy the forest in the way they want. The project is the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study.

More information is available at the National Park Service website at: nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel.

Useless Information

What happened this month in history?

November 01, 0079- The city of Pompei is buried by an erupting Mt Vesuvius

November 02, 1783- Rocky Hill, New Jersey, US General George Washington gives his "Farewell Address to the Army".

November 4, 1862- Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine-gun which used revolving barrels rotating around a central mechanism to load, fire, and extract the cartridges.

November 4, 1979- About 500 Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran, and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans, they held them captive for 444 days.

November 8, 1519- Cortes conquered Mexico. After landing on the Yucatan Peninsula in April, Cortes and his troops had marched into the interior of Mexico to the Aztec capital and

captured Aztec Emperor Montezuma.

November 9, 1989- The Berlin Wall was torn down after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

November 13, 1927 - The Holland Tunnel was opened to traffic. The tunnel runs under the Hudson River between New York City and Jersey City and was the first underwater tunnel built in the U.S. It is comprised of two tubes, each large enough for two lanes of traffic.

November 15, 1777- The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.

November 22, 1963- At 12:30 p.m., on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, President John F. Kennedy's motorcade slowly approached a triple underpass. Shots rang out. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President.

November 25, 1783- At the end of the Revolutionary War, the last British troops left New York City.

November 26, 1789- The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public

thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American republic.

November 27, 1853- Wild West lawman Bat Masterson (1853-1921) was born in Henryville, Quebec. He was also a gambler, saloonkeeper, and later became a news writer in New York.

November 30, 1782- A provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of America's War of Independence. The final treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783. It declared the U.S. "... to be free, sovereign and independent states..." and that the British Crown "... relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same, and every part thereof."

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What's in my safe, and what do I want to shoot today?

If you aren't a competitive shooter going to an event, or getting ready for hunting season, this is a question you may ask yourself when looking in your safe.

Once a month I'll pull a gun out of the safe and give you a little background on it. I think I'm an average shooter I don't shoot as much as I would like, or as good as I would like and I don't have enough money to buy everything I would like. But I like all the guns in my safe and love shooting all of them.

About 10 years ago I read an article on the .41 Magnum. Everything about the cartridge sounded cool to me. It was originally designed



by Elmer Keith and Bill Jordan as a law enforcement round. As I understand, jacketed hollowpoints were not readily available, so the .357 didn't have the

knock down ability LEOs were looking for and the .44 mag was too much gun. So Elmer Keith had the idea to create a dual purpose cartridge. A hot

loaded 210 grain bullet achieving around 1300 fps, and a lighter law enforcement load consisting of a 200 grain bullet traveling around 900 fps. When Remington introduced the cartridge they ignored Keith's advice, they made both loads much hotter Keith intended. Most

law enforcement officers, being used to the smaller, lighter Model 10, didn't like the bigger, heavier firearm. Unfortunately, it never took off with law enforcement like it should have.

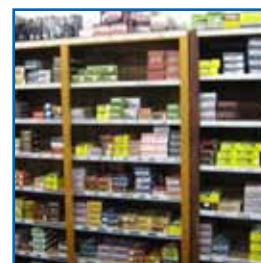
Hunters embraced the new round. With flatter trajectory and less recoil than the .44 Magnum, it is the perfect firearm for medium sized game, and it's fun to shoot.

So, now back to me, I've wanted a 6" S & W Model 57 for years, I'm poor so a Model 57 Classic is out of the question, so I've been

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The results of stage one are as follows, with the best single time of the three evolutions followed by the sum of points for all targets presented:

<i>Shooter</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points</i>
ALEC	4.85	29
AL	5.92	38
SPLITHOOF	5.94	37
ROBIN	7.04	43
JAY	7.26	41
PAUL	7.34	32
BILL	7.41	19
EDUARDO	7.83	41
C. DEUCE	7.90	33
RICH	8.97	27
NEVA	10.71	39
DAVE	12.43	8

NOTE: In a few cases, a slight wind slowed the progression of the initial target exposure, giving those lucky shooters a very slight amount more time to make center hits. In the case of our shooters with less experience, I elected to give them a head start on at least one draw to facilitate some hits and to build confidence.

Stage two was designed to require the shooter to engage targets in the shape of human “legs” from a laying down position, and with only fourteen inches of vertical clearance from the ground. A prop was constructed to simulate the underside of a vehicle, with three pairs of cardboard “leg” targets that swung down into position one at a time for about a one and one-half second exposure per set. Those who were not shooting helped actuate the targets in random sequence following the sound of an electronic shot timer set for the par time. Each shooter was to engage a pair of leg targets with two shots as they were presented, and after three exposures the shooter re-positioned to lie on his/her opposite side. The total number of shots fired for this stage was twelve rounds.

