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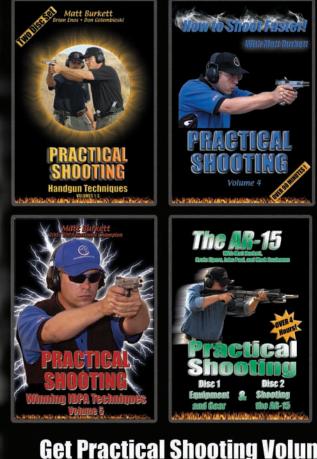


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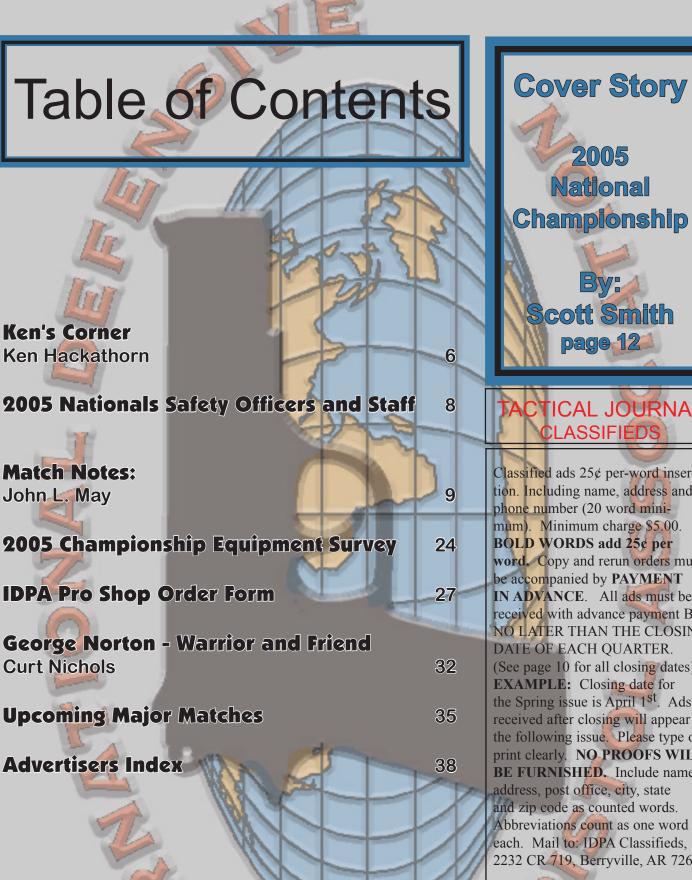
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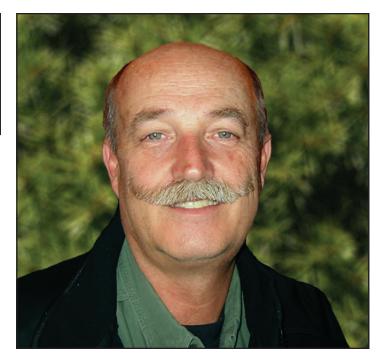
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KEN'S CORNER By Ken Hackathorn

n the first days of IDPA, the Board of Directors made a point of writing the rules to allow the use of two guns in certain IDPA matches. The concept was to allow Back-Up Guns in stages of fire that would reflect those self defense scenarios where this was a logical process. Sadly, in many ways, the BUG Division has not taken off on the club level. It is for one very valid reason; trying to compete with shooters using handguns in the other IDPA Divisions, a competitor using a BUG is pretty much toast.

The reality of the BUG is simply that it remains the one handgun that most people really carry. I remember the SHOT SHOW in Atlanta where the IDPA BOD held one of its early annual meetings. It was of interest that every person present had one thing in common... Each had a five shot S&W 2" J Frame in his possession. It is my opinion that creating stages of fire, in your local IDPA events, that require the contestants to use a BUG is extremely practical. One area of stage planning that has made this difficult to do is just how do you balance the round capacity of the various divisions with that of the BUG? Remember that we limit the BUG to five rounds - even if the gun holds more. This logic is based upon the fact that the five shot S&W 2" is the dominant choice for back up gun use...If we allowed more rounds, people would soon choose guns like



the Kahr or even Glock M26 that gave a competitive advantage.

