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Exciting News from IPSC!

Dear athletes, officials and partners,

2018 has been so far a very exciting year for IPSC!

Firstly, I would like to highlight the III IPSC Shotgun World Shoot, held from May 28 to June 10 by the French Shooting Federation at one of the best shooting ranges in the world - CNTS in Chateauroux-Deols. Under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Philippe Crochard, Mr. Alain Joly and Mr. Stephane Quertinier, the French Shooting Federation's superb crew once again provided a wonderful and exciting competition. I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to these individuals and to the French Shooting Federation who were responsible for hosting this fantastic event.

In addition, it was the first time in IPSC history that an electronic scoring system was used which was made specially for practical shooting by a group of enthusiasts led by Jose Carlos Belino and approved by the IROA Academy. The system worked flawlessly and showed its great advantage.

Secondly, I am happy to announce the inaugural IPSC Action Air World Shoot Championship in Hong Kong was held from 29 June to 2 July 2018 at the Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre (KITEC) and it was a complete success!. Action Air IPSC shooting has been practiced in Hong Kong for almost 15 years, utilizing air-powered handguns to solve the shooting challenges presented by the courses of fire. Today, Hong Kong's high standards of action air shooters and training facilities have become the envy of the world. The Championship attracted around 480 shooters from 18 of IPSC's member countries to compete for the final champion title.

I am certain that the athletes who took part in this event enjoyed the championship and the friendly and encouraging atmosphere, at the same time made new friends and experienced new cultures. Hong Kong is a beautiful place and a cosmopolitan metropolis where old tradition blend perfectly with western culture.

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Among important milestones in IPSC development I would like to mention the official launch of MISSIA and IPSC Continental Council.

The Continental Council is an advisory committee consisting of representatives from all the IPSC Zones: Africa, Australasia, Europe and Pan-America. Its Representatives are experienced Regional Directors from strong and successful Regions within the IPSC Zones. It was created to monitor the development of, and support given to, IPSC Regions. It will analyse the current situation of each Region in order to suggest options for the efficient development of new ones and will encourage new Regions to join IPSC. The Continental Council can recommend new sponsors and partners for the development of IPSC and will hold an official meeting 1-2 times a year in conjunction with Level IV and V matches.

During the meeting I officially presented the mission and sustainable development goals of the Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association (MISSIA). The mission of MISSIA is 'To create and develop a uniform worldwide standard for the training of athletes in the sport of Practical Shooting'. The following goals were noted as strategic:

- Create an institute for the ongoing development of the curriculum that covers all the aspects of the sport.
- Form a unified approach and the standard required for training.
- Increase both the quality and efficiency of training.
- Promote gender equality and equity in the sport.
- Develop junior programs.

All international sports should have solid training programs and a coaching structure for the safe and efficient performance of their athletes and we must remember that first of all we are bringing to the rest of the shooting world unique approach of safe and responsible gun handling. This is our guiding star.

Always practice, participate in matches, inspire new members, be safe and have fun!

Vitaly Kryuchin
IPSC President





III Shotgun World Shoot



Back to Beautiful France with a bang!

June is always a good time to visit the Indre department, this remarkable area in the center of France. This is even more the case, if you shoot IPSC Shotgun and have decided to join all your international friends for the ultimate shotgun summit, the Shotgun World Shoot. IPSC Shotgun had been shot for ages in several regions, but its recognition as a universal IPSC discipline only dates back a decade or so.

This third instalment of the Shotgun World Shoot had been awarded to France that, in 2017, had already amazed the IPSC world with their new, incredibly spacious shooting range and their exemplary organization of the Handgun World Shoot.

In retrospect, the IPSC Assembly's decision for France has turned out to be right, because, once again, the French FFTir, driven and directed by Alain Joly and Stephane Quertinier, delivered as expected.





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Immediately before the match, there was a lot of discussion and controversy about the World Shoot stage design. As usual, there were athletes wishing for more speed and less accuracy, others would have preferred more buckshot stages, some criticized close placement of No-Shoots to scoring targets. In the course of the match, the percentage of competitors with positive comments about stage design appeared to be rapidly increasing.

