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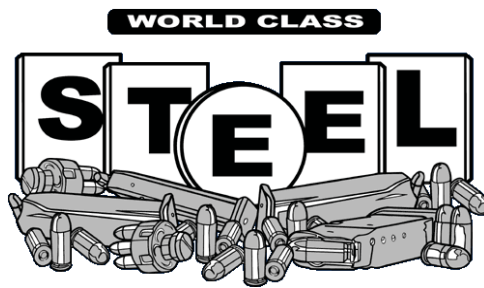
Well, we are now just about into the middle of the 2009 shooting season and we at World Class Steel want to get everyone up to speed about our upcoming events and we also want to tell you what has taken place in our steel shooting since the start of the 2009 season.

Knockdown Steel

World Class Steel will hold its first Knock Down Steel match for the 2009 season on August 2nd. This will be the first Sunday in August. From then on, Knock Down Steel matches will be held on every first Sunday of the following months. These dates are September 6th, October 3rd and 4th and November 1st. There are two match dates in October because the October 3rd and 4th dates will be for the 2009 Fields of Steel Championships. The championship match on Saturday, October 3rd will be for all handgun divisions and the match on Sunday, October 4th will be for all Carbine and Shotgun divisions. Entry applications for the 2009 Fields of Steel Championship matches immediately follow.

The World Class Steel staff, plus any of those willing to help, will begin set-up of the seven Fields of Steel 2009 Championship stages on Thursday, October 1st, at 6:00 pm and complete the setup the next morning on Friday, October 2nd. We plan to have Range Officers, staff and volunteer help shoot Friday afternoon in all divisions. If you can get the time off and wish to help in any capacity, please let us know by sending an email to John P or to Chris. The World Class Steel staff is also looking into having a "Pro Am" type of side match sometime during the match weekend. All handgun divisions will be recognized in that event. More info on the "Pro Am" side match event will be made available as it becomes more defined.

The monthly August, September and November matches will consist of four stages of fire with each stage containing approximately 30 knockdown targets. Starts, as in all handgun knock down steel events, will be with the muzzle of the loaded firearm touching the table that is in front of the shooter. Magazines can be placed and retrieved from the table or from your person. The firearm will be loaded with 10 rounds to start and there can be no more than 10 rounds in any magazine. Note that revolver shooters will shoot 6 rounds regardless of gun capacity and then perform a reload so that all revolvers will be 6 rounds neutral. Carbine Divisions will be "Limited" (10 round max) and "Open" (more than 10 rounds). Scoped and



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Iron Sights will shoot heads up in either division. Shotgun Division will be the same as in years past with "Limited" starting with 5 in the gun to start. "Open" will start with the gun loaded up to available capacity. Please see our www.WorldClassSteel.com website for the entire rule book.

Rimfire rifle division on a trial basis

This season we would like to broaden the monthly knockdown matches by adding a .22 rimfire rifle division on a trial basis. This will provide some "competition" trigger time to those of us who like to shoot rimfire rifles, including those who attend Iggy Ortega's new Rimfire Action matches. Divisions and rules will be the same as for Centerfire Carbines and all targets must fall to score. I tried a few shots at the knockdown steel targets and most went down if hit in the upper portion of the target. For those "stubborn" targets, the .22 rifle shooters should have some mind games deciding either to try to hammer the target down or take the penalty for a miss on the target. Also, it would be deadly for his score, I would think, if the shooter, to quote Janet, "Got happy and fell into hose mode." As I mentioned, this is a "trial" division so let's just see where this goes and then decide if there's enough fun and interest to keep it in future matches.

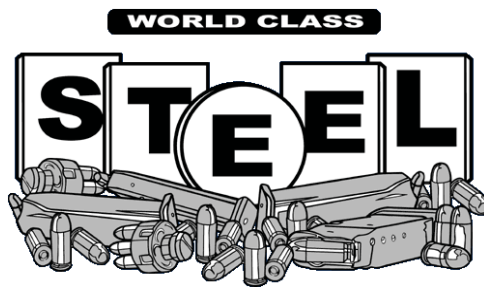
Second Saturday Static Steel

We here at World Class Steel have also been asked to re-instate the static steel matches on the second Saturday of the month for the remainder of 2009. We are examining our resources and current match workloads and we will inform you as soon as a decision is made.