I suggest a very simple way to make all guns in every division competitive when going to a BUG to finish the stage. Make everyone start with just six rounds in their handgun. This will allow wheel guns and everything else to be equal. After all, we can use the logic that the reason you are going for a second gun (the BUG) is because your primary has run out of ammo or has failed. Design a stage where you start with primary handgun in hand, deal with two or three targets, then when your pistol goes empty, go for the BUG and finish the stage. I would recommend no more than two more targets since the BUG is limited to five rounds. The Bug can be carried in the pocket, spare holster or used as a prop in the stage (in a drawer, briefcase or glove box). Furnishing a 2" five shot for the stage is not a bad idea, and since nearly everyone owns one, getting one to use should not be a problem. This is one way to get folks

involved in shooting the gun they really carry...Keep the targets close, 10 meters or less. I recommend that these targets be five to six yards max.

Another area of shooting skill that has shown promise is the practice of taking an IDPA silhouette target and cutting the -3 zone off the target. What you end up with is a smaller silhouette that has just the -1 zone and head...(This is, in fact, much more realistic in many shooting tests that reflect the accuracy needed in the real world.) I highly recommend that you give it a try in some of your club's IDPA stages. These reduced size silhouettes do not fit most target frames well, so you will have to improvise target holders. I mount them angled so that I can staple the head on one upright and the body on the opposite. They work well this way and can be positioned as if they are coming out from behind cover. For some shooters, this smaller target can be intimidating, but this is, in fact, the zone that you should be shooting for to begin with... If you are hitting a lot of -3 zone hits, you need to seriously tighten up on your shooting.

There continues to be some question about the IDPA definition of a DA pistol. The DA pistol is considered to be a handgun that does two things with the trigger. First, the trigger cocks the hammer or retracts the striker, then releases the sear or striker, aka double action. If the trigger ONLY releases the sear or striker, it is a Single Action. For Stock Service Pistol Division, DA pistols are required. The Springfield Armory

XD is a design in which the trigger only releases the striker; it does not cock or retract it...Thus the XD is a Single Action...Glocks are DA because, while the striker is partially pre-cocked, the trigger does retract the striker a short distance before releasing it. So we consider the Glock DA and it is placed in Stock Service Pistol Division. I have had people argue that the XD's trigger not only releases the striker but also moves the firing pin safely out of the way. Thus, they argue, the XD should be considered a Double Action pistol...Sorry, but that dog won't hunt. If we bought this line of logic, the Series 80 Colt M1911 pistols would be considered Double Actions as well. Don't think so...Get over it folks. The XD is a very good pistol and can fit nicely into ESP.

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I can never hope to have a crew like the '05 crew again. Most are veterans, but a few new faces are always there to help out. You guys always amaze me, no matter what the weather, no matter what I come up with for you guys to work on, you show up and go to work. Without you, there is no match. Man, it was hot; setup days saw temperatures into triple digits and it stayed hot for most of the week. Still, we got finished most days on time or ahead of schedule. Not a better group of people exist.

What a great group of competitors this year. I guess we broke each other in well. As I was getting used to the challenges of being the MD, you were getting used to the challenges of having me as MD. I will always try to do a better job than in the past and we all will try to make it a better experience for you. I can tell you that every night at the CSO meetings, it was remarked how it seemed that this year everyone seemed to be having a great time, even though it was hot, and everyone was help-ing out on the stages. I'm glad to hear those things from the crew. It makes a better match for all if we work together to get it done while on the stages.

I have developed a routine during the match that I continued this year. I have a group of competitors that I visit with before and after they shoot. It gives me a barometer that I trust to let me know what works and what does not. While I believe that I am a good judge of all things match related, I know that this combination works well. When you include the nightly CSO meetings and watching the day's events, we can run a match that will be fun and work well.

I deserve little credit for it all, except for maybe picking such a good crew to make it all work. To all of the CSOs, SOs, IDPA Staff and CASA Staff, you are the reason that it all goes so well. Well, it looks like we get one more year to improve on what we have already done. Any ideas?