Bottom line: it was a difficult, but well-balanced shotgun Course of Fire, definitely worthy of a World Shoot.

Weather can be the decisive factor when it comes to forging memories of a major match. This time, it was perfect for the duration of the match (with just a few hours of light rain to cool off the competitors).

A new, most innovative feature was the electronic scoring system developed by a team of IPSC's very own around SGWS III Range Master José Carlos Belino and pioneered



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in Brazil. This system has proved to be a major step forward in speed of match information and real-time transparency for all competitors. As it has been reported, the system has worked beautifully with no hiccups (at least none perceptible to competitors, crew, and spectators) during Shotgun World Shoot III.

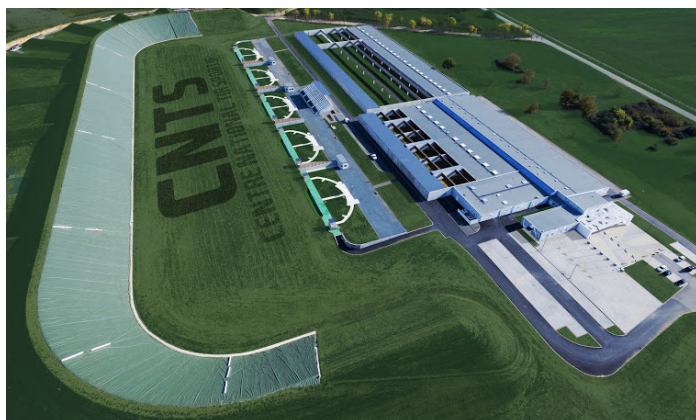
Apparently, this system is even more flexible, i.e. offering more specific features, than how it was programmed to perform during this Level V. Some features were deliberately switched off for this match, in order to maintain the suspense factor.

Without having a profound understanding of all the intrinsic programming magic, officials and competitors were impressed by its REAL-TIME performance, constantly showing results of competitors who had finished their attempts at a COF seconds ago. Simultaneously, you can see displayed the highest hit factors per each of the 30 stages with their respective competitors. Hit factors are also updated in real-time, as soon as a new “high score” results from a COF shot in any stage.

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All competitors have constant access to their verification info seconds after their recent run and can print out a proof sheet at printing stations located around the range.

Unlike other electronic scoring systems that have been in use for some time, all results are immediately linked to WinMSS and can be handled inside that IPSC program without delay or “translation”.



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The relatively inexpensive Samsung tablets used by each stage crew proved effective, even under wet conditions, and seem to have worked more or less flawlessly with enough backup battery packs available. Stats officers were constantly monitoring tablets performance, battery levels and had plenty of portable battery packs for backup.

Data is heavily protected against loss by the use of a whole series of raspberry pi computers making all parts of storage triple redundant.

The necessary WiFi setup seems to have been (near) excellent at the SGWS range in Chateauroux with hardly a blind spot prohibiting instant transmission.

Another pro: because of the system's relative independence, Stats personnel numbers could be reduced to a minimum.





Latest information is that the program will become available (free of charge to IPSC regions) from the IROA Forum very soon.

As always, the shoot-off held a lot of suspense. Although each bout was already decided after the first round, the event took rather long to finish, perhaps due to the fact that upon start an airborne flash clay needed to get hit before felling the usual poppers. If not hit, a second (or third, or ...) clay could be sent flying by hitting a button.

This happened more often than foreseen by the organizers. Anyway, competitors and spectators alike seem to have enjoyed this traditional side-event.

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step forward in speed of
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time transparency for all
competitors.**



Final results revealed a sensation: 6 Finnish World Champions from 15 eligible divisions/categories are a major display of dominance by this comparatively small nation (population 5.5 million).

