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Dear colleagues and friends:

In March 2019, we participated at the IWA Show in Germany and I had the privilege to meet with our partners, sponsors, Regional Directors who attend the show and IPSC members. I was also interviewed by Practical Shotgun and would like to reproduce some of the questions I was asked that summarize the work we have done for the last 18 months, youth development in IPSC, the GAISF application process and the MISSIA program:

With 18 months in office, how do you feel things are progressing for IPSC?

I believe we are laying strong foundations for future development and competitors, officials and partners will soon be able to see for themselves. My team and I are doing everything we can for IPSC working full time to get as much done as possible. During the elections my team and I promised to do some changes, and we are currently working on delivering these goals.

For example, we promised to assign a minimum package of slots - 4 for every Region - and we will be delivering on this promise in the upcoming Level IV and V competitions. In addition, we also promised to approve the new disciplines such as PCC and Production Optic, some changes in rifle rules, and we did it.

Since we have published all combined rules, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Rules Committee, Sanctioning Committee and IROA; getting all these important changes done takes a lot of time and effort and these champions definitely rose up to the challenge.

What stage has IPSC reached in the GAISF application process?

At this moment our application for international recognition has been accepted by the GAISF, and we are waiting the decision of the
Executive Council of this organisation in regards to approving our Observer Membership. This is a lengthy process, extensive documentation is required and I am totally confident we will accomplish this important milestone.

How are your plans progressing in terms of youth development?

Of course we develop programs for young people! We need and want new members, that is why we added to our rule book the Super Junior category. I also believe that Action Air is a discipline that can give us many new competitors since it represents a very easy way into our sport and allows eager potential competitors that live in countries with strict firearms regulations to enjoy the thrills of our sport.

In addition, supporting our “Young Guns” who are making inroads within the sport is the best way to groom and nurture our future champions. Youth development ensures continuity, integration and definitely portrays our sport as an inclusive environment.

Is there anything that you would like to share with our subscribers?

I would like to also mention that we are developing the Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association, known as MISSIA: we would like to recognise our instructors, who are working in the clubs and who teach the new competitors. Our plan is to implement the international standard of IPSC Education and keep everything the right way; safe firearm handling culture is a very important part of IPSC culture and an important part of IPSC further development.

Vitaly Kryuchin
IPSC President
The Kingdom of Thailand, formerly known as Siam, is justifiably known as “The Land of Smiles”, because you won’t find a happier, friendlier or more hospitable race of people on Earth.

During September 2018, Thailand hosted the 42nd IPSC General Assembly and the Far East Asia IPSC Handgun Championship Level IV in Pattaya. This once again proved the IPSC community that the “Thai Hospitality” and the organization of the match were up to the usual high standards. The organizing team was the same that will organize the IPSC Handgun World Shoot 2020, leading by the Match Director and Thailand Regional Director Voravith Chavananand (Mao), Range Master Robby Atmadja (IND), Deputy Range Master and NROI President Jatuphol Prachayaporn (Lek) and Stats Director and Match Secretary Jetsada Phae-Araya (Tony) as well as the great
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team members from the Thailand Practical Shooting Association (THPSA).

From the moment you arrive at the massive and modern Suvarnabhumi International Airport at Bangkok, you'll certainly notice a distinct sense of peace and tranquility, and a willingness to ensure that visitors are treated like distinguished guests. The pace of life in the country is generally slow, yet somehow, it's still spirited and energetic.

However, despite the characteristic serenity and tranquility, note that Thailand is the only nation in Asia that was never colonized. Thais are a proud and courageous people, and they desire peace, provided you come in peace!

Thailand is a founding member of ASEAN, it boasts the second largest economy in South East Asia, and it's considered to be a major regional power.
The country is constitutional monarchy, and it was ruled for over 70 years by his Excellency King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the ninth monarch (styled as Rama IX), who was totally revered by his people. On his death in 2016, he was succeeded by his son Vajiralongkorn.

