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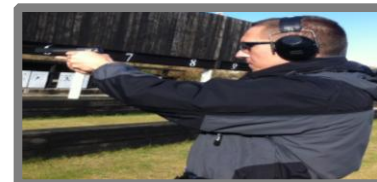


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Event 5/2011 – Harbour House

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Harbour House was the location again for the IPA Pistol club's final shooting event for 2011. It was a re-run of the event that was held for members two weeks earlier, but had to be abandoned due to dreadful weather.



As always we were made welcome and very well looked after, both on and off the range by Tommy, who this time had erected a waterproof cover so that the event would go ahead no matter what the weather was like. Thankfully, we didn't need it, as there was not a drop of rain on the Kildare range.

This event was special, not just because it was our last for this year but also because it was the first time all the competitors were required to shoot in their respective groups of, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta.

A total of 18 shooters turned out and stepped up to the line, all hoping and intent on doing better than the last time. At first they may have been some confusion as to the classification of the groups but by the end of the competition everyone fully understood and welcomed the new group system as it gave every competitor a better chance of winning a medal. The competition included the recognised T&P 1 and Gp40 shooting programmes.

We started at 11.45am and continued until 1.30pm when the competition was suspended so that we all could partake in the refreshments provided by Harbour House. The competition re-commenced at 2.00pm and concluded at 4.00pm after which the presentation of medals was carried out in the Club rooms.

The medal winners of each group were as follows:

Group Alpha:	1 st	Neil O'Malley
	2 nd	Derek Healy
	3 rd	Brian Kealy
Group Bravo:	1 st	Patrick Donnelly
	2 nd	Alan Clarke
	3 rd	Paul Murray
Group Charlie:	1 st	Michael Brennan
	2 nd	Colin Douglas
	3 rd	Paulina Szramowska
Group Delta:	1 st	William Brennan
	2 nd	Jason Mc Donnell
	3 rd	Tomas Bialkowski

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After the speeches and presentations it was time for all the competitors to say their goodbyes and head for the hills. As they were leaving they were already asking “...when is the next competition”, a true indication of their satisfaction and enjoyment, and a true vindication of the IPA Pistol Club’s mission to promote interaction and encourage friendships with Pistol/Handgun enthusiasts. Until the next time “*Servo per Amikeo*”.

Remember: Membership to the Pistol Club is always open to both new and experienced shooters. Feel Free to contact us if you have any questions.

For a full list of Results log onto www.ipapistolclub.com

IPAPC Members Qualify as Range Safety Officers

On Saturday November 12th Brian Kealy and Alan Lynch of IPAPC attended Harbour House Sports Grounds to take NRA's Basic Range Safety Officers course conducted by Declan Keogh NRA Chief Range Safety Officer.



The purpose of the course was to provide participants with the basic knowledge and skills to organise, conduct and supervise safe shooting activities and range operations with successful participants becoming certified Range Safety Officers with NRA accreditation.

The course provided instruction on range inspections and determining range suitability, how to oversee the safety of shooting activities, the development of club and range Standard Operating Procedures, conducting safety briefings given by RSO's, safe handling of firearms and ammunition in the event of malfunctions, and compliance with emergency procedures as set out in the range Standard Operating Procedures.

The course consisted of both classroom theory and practical implementation exercises with participants taking an exam at the end of the day in which a score of 95% had to be achieved to gain NRA certification.

The course was very informative with members from a number of clubs inputting their experiences and questions trying to catch Declan out - unsuccessfully. The amount of literature supplied for the course and additional material supplied by Declan on the day and since makes the €35 course excellent value.

As usual HHSC looked after participants well and the brain food seemed to work as both IPAPC members were successful in the exam and are now accredited Range Safety Officers.

The course is highly recommended and the knowledge gained can only serve to improve the safety and enjoyment of all who take part.

Congratulations to Alan and Brian on successful completion of this course.