Here are all 15 new 2018 IPSC Shotgun World Champions:

Open: Froelich, Josh (USA)

Standard: Laukia, Jarkko (FIN)

Standard Manual: Viitala, Jaakko (FIN)

Modified: Rintala, Teemu (FIN)

Open Lady: Karelina, Alena (RUS)

Standard Lady: Miculek, Lena (USA)

Standard Manual Lady: Moro, Alessandra (ITA)



III Shotgun World Shoot



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Modified Lady: Nycz, Margaux (FRA)

Open Senior: Hansen, Johan (SWE)

Standard Senior: Riste, Mika (FIN)

Standard Manual Senior: Bellini, Davide (ITA)

Modified Senior: Kaislaranta, Mikael (FIN)

Open Super Senior: Liberty, Giovanni (ITA)

Standard Super Senior: Blum, Karl (CAN)

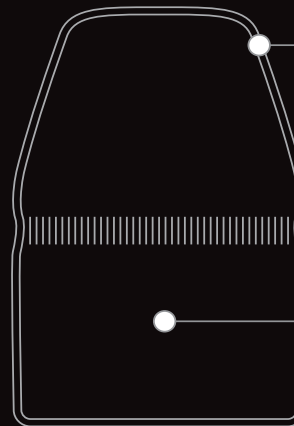
Standard Manual Super Senior: Mikkola, Matti (FIN)

Overall Team Results added another 3 titles to the Finns' total (Modified, Standard, Standard Manual) with the fourth Division (Open) going to Russia.

The Awards Ceremony, held at the Parc des Expositions de Belle Isle, rounded off yet another IPSC Level V highlight.



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In his address, a visibly relaxed IPSC President, Vitaly Kryuchin, thanked the French Association, and especially their key people in the organization of this World Shoot, the local government representatives, IROAs, NROIs, helpers, sponsors and guests for their respective roles in this great event.

As in the 2017 ceremony, the catering was excellent, the menu tasty, and the giant tent structure filled with a lot of good spirit and camaraderie.

We are sure, those who attended will make sure to be back in Chateauroux for the next big one!





SPECIAL REPORT - MISSIA



In response to a growing demand and interest in Practical Shooting worldwide the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) announces the creation of the Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association (MISSIA).

MISSIA was created to establish a structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of International Shooting Safety Instructors. It ensures that IPSC Instructors are the best trained, the best qualified and the best prepared to establish a uniform worldwide standard for training IPSC sports shooters.

“All international sports should have solid training programs and a coaching structure for the safe and efficient performance of their athletes. Therefore, the decision to create the MISSIA within the IPSC structure has always been one of our main goals. Our first mission is to develop this within IPSC and subsequently to bring our culture of safe gun handling to the attention of the whole shooting world” said the IPSC President, Vitaly Kryuchin.



Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association

One International Instructor, called a Master International Instructor, will be appointed in every IPSC Region. The Master Instructor will then pass on to the other Instructors and Coaches in his Region the minimum IPSC international training standards.

In IPSC Regions that already have an approved national system for training IPSC shooters, the Master Instructor will ensure that the minimum international training standard is implemented within the national program.

The MISSIA structure, sequence of training topics, safe groups teaching methods, removal of the main mistakes made by shooters and the testing system for competitors and Instructors are the main topics of the Training Seminar.

To date a total of 3 successful MISSIA Seminars have been completed in Australia, France and Czech Republic and 4 more are planned to take place this year in South Africa, Jamaica, Sweden and Thailand.

The Seminar's participants noted the importance of MISSIA creation and its further development, liked the learning process and some secrets that were given during the training session, and that the shooting tests did show their level of skills as shooters. Some of the participants noted that one-day session was not enough and asked to expand the classes to two days.

For MISSIA Seminars, participants need to be nominated by a Regional Director and require firearms: handgun, shotgun or rifle. Participants also need a minimum of 200 rounds of ammunition for the handgun and 100 rounds for the shotgun/rifle.

For more information about MISSIA please contact your Regional Director or send an email to MISSIA@IPSC.org.





How do you spend your non-shooting time at a major match?



Jhay Chua, 40
Construction Employee
UNITED STATES

The best part of traveling to major matches is to always roam around the city to learn the different culture and try authentic local food.



