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HEMPHILL WINS 7TH NPSC TITLE MEADOR WINS HISTORIC FOURTH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Photos by Mike Nischalke

Jackson, MS — Lt. Philip W. Hemphill of the Mississippi Highway Patrol retained his title as the National Police Shooting Champion for the seventh time with a score of 2982-218X out of a possible score of 3000-300X. Agent Robert M. Vadasz with the U.S. Border Patrol actually tied Hemphill with a score of 2982-212X but came in second because he had six fewer tie-breaking center shots, or Xs. Detective John H. Pride (Ret.) of the Los Angeles Police Department, taking full advantage of recent laser eye surgery, placed third with a score of 2981-210X.

"I won the revolver championship with a two-point cushion going into the semi-auto pistol championship, but Robert Vadasz and I tied in the aggregate and it was only the X count that put me over the top," said Hemphill. "If he (Vadasz) keeps practicing like he has been, he'll get me next year for sure. It has been a roller coaster of a day," Hemphill added. "I am especially thankful to my wife for all of her support." The aggregate of the Revolver 1500 and Semi-Auto Pistol 1500 matches determines the National Champion.

History was made among the women competitors as well, as Officer Dorcia Meador of the Fort Worth, TX, Police Department became the top woman shooter for an unprecedented fourth time with a score of 2948-153X. Officer Meador last won the

Women's Championship in 1998. "It had been six years since I last won," commented Meador. "I figured I was due."

Almost 450 law enforcement and security officers from five countries competed from September 20 - 23 in Jackson, MS, at the 43rd annual NRA National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) held at the Jackson Police Firing Range. More than \$250,000 in prizes, including over 130 firearms, were awarded at the tournament, which is considered by many to be the world's most prestigious police shooting match.



Officer Dorcia Meador of the Fort Worth Police Dept. took the Women's championship an unprecedented fourth time.

NRA President Kayne Robinson, former Chief of Detectives and Assistant Chief of Police of the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department, said, "Most participants train year-round for this event, making it highly competitive. It also serves as a place that will continue to increase the abilities of officers to protect and

serve their communities."

NPSC differs from conventional shooting competitions in that it tests a marksman's skills in police combat shooting. The tournament involves semi-automatic pistols, revolvers, and shotguns.

Firearms may be standard-issue for some events and specially modified for match shooting for others. While intense competition

for national titles is the daily focus of this championship, a number of police training opportunities, banquets, special prizes, and events round out the week.

The NPSC is just one of many programs directed by NRA's Law Enforcement Activities Division and supported by the Davidson's Law Enforcement Endowment of The NRA Foundation, as well as over 100 firearm and equipment manufacturers and businesses. Davidson's Gallery of Guns has generously committed \$100,000 to permanently support the championships. "Our goal is to establish and enhance NRA's leadership role in support of law enforcement officers' training through schools, competitions, services and programs," said Ron Kirkland, Director of NRA's Law Enforcement Activities Division.

A highlighted list of 2004 NPSC winners is on page 3 of this newsletter. Complete match results may be found at: www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npscresults.asp. A future issue of *Shooting Sports USA* will carry more complete coverage of the match as well.



Lt. Philip Hemphill (above) and Agent Robert Vadasz tied at 2982 out of 3000 possible points, but Hemphill's X count gave him his seventh NPSC victory.

BEHIND THE LINE AT JACKSON

By Jorge Amselle

◆ Officers who compete at NPSC often have to pay their own way and take vacation time to participate. From the LAPD, Detective Helen Papietro and Officer Stefanie Diaz (the 2003 Women's Champion) drove for over 30 hours and carried all of their teammates' equipment. "We had to drive straight through since we couldn't leave the equipment unattended and didn't want to unload it at night," said Papietro.

◆ Officer Dora Rogers, a 10-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, comes from a law enforcement family and actually wears the same badge her father wore for 32 years on the force. "A career in law enforcement certainly makes you a more confident person," she said. "I find that being a woman is an advantage in this job."

◆ The weather was a factor competitors had to overcome. While Jackson narrowly missed being hit by Hurricane Ivan, Florida and several southern states were not so lucky. Many officers in these states were not sure if they would be allowed the time off to compete until the last minute. And officers from as far away as New York were also affected by weather-related travel concerns, but three of New York's finest (NYPD) toughed it out and drove to Jackson.

◆ A PPC referee school was held for the first time at NPSC this year.

◆ Municipal, state, and federal law enforcement officers came to NPSC from 35 states and five foreign countries.

