

PONCA CITY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB SPONSORS LOCAL PISTOL SHOOTING MATCH

Kay County, Oklahoma - The Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club recently hosted a IPSC/USPSA (International Practical Shooting Confederation/United States Practical Shooting Association) approved pistol match at their new shooting range located in the Salt Fork River Valley approximately 25 minutes from Ponca City and Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

This match consisted of 6 "stages", or shooting problems, requiring the firing of a minimum of 100 rounds to complete. The stages were set up in adjacent pistol bays to expedite shooting for the 17 participants from north central Oklahoma and southern Kansas of this day's match. The aggregate of each stage score determined the winners.

"Practical Shooting" is the most dynamic of the shooting sports and is often referred to as 'Run & Gun' for its fast paced shoot-on-the-move format. During competition a shooter can expect to face several stages, or courses of fire, comprised of a variety of targets and obstacles which he or she must navigate in the shortest period of time with the highest degree of accuracy.

The only equipment required is an ordinary handgun of 9mm or larger with a holster that covers the trigger, 3-4 spare magazines (preferably with mag pouches), 150 rounds of ammunition, eye and hearing protection and a desire to have fun shooting. Entry fees are nominal (usually about \$10-20).

The Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club Inc is a non-profit organization located in north central Oklahoma dedicated to encouraging organized rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting as well as firearm knowledge and safety. The club's new range currently has two 25 yard pistol bays, a 100 yard rifle bay, and a 50 meter bay as well as a shotgun area. Plans are for a 200 yard and a 300 yard rifle bay as well as more sophisticated shotgun facilities in the future

An IPSC pistol match like the one above is scheduled for each 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am at the range. Rifle matches and less formal pistol activities are also on the schedule. Maps to the range and the schedule can be found on the web site listed below for the club. The public is invited. For more information visit www.poncarpc.org or email pcrifle@poncacity.net or call Dave White the club secretary/treasurer at (580)762-0103.

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Members of the Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club make preparations for the day's shooting match.



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Match Safety Director James Bowker (2nd from left) briefs pistol match participants on safety procedures before the match begins.



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(L-R) Range Officer Max Horn holds the electronic timer and watches carefully as participant Doug Stover shoots at a target through a hole in an obstacle.



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(L-R) Range Officer Tony Eberle (Morrison, OK) observes as participant Doug Hanson shoots at targets.



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(L-R) Range Officer Doug Stover monitors the shooting of Bill McCune (Wichita, KS) as he shoots at targets from behind obstacles.