For tourists, Thailand has so much to offer. Pristine beaches and islands, ornate temples, magnificent local and international cuisines, a pleasant climate, an impressive array of flora and fauna, a vibrant night life, and world renown foot massages!. Flea markets pepper the streets, with a sea of smiling vendors eagerly hawking an eclectic array of the latest fashion items, timepieces, ornaments, electronics and other merchandise. It’s impossible to resist taking home one or two mementos.

For sports shooting competitors, IPSC Thailand does not disappoint. They are a powerhouse in Asia, and they are extremely proud at having been formally recognised and certified as a national sports agency by the Sports Authority of Thailand. This is a major achievement.
IPSC Thailand’s first major Level IV continental match was the inaugural IPSC Far East Asia Handgun Championship held in 2007. However, that competition was conducted at their former range.

A very busy, almost month-long range of activities and events were successfully completed: a First Aid Seminar, two MISSIA Seminars, the IROA Level II Seminar, Pre-Match, IPSC General Assembly, Match Registration, Opening Ceremony, Main-Match, and Closing Ceremony.

The match was held at their massive new, world class, 36 bay shooting range at Pattaya, just a leisurely 30-minute drive from the major hotels at Pattaya Beach. In fact, the same range will be used to host the IPSC Handgun World Championship in 2020. There were 482 competitors from 32 Regions and 80 Range Officers.

The General Assembly took place at the Horizon Meeting Room at MYTT Beach Hotel, on September 16 starting from 9 a.m. and going all day until late night. This General Assembly had many of the established Regions in attendance and also many new Regions such as Kuwait, South Korea, and Laos.

The Opening Ceremony was hosted by the Royal Varuna Yatch Club (founded in 1957). It took place on the beach front lawn where competitors paraded in and lined up by Regions. Weather was very nice and the
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Thai Traditional Dance Show was certainly and very entertaining spectacle. Subsequently, IPSC President Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin together with THPSA President, General Winai Phattiyakul, gave the opening speech to attendees and declared the match open, followed by a BBQ and refreshments on the beach with beer from Singha Corporation, main sponsor of THPSA.

The Closing Ceremony took place at the Vertical Ball Room of the MYTT Beach Hotel. The luxurious ballroom accommodated a 50-table seating and buffet dinner. It was a very warming atmosphere filled with smiles and joy. Competitors and guests took photos with friends for everlasting memories. To close the evening, the Thai Martial Art Show on Stage of High School Students from the northeast of Thailand, delighted all in attendance with a fantastic show of acrobatics and Thai culture.

The Thailand Practical Shooting Association and all its members are looking forward to welcoming all competitors and Range Officers back for the IPSC Handgun World Shoot 2020.
The 2019 First MISSIA Level I Handgun Seminar was successfully held at the Costa Brava Complex in Gerona, Spain on February 23 and 24.

The two-days seminar was supported by the Real Federacion Espanola de Tiro Olimpico, Federacio Catalana de Tir Olimpic and Gerona University. Today the MISSIA Seminars are not only for teaching, but also for the exchange of knowledge and IPSC skills.

22 participants passed the very intensive one-day theory course and one-day hard practice course in the indoor range. The classroom instruction was based on group activities, important sequence of the IPSC drills for new shooters, efficient approach of IPSC education and tips on how to motivate the shooters during training.

Out on the range, participants worked role-playing as both trainer and student and practiced in groups of 4, applying all the knowledge and concepts learned the day before; it was definitely a very useful and didactic experience.

The majority of the participants successfully passed the MISSIA Instructor Level I shooting test; those who didn’t pass will have a chance to try again during the next MISSIA event or under the supervision of their respective Regional MISSIA Director.

In addition to the very intensive two-day training, MISSIA officials also got a lot of tips and feedback from the participants on how to improve the international standard of IPSC education. MISSIA Seminars were created not only for teaching, but also for the exchange of knowledge and experience in developing IPSC shooting skills.