This stage was very interesting. The distance from muzzle to target was very close to four feet, but lying down on your side, on the ground with sidarm extended was not as easy as it sounds. With a short exposure time, and not knowing the sequence of the exposures, it was easy to miss. Most of the hits were on the upper portion of the targets, as it is natural to have a slight upward cant when in that position.

The results of stage two are as follows:

<i>Shooter</i>	<i>Hits</i>
BILL	12
PAUL	10
AL	10
RICH	9
SPLITHOOF	9
DAVE	9
ROBIN	8
JAY	8
C. DEUCE	8
ALEC	8
EDUARDO	7
NEVA	3

Stage three was called “Vehicle Advance”. It required the shooter to start from a crouching position behind the right rear wheel area of the host vehicle, facing away from two steel silhouette targets about twenty-five feet away. Upon signal, the shooter quickly moved into position behind and very close to the vehicle, drew their sidarm, and engaged the targets with two shots per target. Immediately following the engagement of the first two targets, the shooter rapidly advanced to the right front of the vehicle and engaged a second set of steel targets as quickly as possible. Total number of rounds fired on this stage was eight.

The results of stage three are as follows (note: three shooters had to leave before this stage was completed due to schedule constraints):

<i>Shooter</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points</i>
SPLITHOOF	11.92	8
AL	12.08	7
ALEC	12.09	7
BILL	14.89	6
C. DEUCE	15.97	7
RICH	15.99	7
ROBIN	17.00	8
NEVA	21.28	4
DAVE	31.56	4

The written test portion of the event was administered during a break in stage one shooting due to some deer hunters encroaching on the range. The test totaled sixteen questions on three pages. After everyone was finished, there was group discussion of the material, noting that some of the questions could be answered in different ways.

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Cowboy Action

Third Sunday

Well Hey Howdy there buckaroos! This here's yer favorite un-dead cowboy, Doc Silverhawks with a reporting of the goins on at our High Desert Cowboys monthly shoot fer October. Halloween were fer certain in the air as some of our shooters turned out in costumes to celebrate the season. It was the most beautiful October morning that a body could ask fer with warm temps and mild breezes that just made it a plain pleasure to be out. No less than seventeen shooters and two who were interested in givin it a try turned out to share such a fine day with yers truly and we all had a great time.

What a way to end up a beautiful and mild summer than to have an October shoot like this here one. We all stayed in one large possie rather than split up as it's more personal and allows for more shootin of the bull ifn you know what I mean, and while that way takes a bit more time it makes fer a more fun day. We shot four stages, two of my own creation and two from our own Lumpy Grits and Ima Schofield. We even had a couple of stages that allowed fer stoking of the shotgun (loading of more than two rounds at a time) which while not legal at any of the higher level of events, sure makes fer some good scatter gunnin once a body gets their repeater all filled up. It makes a body wonder about the change that the first repeating shotgun, the Winchester 1887, must have brought in various scenarios upon it's arrival. This month showed our first ever "Broken Cowboy" (wheelchair bound) who was interested in givin it a try. We nicknamed him "A La Cart" (get it) and he had a fun day fer sure.

Well sir, once the dust had settled from all of the shootin and the steel was wrangled, we set fer a spell and had us a nice little raffle where eight lucky winners received gifts such as a gunsmithing screwdriver set, a boot jack made from horseshoes, or one hundred cast bullets. I'm proud to note by the way, that fer years now, all of our raffle prizes have been donated by the fine folk that make up the High Desert Cowboys and I am touched,,,(by their generosity that is). As always, ifn yer interested in coming up and shootin with us or ifn you just want to watch to see what all the fuss is about, you'd be more than welcome, so until next time I'll see you on the range.

Your Pard, Doc Silverhawks
SASS Regulator #24427

Bullseye Pistol

Fourth Sunday

Here's the way things finished up in September. The weather was great, we had hardly any trash on range for a change.

	<i>Any Pistol Pistol</i>	<i>Any Centerfire</i>	<i>Aggregate</i>
Clark, Dennis R.	822	780	1602
Conrad, James	820	741	1561
Christie, Ronald L.	691	698	1389
Jakobsen, Jake	659	531	1190
Jakobsen, Cynthia	115	408	523
Jakobsen, Jens	235	177	412
Ryan, Mike	166	235	401

Volunteers are the heart of DMRPC.