East Coast Pro Am Championship

On May 8th and 9th World Class Steel conducted the 1st annual East Coast Pro Am Championship at our outdoor range facilities. More than 160 competitors took on more than 240 steel knockdown targets spread among seven stages while vying for the top positions in each of four divisions.

Congratulations go out to the top place finishers in each of these divisions, many of whom are OBR&PC members. Taking first in the Open Pistol Division was James McGinty, sponsored by both STI International, of Georgetown Texas, and Schuemann barrel. James is a Junior shooter well on his way to being one of the top shooters in the country. Taking second was Smith & Wesson Team member Dave Olhasso. Third place was awarded to Mike DiGennaro. Mike performed a great showing at his first major match since returning to competitive shooting after taking a ten-year hiatus. With his "among-the-top" showing here, Mike proved that he still has the potential to be at the top of his sport in the 2009 season. Mike has started a great shooting school, Sport Shooters Training and a tremendous shooter-oriented website, www.hoserhaven.com. Great to see you back Mike and we at World Class Steel wish you continued success in all of your endeavors.



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The Iron Pistol Division top spot was taken By Dave Olhasso, followed by James McGinty in second place with Dave Marques, just four points behind McGinty, taking the third position in the Division.

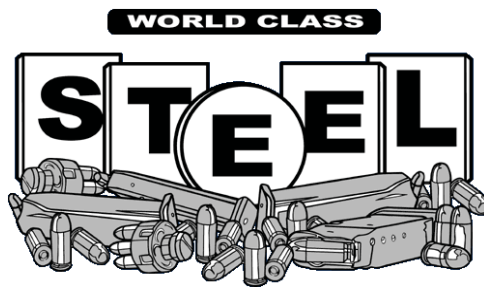
The Open Carbine Division saw George Meschi leading the pack and taking home the top slot.

Iron Carbine saw newcomer Danny Lisk, our club's Treasurer, in only his second year of major competitive shooting, take the first place award shooting a Hi Point carbine - nice shooting Danny!

The Pro Am event was patterned after the Pro Am Matches that Phil Strader organized at the USSA complex located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Pro Am is a mix of action pistol and knockdown steel that is shot using a predetermined par-time. Stages were designed and props set in each of six ranges allowing shooters to engage as many as 45 targets from different shooting positions. Firearms were allowed to have 11 rounds in the gun to start but no more than 10 rounds in any subsequent magazine. A tie- breaker stage of typical knockdown format was set up in one range. This stage saw shooters standing behind a table with firearm loaded and touching the table; on signal the shooter commenced firing until all targets were knocked down. Score for this stage was the amount of time it took to knock down all targets. This stage was indeed needed in a few close instances during the match to determine the correct order of finish. This shooting event is exciting for both the participants and for the spectators alike so we would like to remind all of our club members that, even though they may not be actually competing, they are always welcome to any of our matches to observe and enjoy any of these exciting events as spectators.

We would like to thank Phil for his direction and input into the match and also for allowing us to bring and run such a great shooting event to the East Coast in 2009. We at World Class Steel would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the setup of the many stages and who performed as range Officers throughout the event. And, of course, our thanks to the many competitors who traveled from both near and far to participate in the 2009 Pro Am Championship. Needless to say, without the volunteers, the competitors and the cooperation of our members who permit us to use their range time, this major championship match would not have been possible. Also, I would be remiss if I did not take the time to thank and acknowledge all the efforts of the members of the World Class Steel match committee: John Perciballi for Match Development, Chris Buchholz for Registration, scoring and emails, Matt DeVries for photography and website update, and Danny Lisk and Bill Forrai for field operations.