News From Around The Globe

Toy Gun Buy Back

Nerf guns and water pistols are the latest target for the gun grabbers. Community activists in Buffalo, N.Y., started a toy-buyback program recently, designed to instill a fear of firearms in the city's youth. It's also a way to accustom children to the real restrictions they're likely to encounter in adulthood.



As reported in the Buffalo News, a group calling itself Fathers Armed Together to Help Educate Restore and Save and a local pizza joint are rewarding toddlers willing to trade in a plastic assault rifle with a delicious slice of pizza. They hope it's an offer too good to refuse.

There's little need to dwell on the absurdity of such a scheme. It's more useful in providing insight into the liberal mind that sees the availability of guns as the direct cause of murder and mayhem on the streets. They believe such problems will disappear if handguns are banned. If only it were that simple.

One need look no further than last month's rioting in London to see that violence and chaos do not end when the populace has been disarmed. At least 100 homes burned to the ground, and shopkeepers watched helplessly as their businesses were pillaged and their livelihoods destroyed. London's Metropolitan Police issued a 13-point list of "crime prevention" tips that boiled down to a few basic recommendations: Remove valuable items from view, fire up closed-circuit surveillance cameras and call the police emergency number when the rioters arrive. Not that placing one of the 20,800 calls received in a night would have done much good. By the time the bobbies restored order, damage estimates exceeded \$300 million.

When chaos hit the streets of Los Angeles in 1992, police beat a hasty retreat. Shop owners in Asian neighbourhoods, by contrast, took matters into their own hands. They organized themselves and stood watch from rooftops with their personal rifles, shotguns and pistols. They opened fire on local gangs and approaching looters, enabling the good guys to end the day with their places of business unmolested and their lives spared.

Leftists prefer everyone to become victims. Allowing good people to defend themselves requires the intolerant admission that there's a difference between good and evil. It's safer for them to put all of their reliance upon government and blame society when the state isn't up to the task.

That's why more and more children today are denied the pleasure of playing traditional games like cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers. Their baseball games aren't scored so that everyone can be declared a "winner." Grades are inflated or not kept, and everyone is promoted. At the head of this movement one finds the California Assembly, which held a committee debate Tuesday on Senate-passed legislation that would regulate the acceptable colours for BB guns. Squirt-gun registration can't be far behind.

Instead of taking toys from tots, it's time to restore the culture of personal responsibility embodied in the responsible use of firearms.

Probation officer fatally shot during training at Jackson prison



The state Department of Corrections identified the person shot and killed during a training exercise as a 24-year-old probation officer from Rome. Tiffany Bishop, of the Rome Probation Office, had been with the department since March, according to DOC spokeswoman Kristen Stancil.

Bishop died Wednesday during an exercise at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison training facility in Jackson, Stancil said. There apparently was an accidental discharge of a weapon during the routine exercise, Stancil said. The GBI is investigating the incident. No additional information was available.

DOC commissioner Brian Owens called GBI Director Vernon Keenan to request an investigation, GBI spokesman John Bankhead said. There will be an autopsy on the victim Thursday, Bankhead said.

Don't put your pistol in your pants: Police

A Waikato man who shot himself with a pistol down his pants was lucky he didn't hit an artery and die, police say. The 35-year-old shot himself while trying to hide a gun from police while returning from possum-hunting with his brother on Friday night.

The man did not have a licence for the .22 pistol he had in his pants and was attempting to get rid of it before police saw it, Sergeant Jim Corbett of Thames Strategic Traffic Unit said today. Officers were called to reports of shots being fired on a farm at Waitekauri, between Waihi and Paeroa, about 9.40pm on Friday, Mr Corbett said.

Police set up a checkpoint to stop cars coming down Golden Cross Road, when the man and his brother pulled up in a van. "He'd got out of the car and he'd been trying to get the pistol out of where he'd had it positioned in his trousers, and it went off. After he shot himself he managed to throw the gun over into the scrub."

"He went to the ground and the officers sorted out his wound while they were waiting for the ambulance to come....He was losing quite a bit of blood to start off with. He was conscious throughout and left in the ambulance."

