

Safety and Technical Article for Bullshooter May 2000

Basic Programme

By this time the new Introduction to Pistol Shooting and the test papers will have been going for nearly six months. I hope that even those of you who were (or are) against the whole idea will have now both used the manual and sat or marked the test papers. I would be very pleased to receive any feedback on both of these. As I have said several times, this is not yet cast in stone. If enough people suggest a sensible change, we have as they say, got the technology. Particularly we need to know if it is pitched at the right level, and if the test papers are too hard or too easy. If you don't like either say what you don't like and why. And of course if you like it and think it is useful/helpful/interesting then we really would like to know this too!

Club RO

As I write this the S & T review committee are looking at the first draft of the revised ISSF/ML/HMS Club RO manual and thinking about the exam. This was first introduced in 1984 and revised in 1987 and 1997, so it really is time to look at it again, particularly as we have now taken out the new shooter training aspect. We already have nearly finished a new Action Club RO manual that just needs a bit more work done.

I have talked about these two before, but I am now really hopeful of having them issued by the AGM in September.

National RO

These exams in ISSF, ML and HMS also need revising and are actually the oldest unchanged set of exams we have. Maybe this is why not many people sit them any more! They are held in May every year, and John Finch tells me we have no candidates this year by Easter. The intention is to provide a reading guide rather than a manual, and a completely revised set of exams. These are for people who want to officiate at Nationals and in the case of ISSF, who want to go on to get International ISSF qualifications. This is likely to be next year now, but I am getting in early to ask for ideas on content and style.

Action Match RO

Now we have the IPSC and NRA International RO training and qualifications available, I have been asked if the Action Match RO will continue. This is really up to the Practical and Action Section Directors, but I suggest that if any of you have ideas in this area you can contact one of them, or Wally Cole, or myself. Personally I think it is useful to have a training programme and exam that covers all Action matches at a reasonably high level without turning out people who only know one discipline. Let us know what you think, and where this should fit in the overall framework.

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