Since this season's East Coast Pro Am Championship was such a resounding success, it is a "no brainer" to continue it in 2010. If you attended the 2009 event you will be sent an invitation in the early spring for the 2010 Pro Am championship. These invitations you receive will reflect the match fee from last year. Each year, all of you who participated in the inaugural



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2009 Pro Am match will see the original match fee held. However, you will have a limited amount of time to get the invitation back to Chris for registration and squading. All invitations will expire at a predetermined date at which time we will then make available applications for the remaining open slots but at the new increased match fee schedule. I have a database containing information for those of you who signed up before the 2009 match. I might be missing information for those few shooters who signed up at the May match. If you did, please send me an email with your info so I can add it to the database. I can be contacted via the website at Match_Director@WorldClassSteel.com.

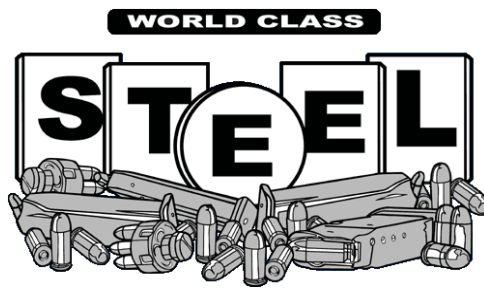
Sponsorship opportunities for the 2010 Championship are currently still available and any organizations looking to participate in our 2010 Pro Am sponsorship program should contact John Perciballi at JohnP@WorldClassSteel.com.

Smith and Wesson Steel Series 2009 Northeast Regional Championship 2009

June 5th and 6th saw the second annual 2009 Smith and Wesson Steel Series Northeast Regional Championship held at the Old Bridge Rifle and Pistol Club, located in Old Bridge, New Jersey with 160 competitors testing their shooting skills over seven stages of static steel for the top spots in each of the firearm divisions.

John Perciballi was one of the founding fathers of World Class Steel. He, along with “JJ” Racaza, (Yes, *that* “JJ” Racaza!), Sep Siva and Danny Lai founded it back in 2000. The first match held back then would then become to be known as “*SPEED on STEEL*” and would grow to what has now become the premier steel match on the East Coast.

As is the norm for all of our major static steel matches, planning started many, many months earlier when the World Class Steel staff began, in late 2008, laying the ground work for the 2009 championship with John Perciballi, Director of Match Development preparing and mailing personalized, detailed sponsorship solicitation letters requesting support of our match to firearms manufacturers and to makers and suppliers of other shooting-sports-related merchandise. Also, each year World Class Steel attends the Shot Show in either Orlando or Las Vegas to meet with the representatives of the sponsors of our past championships. The main purpose of these visits is to personally thank them for their support and to “test the waters,” so to speak, to determine if they will be returning for the upcoming year’s event and to inform them about the benefits they derive by doing so. In speaking with these past sponsors and others, it was quite evident to us that there were some concerns about the state of the economy and how this could possibly affect both sponsorship support and the match participant attendance itself. However, after speaking with our top sponsors’ representatives at Beretta, STI International, Springfield Armory, Mike Gibson Manufacturing, Glock, FNH-USA, DPMS, Safariland, Schuemann Barrel and Sierra Bullets we were confident that 2009 would be another banner year for prizes. Shortly after our return from the SHOT show the sponsorship merchandise and certificates began to flood John’s garage and continued to do so right up until our June match date. In addition, under John’s direction and after many long nights of meetings, the match committee had put together an impressive prize table worth more than



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\$40,000.00 in cash, gift and discount certificates and other shooting-related items that included 20 handguns and 22 rifles. So, once again John Perciballi can say, "It's the match that gives away guns...lots and lots of guns!"

The list of match sponsors ultimately included the following:

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**Smith & Wesson
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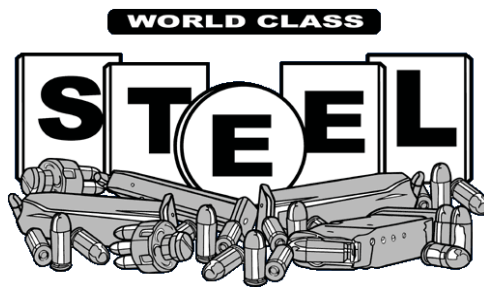
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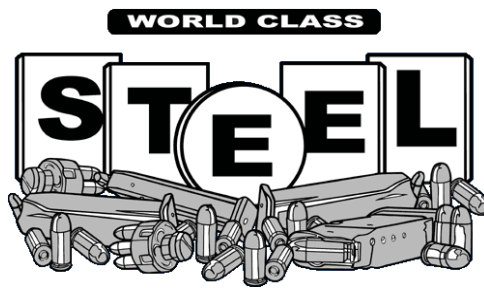
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The prize table guns plus the other shooting-related items and certificates, in keeping with World Class Steel's history, were simply given away in a match participants' raffle, independent of order of finish; in fact, the random drawing occurs even before a single match shot is fired. Cash prizes are, however, based on the order of finish and were awarded to the match competitors using the World Class Steel modified Lewis System.