Mr Corbett said the man was in shock and a lot of pain after he realised he'd shot himself in the upper thigh with the pistol in his pants. "He was very lucky because if he'd hit the main artery, he could have very easily bled out and died."

He was treated at Waikato Hospital but it was understood he discharged himself with the bullet still in his thigh. Mr Corbett said police were going to interview the man, who could face charge of unlawful possession of a pistol.

Police were also interview the man's brother, and had not yet decided whether to lay charges against him. "They had been shooting possums and they had plucked possum fur in the van." The pistol and some ammunition thrown into bushes had been found by police, he said.

Mr Corbett said he'd never seen this type of incident happen before, and a number of lessons could be learnt from the incident. In addition to providing legislative guidelines on the owning of firearms, the licensing process also guided people through basic safety steps, several of which were ignored on Friday, he said.

"We've already mentioned the man didn't have the landowner's authority to be shooting on the property, it is also unlawful to shoot in a state forest, forest park or national park during the hours of darkness," he said.

"It is also unlawful to be using a firearm without a license or to carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle. Given the occupants of the vehicle approached a police checkpoint with a loaded firearm this incident could have had far more tragic circumstances."

Mountain Safety Council chief executive Darryl Carpenter said people shot themselves accidentally "surprisingly very little". He said most firearms users are well aware of safety and use their firearms wisely. But there was one main message he said: "Don't put your loaded firearm in your pocket."

No charges filed after off-duty Chicago police officer fires gun from a boat

An off-duty Chicago police officer will face no charges for shooting his service pistol into Lake Michigan while drinking on an off-shore powerboat last week, but Wilmette police said information on the Oct. 9 incident has been passed along to the Chicago Police Department.

Wilmette police and a crew from the U.S. Coast Guard station at Wilmette Harbour responded to an area near the harbour mouth shortly after 9 p.m. Oct. 9, after a police officer patrolling in Gillson Park heard what he thought was repeated gunfire. Other people in the park area at the time also told the officer they'd heard several shots.

Police spotted a boat out some distance into the lake, heading into harbour. By that time the Coast Guard station also received gunfire reports and asked for Police Department assistance while a Coast Guard crew boarded the vessel.

Police said the boarding crew reported that both of the two men on board were too drunk to navigate the boat, and neither was at the wheel. When police boarded the boat after it was secured, they found an unloaded Glock 17 pistol, a shotgun, two rifles, several hundred rounds of ammunition and a number of spent small calibre and shotgun shell casings.

They also found two coolers with beer and a half-empty vodka bottle.

One of the boat's users, a 43-year-old man, identified himself as an off-duty Chicago officer and admitted shooting his duty pistol into the lake. He told Wilmette officers that he thought the boat was far enough off shore for that to be "OK."

Wilmette police eventually determined that the incident took place past Wilmette's three-mile off-shore jurisdiction. When they contacted the Cook County Sheriff's Department, which has jurisdiction to the middle of the lake, department representatives told them they would not press charges.



Both the officer and his companion, a 29-year-old man whose father was the boat's registered owner, were released. Wilmette police kept the guns and ammunition found on the boat, including the officer's duty pistol.

Bristol police officer shot by girlfriend at Piney Flats shooting range

A Bristol police officer was shot by his girlfriend at an indoor shooting range in Piney Flats on Monday, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether the shooting was caused by "hot brass" falling down the woman's shirt.

According to an SCSO news release, the incident occurred at 4:26 p.m. Monday at Shooter's Edge, an indoor shooting range and training center located at 413 Century Court, Piney Flats.

The release states Bristol Tennessee Police Department Officer Chester Emery, 47, suffered multiple injuries from a single round fired from the Ruger MK II .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun that a woman identified as his girlfriend, Kelly Crandell, 46, was shooting. The round passed through Emery's wrist and struck him in the chest. He was flown to Johnson City Medical Centre for treatment.



Emery, who is also an instructor at the shooting range, told an SCSO deputy the shooting was accidental. He said it happened when a piece of hot brass went down the front of Crandell's shirt as she was shooting down range.