I will be looking for input for next years match. If we are going to do this again, we had better get started soon. Send me your ideas so this can become our match.

As always thank you all for the kind words and letting me know how much you enjoyed your experience.

John L. May Match Director 2003 - 2005 IDPA Nationals



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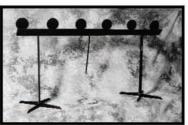
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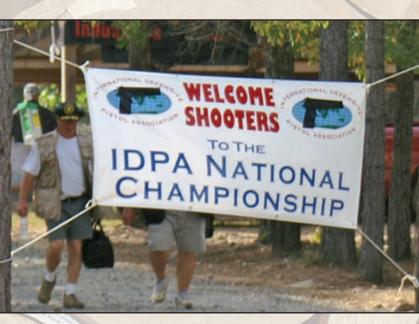
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As the kids return to School, the Nextel Cup Race for the Chase, the NFL and NCAA are on the television; must mean that fall is coming. These events also let us know that the IDPA season is winding down in most parts of the country. This also means that the IDPA Nationals are right around the corner.

Once again this year, the Central Arkansas Shooters' Association (CASA) hosted the match. Over the last few years, this club has become one of the finest pistol ranges around. CASA has now hosted three IDPA Nationals and several USPSA major matches. The club and supporting facilities of CASA have matured and the place has lots of creature comforts.

CASA's ranges have always been excellent. There are fourteen bays and they can be set up to hold up to three stages, affording shooters the opportunity to shoot till they drop. The CASA crew built all new benches and tables for the pavilion and the club erected a memorial/monument dedicated to members of the Armed Forces. The '05 IDPA Nationals will be known as a battle of the elements. Temperatures and heat stress indexes topped 110, making shooting a survival of the fittest. The

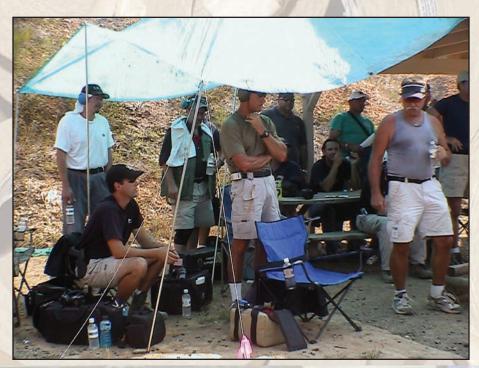
folks who set the stages up on Monday and Tuesday endured the worst, battling this grueling heat toting barges and lifting bales. They all deserve a thank you and a pat on the back.

It was no better for the staff shooting on Wednesday. The skies were clear blue and the sun was unrelenting. I must have consumed three gallons of Powerade, Diet Coke and plain water. I still felt like a proverbial train wreck after shooting. The heat took its toll on both old and young. Several of the staff made visits to the stats shack to get out of the sun to prevent heat stroke or worse. Fortunately, there were no major heat injuries, but the heat did force a few competitors to withdraw. All of those who withdrew were okay, so the heat injuries won't keep them down.

Thursday, the weather was just as bad on the first eight squads of shooters. Like the staff, these squads shot the entire mach in one day. Many of Thursday's shooters voiced concerns about the heat taking it's toll because they were head-

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ing to shoot a USPSA Area Championship on Friday. I found the heat was taking its toll on the staff and those who came to watch the match as well, and they got to stay in the shade. Well, the Safety Officers didn't; sorry guys.



Friday and Saturday turned out to be much better days to shoot than Wednesday and Thursday. There was cloud cover off and on all day Friday. It was about ten degrees cooler and there was a breeze. Saturday was very pleasant but held the threat of really adverse weather over the shooters' heads.

Hurricane Rita was threatening the match since it was to sweep through the Arkansas. According to the weatherman, rain was to blanket the area all day Saturday. Fortunately, the remnants of Rita moved slower than the weather folks thought it would. The rain hit as most shooters were finishing up their final stage on Saturday afternoon. Driving back to the hotel from the range was, to say the least, challenging as the rain came down in sheets.

