

NGPSA 2006 SHOOTING YEAR

I am of the opinion that we should radically change our shooting calendar for the 2006 season. Our present format is being on for the last three years and we should perhaps look for something more exciting, especially after the hype of the world-shoot season.

We are at present running 10 major events, six handgun and four three-gun events and if we include the Vector Shotgun challenge and steel shoot the number is up to 12.

My proposal is:

Four handgun
Four Three-gun
Four Shotgun
Four Rifle

Thus creating a proper competition for all the various weapons. Only the handgun event should be held over the normal two days with the others as a one-day event.

Any other ideas??

Phil

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Halo Phil/All,
Thanks for effort. One thing is clear, we have to discuss & think more on this topic.

Pse consider following:

1. Is the intention to create separate logs for all, i.e. for shotgun and rifle as well ?
2. As handgun is the core activity of IPSC and it is the entry path to the sport and by far most shooters shoot handgun we must be cautious to reduce handgun events.
3. We must distinguish between world shoot years and "normal" years. This year for instance is hectic (and erratic) as a result of the world shoot. E.g. our steel challenge (and others) have died..
4. The steel challenge is a very popular event but seen as fun shoot.
5. The shotgun event is very nice to have but support is much lower than for full handgun events, maybe having a log would help. (Same for rifle)
6. 4x4=16 events may be too much for one year ?
7. We must consider all events in the light of points for Police. E.g. steel challenge = 2 points ?

Regards,
Koos



Hi Folks,

While I agree that a radical change to the NGPSA calendar is required I, like Koos, feel that 16 shoots are too many. Most of the NGPSA members only shoot handgun, and this needs to be accommodated. Range officials remain a problem, especially for multi-day leagues.

We need to identify clubs / ranges that can host the long guns, specifically rifle, before deciding on the number of those events. Off the top of my head we can shoot rifle at Eeufees, Premier, Magnum and Frontier, so this is probably enough.

Given the three handgun Nationals plus one 3-Gun National, as well as the proximity of CGPSA, do we really want many more than 10-12 other "league" shoots?

Consider these "major" matches; in addition to the various club shoots and other provincial leagues, etc.

1. Handgun Nationals Round 1
2. Handgun Nationals Round 2
3. Handgun Nationals Round 3
4. 3-Gun Nationals
5. NGPSA Handgun league #1
6. NGPSA Handgun league #2
7. NGPSA Handgun league #3
8. NGPSA Handgun league #4 (Champs)
9. NGPSA 3-Gun league #1 (Multi-gun - TBC)
10. NGPSA 3-Gun league #2 (Multi-gun - TBC)
11. NGPSA Shotgun league #1 (Vektor shotgun challenge)
12. NGPSA Shotgun league #2
13. NGPSA Rifle league #1
14. NGPSA Rifle league #2
15. NGPSA Steel Challenge (2-day, multi-gun format)

In this format, two of the handgun leagues should be designated to count towards the overall 3-Gun league, together with the shotgun and rifle leagues. This will effectively give four 3-Gun matches to define an NGPSA champ from, the same as for handgun. For those members only shooting handgun, the CGPSA leagues should be more attractive due to the fewer NGPSA matches, as well as the other disciplines (IDPA, Bianchi, Pin-shooting, etc)

Since we only have a 10-month year (January and December are pretty well excluded, possibly also the month leading up to our Nationals), this format still gives us more than one "league-shoot" per month. The schedule is pretty hectic once club shoots, holidays, the hunting season, range building and so on are factored in. Also keep in mind the "other guns" (pocket pistols, .22) that we have started talking about also creating a "league" for, mainly to ensure that members can motivate a requirement for these for sporting use.

It might even be that we consider only one each of the shotgun and rifle leagues to keep the calendar manageable.

Is it time to consider a revised format for the handgun Nationals? Maybe only one match a year? Maybe an "Optic" match and a separate "Non-Optic" match? ...

Do we want to consider reviving the multi-gun format in the 3-Gun matches? USPSA is actively working in this area and is seeing growing popularity as a result. It does move a bit away from IPSC, much the same as the Open Division shotgun magazine capacity policy that we intend adopting. My personal feeling is that this will be for the better.

Regards,

Jonathan.