Crandell told investigators she "jerked" when the hot brass went down her shirt, accidentally discharging the pistol. The news release stated investigators were still on scene, and the incident — termed an "apparent accidental shooting" — was still under investigation.

Weapons Stolen From LAPD SWAT Centre



Thirty submachine guns and handguns were stolen from a building in downtown Los Angeles used by LAPD's Special Weapons and Tactics unit. The 15 MP-5 submachine guns and 15 colt .45 handguns were modified to fire small plastic bullets, similar to those used in paintball, LAPD Cmdr. Andrew Smith said.

"These weapons are not functional," Smith said. "They will not shoot bullets. You cannot shoot bullets without extensive modifications." Smith compared the modified weapons to "paintball guns."

Cmdr. Smith noted that while doable, converting a modified gun back to lethal use is no easy task. In many cases the effort would require the expertise of an armorer. The weapons were moved to the secure training facility at 14th and San Pedro streets the night of Oct. 12 in preparation for a scheduled training the following day, according to an LAPD spokesman.

The guns, which were placed in a locked box on the first floor of the multi-story building, were discovered by a police officer Oct. 13 around 9 a.m. A series of doors were broken into to retrieve the guns and burglars are thought to have prematurely abandoned the scene since electrical equipment was left stacked near a back door. Commercial crime detectives are conducting an investigation into the burglary. The department's Professional Standards Bureau is overseeing an internal investigation into any personnel issues.

LAPD hopes to retrieve the stolen weapons.

With the SWAT armoury only a half-mile from the training site, questions arose as to why the weapons were housed overnight in a less-guarded storage area. There are no security guards or surveillance at the training facility, according to LAPD. Smith said questions regarding the transfer of the weaponry and accessibility of the weapons will be addressed in the internal investigation.

It is still unknown whether the burglary was the work of professionals or commercial burglars. "This could be one of those commercial burglaries we see downtown sometimes where someone just happens to get lucky and get some of our weapons or it may be something more than that, Smith said. "We're not sure yet."

Funnies



DOG FOR SALE:

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale 'He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.



'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

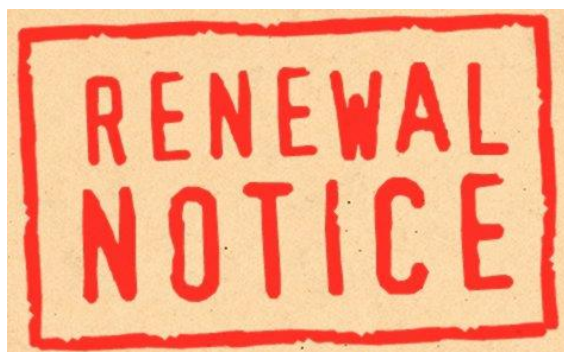
'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and ask the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a liar. He's never been out of the yard.....'



IPA Pistol Club Renewals

Reminder: Have you renewed your membership to the IPAPC? Renewals need to be returned as soon as possible. If you have lost your renewal letter, please let us know and we will send another one.

IPA PISTOL CLUB SECURE ACCESS TO ANOTHER PISTOL RANGE

The committee of the IPAPC have recently visited East Coast Shooting Grounds in Roundwood, Co. Wicklow and viewed their Pistol Shooting facility. The covered pistol range is run in conjunction with a clay shooting and rifle shooting range.

Members of the IPAPC from this month on are allowed access to the shooting facility in the Co. Wicklow countryside. The shooting range is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm. To gain access members must have the following:

- **Current Membership to the IPAPC**
- **A licensed firearm (Rimfire or Centre Fire)**
- **Current / Valid Insurance**
- **Eye and Ear Protection**

If members would like to use the range they should:

- **Contact the IPAPC or Contact East Coast Shooting Grounds**
- **Pay the agreed fee to ECSC**
- **Produce their Club Membership Card and Insurance on Arrival**

The Committee of the IPAPC will notify members of an upcoming event that will be held at this shooting ground. It is hoped that the first event of 2012 will be held at this range in early to mid January.

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