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Event 3/2011 – A Great Show at Lough BO



On Monday the 13th of June 2011, Lough Bo Shooting Centre hosted the IPA Pistol Club for their third event of the year. 15 club members travelled from all over the country to compete at the 100 shot course of fire competition held for the second time at Lough Bo's grounds.

The weather and scenery in the North West made for a wonderful day and the scores at the end of the event echoed this. The competition was a mixture of the NASRGC's T&P1, GP40 and 3 separate stages designed by members of the IPA Pistol Club.

After the target packs and score cards were handed out and the safety briefing by our Chairperson, Noel Horgan, all shooters headed for the firing line and began practising for the event.

With practise shots over, the first details of four shooters took up position at the 10 metre line and on the buzzer the shooting started and scores were tallied. After details 2, 3 and 4 had scored their targets only 19 points separated 2nd place (283/300) and 10th place (264/300), with Jeff Kehoe in 1st place with a fantastic score of 297 from 300.

As the T&P 1 finished, the distance between shooters scores had expanded as had the distance to the targets. The Timed and Precision is shot at a distance of 10, 15 and 25 meters on a target that is the size of an A4 sheet. Jeff was still in the lead with a score of 285/300 for the T&P and he was closely followed by new comer Ciaran Crossan with 269/300 and Neil O'Malley with 261/300.

As the GP40 was outlined to all competitors - as it was our newest event, a lot struggled with the difficulty of the small target being shot at max distance of 25 metres.

With all score cards handed in to Alan Lynch for final tallying, there was no doubt that Jeff Kehoe had finished in first. All other members were competing for 2nd and 3rd with medals being presented from 5th to 1st.

The top five were: 1st Jeff Kehoe (937/100), 2nd Ciaran Crossan (898), 3rd Neil O'Malley (869), 4th Brian Kealy (846) and 5th Derek Healy (844).

Details of Event 4 will be circulated to members via email and text and will also appear on the website.

News From Around The Globe

SEPTA POLICE OFFICER'S GUN, BADGE STOLEN AS HE SLEEPS.

A SEPTA police officer reported his gun and badge were stolen when he fell asleep at an Atlantic City casino bus stop, an agency spokeswoman. The officer, whose name was not released, was off-duty when a bag carrying his service-issued Sig Sauer pistol, badge, and identification card was taken from him at a bus stop at Bally's Park Place between 1:30am and 3am, said SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams.



The officer had taken a bus to Atlantic City, and "after his visit there, he was waiting for the bus to return to Philadelphia and inadvertently fell asleep," Williams said. Off-duty officers are allowed to carry their service firearm at all times, she said.

Police gun plan to cost \$6m

Giving frontline police faster and better access to guns will cost the police at least \$6 million. Police Commissioner Peter Marshall said he had set aside \$6m to put firearms safes in the boots of patrol cars.



The move would make sure every frontline police officer had greater access to automatic rifles and pistols, says the latest issue of the Police Association magazine, Police News. Police would also "ramp up" training for police to make sure they were ready for the allocation of the additional guns, the magazine said.



Most patrol cars did not carry firearms but they were available to frontline officers if a senior officer decided police or the public could be put in danger. Frontline police have been calling for greater access to firearms as attacks on police continue. The latest move is expected to put a semi-automatic rifle, a 9mm Glock pistol, a Taser stun gun and body armour in the back of frontline police cars.

Marshall has said he did not approve of generally arming police with handguns. He was not convinced that arming police would improve the safety of police or the public. He said most frontline police did not want to be routinely armed, but they did want greater access to firearms.

Missing Police Firearm Is Returned

A Salt Lake City Police officer's missing gun has been found. After a training exercise yesterday, an officer left the gun on the trunk of his car before driving off. An extensive search of the area where the officer was parked was unsuccessful. However, Chief Chris Burbank says there is a good explanation for that.



"As the officer pulled out, apparently an individual was driving right behind him, noticed it, stopped, picked it up with the intention of giving it back to the officer at that moment. The officer had gone. [The man] was taking his wife, as I understand, to a doctor appointment. Put it in his car and just returned it to us later that evening," said Burbank.

Burbank says an internal affairs investigation of the incident will take place, and the officer will undoubtedly face disciplinary action. However, he says the officer made a simple mistake. "The thing about this though, is this is a good officer that had no intention of doing something wrong. But, we need to safeguard, firearms especially, but all of our equipment and so it's something that we need to review and take some action to ensure that it doesn't happen again," said Burbank.

The department was offering a \$200 reward for the return of the pistol. Burbank doesn't know if the reward has been accepted, but says it will certainly be offered to the man who returned the gun.

