United States Border Patrol
Paradise Classic
NRA Regional Police Pistol Combat Tournament
&
Retired Border Patrol
NRA Registered Police Pistol Combat Tournament
Announcement

August 19th through 20th, 2023

Hosted by the
United States Border Patrol, San Diego Sector
at the
Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center

Sponsored by the

California Police Pistol Association

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Tournament Information

The San Diego Sector of the United States Border Patrol is conducting two NRA Police Pistol Combat Tournaments concurrently so you can compete in two separate Tournaments during the same time period with all fired scores eligible for NRA Classification, to increase the number of matches you can fire, and allow you to save travel costs and time.

These Tournaments are a great way for you to evaluate your skill level, identify needed training areas, and practice your handgun skills to keep you prepared for the ever-increasing dangers you face on the street and off duty.

The Paradise Classic Regional PPC Tournament and the Retired Border Patrol Registered Tournament will run concurrently from Saturday August 20th through Sunday August 21st.

First Time Shooters

You do NOT need any fancy gear or guns to start shooting these matches. Just bring your duty handgun, four magazines, holster & magazine pouch. There is nothing to memorize, the course will be announced as you shoot just like the stages during a qualification and fellow officers will gladly help you out. You can even use your stock duty gun to fire the Open Class Division.

Point of Contact: Please contact Mike Tangas at **mktangas@roadrunner.com** for any information needed and Registration questions.

Range Location: Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center *Google Map Directions*
17425 Ferguson Avenue
Riverside, California 92518

Governing Rules: Current NRA Police Pistol Combat Rules will govern throughout the Tournaments. All competitors are encouraged to review the current PPC rules. The NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book is available on-line at **ppc.nra.org**.

Individual Eligibility: Open to any eligible law enforcement member as outlined in Police Pistol Combat Rule Section 2.4. These include active and retired Law Enforcement Officers, and full time Police Firearms Instructors, Transit Police, Penal Institution Guards, Industrial Police which includes Bank Guards and Armored and Express Company Guards, and Military Police. Federal Flight Deck Officers who hold valid certifications are also eligible.

NRA Membership is not required for any NRA competitions but is encouraged. A special law enforcement discount form for NRA Membership and Renewal will be available at check in.

Competitors are not required to be members of the California Police Pistol Associations however non-members will be charged a one-time $5 entry fee for each Open Class Division Match Aggregate.

Individual Classification: Competitors will be entered using their current NRA Police Pistol Combat Classification of High Master, Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, Marksman, or Classified. Competitors with expired Classifications, new shooters with no Classification, or those without a Temporary Record Score Book will be registered in the High Master Class as required by PPC Rule 19.2. Competitors may check their current NRA Classification at **LEcompetitions.nra.org.**

Team Classification: The teams will be Classified based on the Individual Classifications of each Team Member following NRA PPC Rule 19.16. To assist Team Captains in formulating their team membership, Rule 19.16 is printed below.

19.16 Team Classification: Teams are classified by computing the Team Average Classification" based on the individual classification of each firing team member. To compute the Team Average Classification each team member is assigned a classification value based on their individual classification using the below table.

The Classification Value for all team members is then added together and the sum is divided by the number of team members. The resulting number is used to determine the Team Average Classification by using the same table. Fractions of .5 are rounded up and will place the team in the next higher class. The "team average classification" will not affect in any way the individual classification of team members.

Example: Team member 1 holds an Expert Classification so is assigned a Classification Value of 4. Team Member 2 holds a Marksman Classification so is assigned a Classification Value of 2. Team Member 3 also holds an Expert Classification so is assigned a Classification Value of 4, Team Member 4 holds a Master Classification so is assigned a Classification Value of 5. Adding the Classification Values together gives a total of 15. Dividing this by 4 (total team members) gives a Team Average Classification of 3.75. Since fractions of .5 are rounded up, 3.75 is rounded up to 4 and classifies the team as Expert.