Our projected participation goal was achieved despite applications for the event getting off to a slow start with Chris Buchholz giving us all a weekly tally of competitors registered to-date. Chris handles registration for the match, as well as scoring using the World Class Steel Scorer program developed by World Class Steel.

Set up of the match started on June 3rd and continued into the late afternoon of June 4th with Danny Lisk, Director of Field Operations, along with his assistant Bill Forai and a host of volunteers pulling out the targets and setting up the 7 Steel Challenge stages for the match the next day. Chris, meanwhile, continued to add applications to the data base and set up the stats trailer while John P, Matt and others dressed the range with banners supplied by our sponsors, set up safe tables and signage and prepared for distribution of the promotional item for the shooters.

Early Friday, the opening day of the championship, the competitors began arriving and the shooters meeting was held at 9:00 am with the first shots heard soon after. The weather was threatening and soon the rain came and came some more. This year's pick of a promotional item was well thought out by the staff - umbrellas, nice big golf umbrellas, that got a lot of use by the competitors. The participants must be highly commended for their great attitude. Not one person, not a single one, complained about the rain. It was really nice to see people just having a nice time and enjoying the match despite the deluge. I think it had something to do with the umbrellas they were given at registration in the morning. The gods, however, were watching over us as the skies did clear later in the day with the sun coming out just before lunch arrived, yes, lunch, World Class Steel always has lunch along with



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beverages brought in for the competitors and ROs each day. Friday ended with many smiles and many-welcomed “thank you’s” going out to the staff and the Range Officers.

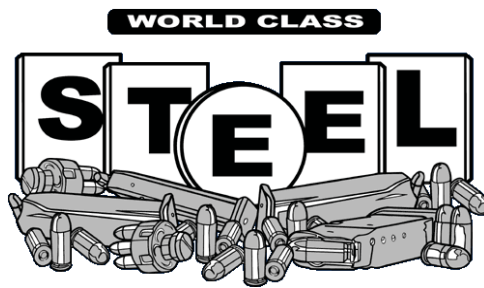
The weather on Saturday proved to be sunny and pleasant and the competition was fast and furious. JJ Racaza, shooting on a squad with a group of LE officers, had his own cheering team each time he came to the shooting box. Everyone was looking to JJ’s times as well as those of Dave Olhasso and James McGinty to see who would prevail and take the top position. Racaza’s smoking runs of the day saw him take the 2009 Championship’s Hi Open Pistol and Hi Iron Pistol.

As mentioned earlier, Chris did the scoring using the World Class Steel Scorer program developed by World Class Steel. World Class Steel licensed the USPSA/Steel Challenge Shooting Association to distribute it to all associated clubs and the program is now in widespread use including scoring the U S Steel Nationals, under Mike Calloway’s direction, and scoring the other Regional Matches. John Soltesz, Match Director for World Class Steel events, explained that, “Back in 1989 when I brought steel shooting to the club the hardest part of the matches was the scoring. Back then most people either used a calculator and tons of paper and a copy machine or an Excel spreadsheet. It was a laborious task to say the least. In those early years of computers we had a shooter whose name was Tim Moore, I had asked if he could do something to save us some time by making a program to run the scores on, he worked on it and came up with a program that worked pretty well but wasn’t really there yet. When he moved up to New England it went with him. After a few more tries one day after a steel match, I was talking with Dave Olhasso of Team Smith & Wesson and he said, ‘No problem, email me with what you want the program to do and I will get something put together for you’. After many revisions and reviews by Chris Buchholz and Matt DeVries we had a program that did it all and was still user-friendly. The rest is history.”

