

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

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Hopefully spring has sprung in your neck of the woods and the urge to get the IPSC gun out and get to a match is overwhelming!

The Nationals are just over a month away at Rotorua PC. Late entries have been extended right up to match day, but don't leave it too late, there is a late entry fee. This year's match is over 3 days, starting at lunchtime on Friday the 5th November.

As well as 20 awesome stages, some top international competitors from Australia and IPSC level 3 sanctioning (Presidents Medals will be awarded), we have top shooter and Sports Psychologist Harry Hoover conducting a seminar on Sports Science free to all on the Saturday evening. Again Hayes and Associates have very generously donated a prize for the highest placed new shooter. This is the flagship event in our calendar, so don't miss out, no excuses see you there!

For those unable to get out and about to matches, we are now running an online match. Each month I'll post out a couple of stages, all very simple, which you can set up and shoot at your own club, and post me the results. If you would like details please contact me at nzl@ipsc.org.

I have received no nominations for the Regional Co-ordinator positions so I have rolled over our existing team. However, Wellington now has representation, from stalwarts John Harris and Ralph Cerecke, so look out for the new interclub matches now being held in that region.

It was great to see the USA's Crime Bill sunset in September. This was the Act that limited magazine capacity and in particular caused the demise of regular capacity Caspian magazines. These will shortly be back in production, which is great news for owners and enthusiasts of these great pistols! See your dealer.

Last time I mentioned that 3 of our members attended the European Champs in the Czech Republic. Despite the jetlag and the usual problems traveling with firearms, Steve, Quentin and Greg did a great job in what looked like an awesome match. Well done fellas!

I'm still awaiting confirmation that IPSC will be included in the next Oceania Champs being held in Australia next year. In anticipation we have a selection process based on this years Nationals (Rotorua 5-7 Nov 04), South Islands (Cable Bay 26-27 Feb 05) and North Islands (Wanganui 26-27 Mar 05). The three are also the final selection matches for next years World Shoot.

I'm concerned that new shooters are not always being given good advice on the selection and choice of pistol for IPSC competition. It's a question I have struggled to answer a hundred times, and is made more difficult by not knowing people's expectations. For me its all about competition, others are more concerned with merely participating. Guns and gear to suit those desires and budgets can be worlds apart!

If you want to participate in IPSC competition for minimum outlay take a good look at Production and Revolver Divisions. More and more of our top shooters are gathering a double action 9mm as a second gun for Production. A gun that is easy to shoot, and cheap to run and with which the wife or juniors can learn. Glock, Baretta, Sig, H&K, CZ and awesome new Tanfoglios are the main names, but there are others and the list can be viewed under Divisions on the IPSC web site www.ipsc.org (or contact me).

Alternatively a double action 38 revolver is about your best value for money. It's an IPSC gun, an ISSF Centrefire pistol, ideal for Stock Action Pistol and Service Pistol, a Steel Challenge gun, and a Field Pistol for Silhouette.

Finally this is Carl's last Bullshooter, like many of you I've never known another Editor. Over the years this journal has informed, entertained, and motivated me and to Carl and the various contributors I'd like extend my thanks and that of the IPSC section.

See you on the range.

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