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# Progress Report

Dear Friends,

2019 is indeed shaping up to be an exciting and productive year for IPSC! Below is a summary of topics discussed and decisions made by the Executive Council and IPSC Committees.

### IPSC Competitions

1. The EC has decided to approve "To NOT accept the bid proposals for Level IV & V competitions without definite information on importation of firearms and ammo; and to add the same in the IPSC Major Match Contract". All the RDs before the voting in GA for the Matches Level IV, V must clearly understand what the condition for participants to entry with firearms and ammunition (import fees, police permit etc.). Also, the estimated price for factory ammo must be published at the same time with the first slot allocation.

2. The EC approved a policy to allocate a minimum of 4 slots at Level IV & V matches to each IPSC Region who are in a voting position at the time of slot distribution. Under the condition that the 4 shooters shoot in the same division and register a valuable team.

3. In order to foster transparency, it shall be the policy of the EC to publish the formula for slots distribution. Each region will know exactly where they stand relative to slots in Level IV & V competitions.

4. A proposal to establish a new sponsorship rank called "Corporate Sponsor" for Level IV & V competition pre-match has been approved by the EC. This will allow individuals wishing to experience a Level IV or V pre-match to qualify under the eligibility criteria stated under Rule 6.2.2. The conditions for "Corporate Sponsor" are: double the approved match fee, no top shooters from first 10th places Overall or first 5th per category at the last Level IV-V matches, no national team member. The reason for this proposal is to increase the number of participants and to support the match organizers.



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5. IPSC General Secretary Friedrich Gepperth was designated by the IPSC President to supervise RWS 2019 on behalf of the EC. Mr Gepperth and Mr Alain Joly inspected the range and facilities to be used in RWS 2019 in Sweden and gave positive feedback.

## MISSIA

We are finalizing the preparation of all the materials, Instructors Uniform and ID for dispatch to the Regions during the next few months.

## IPSC Communications

1. The IPSC Facebook page has been renamed from “Ask IPSC” to “Let’s Talk IPSC”

“Let’s Talk IPSC” provides a member-to-member exchange on a popular social media platform where the new and experienced members can exchange/ discuss ideas/topics related to IPSC.

2. Work is underway on to re-boot and launch a new IPSC Website.

3. The EC recognizes the need to improve the communication strategy of IPSC as a whole.

The following have been approved by the EC as part of this strategic objective:

- To establish a new OFFICIAL IPSC Forum.
- IPSC Registration System is in progress.

A comprehensive presentation and report will be given at the next General Assembly.

4. The decision to modify web page New Region, to remove the regions that are registered and to revise the list of the requirements for the new Regions to be published in the New Region page is approved.

5. In the framework of participation in the SportAccord Convention and exhibition 2019 in Gold Coast, Australia, the IPSC delegation met with the Vice President of GAISF Mr Stephan Fox on the issue of the observer’s membership in the organization, and has already applied for the right to join GAISF.

## General Administration

The EC has unanimously voted to co-opt Mr. Alain Joly as a member of the Executive Council with the title of Vice President. This is in accordance with Art. 6.7 of the IPSC Constitution.

## Disciplinary Committee

The Executive Council decided to establish a Disciplinary Committee to handle complaints from, and disputes within, the Regions and advise the Executive Council appropriately.

The Disciplinary Committee consists of Dino Evangelinos, President of International Range Officer Association (IROA), Alain Joly, IPSC Vice President, and Bob Chittleborough, Rules Committee Chairman and Constitution Committee Chairman.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Regional Director in your home IPSC Region.

Best regards,



Vitaly Kryuchin  
IPSC President

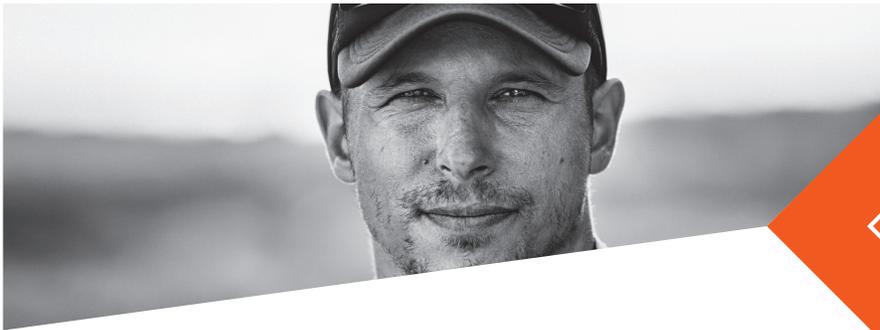


## IPSC Present at the 2019 SportAccord Convention

The International Practical Shooting Confederation of (IPSC) took part in the SportAccord 2019 and the exhibition held under its auspices. The SportAccord Convention took place from 5 to 10 May 2019 in the Australian Gold Coast.