IPSC President Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin also had the opportunity to meet with Gerona University officials who are supporting and developing a very exciting and comprehensive IPSC academic postgraduate program, initiated by Alex Esteve and Eduardo de Cobos from IPSC Spain. This is definitely the first time IPSC is doing this kind of outreach to expand the love for the sport and it will certainly will not be the last time we will engage with other organizations to do the same.
During the last day of the seminar, IPSC officials had a meeting with the President of RFETOE (NSSF), Spain’s IPSC Regional Director Sir Miguel Frances Pumarada and the President of the Catalana Federation Sir Joan Rodriguez Milan and their professional team. The result was a fantastic exchange of ideas and plans for growing the sport in the region.

After the dust had settled, we welcomed 20 new certified MISSIA Instructors in Spain, who are ready to conduct high-level IPSC Introductory courses. Eduardo de Cobos was officially confirmed by Regional Director Sir Miguel Frances Pumarada as MISSIA Director for Spain.

New ideas were discussed for the Region of Spain on how to attract more officially registered IPSC shooters to increase the amount of IPSC members worldwide. We also strengthened the ties between NSSF and IPSC, which are already very good in the Region. We discovered the new IPSC Shooting complex in Costa Brava which has a large indoor shooting range, 300m open ranges and excellent facilities.

In addition, very important and productive meetings were conducted with the Guardia Civil Head in Gerona.

Finally, all the participants that obtained the MISSIA accreditation, will also get official recognition by Gerona University, the Certificat of University and 3 ECTS European Education Credits.

In conclusion, the seminar helped IPSC cement relationships and build new ones! It was a very prolific and positive experience for everyone involved.

Thanks to all the participants for your efforts and officials for the warm welcome to Spain, we will definitely coming back!

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The Philippines, an archipelagic country of 7000+ islands in Southeast Asia, may be small compared to its’ neighboring countries, but is a powerhouse when it comes to IPSC Shooting. The Philippine Islands became a Spanish colony during the 16th century; they were ceded to the US in 1898 following the Spanish-American War. In 1935 the Philippines became a self-governing commonwealth. With a population of more than 105 million, the country is by due right a vibrant and thriving IPSC hotbed.

On any given weekend, an IPSC match is surely underway somewhere in the country. Level III matches are held at least once a month on average, with anywhere from 400-500 avid competitors joining. So popular is practical shooting as a sport that even boxing legend Manny Pacquiao can be found in the shooting range when he isn’t throwing punches.

Founded by a group of shooting enthusiasts led by Jack Ponce-Enrile in the early 1980s, the Philippine Practical Shooting Association was recognized as a member region of IPSC in 1985. In its long history, IPSC Philippines has had its highs and lows but has always managed to keep the sport strong and dynamic and the membership growing and participating.
In 1999, IPSC Philippines made history by successfully hosting the IPSC World Shoot XII in Cebu, the first World Championship to be held in the Australasia zone. This established Philippines as an IPSC shooting destination, and opened the door for other Australasia regions to soon do the same...Bali, Indonesia in 2008 and Thailand in 2020.

Today, IPSC Philippines remains as one of the leading regions in IPSC in terms of membership, sanctioned matches and has the largest cadre of IROA certified range officials in the world. It prides itself as being the “Kuya” (big brother) in the Australasia region and is always there to support the development of IPSC in the Australasia zone.

Stunning white sand beaches. Breathtaking sunsets. The warm, natural smile of the Filipino people. This is how most travel books would summarize the Philippine experience. That’s all true, but for the IPSC shooter, the Philippines is simply “IPSC Paradise”.

In November 2019, IPSC Philippines will once again be the host region of the IPSC Australasia Handgun Championship. Challenging and technically demanding courses of fire, a festive competition atmosphere like no other, along with the trademark Filipino warmth and hospitality are just some of the experiences that await the IPSC shooter. Please visit us and find out why IPSC Shooting is “More Fun in the Philippines”!
With over 1,500 exhibitors from all over the world, IWA OutdoorClassic Show presents exhibitors and products from hunting and shooting sports, as well as a wide range of outdoor equipment and firearms for self-defence. IPSC represented by its Executive Committee made an appearance from 8 - 11 March 2019 in the exhibition centre Nuremberg (Germany).

