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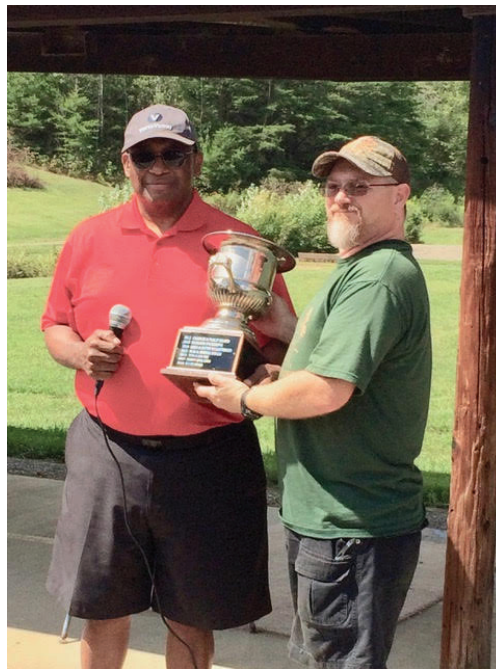
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Steve Martens

I just returned from the East Coast Championships and it was a great match. It was held in Ohio at the TUSCO range. Three nations were represented, Canada, Australia, and the USA. It was a very well run match and a big thanks goes out to Jim Kesser, Mark Basham and the rest of the crew who kept the match running on time. It was a great time shooting again with the shooters from the south. They are a great bunch of guys, much like the majority of shooters in this sport.

This fall is a terrific time to introduce your friends to this great sport. Bring them to your local range and they just may catch the silhouette fever.

Steve



For the year 2018, David Bemis (KY) has been selected by the previous recipients as the recipient of the Steve Riddle Region 2 Memorial Trophy. David is a member of the Anderson County Sportsman Club in Lawrenceburg, KY. For a number of years now, David has worked to keep the IHMSA program on-going in KY and the Anderson County range. David exemplifies the characteristics that were so much a part of Steve Riddle, and thus, this is why he is being honored this year
Congratulations David Bemis.....



IHMSA Bulletin Board

TARGETS FOR SALE

If there are any clubs looking for “free standing” big bore targets or “auto reset” small bore targets contact your regional director as we have some extra targets from the Fort Stockton range that we are looking to sell.

The free standing big bore targets that were at the Fort Stockton range are now at the OKC gun club in Edmund, Oklahoma. We have a few pallets with 20 targets on them. 5 each of chickens, pigs, turkeys, and rams. They are in very nice shape with little use. They are available on a first come basis. The price is \$750 a pallet. New cost was over \$2500.

We also have many freestanding small bore, field pistol and half scale targets that are available for purchase.. There are also several sets of small bore auto reset targets. A set of these are \$350 for a set with air cylinders or they can be easily converted to string reset.

Contact Steve Martens at ihmsaprez@gmail.com with questions.

REFLEX SIGHT TRIAL FEEDBACK

I have shot IHMSA this year for the first time in 30 years. It was after I discovered that reflex sights were going to be allowed for a trial period that I became a member again and have renewed my old favorite sport. My nearest range is Pringle, SD (268 Miles). I'm not sure I would travel that distance only to shoot a few scope guns. The reflex has allowed me to shoot more guns and enjoy the sport. It would be my vote to keep the trial in place to get greater feedback than just one year.

Dale Howe, Chamberlain,SD 57325, IHMSA #17965

Thank you for your feedback, Dale. Please continue to send feedback related to the reflex sight trial to the news editor at editor.ihmsa@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Annual memberships are \$35.00 and printed newsletters are an additional \$20.00. Mail membership renewal dues by January 1 to

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or pay by PayPal on the ihmsa.org website. You will receive your new 2019 membership card in the 2019 annual newsletter.

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HALF SCALE & FIFTH SCALE RECORDS PROGRAM

Category	Name	State	Number of Perfect Scores
Unlimited Half Scale	Gary Crews	Oklahoma	1
Unlimited Any Sight Half Scale	Steve Soya	Michigan	5
	Jerry Ray	California	3
	Larry Curtz	Oklahoma	1
	Jack Tessman	Kansas	1
	Rich Baird	Ohio	1
	Dave Wood	Michigan	1
	Jim Harris	California	1
	Chuck Pfitzer	Nebraska	1
Half Scale Aggregate	Jerry Ray	California	78/80
	Jim Harris	California	77/80
Unlimited Any Sight Fifth Scale	Steve Soya	Michigan	7
	Bret Stuntebeck	Washington	1

Congratulations and thank you to those who have submitted their scores!