For the first time the IPSC presented to the international sports community its booth, which reflected the key components of the sport of Practical Shooting, the structure, goals and objectives of the Confederation and its associations - International Instructors and Range Officers, as well as the fundamental principles for the development of the sport of Practical Shooting in the world.





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# SPORTACCORD GOLD COAST 2019

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Visitors to the IPSC booth could not only learn interesting facts from the history of formation and development of the IPSC, but also get information about the rules of the sport, the details of holding and participating in shooting competitions in different IPSC Regions.

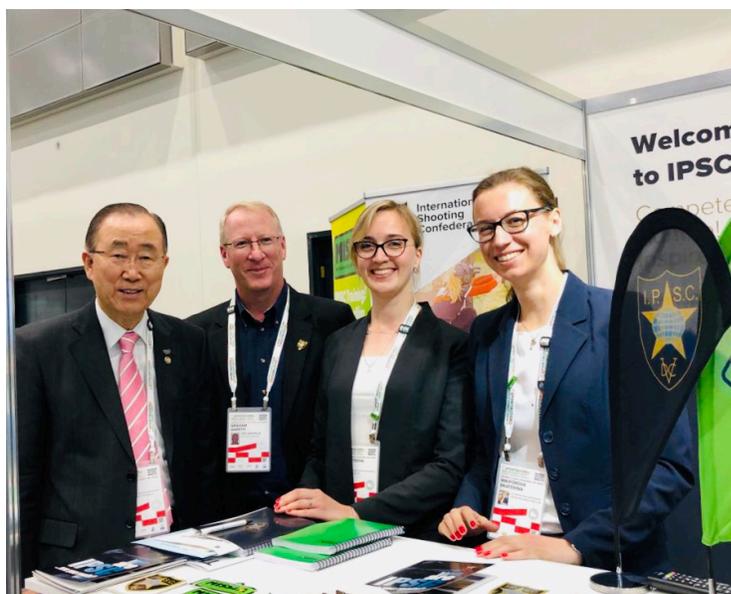
Within the framework of the SportAccord exhibition, the former UN Secretary-General H.E. Ban Ki-moon, representatives of GAISF and the International Olympic Committee, the official delegation of the Sports Administration of China, as well as high-ranking representatives and leaders of international sports federations visited the IPSC booth.

In particular, working meetings with representatives of the International Wushu Federation (IWUF), President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) Arkady Dvorkovich, IMMAF-WMMMA top management teams, the International Amateur Muaythai Federation (IFMA) took place at the IPSC booth.

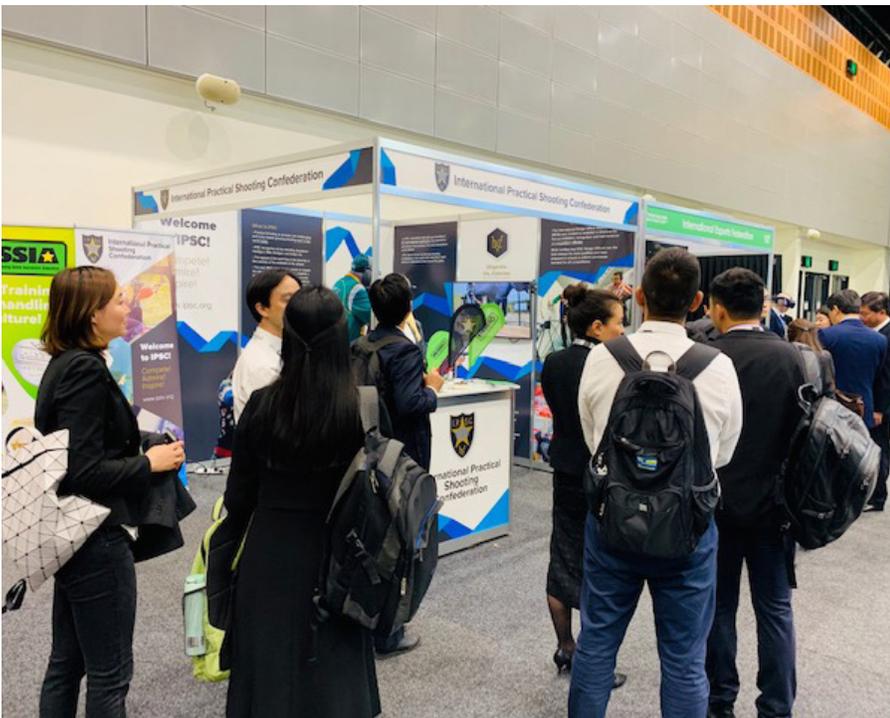
As part of the official program, the delegation of IPSC, led by its president, Vitaly Kryuchin, attended the panel discussions and conferences of SportAccord 2019, as well as the GAISF General Assembly.