The IPSC delegation headed by the President Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin presented practical shooting as sport, successfully held a number of meetings with partners and sponsors, met with athletes and officials from IPSC Regions and attended a number of official events and presentations of the new products for shooting sport.

As part of the IWA exhibition, the IPSC had its own booth in Hall 3 of the MESSE expo centre, where participants and visitors got detailed information about IPSC, the sport of practical shooting as well as learned how to become a member of a Region and received a memorable souvenir with IPSC and MISSIA logos. The IPSC booth...
at IWA Show was organized with the generous support of the Bund Deutscher Sportschützen (BDS) and IPSC General Secretary Mr. Friedrich Gepperth.

During the IWA show the official MISSIA logo was presented for the first time. Visitors learned about upcoming MISSIA seminars and got detailed information about the goals and plans for the development of the Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association from the IPSC President himself and members of the IPSC delegation.

The MISSIA logo is an abbreviation of the association name: M-Master I-International S-Shooting S-Safety I-Instructors A-Association (MISSIA). The star inscribed in the letter A is a symbol, which is inherited from the partner organization - IPSC. The main colour in the MISSIA logo is bright green, selected because it is well visible at the shooting range and allows you to immediately identify the instructor from the group of participants.

During the official part of the exhibition, Mr. Kryuchin attended the presentation of new products of the Czech firearms manufacturer Česká Zbrojovka (CZ), which in 2019 plans to release about 50 new products for hunting, sport and self-defense, and announced together with
multiple practical shooting world champion Eric Grauffel the launch of the EG-CZ new shooting academy with very ambitious goals.

Moreover, the IPSC delegation held productive meetings with companies such as Beretta, 5.11, RUAG, KAHLES, Umarex and many others to discuss current projects aimed at developing the sport of practical shooting, as well as examined a number of product innovations that companies are preparing to release in the next few years.

On March 9, the IPSC Regional Directors’ dinner was held. During the meeting, Region representatives from around the world exchanged their views on the current IPSC development, discussed regional issues and shared their views with IPSC President about upcoming major matches and events. It was announced that a new Region - IPSC Pakistan - successfully joined the Confederation. Mr. Kryuchin personally thanked all the representatives of the IPSC Regions for their daily work aimed at the development of sport in the regions and stressed that without their support the development of IPSC and practical shooting is simply impossible.

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How did you first hear about IPSC?
I first heard about IPSC when I became a member of the Philippine Practical Shooting Association.

For how long have you been shooting?
I’ve been shooting for 4 years. I started when I was eleven. However, I started with IPSC airsoft practical shooting when I was nine years old.

What division do you shoot and why?
I shoot in the Standard Division because I find it challenging. The Standard Division has a good number of shooters and my parents and I had to put all our efforts to climb up until I got to the first page of the overall results. Also, most of the best active veteran Philippine shooters were in the Standard division like Jethro Dionisio, Edward Rivera and Joseph Bernabe among others which helped me set my goals as a competitive shooter.
What is the coolest about IPSC shooting?
You make friends, young and old, from all over the world with whom you share the same interest. It is also cool because of the adrenaline rush which comes from this dynamic sport where in you have to balance accuracy, power and speed and cool because you become a responsible gun owner.

What inspired you to begin shooting?
My parents and I would join airsoft MilSim games on weekends. I had my own rifle and pistol. I then came to know about the sport of practical shooting when a PPSA/IPSC sanctioned match was held in our area in Subic Bay. I joined the airsoft practical shooting match for the first time and enjoyed it. The range officers were very accommodating. During the awards ceremony, I wondered how it would be like to be on that stage receiving an award like our top shooters. After two years, my parents felt I was ready for the real gun so they bought me my first gun in a gun show. There I saw some of our top shooters and they were very encouraging. Just this year, that dream came true as I went up that very same stage, and won overall champion in standard division in a level 3 match.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?
My family is very happy that our efforts are fruitful. I come from a simple family and I am very grateful that my parents do everything to support me even though it can get very expensive. Both my parents are hands-on. My dad’s my personal coach and my mom does all the computations. My younger twin brothers also shoot with me in small matches.

