



# TTS News Letter 02

## Upcoming Events

- 25 May Wednesday  
MD is Dave Gleason
- 1 June Wednesday  
MD is Deon Greenwood
- 8 June Wednesday  
MD is Andy Webeler
- 11 June Saturday MD  
is Mike Sells
- 15 June Wednesday  
MD is Charlie Pace
- 16 June Carolina Cup
- 22 June Wednesday  
MD is David Gleason
- 25 June Virginia State

### Thank You

Thank you to OJ, Travis and Eric for building our shed racks. To Darrell for always building boxes, wagons and repairing shot up stands. From all the MD's and people that retrieve equipment it makes it so much easier. Your hard work behind the scenes is very much appreciated. Good job guys!!

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### Arkansas State Championship 14 May.

*A total of 7 TTS Team members attended this match. Deon again arrived unprepared for the weather and we had to stop for more warm clothes in a dry county. The match was hosted at CLUB1, A00001 the birth place of IDPA. Stages ranged from standards to movers with lots of options and setups and all that took place in 50F. Blair DuRoy amazed everyone at the match with her smoking fast reloads. Team TTS secured 5 trophies... With a BUMP. Congratulations to Becky Sells for the bumped from SSP Marksman to SSP Sharpshooter. She had the guys thinking of all sorts of excuses for coming second.*

### Dedication:

We had a Doctor who participated in our last hybrid match. He got called for a medical emergency he left to go deliver a baby. After stabilizing mom and baby in record time he came back to finish his match. Clearly dedicated to the sport, and loved Glen's match.

## FINGER FINGER MUZZEL MUZZEL.....SAFETY SAFETY

Safety is the single most important part of IDPA competition. We must never forget that we are handling and discharging firearms – our sport is inherently dangerous. We preach the four rules of safety all the time; I would like to emphasize the forth one in particular: Never put your finger on the trigger until your sights are on the target. Modern firearms are designed so that they will not discharge unless the trigger is pulled. All we have to do is concentrate on keeping a 'straight safe finger' out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until we are ready for the gun to go "Bang". This is not always as easy as it seems. Sometimes we get so involved in going fast we literally 'jump the gun' and put our finger on the trigger before we are ready to shoot. This is especially easy to do (and thus must be guarded against) while moving and reloading. Poor Michelle, the stuffed animal we sometimes use bears the scars of an inadvertent discharge. And experienced shooter got in a hurry and, after putting the big fuzzy bear safely on a barrel performed a tactical reload. His finger was on the trigger and when the slide slid forward the gun discharged. Because another safety rule – Always point the gun in a safe direction – was followed, the round went into the berm and an event that might have been tragic was merely embarrassing. Nevertheless, we have to all be mindful of where our trigger finger is while we are moving and reloading during a stage. Another time when we have to be especially careful is when



TEXAS STATE Championship  
**The arrangements for the State match are progressing nicely and the applications are open online. Be sure to look at the 2 shooter shirts option as the Techwear shirt will be one of the coolest and most durable shirts you own. These shirts normally sell for \$70. Should you not going to shoot the match you can still order a shirt. These shirts are available for \$45 online.**

[www.matchsignup.org/match601/buymore.php](http://www.matchsignup.org/match601/buymore.php)

we are loading and unloading before and after a stage. Once a stage has been completed there is a natural tendency to let down and that can lead to careless and potentially dangerous behaviors. There is no reason to have your finger inside the trigger guard, much less touching the trigger until the Safety Officer has confirmed the chamber is clear and informed the shooter to release the hammer by pulling the trigger. Please let's be mindful and safe.

**By Tom Pinney**