The weather also affected several shooters from Texas. Hurricane Rita was threatening the coastline of Texas and major cities like Galveston, Corpus Christi, and Houston. Many shooters either had to cancel coming to the IDPA Nationals or, in the case of a hand-Continued on page 16



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Continued from page 13 ful of shooters, shoot through the match on Thursday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our fellow shooters, their families, friends and all those affected by Rita.

Overall, the match was great, unless you shot it like I did...you mean you're not supposed to shoot the guys with hands, or leave a magazine on the ground with a cartridge in it, etc.? Yes, I cornered the market on adding time to my score and found most of the procedurals you can amass; is there a category for this? Oh well, it happens; I still had fun.

If you wanted it in a match, the '05 IDPA Nationals had it. There were swinging targets, targets that moved with gravity, targets that were motorized, targets that flopped out from behind cover when activated and even some steel to activate droppers or movers. Who said you can't come up with innovative ways to incorporate movement?

None of the moving targets were "traps", hard to engage or otherwise a

pain in the butt. They were a refreshing welcome from the standard "shoot this, this and that" type static stage. Of course, they provided ample opportunity to shoot extra rounds, and many of us did just that.

Of course the match had a standards stage to test your shooting skills up to a range of twenty yards. The standards even incorporated weak and strong handed shooting to see who worked on those skills. Did I mention shooting at twenty yards? Amazing how nice groups opened up at this distance; practice kids.

Several of the stages incorporated movement. There were all kinds to suit your shooting pleasure. There was the bob and shoot around a corner, reload and move to the next position. Of course there was retreating while engaging (a favorite in anybody's book). There was even the opportunity to reload while retreating, a new twist to the dance. Most of the movement was brief, a step or two, or simply ducking down behind cover to shoot over and around

> said cover. All simple but affective and these simple moves change your view of the target array, requiring you to reevaluate your strategy.

Other than the hot weather, one thing that stood out at the '05 Nationals was the number of folks shooting leather. Over the last couple of years, kydex was the way to carry your piece to shoot IDPA With the holster rules, seems many shooters went back IDPA Tactical Journal Fourth Quarter 2005



to using a good ole' pancake holster. Nothing looks as good as leather, but it had to soak up some sweat in all that Arkansas heat and humidity.

Don't worry, kydex was still the big holster on the range. Unlike its all natural counterpart, kydex will not soak up all that moisture everyone's bodies were exuding. This was especially true if you used an IWB holster and I saw several kydex IWB's in use. Did I mention it was hot and people were sweating?

There were several notable absences from the match. The Houston crew was socked in by weather, our Croatian contingent was not to be found and perennial favorite Rob Haught was kept in West Virginia by work commitments. It's always good to see old buds and they were missed.

However, there were lots of new

faces at the match such as Alaska Mike. He's a disabled Army Special Forces trooper, but to shake his hand and watch him get around on the range, you'd never know it. There were several USPSA shooters giving IPDA a whirl and having a hard time coming to grips with the difference in rules. Seems we all did back nearly a decade ago at the Columbia Invitational.

It appears, no matter who you were, everybody had a good time. Granted, we all had some heartburn, be it the heat, shooting down-right badly or there wasn't enough blue Powerade. Still, beats a day at work or at home cutting grass.

The Friday/Saturday squads had a reprieve from the totally oppressive heat; albeit not much, it was still hot. Saturday was a downright pleasure

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on the range, overcast with a bit of a breeze...all thanks to Rita who would catch some shooters on their final stage or just finishing up-literally. When Rita did hit, she poured. Some of the shooters got the full force of Mother Nature with monsoons. It rained hard enough that SOs were literally changing targets between shooters to give each shooter a fair shot at the wet and limp targets.

The Saturday Night Barbecue was a hit. Lots of folks hung around to dry out and partake of the traditional BBQ. The weather had little effect on the events of the evening and the post shooting get together has become a tradition. It's a chance to share those "Hey, did you see that" moments, and to peruse your buddies digital displays on the camera of those not so impressive moments we all have.