What are the biggest challenges you have when shooting IPSC?
The biggest challenge when shooting IPSC would be the financial aspect. I would like to practice and travel to shoot as much as I could, but it can get very expensive due to limited sponsorship opportunities especially on ammo and travel expenses in our country. I hope there would be more sponsorship opportunities in our country and also academic scholarships so that more young shooters will be encouraged to join our sport.

What other sports or activities do you enjoy besides IPSC shooting?
I enjoy traveling, meeting new people and great food.
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How many years have you been shooting?
I have been an active IPSC shooter for 15 years.

What do you like best about IPSC shooting?
Every match and every practice session is different. It is a very dynamic sport and you can’t always achieve maximum score, but it is always possible to go faster and shoot better.

I also enjoy meeting new people with the same passion as mine and acquiring new friendships all around the world.

How often do you practice at the range?
I try to practice 5 to 10 times per week, depending on the season and which gun I need to practice with. I love shooting and sometimes I feel I shoot too much, but I want to leave the range feeling that I had a good practice session and did my best.
What is your match firearm and ammo?
I shoot Beretta 1301 comp and use different brands of ammo, depending on availability.

Any special exercises?
Nothing special; I try to run a diverse and combined workout. Different guns need different practice and 3gunners get an easy and versatile practice. Besides going to the gym, I like cross-country skiing, cycling and a wide variety of physical exercises.

How do you prepare mentally for a match?
First, I try to be sure that my skills and gears are in the best possible conditions, then I can concentrate on making a performance that matches my current skill. I do not really think about the results, more on the experience and in enjoying the shooting. For me, winning is not the most important thing; I just want to give the best performance in the competition.

I compete more against myself than other competitors and I am always looking to improve.

Who do you consider your inspiration or mentor?
In shotgun I have had the good fortune to meet two very great shooters from whom I have learned a lot: Raine Peltokoski and Petri Runtti.

What advice do you have for up and coming shooters?
You should first start practicing with good shooters. When your skills have developed enough, you can then use those skills and knowledge to design a suitable practice routine for yourself or get a coach who knows you.

Everyone is different and different people have different styles: make sure you find something you are comfortable with and learn from experienced competitors, they are always willing and happy to help you.
When and where did you first discover IPSC shooting?
I discovered IPSC back in 1989 thanks to friends who showed me videos of the top shooters of those years (Rob Leatham, Brian Enos, Jerry Barnhart, among others).

Which divisions do you shoot, and why?
I currently shoot Classic Division but in the past I’ve competed in all Divisions with excellent results including: 3 times European Championship Overall, 2 times European Senior Champion (Classic) and 10 times Italian Champion (3 Open; 3 Classic; 2 Production; 2 Modified). I really like to try all Divisions because it keeps me motivated, challenges me to beat new opponents, use new firearms and develop new strategies.

Which make and model firearm do you use?
I use an STI Range Master in cal. 9x21. I decided to shoot in “Minor” because I think that 2 more rounds are an advantage over who shoots in Major (8 rounds). This doesn’t mean that you win the races by shooting in Minor,
“IPSC is not only a physical sport but also a test of mental endurance and discipline”

I just say it’s an advantage in my opinion, especially in certain types of matches.

What inspired you to begin shooting?
I’m a policeman so I began shooting at the police academy. Later I started IPSC shooting because I wanted to master shooting techniques in all possible situations. After a short time, it became a real sport’s passion. I remain convinced that Practical Shooting is a very useful discipline for cops; for this reason I would recommend to all my colleagues.