CLASSIFICATION VALUES

Classification	Value
High Master	6
Master	5
Expert	4
Sharpshooter	3
Marksman	2
Classified	1
Unclassified	0

Categories: There will be no categories used in these Tournaments.

Awards Schedule: For Awards Purposes, all individual fired scores will be combined to determine the Aggregate Winner.

One Award will be issued for every seven shooters per classification.

For the Paradise Classic Regional Police Pistol Combat Tournament the NRA will provide Individual Trophies, NRA Regional Medallions *(Medallions are sent out by NRA Law Enforcement Competitions after they receive Tournament scores)* and First through Third Place NRA Team Trophies for Open Class Revolver Matches 30 & 31 and Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Team Matches 32 & 33.

Team Matches: Open Class Division Teams must be declared by 0800 Saturday August the 21st.

Teams will consist of two or four firing members and a Team Captain. The Team Captain may be a competing member of the team. Membership can include officers retired from the agency if they are not now employed by another eligible agency. Eligible Military competitors who are also regular full time law enforcement, industrial law enforcement, or reserve/auxiliary law enforcement must sign up with other members from their law enforcement agency.

A competitor may shoot in all team matches but, cannot shoot as a member of both a two and four officer team in the same firearm match type. For instance, you cannot compete in Two Officer Open Class Semi-Automatic Team Match 33 and Four Officer Open Class Semi-Automatic Team Match 32.

Paradise Classic Regional PPC Tournament: These will be non-fired using each team members Match 5 or Match 12 score as appropriate. Since these will be non-fired matches, pursuant to PPC Rule 19.3 no team scores will be forwarded to NRA Law Enforcement Competitions.

Retired Border Patrol Registered PPC Tournament: These will be non-fired using each team members Match 5 or Match 12 score as appropriate. Since these will be non-fired matches, pursuant to PPC Rule 19.3 no team scores will be forwarded to NRA Law Enforcement Competitions.

Registration: Registration will be done on-site each day from 0800 to 1400, but competitors need to contact Mike Tangas at **mktangas@roadrunner.com** to make Lane Reservations by August 13th, 2022. To speed your Registration In please complete the Competitor Registration Form found at the end of this announcement and bring it with you to Registration Check In.

You also need to bring the following to Registration Check In:

1. Current Department or Agency credentials showing eligibility.
2. Current Classification Card or current Temporary Classification Book unless you have not fired in a PPC Tournament before.

Targets: Official NRA B-27 targets will be used.

Scoring: Competitor scoring will be used. Pursuant to PPC Rule 14.2, **NO** competitor will score their own target **NOR** may a competitor score the targets of a competitor from their same agency. If this cannot be avoided due to the Relay's makeup contact a Match Official to score the targets. PPC Rules prohibit the use of plug-type scoring gauges. Overlays and Eagle Eyes may be used by competitors.

Score cards must be signed and are FINAL once signed so **PLEASE** double check the recorded hits and values BEFORE signing.

Challenges: Target scoring Challenges will follow PPC Rule 16.1 with a Challenge Fee of $2.00 per target will apply which will be returned to the competitor if the Challenge is upheld. Challenges of posted scores on Preliminary Bulletins must be made within one hour of posting time. The three-member jury will decide Challenges.

Refires: Will be handled following PPC Rule 9.10.

Result Bulletins: Final Result Bulletins will be provided to each competitor.

Tournament Schedule Matches Offered and Match Fees: On days where Paradise Classic Regional Tournament Matches and Retired Border Patrol Registered Tournament Matches are both fired, Paradise Classic Matches will be fired first.

Fees include NRA Match Fees where applicable. California Police Pistol Association non-members will be charged a one-time $5 entry fee for each Open Class Division Match Aggregate entry.