President of the International Confederation of Practical Shooting Vitaly Kryuchin held a series of important meetings with the leaders of various sports organizations and senior representatives of the IOC, SportAccord, and GAISF.

IPSC President, Vitaly Kryuchin, met with the Vice-President of GAISF, Stephan Fox, on membership issues. During the meeting, they discussed the membership of IPSC in the status of "observer" and



# IPSC at SportAccord Convention 2019



issues of further interaction between the two organizations in various fields of activity. The Confederation has already applied for joining GAISF and is awaiting a final decision after a successful meeting with Mr. Fox.

Following the results of participation in SportAccord 2019, IPSC expresses special gratitude to the Australian Regional Federation and personally to its Regional Director Gareth Graham for the provided marketing and technical support!



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## **IPSC Officials make inspection visit to Karlskoga before 2019 Rifle World Shoot.**

The delegation of IPSC officials Friedrich Gepperth, Alain Joly and Kyrre Lee, has made an official visit to Karlskoga, Sweden, to assess preparations for the 2019 Rifle World Shoot. Karlskoga 2019 will be the second edition of the Rifle World Shoot, which was last held in Park Patriot in Russia in 2017.

During the visit, members of the delegation visited the shooting range, inspected sports facilities, visited the residences of range officers and official representatives, held a number of working meetings with representatives of IPSC Sweden regional federation, as well as visited venues for the opening and closing ceremonies of the world shoot.

The host city with the Coordination Committee hearing that athletes, officials, and their families and guests will all be housed in good hotels. These will be as close to the competition venues as possible in a bid to avoid transport issues. Other issues discussed during the visit included the sports programme.

### **Opening and Awarding Ceremonies.**

Opening Ceremony will take place on August 3, 2019, at the Plaza Alfred Nobel in the middle of Karlskoga and seem to be memorable and well organized. Closing Ceremony will take place on August 10, 2019, at the Alfred Nobel Halle in Karlskoga. It is an ice skating arena which will be covered with an insulated floor. The venue is large enough and has all the technical provisions to host more than 1000 people.

### **Official Match Hotel.**

Alfred Nobel Hotel located in the city center in Alfred Nobel Plaza in Karlskoga is already ready to host IPSC officials and RWS II guests.



### **Range Officers.**

Range Officers accommodation is almost ready and as per contract will be Military style rooms in buildings located at the Range with all the necessary facilities.

### **Transportation.**

For officials will be organized transfer from the airport to the hotel, as well as transfers to the shooting range.

### **Range Concessions.**

The dining area will be organized for officials as well as for athletes, and range officers at the shooting range. Range Officers will have a separate place to eat and have a lunch break. Lunch at the stage location for the officials and at the Range Buildings for the dinners. Food and drinks will be available for the shooters besides the Sponsor Area.

### **Prop Design.**

The stages are located in the military shooting zone of 20 000 Hectares. The stages design is totally integrated into nature like a bush, forest, lacs, etc. There will be few vision barriers and decors because



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the natural décor is amazing. This 3D range is totally appropriate for IPSC Rifle Shooting and doesn't present any problem with safety. It will be a fantastic match!

## Radio Communication per Stage and per Area.

With the support of the Swedish Army, there will be radio communication provided for range officers and officials.

## Match Schedules.

Officials Shoot: July 30th to August 2nd

Competitor Registration: At the range

Opening Ceremony: August 3rd, 2019

Awards Ceremony: August 10th, 2019

## Match Parameters.

Number of Competitors: Around 600

Number of Range Officers: 120 + 30 Helpers

Total Shooting Hours in a Day (Minus Lunch) 10 Hours

Average 10 Competitors per Hour: Ok

Allocation of Slots: Done

Match Fee: 530 €

Number of Ranges: 25

Number of Stages: 30

In each Area, there will be a double short stage easy to manage for 10 shooters in 1 hour. In the morning shooting from 07:30 to 12:30.

Lunch break for one hour. In the afternoon shooting from 13:30 to 18:30.

As there are no tents for the shooters at the stages, it is highly advisable for everybody to have rains protections clothes at hand.

Washrooms and Safety Areas with tables will be at each stage.

It must be noted that the sun is setting very late if at all. Thus even if there are some delays sunlight is sufficient much longer than 18:30.

We look forward to meeting you at Rifle World Shoot II in Sweden!