Before the Bullseye Pistol Match a group of dedicated volunteers went to work. This group of people helped work on the pistol range during today's work party. Only one of them had ever shot a bullseye match previously. Nevertheless, they all worked like troopers to clean and refurbish the

range. They raked wood and debris from the range, replaced all six of the railroad ties on the top of the berm and shoveled a lot of dirt to cover the new ties.

The heart and soul of our club is the folks that step up and volunteer when needed. Our club would be a mess if it wasn't for those who



selflessly volunteer to help wherever there is a need. Bullseye Pistol is a wonderful

event and it seems every month before they shoot they have to do a little clean up. But this month was a real work party. Next time you shoot on the pistol range, take a moment, and admire their hard work.

DMRPC Classified Ads

For Sale: Two, M1A, McMillan Bros. black fiberglass stocks, both have been glass bedded by McMillan Bros., new condition, \$300 each. Please call Joe at 661-406-8638

For Sale: 2002 Ruger Vaquero, single action, fixed sights, Stainless Steel Revolver, 5 1/2 inch barrel, rosewood grips 357 mag. \$500 obo. buyer pays any reg. fees
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For Sale: Mossberg 12Ga. Over/Under only shot one time, has 28" barrels, Imp. and Mod. chokes, Black finish, Fiber optic sight, Over and under carry bag by Uncle Mikes \$375 Contact: biggboyzztoyzz@hotmail.com

For Sale: \$ 2,500 Firm – .308 Remington 700 SR w/24" M-24 SS sniper barrel – floated. Leupold Mark 4, 30mm Tube, Mil Dot – red illuminated reticle, 3.5 to 10 power scope with Mark-4 steel rings. U.S. Optics straight rail. Harris Bi-pod. (Less than 100 rds.) (661)-269-4269

For Sale: \$300.00 (37 cents a round) Ammo – 796 Rounds of 308; 540 of German NATO, 159 of Australian NATO, 38 of Wolf, 59 Match Reloads, 150 gr Sierra MK, John Harville – jharvill@mac.com

Wanted: Brass and reloading components/ ammo for .308. Also looking to buy Pelican, SKB Cases or drag bag case in good condition. Please contact Paul at (661) 317-4445 or e-mail paulandtammmy@verizon.net

For Sale: New, Unused, Dillion #14404 Carbide Die Set in .45 ACP/GAP. Price: \$61.00. Call Verne at (661) 943-6981

For Sale: Bulk powder, Alliant 2400-\$25 lb, Hercules H-110-\$25 lb, must furnish container.
• Hornaday Pacific 366 shot shell reloader (2 3/4) progressive press complete with manual and primer attachment ready to go. • \$250.00. Please call Dale or email dplandan@rglobal.net, (661) 944-6417

To place information or ads in the newsletter contact Joe Pizzo by e-mail at joe.pizzo@earthlink.net or call (661) 644-6160

For Sale: New 26", 30 Cal barrel, "short chambered" 308 Winchester. Can be changed to 06. Threaded lrg. Ring mauser muzzle is stepped for muzzle brake. Black oxide finish. \$125.00.

25 lb. bags New "chilled shot". Qty: (2) @ 71/2 shot size. (1) bag of 8 shot size & (1) bag of 6 shot size. \$30.00 per bag. Call Paul 661-943-4196

For Sale: Hand made custom knives. Come by the shop and see my inventory! Hunters to Custom Bowies and replicas. Priced from \$125 and WAY UP! Bill Herndon Acton 269-5860

For Sale: Authentic Civil War Wall Tent, 11 1/2 ft. long by 10 1/2 ft wide, 7 ft. high with 45 inch side wall, 8 ft. x 12 ft. fly for front, 8 ft. x 6 ft. side tarp for fly, 6 ft. x 6 ft. partition for interior (Plus various extras). \$400.00 (in good condition). Contact Frank Fedor – 661-733-0789

For Sale: Charter Arms Bulldog .44 Spl, 200 rounds through it, \$300.00 obo.

Ruger Mini 14 (.223) SS, synthetic stock, strap, case, and seven 10-round magazines \$700.00.