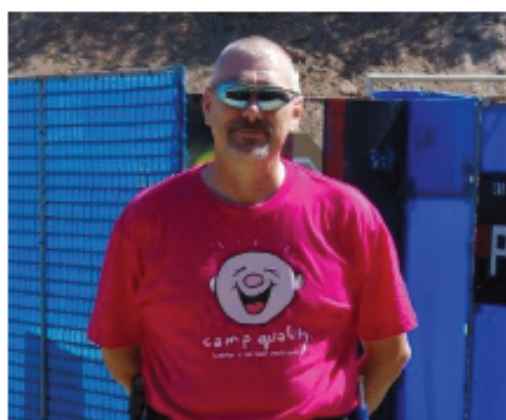
Bryan Samson, 29
Electrician
AUSTRALIA

Right after I have shot, sighted the targets and accepted my score. I will then start sorting out my cases and reloading my magazines ready for then next stage. I have a mental debrief of the stage I have just shot.



Zlakovs Apostolos, 34
Freelancer
GREECE

I try to curb my adrenaline to keep a clear mind and always be safe every time I enter a course of fire. I also enjoy watching my fellow shooters during break times.



Robert George, 52
IT Manager
Australia

What downtime? I love taking pictures of other competitors to hopefully give them a cherished memento of the match.



Theodore Ballas, 55
Retired Airline Employee
GREECE

After I'm done shooting a match, I try to go back to my hotel or home to relax and rehydrate myself, reconnect with old friends but always keeping focused!



Norbert Baraoldan, 48
Systems Analyst
UNITED STATES

Sharing ideas and observations with other spectators while watching competitors shoot can be rewarding and enjoyable as you gain new friends and get familiar with the stages.

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YOUNG GUNS



Arif E-La

AGE: 18
REGION: Thailand

How did you first hear about IPSC?

A friend of my father who is an avid shooter introduced me to IPSC.

For how long have you been shooting?

I started shooting when I was 13 years old, so it's been 5 years so far.

What division do you shoot and why?

I love Open Division because the speed makes it the Formula One of IPSC!

What is the coolest about IPSC shooting?

The challenging of balancing speed and accuracy. You're not only competing against others, you're also competing with yourself.



What inspired you to begin shooting?

I was inspired by watching older competitors shooting and winning matches. I believed I could do the same and bring pride to my family. I'm truly passionate about IPSC shooting and I really want to do well.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

They know that IPSC is an expensive sport, and that an athlete needs a lot of practice to become good. However, they also realise that IPSC is a safe sport, so they are fully supportive.



What are the biggest challenges you have when shooting IPSC?

It's difficult balancing my school studies with my IPSC training, but somehow I manage to do so. The toughest thing is attending major matches overseas if they don't coincide with school holidays.

What other sports or activities do you enjoy besides IPSC shooting?

I really enjoy basketball, because it also has elements of speed and accuracy!

What other sport(s) do you think help with IPSC shooting?

Any sport with high physical activity such as tennis, basketball and football.



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HOT SHOTS



JOSHUA KENNY

REGION: GREAT BRITAIN



How many years have you been shooting?

I started shooting when I was 13 but started shooting IPSC when I was 14. In total about 7 years now.

What do you like best about IPSC shooting?

I like IPSC shooting because there are so many different aspects to master. Learning how to shoot, reload, move efficiently and mentally control yourself while shooting are just some of the skills you need to excel on.

You can always improve no matter what level of shooter you are which I think is a rather unique aspect of IPSC shooting.

How often do you practice at the range?

I commit 2-3 days of serious practice a week and also go to the range for work during the week to test and regulate firearms.



What is your match firearm and ammo?

I currently use a Taran Tactical Innovations Benelli m1 and shoot 32g no6 cartridge.

How do you prepare mentally for a match?

I usually try to just make sure all my equipment is ready for a match. As long as I know my equipment isn't going to let me down then the only thing I need to focus on during the match is me. I don't believe in the whole match mode approach to shooting... I like to treat a match day like any other day and just focus on executing my plan and shooting to the best of my capabilities.

Do you dry fire or use an airsoft gun at home?

Before I turn 18 I could not legally own or keep my gun at home so I used an airsoft shotgun that roughly matched the size of my firearm. I used to practice mounting the gun and going through the motions of reloading it. Unfortunately, 12G cartridges won't fit into a airsoft gun so I could only get so much out of training at the time.