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# MISSIA



## First Half of 2019... A Complete Success!

Text by: Ekaterina Nikiforova

In the first half of 2019, 7 MISSIA seminars Level II and III were held in Spain, Greece, Brazil and Russia. All the participants who successfully passed the test received the status of MISSIA Instructor.

Seminars were conducted personally by IPSC President Vitaly Kryuchin.

Seminars for Level I now consist of two days - one day for theory and one for range exercises.

The duration of each Level II seminar is three days - one day for theory and 2 days for practice.

In the framework of the seminars: work with a group of trainees, an effective sequence of educational topics, educational exercises on basic types of equipment and methods for preparing top shooters.

MISSIA Level I Handgun Seminar accomplished from 8 to 9 June in Girona, Spain: 1-day theory and 1-day practice. Congratulation to all the 26 participants!

Thanks for the warm welcome in the Costa Brava complex!



# Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association

## 2019 MISSIA Courses - Official Calendar

1	February 23-24	Level I	Handgun	Spain, Gerona
2	March 23-24	Level I	Shotgun and Rifle	Spain, Gerona
3	April 20-21	Level I	Handgun	Greece, Corinth
4	April 29-30	Level I	Handgun	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro
5	June 3-5	Level II	Handgun	Russia, Nizhniy Novgorod
6	June 8-9	Level I	Handgun	Spain, Gerona
7	June 24-26	Level II	Shotgun	Russia, Moscow region
8	July 1-2	Level I	Handgun	Ecuador, Guayaquil
9	July 8-10	Level II	Handgun	Russia, Moscow region
10	July 12-13	Level I	Handgun	Hungary, Budapest
11	July 28-29	Level I	Specialization Rifle, PCC, Mini Rifle	Sweden, Karlskuga
12	August 19-21	Level II	Specialization Rifle, PCC, Mini Rifle	Russia, Moscow region
13	August 27-29	Level II	Handgun	Belgrade, Serbia
14	October 2-3	Level I	Handgun	Argentina, Buenos Aires
15	October 18-20	Level II	Handgun	Russia, Moscow region
16	October, tbc	Level I	Handgun	Portugal, pending
17	November 3,4	Level II	Handgun	Philippines, Manila

MISSIA Level II Handgun Seminar accomplished from 3 to 5 June in Nizhniy Novgorod, Russian Region. Congratulation to all the participants! Thanks to the Federation of the practical shooting of the Nizhniy Novgorod region, and all the officials for the warm welcome in the modern Shooting Complex 'Antey'!

MISSIA Level I Handgun Seminar from 29 to 30 April in Rio de Janeiro.





# REBELS TROPHY 2019



**REBELS TROPHY 2019 is not a match for everyone... This match is for Rebels, Rebels by Heart!**

Text by: Janette Haviarova

Photos by: Britta Kobler

The Slovak Republic is situated in the middle of Europe. Shooting range Komarno is well known for easy access to nearest airports Bratislava, Vienna or Budapest; competitors can enjoy good meals in local pubs, romantic walks down the Danube, nice accomodation, historical monuments, boat trips, famous wellness and spa in the city of Komarno.

The history of this very popular Level III Handgun and PCC match is rooted on supporting two oncologically ill children and their families; you can find all the stories about supported families on webpage of the match ([www.rebelszone.com](http://www.rebelszone.com)).

This year almost 400 shooters from 28 countries shot 21 attractive, dynamic and difficult stages in a 2-day event June 1st. A special stage called Charity Stage supporting children in need was created as homage to

the spirit of the match and to raise awareness. Match organizers made sure competitors were constantly informed about the match and the opportunities for leisure and accomodations in the surrounding areas.

The match was sold out only few weeks after opening registration. We were really glad to see shooters from China, Hong Kong and Macau attending the match and for many of them this was their first time visiting the Slovak Republic. In addition, we had the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which helped on processing all the required gun permits for our international visitors. Also big thanks go to our Police Department and the helping hands they lent taking us step by step on going through all the paperwork.

We had a bit of cold and rainy weather while building the stages and first day of Pre-Match. Fortunately, weather changed on second day of Pre-Match and Main Match to a welcoming warm and sunny run that required extra hydration for helpers and range officers. Competitors were pleased with the catering services at the range, especially our 100% Arabica "Rebels Coffee" which was a welcome morning jumpstart to all attendees.

The Sponsors Area was also very busy, filled with helpful information from sponsors and lots of shooting gear you could buy on the spot. The 3M booth provided ear protection you could borrow and test during the match. Other sponsors like Rudy Project had shooting glasses and 2CS-SPORTSWEAR.COM offered testings on their shooting jerseys.