◆ Local media aired coverage of NPSC on television 22 times, with print, radio, and TV bringing NPSC to over 4.4 million people nationally.

◆ Officers often share guns and stories and help each other become better shooters and competitors. Officer Rene Dominguez of the Dallas Police Department really pulled double duty, however, acting as both chauffeur and translator for the three officers from Venezuela.



2005 TOURNAMENT DATES

We are now accepting dates for 2005 Police Pistol Combat tournaments. Applications may be obtained from our Web site or by contacting our office. Please note that we will not be able to confirm dates for clubs with outstanding balances or unreported tournaments.

We'd like to thank all our tournament sponsors for their hard work and dedication to PPC. If you are interested in sponsoring PPC matches, please contact Shena Nutter at (703) 267-1635 or snutter@nrahq.org for more information.

Mark your calendar, also, for the 2005 NPSC. The event is set for September 12 - 15 and will again be hosted by the Jackson Police Department at their range in Jackson, Mississippi.

◆ First-time competitors are always welcome at NPSC and nearly 50 participated this year, including Officer Elaine Marshall of the Tennessee Department of Corrections. At 23, Marshall also had the distinction of being the second youngest competitor by one month. "I never shot a handgun before joining the Department earlier this year, but I signed up for the pistol team almost right away," she said.



◆ Officer Dorcia Meador of the Fort Worth Police Department told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* how, following a robbery and pursuit, two armed men considered exchanging fire with her—because she was a woman and they figured she couldn't shoot. That would have been a mistake. Meador, who has been with the Fort Worth PD since 1978 is the range master for her department, has been competing since 1987, and won her first NPSC Women's Championship in 1994. Meador also pointed out at NPSC the value in the diversity that women bring to the law enforcement profession. "In training, we teach our students the proper hold for their pistols, but instructors tend to teach only the way they hold their own guns. That doesn't always work for women or men with smaller hands. I focus on making sure each student uses the hold that best suits him or her," she commented.

RECRUITING PROGRAM INVITATION

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To request your Recruiter Application Kit call (800) 672-0004 or send an email to gbaird@nrahq.org.



NRA RECRUITER

2004 NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Individual Winners List

Match 1 - Revolver, 7 & 15 Yds, Standing W/O Support

1st: Sgt. James Loveland, Iowa State Patrol - 240-24X
2nd: Officer Phillip Strader, Jr., U.S. Capitol Police - 240-24X
3rd: Trpr. Mark Owensby, Illinois State Police - 240-23X

Match 2 -Revolver, 25 Yds, Kneeling & Standing

1st: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 180-18X
2nd: Officer Roberto Santos, U.S. Border Patrol - 180-17X
3rd: Sgt. Anthony Fike, Edmond Police Dept. - 180-16X

Match 3 - Revolver, 50 Yards, Sitting, Prone & Standing

1st: Grd. Dennis McCammon, Brinks - 238-7X
2nd: Instr. Gary Hutchison, FBI - 237-12X
3rd: Super. Jeff Morrison, U.S. Border Patrol - 237-11X

Match 4 - Revolver, 25 Yds, Standing W/O Support

1st: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 240-20X
2nd: Officer Roberto Santos, U.S. Border Patrol - 240-18X
3rd: Agent Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 240-16X

Match 5 -Revolver, NRA National Police Course

1st: Sgt. Marc Cobb, Long Beach Police Dept. - 596-45X
2nd: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 596-42X
3rd: Officer Michael Dowd, Colorado State Parks - 596-42X

Match 6 - Revolver, 1500 Aggregate

1st: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 1492-111X
2nd: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 1490-105X
3rd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 1490-102X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 1478-71X

Match 7 - Service Revolver Championship

1st: Officer Robert Barnes, L.A. Police Dept. - 479-41X
2nd: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 479-41X
3rd: Officer Richard Shene, Detroit Police Dept. - 479-38X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 478-30X

Match 8 -Semi-Auto, 7 & 15 Yds, Standing W/O Support

1st: Trpr. Mark Owensby, Illinois State Police - 240-24X
2nd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 240-23X
3rd: Cpl. Rene Dominguez, Dallas P.D. - 240-22X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P. D. - 240-20X

Match 9 - Semi-Auto, 25 Yds, Kneeling & Standing

1st: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 180-18X
2nd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 180-17X
3rd: Officer Estevan Estrada, L.A. Co. Sheriff - 180-17X
Woman: Dep. Patricia Fant, L.A. Co. Sheriff - 180-11X