Taking a page from *Back to the Future*, IDPA HQ split the awards ceremony from the BBQ. This allowed for uninterrupted relaxing and made the ceremony its own event. Those who win looking at the match results, I had to chuckle. The squads that shot Wednesday and Thursday faced some down right grim heat. Two of the shooters happened to be Julie Goloski and Dave



Sevigny of Glock. They were concerned the heat was slowing them down and it

and place do deserve to be given due recognition. The drawback for some is they have to bow out because Sunday is generally the travel day. After



didn't feel like they were shooting their best. Well. their poor day had Dave win Stock Service Pistol, and, though not official, had the lowest overall score of the match. Julie finished tenth in Stock Service Pistol-

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Master as well as finished High Lady and Press. Hate to see how they shoot feeling good.

Other winners were Ernest Langdon, CDP; Daniel Horner, ESP; Jerry Miculek, ESR; Jerry Biggs, SSR. Taking special honors were Scott Warren, High Senior; Bob Vogel, High Law Enforcement;

Wayne Johnson, High Distinguished Senior; Donnie Burton, High Junior; Lyndell Moore, High Military; Miguel Lagardera, High International, and Jeff Cuddy, Most Accurate Shooter. Jeff Cuddy dropped only 14 points with a revolver in ESR; who said revolvers are out gunned?

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> scores, for most of us, we couldn't tell you our score. We do recall that stage in Jefferson City you had to do a 360 degree roll over to engage targets or getting down in the mud at Mid South to shoot a low port. Make the trip out to Little Rock next year, and make a few great memories to last a lifetime.

Folks, if you get the chance, try to attend the '06 version. It's always a good time, you can see old buds, make new ones, and even em-



A note of thanks goes out to CASA for use of the facilities, they just keep getting better. The IDPA HQ staff deserves a hand for pulling off this yearly event and making it a success. Lastly, the Safety

barrass yourself around a group of folks who can appreciate your predicament. You will talk about the match and things that happen years later, and, I find, still laugh about the good times too. So, no matter how well you think you should have or you do shoot, the good times always remain. Funny thing about the IDPA Tactical Journal Fourth Quarter 2005

Officers and match staff, you men and women make the match work. You stood out in the sweltering heat, the monsoons of the last stages, and did it all for a handshake and a thanks. Without this crew, the match wouldn't happen. Folks, you all did a great job. Thanks; let's do it again next year.







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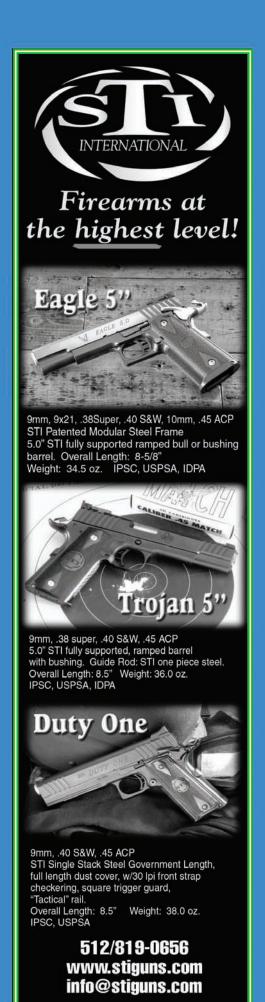
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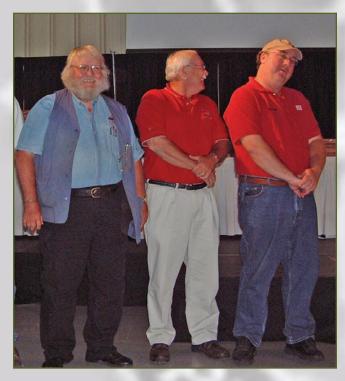




George Norton - Warrior and Friend by: Curt Nichols

George M. Norton passed away on October 13, 2005, after suffering a stroke. George was born on August 20, 1946. He is survived by his wife Mary Beth McCleery-Norton and his three children, Shannon, Michael, and Steven. George loved his family with a passion and never failed to mention his charming wife and his children. George was a Safety Officer for the last six years at the IDPA Nationals. That is how I had the privilege to know him.