This year the match moved to a bigger range so we could build the 21 stages + 1 Charity Event Stage, consisting on 3 Areas. Match Directors were: Janette Haviarova (SVK) and Bystrik Zachar (SVK), Range Masters: Kurt Kreuzer (AUT) and Peter Kopunec (SVK) with Area CROs: Pavlina Fessa (GRE), Peter Svrcek (CZE) and Soetet Gabor (HUN). The whole team of Range Officers came from Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Austria and the Netherlands... one big family!

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Moving targets were nearly everywhere, fast stages with variability how to shoot were challenging not only for casual competitors but also for top shooters from all over the world. Of course there is always room for improvements and we got great and positive feedback that we plan on including in the future. The Courses of Fire had an interesting build in a dark forest, running around trees which was very nice because it provided a much needed shade during these hot sunny days.

The REBELS TROPHY 2019 match was also the Slovak National Championship so props on stages were carefully built to show our international competitors the quality and professionalism of the match. You could find famous World Cycling Champion Peter Sagan on his bike on one





# REBELS TROPHY 2019



stage, where starting position was sitting on the bike and shooting from the bike. You could see skii on one stage, tennis racket, historical wooden houses with local ornaments and props, ice hockey props and local slovak animal on the stage, among others.

Slovak Republic's "Rising Star" Pavol Zencar, who started to compete only one year ago and after hard work and his sport background from other Olympic sport is now reaching top places and medals on every competition he attends. He quickly became a member of Slovak Representation for European Handgun Championship in Serbia.

These are the final results of the match:

## WINNERS REBELS TROPHY 2019 (HANDGUN):

CLASSIC: Kovar Zbynek (CZE)  
OPEN: Tausiewicz, Marcin (POL)  
PRODUCTION: Stepan Michal (CZE)  
PRODUCTION OPTICS: Zencar Pavol (SVK)  
PRODUCTION OPTICS LIGHT: Ivan Sebik (SVK)  
REVOLVER: Johann Lang (AUT)  
STANDARD: Szczesny, Bartosz (POL)

## WINNERS REBELS TROPHY 2019 (PCC):

PCC: Theiling, Martin (AUT)

Finally we want to invite all shooters and ROs to REBELS TROPHY 2020 at the same shooting range in Komarno, Slovak Republic. The dates are for Pre-Match: 4-5 June and Main Match 6-7 June 2020... come and become a Rebels with us!





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# IPSC PHILIPPINES

Deep IPSC Roots and History



**REGIONAL DIRECTOR** Edwin B. Lim

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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 it's long history, IPSC Philippines has had it's highs and lows but has always managed to keep the sport strong and dynamic and the membership growing and participating.



# REGIONAL RAMBLINGS



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”!



# 2019 IWA SHOW - SPECIAL REPORT



By Ekaterina Nikiforova

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





## 2019 IWA SHOW



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.



This year IPSC established an exclusive pilot partner program to attract global leaders to join IPSC in its worldwide sport development. It is a brand new opportunity for IPSC partners to support the sport and to use it as a vector of their activity to the public. These partners will assist IPSC in global development of youth programs, as well as athletes and teams support future projects. IPSC will keep sponsorship programs as usual for Level 4 and 5 matches.

Mr. Kryuchin finally mentioned that IPSC is paying extra attention to upcoming matches, and preparing its participation in international sport events to strengthen presence in the international sports arena.



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## YOUNG GUNS

# Nathaniel “Bro” Tecson



**AGE: 16**

**REGION: Philippines**

### How did you first hear about IPSC?

My pilot dad, Jefferson, was formerly a commissioned officer in the Philippine Air Force. I grew in Fernando Air Base where my father was stationed. Practical shooting is a popular activity among members of the Armed Forces, and my dad was, and still is, a very avid shooter. I was 6 years old when my dad would bring me along to the shooting range where I would gamely help reload his magazines. Eventually he started to teach me the basics of shooting...first with a .22 pistol, and soon after graduating to a 2011 in .45 ACP.

### For how long have you been shooting?

8 years. I was 8 years old when I first competed in a Level I Club Shoot using my dad's 2011 pistol.

### What division do you shoot and why?

I've been shooting in Standard Division since 2011 and I've stuck with it since then, having learned the fundamentals with



a 2011 pistol. Also it was the only equipment available to me at that time. Open Division guns were too expensive an investment so I just did my best learning how to shoot Standard.

### What is the coolest about IPSC shooting?

Travelling to matches locally and abroad and meeting new friends is probably the coolest thing about IPSC. The culture of safety and environment of responsibility in the practical shooting sport has also been my guide in my personal life.