Do you have any tips for the Young Guns?
I would advise all young shooters to find a good instructor who trains the techniques you are passionate about and also can teach you a good balance between body and mind. IPSC is not only a physical sport but also a test of mental endurance and discipline.
Who and/or what inspired you to begin IPSC shooting?
Because of my work with JR Holsters Company, I have always been talking with our customers about target shooting... I then got curious about it and little by little I got into the sport and now I challenge myself to practice and compete as much as possible.

How long have you been shooting?
I started shooting pistols in 2009 and shotgun I started back in September 2017.

Which division do you shoot, and why?
I have tried Production, Standard, Revolver and Classic but I prefer Open Division because it is easy for me and I enjoy it. For shotgun, I started Standard Division but I changed to Modified in order to make the Lady Modified Team, totally love it!
What do you like about the social aspects of IPSC shooting?
Competing definitely contributes to promote personal well-being among people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Shooting reduces social isolation and helps to socialize on the range and the sport is about far more than simply pulling a trigger because it involves learning and developing skills and applying them.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?
As I a kid, I did not have the chance to shoot nor even thought I could shoot. Long time ago I started working with JR Holster as an apprentice and since then I became co-owner. I was exposed to the shooting environment and even my family is surprised and amazed I can shoot, and I shoot very well!

How do you balance your IPSC shooting activities with your other commitments?
Being a co-owner of JR Holster, I have plenty of time to shoot with the JR Team as well as with friends at the same time we test and promote our products... it is a win/win situation for all of us.

What is the best way to get more female competitors into IPSC?
There are many female shooters here in the Philippines who are very interested to shoot; I sponsor the holsters for the beginner lady shooters and practice and share the knowledge in shooting at the same time we bond.

What tips do you have for other aspiring female IPSC competitors?
Train hard, practice, go to the range and be proactive physically and mentally!

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WEIGHT LOSS EXPECTATIONS

By Sean McCauley, CSCS, CISSN

You can lose 5 pounds or 500 pounds. But if you get so frustrated that you quit along the way, neither of them will happen.

Body fat loss happens slowly. We would all love to hear otherwise but we are all constrained by the reality of human metabolism. Far too often we see people trying to lose as much as they can, as fast as they can. Maybe because they want abs or want to step on stage on a certain day, but whatever the motive, they make a mistake of putting a timeline to it. And putting your goals to a specific timeline is the single biggest killer of results and goals in the entire realm of fitness. Yes I said that. Your time-based goals are likely to kill your success because it adds a layer of stress you don’t need in your life. And when that happens, it’s a game-changer. The process goes from fun to feeling like a job very fast. Before you know it, you don’t want to do it anymore. Or at the very least you are not having fun.

With a timeline for weight loss comes daily expectations. Only the scale does not move for you every single day. Indeed, it goes up and down. If you were to graph weight loss for the average person over the course of say 3 months, it would look pretty ugly. It would not be a smooth, linear line moving downward daily. But the other variables going on inside your body (food in your GI, water, carb storage, hormonal profiles, et) occlude that daily drop.

We have to accept that even when we do things perfectly, there will be days when the scale goes up. There will also be days when the scale goes down. And that’s great. Because when you look at that graph of the real persons weight loss, while a bit ugly and non-linear, it will be trending downward over time. That is the progress people need to focus on.

The best way for a person to enjoy that weight loss and see it happen is to manage expectations of daily weight loss and daily progress. If you don’t do that you simply will not have the staying-power to maintain what they are doing long enough to get to the goal.

We’ve all known somebody who ran into that issue. They burned out at the gym. Why? Not because of the progress they were making but rather because
With a timeline for weight loss comes daily expectations. Only the scale does not move for you every single day. Indeed, it goes up and down. They didn’t think it was happening fast enough. Same with the food.

People don’t fall off diets because of overwhelming success. They fall off because of underwhelming success. All that is rooted in expectation.

Focus on the process that you are working. Trust it. If you don’t trust the process, change it. Change your coach or change something else. But you have to KNOW that what you are doing WILL work. There is no room for doubt here because that again starts toying with your emotions. Be patient but persistent.