Smith and Wesson Model 29, .44 Magnum, SS, 6.5" barrel with a power port and leather belt holster (that can be worn strong side or cross-draw - right handed), \$550.00. Please contact Pasquale (661) 433-3108

For Sale: 1865 spencer rifle in nice condition, caliber 56-56, \$3,500.00 firm. converted to center fire, the price includes, reloading dies, cases, cast bullets, bullet mould, lots of loaded ammo, original rim fire block included. This rifle is in very good condition, great for cowboy action. I also have a couple of antique lever action winchester and marlin rifles for sale. Call Miguel 661-810-9676

For Sale: Target stands & Reactive steel targets. For more information and pricing. Call 661-406-4006



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 November 19, 1863-
 President Abraham
 Lincoln delivered the
 Gettysburg Address during
 ceremonies dedicating 17
 acres of the Gettysburg
 Battlefield as a National
 Cemetery. Famed
 orator Edward Everett of
 Massachusetts preceded
 Lincoln and spoke for
 two hours. Lincoln then
 delivered his address in
 less than two minutes.
 Although many in
 attendance were at first
 unimpressed, Lincoln's
 words have come to
 symbolize the definition of
 democracy itself.

**Please join us at the next
 Membership Meeting
 Tuesday, November 15
 at 7:30 pm**

November 11, 1938
 - Irving Berlin's God
 Bless America was first
 performed. He had
 written the song especially
 for radio entertainer
 Kate Smith who sang it
 during her regular radio
 broadcast. It soon became
 a patriotic favorite of
 Americans and was one
 of Smith's most requested
 songs.

November 19, 1998-
 The U.S. House of
 Representatives began an
 impeachment inquiry of
 President Bill Clinton,
 only the third presidential
 impeachment inquiry in
 U.S. History - the other
 two being of President
 Andrew Johnson in 1868
 and President Richard
 Nixon in 1974.

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 looking for a dead guy
 gun. I found a Model
 58 in 4", and figured it
 would do until I found
 that adjustable site, Model
 57. I also picked up a
 Ruger Blackhawk with a 4
 5/8" barrel, and adjustable
 sights. But neither is the
 pretty blue 57. So as I
 stand in front of the open
 safe, sort of like looking
 in the fridge when you

don't know what to eat,
 I'm taking the Smith &
 Wesson 58.

At the range, I'm shooting
 210 grain SWC with 15
 grains of 2400. The gun
 shoots great, as always, the
 problem is the shooter, but
 it's loads of fun. It did shoot
 a pretty good group. Then
 the whole way home I was
 thinking, maybe I should
 have brought the Ruger too.
 Oh well, next time.

Upcoming AV Events

Antelope Valley NRA Members Council Meeting

Date: 3rd Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: AV-BSA District Office,
 42402 10th Street West, Lancaster

Contact: James M. Wieck, President, 310 505-0992 or
 jameswieck@gmail.com

Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club Range Schedule

November 2011 – January 2012

Nov. 6, Sun.	Black Powder Main Range Open	Dec. 4, Sun.	Black Powder Main Range Open	Jan. 1, Sun.	Black Powder Main Range Open
Nov. 12, Sat.	Practical Pistol Main Range Open	Dec. 10, Sat.	Practical Pistol Main Range Open	Jan. 8, Sun.	Urban Pistol Main Range Open
Nov. 13, Sun.	Urban Pistol Main Range Open	Dec. 11, Sun.	Urban Pistol Main Range Open	Jan. 14, Sat.	Practical Pistol Main Range Open
Nov. 15, Tue.	General Member Meeting	Dec. 17, Sat.	HPR Garand Match Main Range Closed	Jan. 15, Sun.	Cowboy Action Main Range Closed
Nov. 19, Sat.	HPR Garand Match Main Range Closed	Dec. 17, Sat.	Defensive Pistol Tactical Range Closed	Jan. 17, Tue.	General Member Meeting
Nov. 19, Sat.	Defensive Pistol Tactical Range Closed	Dec. 18, Sun.	Cowboy Action Main Range Closed	Jan. 21, Sat.	HPR Garand Match Main Range Closed
Nov. 20, Sun.	Cowboy Action Main Range Closed	Dec. 20, Tue.	General Member Meeting (Potluck)	Jan. 21, Sat.	Defensive Pistol Tactical Range Closed
Nov. 26, Sat.	Tactical Rifle Main Range Closed	Dec. 24, Sat.	Tactical Rifle Main Range Closed	Jan. 28, Sat.	Tactical Rifle Main Range Closed
				Jan. 29, Sun.	Long Range Rifle Match All Ranges Closed

**To shoot on any range not in use during a scheduled match you MUST receive approval from the Discipline Leader.
 Discipline Leaders and Range Safety Officers must be obeyed at all times to avoid club sanctions.**