Match 10 -Semi-Auto, 50 Yds, Sitting, Prone & Standing

1st: Agt Clay Tippit, U.S. Border Patrol - 238-13X
2nd: Sgt. Robert Snedden, L.A. Police Dept. - 237-10X
3rd: Agt Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 236-15X
Woman: Det. Helen Papietro, L.A. Police Dept. - 233-9X

Match 11-Semi-Auto, 25 Yds, Standing W/O Support

1st: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 240-20X
2nd: Agt. Clay Tippit, U.S. Border Patrol - 240-17X
3rd: Officer Robert Barnes, L.A. Police Dept. - 240-17X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 235-10X

Match 12 -Semi-Auto, NRA National Police Course

1st: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 597-39X
2nd: Instr. Gary Hutchison, FBI - 597-37X
3rd: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 596-42X
Woman: Det. Stefanie Diaz, L.A. Police Dept. - 588-27X

Match 13 - Semi-Auto Pistol 1500

1st: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 1492-110X
2nd: Agt. Clay Tippit, U.S. Border Patrol - 1492-107X
3rd: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 1491-105X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. -1470-82X

Match 14 -Stock Semi-Auto Pistol Championship

1st: Agt. Clay Tippit, U.S. Border Patrol - 480-37X
2nd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 479-40X
3rd: Sgt. James Loveland, Iowa State Patrol - 479-39X
Woman: Det. Stefanie Diaz, Los Angeles P.D. - 477-22X

Match 15 -Off-Duty Sidearm "Revolver" Championship

1st: Sgt. Mark Liddi, Santa Barbara Sheriff - 479-34X
2nd: Officer Gus Hartl, Toronto Police Service - 478-38X
3rd: Cpt. Steven Voigt, Hanford Patrol - 478-32X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 473-30X

Match 15 -Off-Duty Sidearm "Semi-Auto" Championship

1st: Officer Bruce Robinson, Columbus P.D. - 474-28X
2nd: Insp. Joseph Ruff, Shelby Co. Sheriff's Off. - 472-21X
3rd: Officer Robert Barnes, L.A. Police Dept. - 470-23X
Woman: Dept. Jacqueline Lane, Riverside Co. Sheriff - 425-4X

Match 16 - Individual Service Pistol Championship

1st: Sgt. Marc Cobb, Long Beach Police Dept. - 1434-109X
2nd: Agt. Clay Tippit, U.S. Border Patrol - 1432-103X
3rd: Trpr. Mark Owensby, Illinois State Police - 1432-103X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 1424-88X

Match 17 -Revolver Distinguished Match

1st: Lt. Marion Baker, SC Law Enfor. Div. - 594-35X
2nd: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 594-28X
3rd: Officer Richard Van Houten, Fort Worth P.D. - 592-30X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 587-30X

Match 18 - Semi-Auto Pistol Distinguished Match

1st: Agt. Allen Parsons, U.S. Border Patrol - 596-36X
2nd: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 595-36X
3rd: Trpr. Mark Owensby, Illinois State Police - 594-45X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 585-28X

Match 19 - President's 100 Match

1st: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 1189-64X
2nd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 1182-62X
3rd: Sgt. Keith Ferguson, New Orleans P.D. - 1182-57X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 1172-58X

Match 20 -Shotgun Championship

1st: Lt. Marion Baker, SC Law Enfor. Div. - 550-6X
2nd: Chief Robert Burnett, FLETC - 549-5X
3rd: Officer Phillip Strader, Jr., U.S. Capitol Police - 549-4X
Woman: Agt. Gina Hernandez, U.S. Border Pat. - 544-3X

Match 21 - NRA Special Aggregate

1st: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 6143-380X
2nd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 6139-392X
3rd: : Agt. Clay Tippit, U.S. Border Patrol - 6135-392X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 6081-301X

Match 22 - Individual Championship

1st: Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol - 2982-218X
2nd: Agt. Robert Vadasz, U.S. Border Patrol - 2982-212X
3rd: Det. John Pride, L.A. Police Dept. - 2981-210X
Woman: Officer Dorcia Meador, Fort Worth P.D. - 2948-153X

2004 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Many thanks to banquet and award sponsors Benelli, Beretta, Forensic Technology, Glock, and Taurus.



Lt. Philip Hemphill of the Mississippi Highway Patrol (MHP) received his seventh National Police Championship award. Pictured from left are: Colonel Marvin Curtis (Chief MHP), Kayne Robinson (NRA President), Lt. Hemphill, and Scott Blackwell (Beretta Law Enforcement).



