

Shoot News
March 2019

Spring is here which means the 2019 Pistol League season is approaching soon. The first matches of the season are held on May 25th and 26th in Mankato. These matches were held in St. Cloud last year and are back in Mankato this year at the Blue Earth County range.

The dates are now finalized for the 2019 Matches and posted below:

May 25th Saturday, SEMPOA Match, Blue Earth County Range, Mankato Noon Start
May 26th Sunday, SEMPOA Match, Blue Earth County Range, Mankato 1000 Start
June 22nd Saturday, Metro Match, St. Cloud PD Range, Noon Start
June 23rd Sunday, State Patrol Match, St. Cloud PD Range, 1000 Start
July 20th Saturday, Duluth PD Match, Duluth PD Range, Noon Start
July 21st Sunday, Duluth PD Match, Duluth PD Range, 1000 Start
August 17th Saturday, State Warm-Up Match, St. Cloud PD Range, Noon Start
August 18th Sunday, MPPOA State Match, St. Cloud PD Range, 1000 Start

All matches on Saturdays start at noon and all matches on Sunday start at 10:00 a.m. Match fees are still only \$20.00 per match and each Match is eligible for 3 POST Credits. Match fees for the weekend are waived for New Shooters (those who have not competed for at least 5 years). Weekend match fees are also waived for the current shooter who sponsors the New Shooter.

The Top 10 Shooters of 2018 will be awarded a 'Governor's Top 10' Certificate at the 2019 MPPOA State Match this year. Competitors must compete in at least 4 Matches for the season to become eligible to rank in the Top 10. The average of each shooter's top 4 Matches are listed below with 900 being the highest score possible. The Top 10 for 2018 are as follows:

#1 Kevin Vacura, MN State Patrol, retired	888.00
#2 Greg Abraham, MN DNR, retired	887.50
#3 Thor Nelson, MN DNR	851.00
#4 Greg Oldakowski, MN DNR	843.25
#5 Jill Kettleon, Duluth PD	836.25
#6 Chris Fleming, N. St. Paul PD, retired	825.25
#7 Paul Rice, MN DNR, retired	809.00
#8 Sam Nelson, Hennepin County SO	806.50
#9 Dorpha Copeland, Hennepin County SO	804.50
#10 Layne Lodmell, St. Paul PD, retired	755.75

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, Commonplace Book (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776

The rules for the 2019 MPPOA State Match will be published in an upcoming publication of the MPPOA Journal. Any questions; call me at 612-366-3621 or e-mail chris.fleming@q.com

See you at the first Match on May 25th in Mankato

Chris Fleming