Who do you consider your inspiration or mentor?

My uncle Ken Trail was the person who first introduced me to IPSC. He taught me how to handle the gun safely and the basics in shooting technique. He also kept my guns for me and drove me to the range.

After a few years of shooting with my uncle I decided that I wanted to take up IPSC seriously and wanted to compete. At the time Igor Jankovic was the guy everyone was talking about, so I looked to him for inspiration. I was lucky enough to be taught by him on two occasions and during those training sessions something clicked in my head and I began to develop my own techniques and continuously improve myself. Without his teaching I wouldn't be half the shooter I am today.

What advice do you have for up and coming shooters?

Learn to be honest with yourself. Know what you are capable of and set realistic goals to improve yourself. Understand where your skill level is, set realistic goals and then most importantly work hard to achieve your goals.



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RANDY J. FISHER

REGION: Canada

AGE: 65



When and where did you first discover IPSC shooting?

I was introduced to IPSC in May, 1976, by Murray “Doc” Gardner the founder of IPSC Canada.

Which divisions do you shoot, and why?

I have competed in Open, Standard, and Classic Divisions in my 10 World Shoots. In the most recent years I have been shooting Classic. I enjoy the challenge of the 8 round count shooting Classic Major, and it is reminiscent of my early years in IPSC shooting single stack .45 ACP.

Which make and model firearm do you use?

I use an STI, USPSA in .40S&W.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

Many of my friends shoot IPSC, and my family has been very supportive and encouraging throughout my 40 years of shooting IPSC.



“Shoot as many matches as you can, to learn the different challenges, and feel comfortable with anything you may encounter in a match.”



What inspired you to being shooting?

The first time I saw a shooter moving and engaging targets from multiple positions it looked like incredible fun, as well as, both physically and mentally challenging.

What other sports or activities do you also enjoy?

I also enjoy playing golf and find several of the same skills are necessary for both sports. You have to have the basics, course management, and acute mental awareness.

Do you have any tips for the Young Guns?

Proper Prior Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance. Build yourself a skill set covering all the different challenges you will face in a match. Focus on the quality of your practice. Work on building the skills you find most challenging. Shoot as many matches as you can, to learn the different challenges, and feel comfortable with anything you may encounter in a match. And most of all be safe and have fun.



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LEADING LADIES

ALENA KARELINA



REGION: Russia

Who and/or what inspired you to begin IPSC shooting?

My husband Roman Khalitov is an avid IPSC shooter and we love practicing the sport together.

How long have you been shooting?

I've been shooting for 6 years.

Which division do you shoot, and why?

I shoot in Open Division; I love it because it is a very fast Division and I enjoy moving through the courses of fire as fast and safe as I possibly can!

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

My friends and family completely support me and love the sport as well. Sharing this passion with my husband is very rewarding and exciting.



What other sports or activities do you enjoy besides IPSC shooting?

Sometimes I enjoy playing basketball, going to the gym and dancing.

What is the best way to get more female competitors into IPSC?

Every year in practical shooting there are more women and the age of young athletes is reducing. This is a good trend. Good examples of such athletes are Maria Gushchina from Russia and Christine Burkhalter from Switzerland, but there are many others.



What tips do you have for other aspiring female IPSC competitors?

Believe in yourself and strive for the very highest result, even if the whole world says it's impossible.



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Maximize Performance with Posture

By Jason Yakimishyn, D.C.

What do the 3 pictures above of totally different sports have in common? **POSTURE.**

What would happen to the archer if she were slouched over? She would not be able to align her structure and have a stable shooting platform.

The full power of the karate kick would turn into a harmless wobbly top.

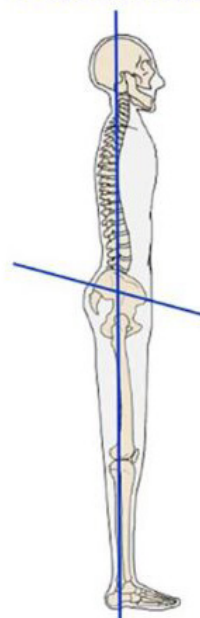
The sprinter would not have an effective stride - a waste of his incredible muscle power.