Please begin sending entries to the newsletter editor at editor.ihmsa@gmail.com until a new half scale and fifth record keeper is selected. If you have interest in maintaining the half scale and fifth scale records please let us know.

CAST BULLET MID-YEAR FOLLOW UP

Russell Plakke

Earlier this year IHMSA started a fun competition for those who shoot cast bullets. We are now past half way through the year and have received some scores from throughout our organization. Want to encourage all of you that are shooting cast bullets to send in those scores so we can get them on the record. On the following page you will find a repost of the competition rules. We had some good scores at the Internationals with cast bullets and really enjoyed talking with some of those shooters. We are now entering that time of year when many States are looking towards their state competitions. Syrena and I are looking forward to shooting in those and hope you can join us or participate in a state match of your own. Remember to send us those scores!

IHMSA CAST BULLET COMPETITION - 2018

Key factors to accomplish with competition:

- Increased interest in IHMSA
- Recognize and facilitate a segment of our sport in a broader sense
- Promote sportsmanship and fair competition on a level playing field regardless of shooters current ability
- Increase knowledge level of cast bullet value for use in competition
- Be safe and have fun
- Match directors are not responsible for submitting cast bullet scores for this competition, the shooter will be responsible for doing so as described below.

General competition boundaries:

- To be eligible, competitive scores must be shot at a sanctioned IHMSA match between Mar 1 – Nov 31 of competition year by an IHMSA member in good standing.
- Bullets must be of a cast bullet design and have no jacketing with the exception of gas checks. No rim fire or air pellets allowed as a cast bullet
- All IHMSA rules apply to the competition as set forth within the current rule book or have been adopted by the board in recent decisions
- Keep it simple

Competition:

- Two competitive categories.
 - Category 1 - Scoped, includes the following:
 - * UAS/UASHS/PH/FPAS/US
 - Category 2 - Traditional, includes the following:
 - * U/UHS/P/R/S/FP
- Top four scores after addition of handicap shot by individual with cast bullets for the year will be aggregated for each category (Scope & Traditional) to determine that individual's final score.
- Scores will be sent to frstchckn@outlook.com by the shooter for tabulation along with category (i.e. UAS, PAS, etc...) and classification (AA, AAA, INT, etc...) no later than December 31, 2018.
- Scores can be from the same discipline or from different ones within the same category and will be adjusted to a 40 round match as needed.
- Handicap is based on shooters current classification in the category in which the shooter obtained the score. Handicapped scores will be rounded down to the first whole number. The following will be the handicap multipliers.
 - P/R/UHS/US/FPAS
 - * <AA = Score X 135%
 - * AAA = Score X 110%
 - * INT = Score X 100%
 - U/UAS/UASHS
 - * <AA = Score X 110%
 - * AAA = Score X 105%
 - * INT = Score X 100%
 - PH
 - * <AA = Score X 160%
 - * AAA = Score X 110%
 - * INT = Score X 100%
 - FP/S
 - * <AA = Score X 180%
 - * AAA = Score X 140%
 - * INT = Score X 115%
- Example: Shooter is a class AA in FPAS and shoots a 27. Shooter would be handicapped as follows: $27 \times 135\% = 36.45$: After rounding down a score of 36 will be awarded to the shooter.
- If a tie at the end of the competition exists, winner will be selected through a random drawing.
- Prize awarded will be one year membership to the Cast Bullet Association for each category (Scoped and Traditional).
- Write up of the top scoring shooters in the IHMSA news (may also submit to CBA) and will include load data as possible.

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Ammunition

BIG BORE RECORDS PROGRAM (BBRP)

By Joe Cullison

2018 is well in progress and a whole bunch of scores have come in so I have a lot of catching up to do. If you do not see your scores here please email or call me and I will make it right as fast as I can. Please send in your scores, people would like to see them posted. They will not be posted if they are not sent to me. I just do not have the time to go through all of the the match reports looking for BBRP qualifying scores.

Dan Meserve (WY) shot some fine scores at the World Championships racking up a U-79, S-48 and R-74. These convert to a 3-gun score of 100.

Bruce Smith (OH) has sent in a couple scores. One day he shot a U-39, R-36 and S-28 for a 3-gun 103. And in September Bruce shot a R-39, P-37 and a S-26 for a 3-gun 102.

Rich Baird (OH) shot a very nice US-35

Rich Hawkins (IN) shot a great US-37

Joe Kennedy (NV) shot an excellent US-39 and a S-29 for a Standing agg of 68. Joe also shot another US-39.

Paul Habig (NV) shot a U-40, P-40, R-39 and a S-22 for a 3-gun 102 and a 4-gun 141. And then Paul did it again but better, shooting the coveted triple 40 in U, P and R and then threw in a S-27 for a 3-gun 107 and a 4-gun 147.