Officer Dorcia Meador (center) from the Fort Worth Police Dept., was honored as National Police Woman Champion. Also pictured are Col. Marvin Curtis (Chief of MHP) and John Sigler (NRA 2nd Vice President).



Heckler & Koch and Laser Devices sponsored the Bring A Partner Program. Winners received a firearm and laser. Pictured from left are: Ptl. Brad Branning, Wayne Weber of H&K, and Sgt. Mike Jones. Branning and Jones are the 2004 winners, and both work for the Memphis Police Dept.



Officer Chris Stephens (right) of the Mountain Brook, AL Police Dept. is congratulated by Ron Kirkland, Dir. of NRA Law Enforcement. Stephens won a custom revolver built by Bob Jones Gunsmithing.



Officer Russ Pearce (right) of the Richmond City Police Department won a custom semi-auto pistol built by Bob Marvel of Marvel Custom Guns. NRA's Ron Kirkland offers congratulations.



Officer Steve Harmon (right) of the Michigan State Police Department won a custom firearm from Don Williams of Action Works. Ron Kirkland (left) congratulates Harmon.

AWARD CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS



Jim Clark of Clark Custom Guns built a semi-automatic pistol, which was won by Officer Ben Bradshaw (right), pictured with Ron Kirkland.



Ron Kirkland congratulates Specialist Paul Heffernan (right) for his win of a .45 Ranger donated by Dave and Pauletta Skinner of STI. Heffernan is with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.



Deputy Paul Tessier of the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office in Nevada won a custom pistol from Feodor Timpko of Timpko Custom Guns. Tessier is pictured with NRA's Ron Kirkland.



A custom service pistol built by Tom Foley (left) of Foley Custom Guns, went to Patrolman Jeff Points of the El Dorado PD.



Troy Imes of First Choice Body Armor (left) presents Sgt. Marcus Young (center) with a custom fit body armor vest. At right is Patty Zollman of NRA Law Enforcement.



Scott Blackwell (left) of Beretta presents Sgt. Marcus Young with a special engraved pistol during the NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year presentation.

NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP SALES ITEMS

There are many 2004 NPSC items available to you through our Web site – www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc_merchandise.asp. You may also call Thea Gregg at 703-267-1621 to place a phone order. We also have some miscellaneous items from recent events. Sale items include pins, mugs, shirts, bumper stickers, hats, pistol cases, and much more. Prices range from as low as a few dollars to no more than \$50. Prices do not include shipping or sales tax. Order now in time for Christmas!



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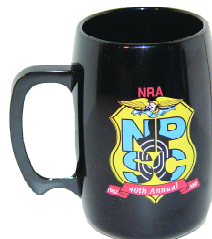
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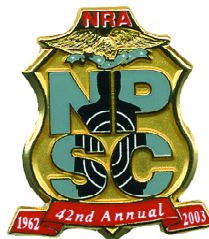
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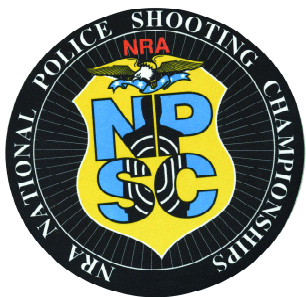
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REFEREE TRAINING SEMINAR

In the last newsletter, John Sigler, 2nd Vice-President of the NRA and Chief Referee for the National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC), announced that a Referee Training Seminar would be conducted at the 2004 NPSC. The first-ever referee training was conducted, and the enthusiasm shown by the participants was remarkable. Topics covered ranged from understanding the rules and how to utilize the rule book, to firearm inspection standards. Other topics included how to properly score a target, Official Referee responsibilities, and the philosophy of being a referee. One of the most important points delivered was that, "A referee's job is to resolve conflict, not create it."

John Sigler gave a presentation to the attendees on "Ethics" and how important they are to the referee. Other referees on the NPSC staff were on hand to impart their wisdom and experience as well.

Commenting on the seminar, Sigler said, "Volunteers are the heart and soul of NRA competitive shooting programs, and that is doubly true of the referees who make it possible for the rest of us to compete on a level playing field. The competitors who participated in this referee school are the beginning of a pool of volunteers who will help make quality competitive experience available for future generations of Police Combat shooters. I congratulate them and welcome them to our ranks."

We look forward to having another Referee Training Seminar next year in conjunction with NPSC. The program will be even better as we will have taken the suggestions from this year's attendees and incorporated them into it.

Please keep an eye on our Web site, www.nrahq.org/law, for announcements regarding the 2005 seminar!

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