A large majority of athletic events and real life tasks require proper posture in order to be successful. The problem with this is that "posture" is a general term, and every health professional has a different idea on how to improve posture.

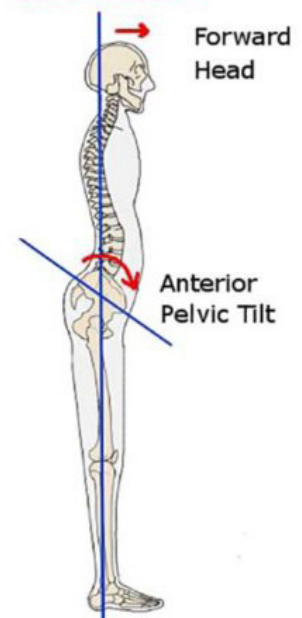
Practical Shooting is no exception. While our sport is indeed practiced by many kinds of people with diverse physical conditions, it is also true that those to reach top performance follow a strict training routine and posture management is indeed an important component.

Many healthcare providers say that in order to regain and maintain proper posture you need to strengthen weak muscle groups (usually the rhomboids and other back muscles). We believe that this is true, but it's only a small part of a bigger picture.

GOOD POSTURE



BAD POSTURE





MATCH MEDIC

A large majority of athletic events and real life tasks require proper posture in order to be successful.

You could do row exercises until you're blue in the face, but if you don't have a stable frame then you run the risk of overexertion and injury. Others believe that the trick is to stretch tight muscles and fascia. Again, this is true and can help, but it's still only a piece of the big picture.

What's the deal then? What's the best way to regain and maintain proper posture? The key is to remember that it all starts from the **INSIDE - OUT**. Start with the inside, the frame, the foundation, and then work your way out. Just like the building contractor who starts with a solid frame and level foundation, you must restore normal spinal structure (your frame and your foundation) **BEFORE** you worry about weak muscles or tight fascia.

What would happen if a contractor built big, beautiful walls on an uneven foundation? That's right, over time they'd crack or collapse. So thinking along those same lines, what do you think would happen if you work to strengthen your muscles without having proper spinal alignment? It should make sense that it may not be as effective and may even lead to further muscle imbalance.

So while we do recommend a strengthening and stretching routine to maximize performance, it will not be nearly as effective and may even result in further imbalance if you do not have a stable frame to support the rest of your body. The bones in your spine should stack one on top of the other, no different than a stack of blocks. If for whatever reason one or more of those segments shifts, it leads to instability and premature wear and tear.

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WELCOME TO THE FUTURE!

ELECTRONIC SCORING SHEET (ESS)

Greetings from the IROA trenches!

I want to first wish you all a great shooting summer and looking forward to seeing you all on the range. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our newest Electronic Score Sheet (ESS).

The III Shotgun World Shoot was the perfect “trial by fire” for this initiative, being in the works for more than 4 years now. It was the first time a Level V IPSC match used the electronic score sheet... 700 competitors, 30 stages = total success!

The core idea of the Electronic Score Sheet is to change from paper score sheet to an electronic score sheet. One of the problems of using paper is also the number of errors that it generates. Although we do a lot of check at the front line, some errors get to the Stats. It is necessary to understand that the Range Officer primary

concern is safety, and his focus is divide between running the competitor, recover the course of fire, manage the competitors and filling up the score sheet. The paper score sheet requires simple math but after 192 competitors per day, the RO is exhausted.

In addition, if he or she forgets to mark a metallic target, for instance, it is a reshoot. That is not rare to happen, and a reshoot is always bad for the competition. Another problem, it is handwriting. Working under pressure sometimes the handwriting is too difficult to read.

The ESS technology was created with these objectives in mind: to minimize the immense amount of paper used in IPSC matches, to reduce to zero the errors of filling up the score sheet, to manage the stress for the Range Officer to handle the paper work at the Course of Fire and to maximize the head count needed to run the Stats Office, from 12 stats officers for a Level V to a mere 2.

The Electronic Scoring Sheet – ESS for WinMSS.