John Richards (MN) had a really nice match at the Minnesota State shoot. John shot a S-44, US-53, P-59, R-54 and a U-59. These convert to a S-29, US-35, P-39, R-36 and a U-39. This gives John entries into 4 of the 5 BBRP categories with a US-35, Standing agg of 64, A 3-gun 108 and a 4-gun 144.

Joe Cullison (OR) Shot a few scores this year. Joe shot a S-28 and a US-34 for a Standing agg of 62. On other days Joe shot a S-32 (2 times). In February Joe shot a S-30, R-40 and a P-39 (rung ram) for a 3-gun 109. Joe shot a S-61, P-78, R-76 and a U-80 at the World Championships which convert to a 3-gun 109 and a 4-Gun 147.

State totals for 2017 are: NV-5, MN-4, OR-4, OH-2, IN-1, WY-1

Please bring at least one friend or acquaintance to every match. Together, we can keep IHMSA growing.

Please forgive me if I have left anyone out or made any other errors. Send me the information and I will make it right as soon as I can.

Thank you for your support of the BBRP.

Send entries to:

Joe Cullison, 28988 Berlin Road, Sweet Home, OR 97386 or to junclejo@aol.com. 541-317-8801 evenings

Thank you.

Standing 30+

Joe Cullison (OR) 32 (2)

Unlimited Standing 35+

Joe Kennedy (NV) 39 (2)

Rich Hawkins (IN) 37

John Richards (MN) 35 (2)

Rich Baird (OH) 35

Standing Agg 60+

Joe Kennedy (NV) 68

John Richards (MN) 64

Joe Cullison (OR) 62

Rich Hawkins (IN) 60

Presidents 100 Club (3-gun)

Joe Cullison (OR) 109 (2)

John Richards (MN) 108

Paul Habig (NV) 107

Bruce Smith (OH) 103

Dan Meserve (WY) 100

Presidents 140 Club (4-Gun)

Joe Cullison (OR) 147**

Paul Habig (NV) 147

John Richards (MN) 144

*Converted from a 60 round match

** Converted from an 80 round match

THE STANDING CATEGORY

By Joe Cullison

Standing is the most difficult, challenging and potentially rewarding category in IHMSA competition. Most people hate it, many tolerate it and some love it. Everyone that has tried standing has felt the frustration.

The purpose of this article is to explain the rules and show some examples of right and wrong positions. We want to encourage all standing competitors to examine their position and technique, making sure everything complies with the rules.

Let me dive into this article with the definition of standing from the IHMSA rule book: Section V. Page 9

B. Standing

1. The Standing categories are Standing, Unlimited Standing, Field Pistol Production, Field Pistol Any Sight, and Air Pistol Unlimited Standing Iron Sights.
2. The Standing shooting position shall be any safe standing position with the handgun supported only by one or both hands.
3. No part of one or both hands supporting the handgun may come in contact with any other part of the competitor's clothing, hat or anatomy (except the other hand).
4. No part of either arm, from the shoulder to the wrist, is allowed to come into contact with any other part of the competitor's anatomy, or be artificially supported in any way.
5. If prevented from doing so, by the nature of their condition, physically challenged competitors need not assume a full standing position. They may fire from braced crutches, or with support from a chair or stool; however, the support of their handgun must conform to rules 3 and 4 above.

Standing positions vary greatly and include the Taco hold (perhaps the most popular) the Weaver Stance, a modified Weaver Stance and anything else that works and conforms to the rules. I will not advocate any position over any other; each competitor must find their own way, find a stance that works for them, conforms to the rules and keeps the pistol from punching them in the mouth.

This leaves things pretty wide open, which is great for all of us and for fair competition. Standing is indeed frustrating and uniquely satisfying. It is hard to stand still, aim, squeeze, focus on the sights, align with the target, control breathing, break the shot and concentrate on follow through all at the same time. But when all of those things come together and a target, up to 200 meters away, falls, it is a great feeling. It is such a great feeling that some people may try something or anything to increase the frequency

of that feeling. Practice is the best and most acceptable method.

As stated above in the rules there are certain things that are not allowed. From #3 above, no part of one or both hands supporting the handgun may come in contact with any other part of the competitor's clothing, hat or anatomy (except the other hand).

You may not rest or touch the Scope on or to your hat or clothing.

You may not touch your hand to your face/chin/nose and or beard (for our more hairy competitors).

Here are examples of the hand touching the chin and again with plenty of clearance.



These photo's show the correct way as slightly exaggerated. You do not need to have your elbow near this high. The point is: keep your arms far enough away from your body so that there is never a question.