EX-CHIEF PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGALLY SELLING POLICE HANDGUN

The former police chief of Morningside has pleaded guilty to stealing a handgun from the town's arsenal and selling it from the trunk of his cruiser, Prince George's County prosecutors said. Thirty-year-old David A. Eichelberger Jr., of Accokeek, could face up to five years behind bars on the charge of illegally selling a weapon and 18 months for the theft charge. "No one is above the law, not even a municipal police chief," said Ramon V. Korionoff, spokesman for State's Attorney Glenn F. Ivey. "Mr. Eichelberger was entrusted to protect the public; instead he endangered everyday citizens."



Eichelberger was fired as head of the Morningside Police Department, after news reports surfaced that he was under investigation for allegedly selling a pistol stolen from the town's arsenal. A county grand jury handed up a five-count indictment against Eichelberger, formally accusing him of selling to a town resident a Glock .40-caliber handgun stolen from the back of his police cruiser.

Eichelberger had worked for the six-member Morningside department, which polices the inside-the-Beltway community of 2,000, for less than a year and was promoted to chief not long before being fired. A source close to the investigation said that Eichelberger approached the owner of an auto repair shop about selling weapons. Eichelberger, who was an officer at the time but not yet chief, backed his cruiser into a garage bay and

displayed and offered to sell a Glock 27 handgun and a shotgun for \$600 each. The shop owner sent a letter about the illegal gun sale to the mayor of Morningside and to media outlets, and the Maryland State Police began their probe.

According to court records, Eichelberger has a history of financial trouble. In 2003, he filed for bankruptcy in Rochester, N.Y., where he lived before moving to Maryland. At the time, court records show, he was in over his head in credit card debt with more than \$10,000 owed as he earned about \$6,000 a year from a part-time job.

Financial records of police officers are typically part of the extensive background check they undergo before joining a department because officers who owe money are more susceptible to corruption. Town officials said they looked at his financial background before hiring him.

Ammunition Shortage For Police... Due To Wars In The Middle East

With the U.S. at war on two fronts in the Middle East, local law enforcement agencies are feeling the squeeze when they go to order ammunition. A decrease in supply has led to rising costs and longer wait times for police departments whose tightening budgets already have forced them to make personnel cutbacks.



It has yet to become a safety issue. But rising costs and a decreased supply have put a burden on law enforcement to stockpile ammunition, and that can be a problem during lean economic times. Some orders take a year to fill, forcing towns to make larger orders to compensate.

POLICEMEN AND WIVES TEST THEIR PISTOL-SHOOTING SKILLS



The Kedah Police Contingent organised a pistol-shooting skill test for their men in conjunction with the 204th Police Day celebrations here recently. Held at the Kubang Pasu district police headquarters' shooting range, the event was participated by 350 policemen and the Police Family Association (Perkep) members comprising the policemen's wives.

The participants were divided into 20 teams where they were given the chance to test or improve their pistol-shooting skill from 9am to 4pm. State police chief Datuk Ahmad Ibrahim said the event was organised every year in conjunction with the Police Day celebrations.

"Apart from improving skills in handling firearms, the function also strengthens our friendship," he said after officiating the occasion. Present were State deputy police chief Datuk Abdul Ghafar Rajab and Kubang Pasu district acting police chief Deputy Superintendent Ibrahim Mohd Yusof.

Event 3 – 2011 Prize Winner

Results for this event held at Lough Bo Shooting Centre can be found on our website at www.ipapistolclub.com. There were a total of 5 medals presented and these were to:

TOP 5

Shooter	Position	Score	Percentage
Jeff Kehoe	1 st	937/1000	93.70%
Ciaran Crossan	2 nd	898/1000	89.80%
Neil O'Malley	3 rd	869/1000	86.90%
Brian Kealy	4 th	846/1000	84.60%
Derek Healy	5 th	844/1000	84.40%

The International Police Association Pistol Club would like to thank Lough Bo Shooting Centre for the use of their facility.



Other photos for the events are available on our website. If you would like to browse these go to the gallery page.

The Best Colt 1911 Pistol Shot... EVER

by Phil Bourjaily

While compiling the timeline for "Pistol of the Century," our tribute to the 1911 in the June issue of Field & Stream, I read through many accounts of the 1911 in combat. The most unusual shot,(and possibly the best ever) made in wartime with a 1911 pistol had to be the one fired by a USAAF B-24 co-pilot named Owen J. Baggett in March, 1943 in the skies over Burma. Of course, I am biased toward this one as it involves a flying target . . .