### What inspired you to begin shooting?

More of who, rather than what. My dad of course is my idol and inspiration, and we still enjoy shooting together. I think he was more surprised than me when I took to shooting like a fish to water. Shooting is an activity I truly enjoy. And like any newbie in the sport, we look up to the Champions like Eric Grauffel, JJ Racaza and Rob Leatham. They are the ones that continue inspire me to be a better competitor and maybe one day be a Champion like them.



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

I'm thankful to have parents who are 1000% supportive of my goals in the sport. Even the members of my gun club, who are like extended family to me, sometimes take on "parenting" duties when my mom or dad can't accompany me to matches.

### What are the biggest challenges you have when shooting IPSC?

Balancing school work with my sport. The big matches usually begin on Fridays (a school day) and I may have to be absent from school to shoot. On top of that, I still need to find time for practice and training.





### **How many years have you been shooting?**

I have been actively shooting for 12 years now. I bought my first guns in 2007, they were a double barrel shotgun and .22LR rifle for hunting. In 2009 I started IPSC shooting with pistol, moving to IPSC rifle and shotgun back in 2010.

### **What do you like best about IPSC shooting?**

You can't never be perfect on IPSC: constant learning and improvement is really addictive to me. One huge challenge is to get your physical and mental skills on balance during the competitions. Traveling around the world with your best buddies, seeing your old friends and making new ones and shooting good competitions in the best sport ...what could be better than that?.

### **How often do you practice at the range?**

In Finland we have two seasons: shooting season and winter! Because I have been shooting mostly long guns, indoor training



have been almost impossible for me at winter time. When I'm preparing for major match like World Shoot, I try to shoot 5-7 times in a week. At winter time maybe two times in a month.

**What is your match firearm and ammo?**

I'm competing with JP Enterprises CTR-02 rifle, Benelli M2 SP shotgun and CZ SP-01 Shadow pistol. At the shotgun World Shoot in France, I used Focchi ammunitions.

**Any special exercises?**

Lots of physical exercising. Speed ladders and stair running. At the range I try to keep drills simple but challenging, using lot of small targets and long distances.

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

I do some dry fire but not as much as I should; that is something I will change in the future. I have been thinking on getting an airsoft gun for training at home.

**Who do you consider your inspiration or mentor?**

My mentor, coach and good friend is Mika Riste. He has helped me a lot and we have been training and competing together since 2012.

**How do you unwind at the end of the day?**

Shooting is a great way for me to get rid of work stress. At major matches, I read every night before going to bed in order to get my thoughts off the competition and to focus and relax.

**What advice do you have for up and coming shooters?**

Dream big, visualize it, and start working to achieve your goals! Train with the best shooters you can find. Think outside of the box and try to find the best training that works for you.



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# GERT ERLING HANSEN



**REGION:** Denmark  
**AGE:** 62

### When and where did you first discover IPSC shooting?

I first discovered IPSC shooting when I saw a video of the 1990 World Shoot from Australia, from then on I was hooked!

### What inspired you to begin shooting?

Listening to my father talk about competitive shooting and his time in the army inspired me to try out shooting when I was young.

### Which divisions do you shoot, and why?

I've gone back to single-stack Classic Division which I started on back in 1992. I enjoy planning the courses with limited magazine capacity.

### 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,



# “Listening to my father talk about competitive shooting and his time in the army inspired me to try out shooting when I was young“



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

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

My spouse backs me as a former shooter herself, saying that she “doesn't care about how much money or time you spend, as long as you come home smiling”. My children have been trained and been to a few matches as spectators and helping out patching during matches.

## Do you have any tips for the Young Guns?

I would recommend starting in a club, shooting 22 caliber and/or air pistol to practice accuracy. In a club you will receive safety training, discipline and tips from your seniors that will help you down the road of becoming a master shooter.



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# TATIANA ROMASHINA



### How long have you been shooting?

I started IPSC shooting in 2010, mainly because you can practice this discipline at any age and there are no strict requirements to the physical conditions of the shooter. I also wanted to learn how to handle firearms accurately, quickly and safely.

### Which division do you shoot, and why?

I shoot Shotgun Standard because my coach Pavel Danilovich also competes in this class. I use a Benelli shotgun.

### What do you like about the social aspects of IPSC shooting?

IPSC shooting is a wonderful, dynamic and exciting sport. And as in any sport, it helps you to improve your physical abilities, strengthen your health, develop talent, feel oneself a part of a large sports movement and improve your quality of life.



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

My family and my friends are very proud of my achievements. My children and my friends see my transformation due to the training in IPSC shooting and also why I chose a dynamic way of life.