Trust the process. Focus on the big picture every day. Remember what you are fighting for.
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2019 will be another busy year starting with the World Rifle Shoot in Sweden followed by the European Handgun Championship in Serbia, the Latin American Championship in Argentina and the Australasia Championship in the Philippines. The always growing match calendar and the more engagement we get from Regions has become a challenging and exciting reality that IROA is working very hard on fulfilling.

Call ups for these matches was posted by the middle of February and as usual we got a fantastic response from our fierce and always ready to go IROA Officials.

In addition, I believe it is very important to review the new Rules which have taken effect as of January 1st, 2019. Since many Regions have started to use the electronic scoring sheet, please make sure to get yourself familiarized with this new system to ensure your points are properly recorded.
In addition, the following projects among a few others are being planned in 2019:

a) Revision of the IROA Seminars
b) Seminar in course design
c) Match Director and Range Master Manual
d) Revision of our Members Handbook
e) Creating short videos to clarify many of our Rules.

All the above projects will be posted at the IROA Academy when completed. Please keep in mind that these initiatives will require extensive work and engagement from all of us and I would encourage our membership to get involved.

If you have any questions or ideas on how to contribute, please do not hesitate to contact me, our Vice-President Jose Carlos Belino or simply by sending an email to IROA@IPSC.org.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Range and I am very excited for all the work and challenges we face ahead, with the conviction that our organization will continue delivering the highest standards in officiating IPSC matches.

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How many years have you been officiating?
I started 10 years ago when I first attended an NROI seminar in 2009 and after working on many local matches I decided to qualify and became an IROA in 2012.

What do you like best about officiating?
IPSC has given me many joys throughout the year and I believe officiating gives me the chance to give back to the sport. In addition, I get to travel and work matches with colleagues I really love and respect.

What was your most memorable match? Why?
I had the opportunity to officiate on the 2013 European Handgun Championship in Portugal; I was part of the organization, stage design and building in addition to working the match as deputy Range Master. A match this big presented many challenges and this gave tremendous knowledge and experience, as well as a
In addition to a timer, what other equipment do you use?
In my bag I always carry a scoring overlay, a stapler, magnifying glass, hammer, squib load rod, a multitool, measuring tape, adjustable wrench and a folding saw.

What advice do you have for aspiring officials?
You must know the rules, be friendly and don’t forget, always be smiling! Understand that competitors attend matches to win but also one must never forget that safety is the most important part of our sport and we, as Range Officers, must always put safety first.

If you make a call that seems unfair to the competitor, be respectful on explaining the decision and make sure everything you do follows the rules.

Finally, you will always have your IROA brothers and sisters who always will be there if you have any questions or if you simply want to learn and share experiences.
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Derya Arms is confirmed to be one of the best Turkish manufacturers of shotguns, by importers, wholesalers and end users from all around the world. Derya Arms manufactures Shotguns only according to TSE, SAAMI and CIP standards. Currently, we are exporting to every continent the world, supplying hunters, sport and competition shooters and security companies with the most reliable shotguns imaginable.

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It’s one of our principles at Derya Arms to use high quality raw materials which matches world standard in arms production. Quality control is one of our most valued features during every process of production, which is a characteristic for Derya Arms.

In 2018, Derya joined the royalty program of IPSC, and is since then one of the official partners of IPSC. The company’s international trade VP, Mr. Fatih Gümüssuyu, explained: “It’s one of our principles at Derya Arms to use high-quality raw materials that match world standard in arms production. Quality control is one of our most valued features during the process of production, which is a characteristic of our company.”
Changing perceptions among the firm’s standout products is the MK12 shotgun, designed with an unashamed AR look and a vertical magazine, with the upper and lower receivers sliding together and retained by a rotating lever. Challenging other shotgun preconceptions, the MK12 comes in various Cerakoted finishes, including crimson, tan, nickel and, of course, black.

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In hunting, sporting and tactical shotguns production, DERYA is the Trendsetter of Innovation; always craving to reach perfection.
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