



GIVE 'ER A SHOT

The Phoenix Police Athletic Club Shooting Team Newsletter

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Where to Shoot

Occasionally we pass along some information on where you can find some good matches. Well here it is.

In the east valley you have **Rio Salado** (I wish I lived closer), and when it comes to handgun competition there is no second anywhere in the country. This one range is probably more known around the country than any other and they hold a lot of different matches on different days (and not just handgun). They have it all. Go to <http://www.riosaladosportsmans.com> or for handgun specific try <http://www.riopractical.com>.

Ben Avery is north of Phoenix and they are probably more diverse than Rio and it too is well known around the country and it's an impressive facility. For their main website go to http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/ben_avery.shtml.

And for handgun specific competition, the Cactus League shoots up at Ben Avery and their website is: <http://www.cactusmatch.com/>

In south Phoenix, right next to the Academy (east) is the **Phoenix Rod and Gun Club**. They have a surprising variety of shooting disciplines going on there and they do have some handgun matches (Thursday night matches are a challenge and frequently the Firearms Training Detail personnel are there. Go to <http://www.phoenixrodandgun.org/>.

Sometime we take road trips and a couple popular and not too far locations are (at least for some of us):

The **Yavapai Recreational League** (through Wickenburg towards Prescott) @ <http://www.yavapairecreationleague.org/>

The **Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club** is new but a good place to go and shoot a very low keyed match with a bunch of very good ole boys. <http://www.wickenburgsportsmensclub.com/>

When shooting a match take a friend or two. We have a lot of fun shooting matches, but it's shooting with friends that make shooting real fun. (And, if your current friends don't like shooting, find new friends©).

A good match coming up is **Spring Steel** at Rio Salado (go to Rio's website) on February 24th. It is 8 stages of steel targets, and I try to never miss this one because it is a good one.

Results January 2008 Team Shoot

January 9, 2008

Duty Gear Class:

1st – Tallon Busby 2nd – Bill Hardy

Challenge Class:

1st – Bret Draughn 2nd – R.V. Hartson

Gamer Class:

1st – Troy Hill 2nd – Dane Lambert

Stage Winners:

Stage 1 – *Star Struck*:

Duty Gear Class – Tallon Busby 31.30

Challenge Class – Bret Draughn 21.95

Gamer Class – Troy Hill 27.88

Stage 2 – *Two, Right, and Left*:

Duty Gear Class – Tallon Busby 34.94

Challenge Class – Bret Draughn 26.45

Gamer Class – Dane Lambert 35.56

Stage 3 – *Barricade Work*:

Duty Gear Class – Tallon Busby 40.23

Challenge Class – Bret Draughn 30.27

Gamer Class – Steve Proctor 40.92

Stage 4 – *Caution Warranted*:

Duty Gear Class – Tallon Busby 20.41

Challenge Class – Bret Draughn 27.24

Gamer Class – Troy Hill 22.63

We are going to sell off some extra (leftover) shirts and hats from the Phoenix Combat Classic, at a clearance price. We have too many on hand so we need to clear them out.

- Long-sleeved shirts are \$12.00
- Short-sleeved shirts are \$10.00
- Hats are \$8.00.

Contact Bret Draughn or Rich Hartson at the Armory or buy them after a monthly match. (These really are good prices!)

Upcoming Monthly Team Shoots

- **Saturday, February 16, 2008, 0900-1200 hours** – We are going to mix in some paper and steel into this one and make it an IPSC style match with a fifth stage thrown in. Our matches are free, and for that price they can't be beat.
- **Saturday, March 15th, 2008, 0900-1200 hours** – This month is too busy for a weeknight so we have to do another Saturday. This will be a paper and steel match.

Donations for props

We are going to try something for the next few matches.

When people go to most matches they have to pay anywhere from \$8.00 - \$12.00 per person just to shoot in the match, and those are matches without any prizes being given out. The money the clubs get from this fee helps them buy target, props, insurance, tape and other items.

We don't charge, and we won't be charging. However, some have suggested that if we just offer the opportunity for people to donate a dollar or two, eventually it will add up to enough for us to purchase some props. Some of the props we want to buy include: good pepper poppers, better swingers, clamshell targets, drop targets, bobbing targets, more barricades, etc.

So we will have a can out there for anyone interested in making a donation when they come out to the monthly matches. No pressure, no requirement, just an option to throw in a dollar or two, or ...