I first met George when I was assigned as Chief SO to the Standards. I walked into the bay and saw George, Ollie Hugo and Colonel Jim Shearin. I am ex-military and know leaders when I see them. George served in the United States Army during Vietnam as a Special Forces Captain. Ollie and Colonel Jim had equally illustri-



ous careers. I did not know their careers at the time, but I felt a strong inclination to go to parade rest. I told George that I did not need to be the CSO and one of them should. George looked at me kindly and told me, "You'll do fine and if you don't I'll tell you".

George wound up telling me quite a few times. He always told me with humor, with understanding and he was always right. What little talent as an SO I have, I owe to George.

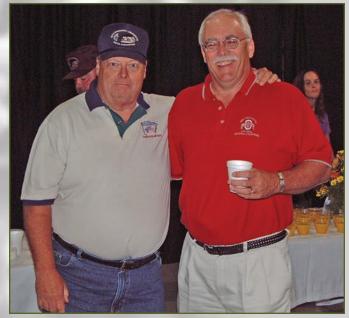
You cannot discuss George and IDPA without mentioning Ollie Hugo. They were best friends and always shot together. In 2004, I noticed they seemed especially competitive with each other on SO shooting day. Seems

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they had a bet. The loser would shoot a pink pistol the next year. George lost the bet and was awarded with the pistol during the 2004 awards ceremony. Always a man to honor a bet, George shot the pistol.

George was also a favorite with our Venezuelan competitors. Edgar Coronado would usually bring a present and insist on many pictures with his amigo. I think our friends understood that here was a man that was "Muy hombre".

My last, best memory of George is at our recent Nationals. Our crew was prone



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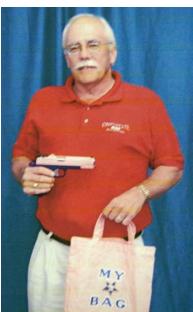
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to waiting for teardown call and having a drink when the guns were silent. Our friends from Venezuela had left us a bottle of a dark, smoky rum. We sat under our rainy tent, made some plans and sipped some liquor.

George and Ollie were going to run Stock Service Revolver in 2006. The loser would run a PURPLE revolver the next year. I was going to join them for some practice, since I had already been running the wheelie.

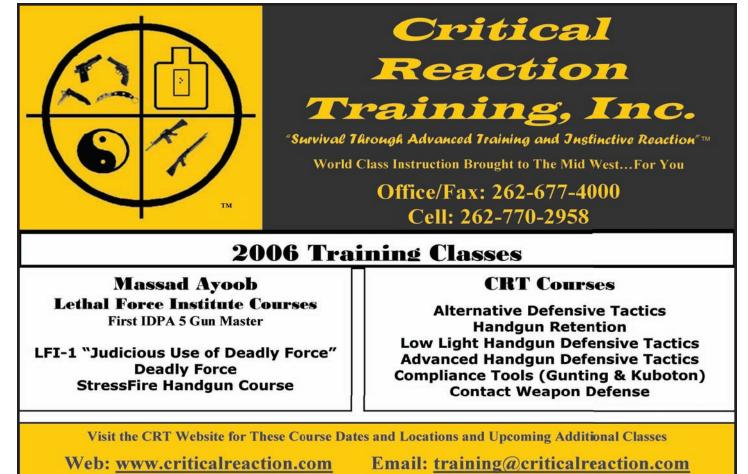
We stayed there a couple of hours and were joined by a few other SOs. That happened when you were with George. He attracted good people and good times. We killed the bottle and told stories. Stories of good deployments, hot LZs and dumb second lieutenants; stories of wives (plural) and women. What was a great beer and what was just an OK beer. We were done and the bottle was gone. Nobody was in a hurry to leave. I'm glad I wasn't.

I occasionally get asked why I SO. I'm a competitive shooter and, in the words of Carroll Lawrence, the "Best ISPC shooter IDPA has". Shooting on SO day doesn't help my score. Giving out procedurals doesn't make me friends.



Being a SO gave me a rainy tent and some hours with George Norton. I think that was a good trade.

Vaya con Dios, Mi Amigo



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