### How do you balance your IPSC shooting activities with your other commitments?

There's an old saying: "a woman is the air that her family breathes". I want my family to breathe the air of sports. My main commitments are my children - Yaroslav (14), Polina (11) and Maria (4); they also like sports. Together we help each other to become better. Discipline and order help me to perform and manage everything.

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

Since most of the sportsmen in the IPSC are men, many women get involved into shooting together with their spouses, partners or parents. In this case, they just need to be called. Coming on one's own accord to the male-dominated community

requires lots of courage and the wish to train hard in this discipline. I also believe that more women are getting into IPSC due to its increasing popularity.



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

When a person comes to the sports, whether it be a man or a woman, it is important to find a good coach or instructor, who will help you to climb to the victory podium... find yours and train hard!



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By Sean McCauley, CSCS, CISSN

I have a Leatherman MUT. It's a (awesome) multitool like most of us know with some added special stuff on it for weapon maintenance. Many of you probably have one. But basically, it's just a tool you can carry in your pocket. A tool you may find yourself relying on from time to time. But really, it's something that resides in your pocket or range bag and you don't give it more than an occasional thought week to week. It's literally a tool in the toolbox.

My bathroom scale is also a tool I find myself relying on from time to time. Where the MUT helps me scrape carbon off my AR bolt or helps me saw through a small tree limb, the scale gives me the data I need to know to make intelligent decisions with regards to what I am trying to achieve nutritionally. The scale is also a tool in the toolbox. Nothing more.

They are both tools. Yet so many people give such power to the scale. They let it control their happiness. They let it control their actions. Their thoughts. Often it dictates their lives. They work hard, eat well and diet to try to lose weight. They get on the scale in the AM and see it's up 1.2 pounds and instantly their day

is compromised. They are unhappy.

Tecumseh once said "When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself". I love that quote because that is a dude who had perspective.

Would you let a handy multitool like this control your happiness or make you feel bad about yourself? The answer had better be "No way"! It's just a tool. Pieces of metal screwed together with the intent of helping you achieve a task. Not controlling you. The bathroom scale is the same thing. Nothing more, nothing less. It's plastic and metal and it exists to help you. Not control you.

Digest that for a minute because it's a big dose of perspective as well. One that a lot of people need to hear.

Again, letting a scale control your happiness is absurd. None of us are given much time on this planet. It goes by in a blink. Don't waste your time giving the scale



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control over your happiness. Accept that like the Leatherman MUT, the scale has a limited purpose. It exists to serve you. You don't exist to serve it.

So when you need to punch some pins from your rifle, grab a MUT and get the job done. When you wake up and need some data on your body weight so you can track your progress, jump on the scale, get the data point, write it down and then move on with your day. Give thanks like Tecumseh told you to. Life is short and every day moves you closer to your goal if you are working hard. Enjoy the process. Know that weight loss is not linear. You don't lose weight daily no matter how perfect you are. Don't fight it. And certainly don't be unhappy along the way.

The scale is just a tool in the toolbox and nothing controls your mindset except you.



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## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### A busy year ahead for IROA

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](mailto: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 have had the honour of being a range officer for more than 19 years now.

### What do you like best about officiating?

It is amazing, like having a front row seat to the greatest show on earth! The job, the friends and the love for the sport are definitely very hard to resist.

### What was your most memorable match? Why?

All the matches I officiated have been unforgettable. I remember matches where I had to run 3 stages at the same time (Columbus Cup Curacao 2010), where the temperature was 38 degrees Celsius and the humidity was 90% (Columbus Cup Costa Rica 2005), or matches





like the Latin American in Guayaquil (Ecuador 2013) or the Panamerican In Cuiaba (Brasil 2015) where these matches were so well organized they run without any problems at all.

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

I also carry the rule book, a magnifying glass, a set of two scoring overlays, a 3-meter rope, extra shooting glasses, extra ear plugs, pen, marker, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, lip sunscreen, wet cloths and some power bars.

### **What advice do you have for aspiring officials?**

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## IPSC ACTION AIR, A GATEWAY TO PRACTICAL SHOOTING

by Arius Alipour

Practical Shooting is one of many shooting disciplines which are not only very fun but also very competitive for those who want to be. The sport challenges speed, accuracy, and power throughout every match (consisting of multiple stages). Practical shooting is supported by many organisations, most notably the International Practical Shooting Confederation and its supporting regions (countries).

In regards to the laws and legislation in the United Kingdom, it can be fairly difficult to start practical shooting disciplines especially with firearms being restricted with licensing and safety requirements. So how does one get into shooting practical without having to work towards firearms ownership?