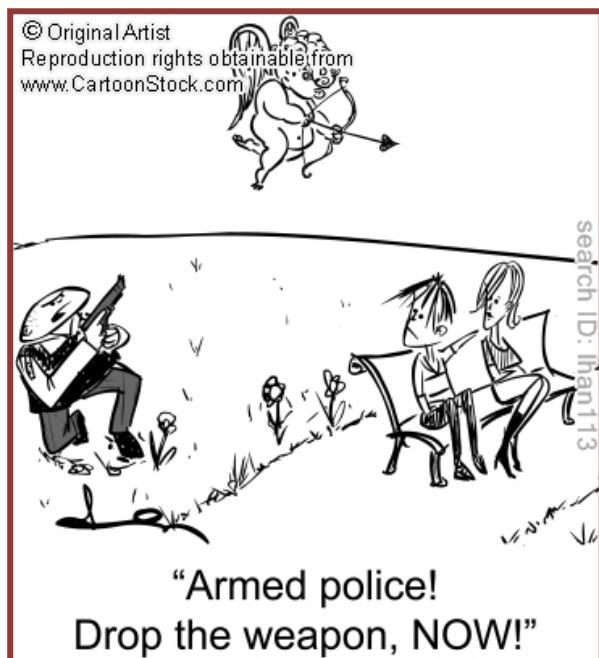
On a mission to destroy a railroad bridge, Baggett's bomber squadron was intercepted by Japanese Zero fighters and his plane was badly damaged. After holding off the enemy with the top turret .50s while the gunner tried to put out onboard fires, Baggett bailed out with the rest of the crew. He and four others escaped the burning bomber before it exploded.

The Zero pilots circled back to strafe the parachuting crewmen, killing two and lightly wounding Baggett, who played dead in his harness, hoping the Japanese would leave him alone. Though playing dead, Baggett still drew his .45 and hid it alongside his leg, just in case. A Zero approached within a few feet of Baggett at near stall speeds. The pilot opened the canopy for a better look at his victim.

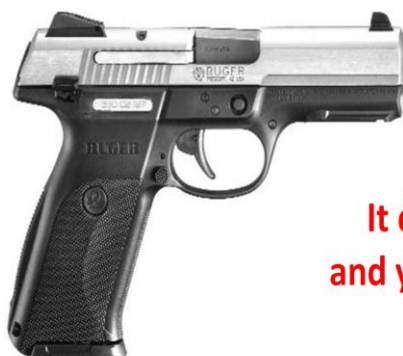
Baggett raised his pistol and fired four shots into the cockpit. The Zero spun out of sight. Although Baggett could never believe he had shot down a fighter plane with his pistol, at least one credible report said the plane was found crashed, the pilot thrown clear of the wreckage with a single bullet in his head.

If Baggett really did shoot down a fighter with his 1911, it has to count as one of the greatest feats ever accomplished with a .45.

Baggett survived two years in a Japanese prison camp in Singapore and eventually retired from the Air Force as a colonel.



Ruger is coming out with a new pistol for sale in Ireland in honour of our politicians and bureaucrats. It will be named the **Public Servant**.



It doesn't work
and you can't fire it.

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Event 3/2011 - Lough Bo Shooting Centre, Co. Sligo

Results - 13.06.2011

Competitor	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	Stage 7	Stage 8	Stage 9	Stage 10	Total	X's
Perfect Score	100	100	100	120	120	60	50	100	100	150	1000	100
Jeff Kehoe	100	100	97	100	116	59	40	97	96	132	937	42
Ciaran Crossan	98	88	88	115	100	54	41	93	94	127	898	25
Neil O'Malley	97	96	82	99	113	49	42	94	93	104	869	21
Brian Kealy	90	96	88	61	108	58	47	93	89	116	846	11
Derek Kealy	89	93	89	94	93	56	25	95	88	122	844	11
Alan Lynch	82	94	84	51	112	56	45	95	94	120	833	12
Kai Koziarowski	98	95	76	75	81	60	37	89	83	102	796	16
Noel Horgan	97	88	92	26	71	44	43	90	89	122	762	11
Stephen Connolly	96	96	91	86	79	56	14	81	49	91	739	10
Kamil Linder	98	94	86	67	66	57	25	86	64	91	734	11
Pat Donnelly	95	96	73	68	17	44	37	36	87	115	668	4
Damien Kennan	56	71	67	69	51	26	41	54	69	62	566	6
Martin Bushnell	27	71	72	40	85	35	40	62	39	70	541	5
Adam Kealy	89	63	68	16	97	16	9	49	59	38	504	1



Results contined in this score card are for the information of members of the IPA Pistol Club, Lough Bo Shooting Centre and people who competed in the Event. IPAPC Competitions Committee