Our system is just that, change paper for tablets, smartphones, etc. You must build the match in the WinMSS, export to the wimmss.cab, import to the ESS and the ESS generates all the electronic score sheets that will be used by the Range Officers.

At the end of the match the ESS generates a wimmss.cab that is uploaded to the Official IPSC WinMSS program. The WinMSS will generate all the Official results for the match. All possible consistence is in the system, preventing any mistake during the use of the system by the Range Officer at the Course of Fire.

Our Stats Officers will have no problems in doing the transition, because the system is built to reflect what the Stats Officer already know about the process. It covers every process that our rules require to run a match in a proper way, without the stress of the paper work.

The ESS has been used in Brazil for more than 4 years in levels I, II and III matches. During this period, we could identify all the strong and week points of the electronic

scoring, refined the programing and tested several hardware solutions. We endured all kind of weather conditions and no problems, even under heavy rain.

In partnership with the French Federation, we run the system for the Shotgun Nationals in 2018 for 240 competitors and 24 stages. Only one Stats Officer. This match was a challenge because there was only one Range Officer per Stage and they learned to use the system in less than an hour. They ran the match alone in the stage with the tablet successfully.

We believe that the possibilities for the future is endless. Our goal is to provide as much information as possible to all our competitors and IPSC enthusiasts during the match.

And for the good news: the system will be released free of charge for all Regions after the General Assembly in Thailand!

A large advertisement for Geco ammunition. The background is a red-tinted image of a shooter in a competition setting, wearing a cap and headphones, aiming a handgun. In the foreground, there is a black handgun, a red box of 9mm Luger ammunition, and several loose bullets. The text 'All you need for IPSC' is written in large white letters. The Geco logo, a stylized 'G' with 'eco' inside, is in the top right. At the bottom, the website 'geco-ammunition.com' is listed, followed by a small disclaimer: 'GECO is a registered trademark of RUAG Ammotec, a RUAG Group Company'. There is also a small logo for 'XIII JOURNÉE NATIONALE DE TIROIR 2017 CHATELAINROUX' on the left side of the ad.

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BEST OF THE BEST



How many years have you been officiating?

I joined IPSC in 1994 and completed the NROI seminar in 1996. I've been a member of IROA since 2013.

What do you like best about officiating?

The enjoyment and satisfaction in putting on/working at matches, whether it is a club match or level II to V. I enjoy the social interaction and working with a wide range of people/cultures. I just love IPSC.

What was your most memorable match? Why?

I can happily say that each match that I work is memorable in many ways. Meeting old friends and making new friends all over the world has always been a part of IPSC that I enjoy. World Shoot USA was my first World Shoot in Stats where I worked with Jayne Moon, Luis Cesar Costa and Carlos Lima along with the many other IROAs; they all made it a match that will be dear to me for a very long time.



In addition to a timer, what other equipment do you use?

As I work in Stats I carry a trusty laptop with me wherever I go. I also carry my own keyboard when travelling overseas. It can take a lot of patience sometimes to find the right keys on a non-English keyboard.

I was fortunate enough to be able to work Stats at SGWSIII in France. This was the first IPSC World Shoot to use an 'electronic scoresheet' (ESS). The amount of paper/data entry normally required for such a match is substantial; 20,300 plus scores for SGWSIII. The ESS was very easy to use and the ROs adapted quickly to the new scoresheet. Paper scoresheets were available as a backup but the match only required two IROA Stats Officers and little paper. Scoring was all done on the ESS.

I've been looking forward to seeing IPSC progress to an electronic scoring system. There are other systems out there but they all seem to lack the overall IPSC requirements in some way or another. The ESS developed by Jose Belino, Luis Cesar Costa and their friends in Brazil is a perfect fit for IPSC's needs.



What advice do you have for aspiring officials?

Be professional; competitors want officials that communicate confidently and decisively. This shows a person is in control of themselves and the stage/match.

Remain up to date and understand the rules. Keep yourself up on what is happening in the world of IPSC. Be responsible for your own actions, approachable, friendly and confident. Stay cool and controlled even when under pressure from competitors or other officials.

If possible, have a mentor or role model to encourage and coach you.







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