

Wrap up of the Driftless Area Defensive Pistol League season.

To all Shooters and Range Personnel:

The 2016-2017 Driftless Area Defensive Pistol League has come to an end.

We sincerely hope everyone enjoyed themselves and found that you were able to deal with the many frustrations and difficulties associated with the varied courses of fire. We hope that you learned new things about your shooting abilities and improved over the course of the league season.

I have posted the final results to the website and also attached a copy of the final tabulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me and I will endeavor to answer them.

We enjoyed hosting each of the shoots and all competitors. It was a very safe season. There were no injuries or accidents. This speaks highly to the caliber of each and every participant.

We will be awarding the trophies and plaques in the next few days. If you are a recipient we will make arrangements to get your award to you in a timely manner. The "Award Score" is the cumulative total of the 5 highest scoring shoots. Congratulations to all shooters. The awards are as follows:

High Team - Traveling Trophy, Team Trophy and a Plaque to each team member.

PRSA - Bearded Bullets – Steve Sanders & Chris Jaynes – Award Score: 8,869.97 Total score 10, 360.49

2nd Place Team – Team Trophy and Plaque to each member

PRSA - Dozer & The Mech – Dean Ramthun & Steve Fauver – Award Score: 8,631.01 Total Score 9,999.35

3rd Place Team – Team Trophy and Plaque to each member

PRSA - Looney Tunes – Don Stanke & Marjorie Stanke – Award Score: 8,358.95 Total Score 9,832.04

Individual Shooters - Competitors not shooting as part of a team. Competitor must have fired at least 5 matches to be eligible for awards.

Centerfire, Production Class – 1st Place – John Schultz – Plaque - Total Score 3,901.15

Centerfire, Unlimited Class – 1st Place – Dean Ramthun – Plaque - Total Score 4,331.15

I would like to thank the PRSA members who worked hard at each of the six matches, doing duties as range safety officers, scorers, target placement crew and those who helped setting up and taking down the range and repair and cleanup. Without your dedicated help this would not have been possible. I would also like to say thank you to the non-members who assisted with various duties at some of the matches. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks are also in order for individuals who provided cookies, bars and donuts to help sustain the work crew and shooters. Thank you all.

I would also like to specially thank Tom Kretschman and the Southwest Technical College Shooting Team for once again providing the award trophies and plaques. Those who are recipients of these awards please be sure to thank Tom next time you see him. This year was tough for the Southwest Technical College Shooting Teams for many reasons. The number of available shooters was down and the shoot schedule limited the number of shooters who were able to attend each match.

We are considering continuing the DAPPL again for the 2017-2018 winter season. In order to better accommodate shooters who travel some distance, we are looking into several changes which we feel will help address that.

At this point we are once again open to suggestions from all shooters. If you are interested in participating again next year, please email me any suggestion you may have. All will be given consideration. Email me at: rcprsa@gmail.com

The following things are currently under consideration:

1. Elimination of Teams. I like the team concept but it did not work out for everyone this year. We are discussing the elimination of teams and having all shooters compete as "individuals." At this time I am not convinced this is the correct way to go. The team concept adds to the camaraderie and competitiveness.
2. Instead of cumulative scoring for the entire league season, awards might be given on a "per match" basis.
3. How to continue with the DAPPL "traveling trophy."
4. Flexible match dates. This has limitations because of other groups using the range and availability of range personnel to work.
5. Use of one single course of fire for the entire season.

If there are particular things you liked or disliked about the courses of fire, the way each shoot was conducted, the length of the shoot, the number of rounds, etc., etc., etc., we would like to know those. Please email them to me. Whatever you say will not become public knowledge but will only be addressed by myself and my team. We can only improve if we know what shooters prefer. We continue to hope this league will grow in numbers.

Thank you for another successful season.

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