From #4 above, No part of either arm, from the shoulder to the wrist, is allowed to come into contact with any other part of the competitor's anatomy, or be artificially supported in any way.

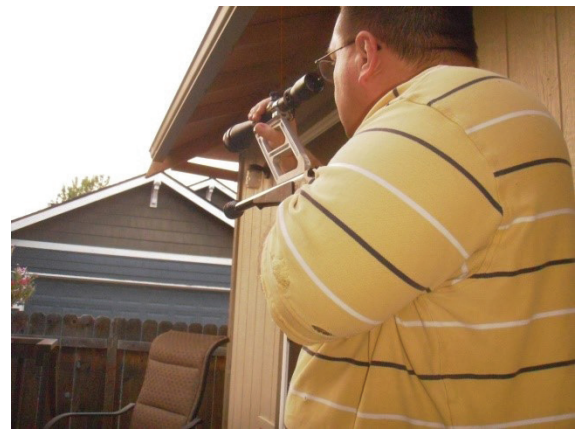
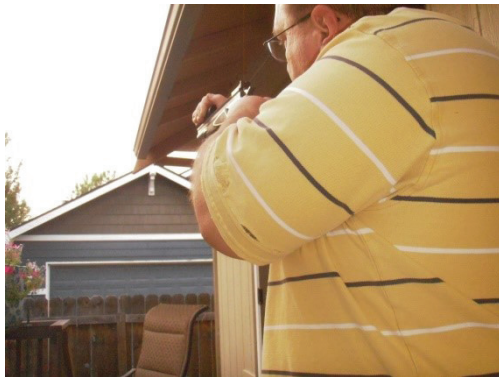
You may not rest your upper arm against your pectoralis major (more of a problem for people with larger arms or breasts).

You may not rest your elbow on your belly or against your side.

You may not grasp the scope with your hand and rest the barrel or frame against your forearm. (US or PAS)

As stated in the rule, nothing from the shoulder to the wrist may touch anything else.

Here are some examples of large arms touching the pecs and again with plenty of clearance.



A couple of pictures with a US gun showing the hand on the chest and with obvious clearance as seen from slightly behind.



Standing is the most difficult position to master. I do not know that anyone ever really masters Standing but some people do very well with it. Standing done properly (by the rules) is extremely rewarding.

Think about what someone behind you on the line will see, ask your spotter to review your position and let you know if anything even slightly appears to be against the rules.

Comply with the Standing rules and be blatantly obvious about it. Hold your arms fully away from the body, keep your hand clearly away from your chin. Remember that daylight is your best friend. If someone can easily see daylight between your hands / arms and your body parts, there should never be a question. Never give anyone the opportunity to question your technique, file a protest, question your scores or your win.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY/TREASURER OF IHMSA, INC.

In accordance with the Bylaws of IHMSA, Inc. as amended in July 2003, the office of Secretary/Treasurer of IHMSA, Inc. will be filled by election prior to the annual meeting. The individual elected shall serve a three-year term ending in 2021.

I _____, IHMSA # _____, do hereby declare my intention to stand as a candidate for election to the office of Secretary/Treasurer of IHMSA, Inc. and authorize my name to be placed in nomination for said office as a member in good standing of IHMSA, Inc.

Signed: _____

We, the undersigned members in good standing of IHMSA, Inc. do hereby endorse the above candidate's nomination:

Signed: _____ IHMSA # _____

Signed: _____ IHMSA # _____

The bylaws of IHMSA, Inc. require nomination for this office be submitted on this form to the Nominations Officer, Dell Taylor, 8899 Midvalley Dr., West Jordan, UT, 84088-9023, and received not later than November 30, 2018.

(IHMSA bylaws provide for candidates to submit a statement of their candidacy of 500 words to be included with the declaration of their candidacy for inclusion in the *IHMSA NEWS*. Due to publishing schedules, the editor must receive a candidate's statement no later than November 15, 2018.)

New Mexico State Director's Ballot

Following a duly made call for nominations and certification of said nominations for the office of New Mexico State Director in accordance with Article XI, Sections 1 through 5 of the bylaws of the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association, this ballot for the office of New Mexico State Director is presented to those eligible voters in New Mexico. Article V, Section 2 provides that any eligible member of the corporation in good standing that has attained the age of 18 shall be eligible to vote.

The voting members of New Mexico are hereby requested to vote for the following candidates for New Mexico State Director:

Russell Gould

Write In: _____

All ballots must be received prior to November 30, 2018 in order to be counted. All ballots are to be mailed to IHMSA, Inc., Attention: Ray Utter, Secretary/Treasurer, 3061 Sand Hill RD, Bismarck, ND 58503-6437 or e-mail to ihmsaheadquarters@gmail.com.

Printed Name

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