Racaza Takes Top Spot in Both Pistol Divisions Breaks World Record on Roundabout stage

World Class shooter “JJ” Racaza, sponsored by both Limcat Custom and Montana Gold Bullets, captured the top awards in both the Open Division and the Iron Sight Division in the 2009 Smith & Wesson Steel Series Northeast Championship held on June 5th, 6th and 7th at the Old Bridge Rifle and Pistol Club’s outdoor facilities, located in Old Bridge, New Jersey. Racaza’s combined score of 71.10 seconds for the entire event included a score of 7.93 seconds on the “Roundabout” stage, sponsored by FNH USA, and thus broke the standing World Record of 8.35 seconds for this stage. Almost as amazing was his time of 10.08 to tie the World record on “Showdown.” All of these exceptional times were recorded using timers supplied by CED, the official timers of World Class Steel.

This year’s championship, also known by its long-standing original name of “Speed on Steel,” consisted of seven static steel stages. The stage names, with sponsoring firms, were Roundabout, FNH USA; Zig-Zag, Glock; Smoke and Hope, Beretta USA; Five-to-Go, Safariland; Showdown, Springfield, Inc; Speed Option, ACDelco/Sport Shooters Training; and



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Accelerator, Smith & Wesson.. The Championship sponsor was Smith & Wesson, with Beretta USA, STI International and Mike Gibson being the match sponsors for the weekend event. Schuemann Barrels, a returning sponsor, provided luncheon for the shooters and match staff.

On Saturday morning, the second session day of the match, I had a chance to talk to JJ as he was signing in at the Registration Desk, sponsored by Caspian, Inc, and told him that we were glad to see him able to shoot the match considering his very hectic work schedule. JJ stated that, "I didn't know until a few days ago if I could make the match and I wasn't able to get in as much range time as I would have liked but I feel really good today." And what a day he had! At the end of the day he and his squad even had time to take in a few of the side matches that were sponsored by Mike Gibson Manufacturing and by Otis Technologies, Inc. His squad, a squad consisting of a group of law enforcement officers who regularly compete at World Class Steel events, had become a cheering section for JJ throughout the day.

Equaling Racaza's feat of taking both division titles was Team Smith & Wesson member Dave Olhasso, making it to the top spot in both Open Revolver and Iron Sight Revolver. Dave's showing in Revolver was truly amazing in that he has been competing with a revolver only for the last few seasons.

The Statistics Trailer, again sponsored by Starline Brass, was busy every afternoon scoring the match using The World Class Steel Scorer program. Top placers in the remaining divisions were Chuck Guzenski in Compact, Myron Pollard in Rimfire Iron Pistol and Rich LaBrocca in Open Rimfire.

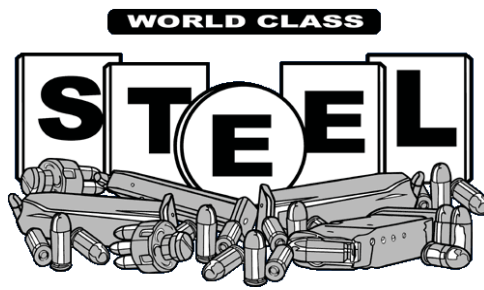
Thanks to the continued support of many generous and caring commercial organizations in the shooting-sports industry, we were able to exceed the dollar value of last year's prize table. This year's event included 20 firearms among the more than \$35,000 in prize merchandise awarded in the shooters random drawing raffle. In excess of \$4,000 in cash prizes were awarded to division winners based on their order of finish using the Lewis System.

The staff at World Class Steel congratulates all the winners of the championship and wishes to thank all the sponsors who continued to help make this year's event the top 2009 steel match on the East Coast. More about this match, including photos, can be found at www.WorldClassSteel.com.

We here at World Class Steel wish to thank all the competitors, the support staff and all of our generous and caring sponsors for the two great championships so far this season; with our upcoming Fields of Steel championship, we look toward making it a triple-header. Thank you all for making this season a great success and good luck during the remainder of our current shooting season.

Remember is all about "speed and attitude," to quote Sep Silva, but remember to always shoot safe.

Best Regards



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