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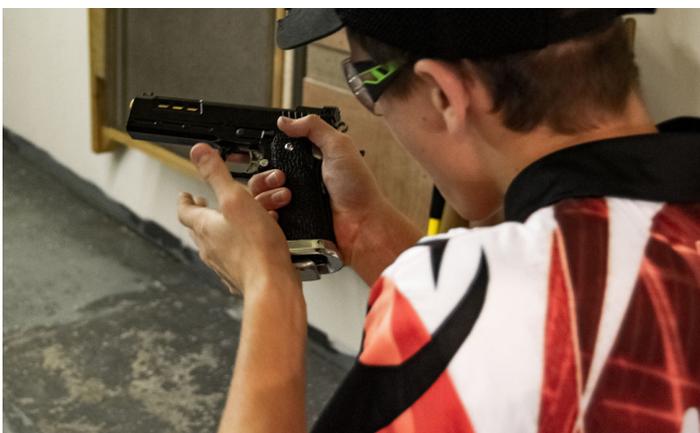


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If you're interested in Practical Shooting but aren't sure where to start, try Action Air IPSC.



Arius Alipour is the editor-in-chief of Outdoor Technica ([outdoortecnica.com](http://outdoortecnica.com)) with a background in both consumer electronics reviews and practical shooting. Arius Alipour started practical shooting with a focus in Action Air IPSC in 2016. Since then he has competed internationally and become one of the UK's top competitors. Having recently competed in the Action Air IPSC World Shoot in Hong Kong last year, Arius is now moving forwards into other shooting disciplines to help promote shooting disciplines to a mainstream audience.



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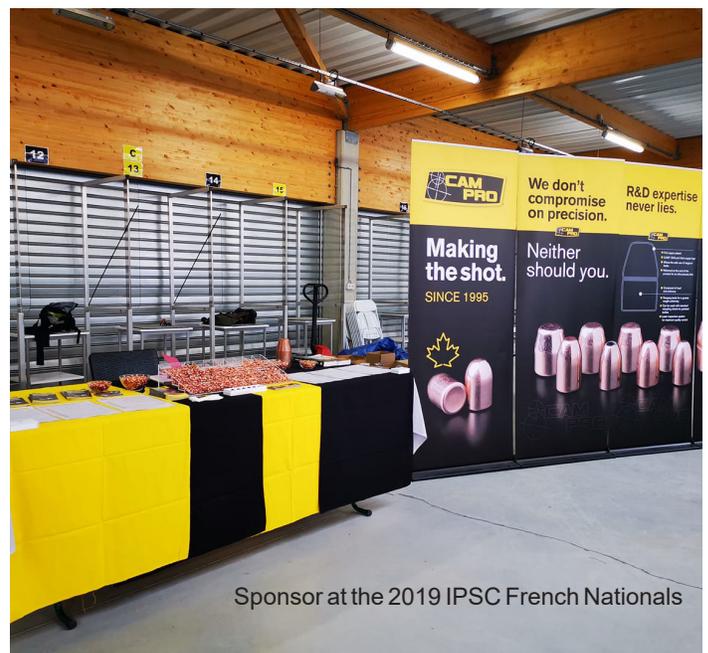
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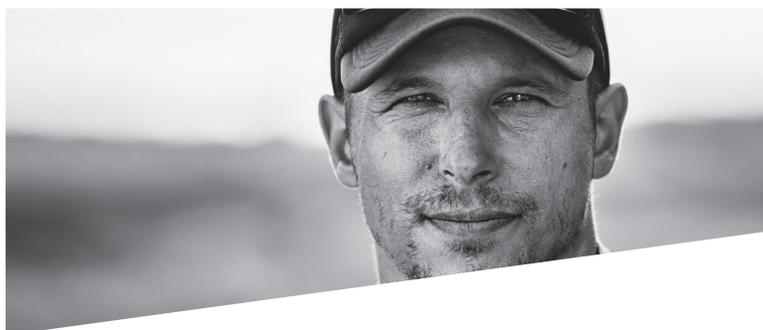


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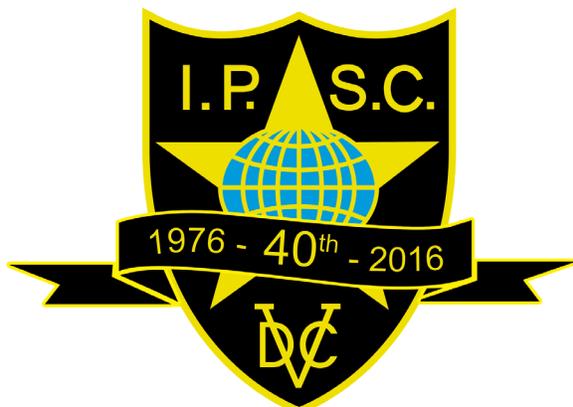
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