Tournament		
Paradise Classic	**Retired Border Patrol**	
Saturday August 20th		First Match Relay will start at 0800.
$ 45.00		Open Class Revolver & Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches
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Saturday August 21st		First Match Relay will start at 0800.
$ 45.00		Open Class Revolver & Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches
	$ 35.00	Open Class Revolver & Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches
Both Days you may fire		Distinguished will be on the main bay and Service Matches on Bay 4
$ 10.00		NRA Distinguished Revolver Match 17
$ 10.00		NRA Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 18
$10.00		NRA Production Distinguished Match 24

$ 10.00		Stock Service Revolver Match 7
$ 10.00		Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 14
$ 10.00		Off Duty Match 15 *Fire either your Off Duty Revolver OR Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistol*
$ 10.00		Production Auto Match 23
		Distinguished Matches are eligible for both the NRA and CPPA Distinguished

Courses of Fire: The Range Officer will announce the course of fire, shooting positions and time prior to the start of each Match and Stage. Time will start with a loaded gun in holster. No part of the competitor's hand may touch the gun or holster until the command to commence firing is given.

All loading will be with cartridges taken from the competitor's pocket, cartridge belt, mechanical loaders, or special pouch. To force reloading under time restraints, magazine loading is limited to 6 rounds per magazine. There is no limit on the number of magazines you have but all used during the firing of a stage or string MUST be on your person. It is the competitors' responsibility to have sufficient ammunition in their possession to complete the Match being fired.

A conventional right or left-hand holster must be used. For safety reasons, shoulder, cross draw or holsters which require releasing by insertion of finger within the trigger guard will not be allowed. Holster cannot be tied down.

Optical Devices: No optical devices other than normal glasses worn for corrective eyesight or Sunglasses will be permitted on the range during Match firing for use by competitors. Use of a mechanical iris, eye patch or eye cover is also prohibited.

Firearms & Ammunition Allowed: Please see NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book Section 3 and the *NRA PPC rule Book Quick View Matrix* reproduced below.

APPLIES TO ALL FIREARMS	Rule 3.1
Each competitor is responsible for their firearm and any which may be questionable should be submitted to the Tournament Director, Referee, or 3-Man Jury for decision prior to being used. All standard safety features of the pistol must operate properly. With respect to Sections 3.2 through 3.10, and in addition to the firearm specific regulations below, the following features are either Allowed or Prohibited on all firearms.	
Action work to make a crisper and/or smoother trigger pull	Allowed
Fixed or adjustable sights	Allowed
Sight Blackening	Allowed
Modification or change of stocks because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading	Allowed
Internal modifications that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer	Prohibited
Any external modifications, except those allowed within each rule	Prohibited
Front sight extending beyond muzzle	Prohibited

OPEN CLASS REVOLVER	Rule 3.2
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Open Class Revolvers.	
Firearm / Caliber: A revolver chambered to fire center-fire cartridges .32 caliber or larger	
Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single Action	2.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
Sight Guards which do NOT extend rearward more than 2 inches	Allowed
External Trigger Stops	Allowed
Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75')	Prohibited
Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded, or factory loaded ammunition may be used. Wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

OPEN CLASS SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL Rule 3.3

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistols.	
Firearm / Caliber: Center-fire pistols of .35 caliber or larger. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action except at the 50 yard line.	
Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
Sight Guards which do NOT extend rearward more than 2 inches	Allowed
Extended Magazine Well Funnel	Allowed
Magazine Bumper Pad	Allowed
External Trigger Stops	Allowed
Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. Wadcutter ammunition is allowed	

DISTINGUISHED REVOLVER Rule 3.4

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Distinguished Revolvers.	
Firearm / Caliber: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition. Revolver may chamber no more than six rounds.	
Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum - Single Action	2.5 Pounds
Installation of any unmodified trigger sold by the manufacturer	Allowed
Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
Trigger Shoe	Prohibited
External Trigger Stop	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75”)	Prohibited
Tape on the stock/grip	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand	Prohibited

DISTINGUISHED SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL Rule 3.5

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols.	
Firearm / Caliber: Factory manufactured (catalog item) center-fire semi-automatic pistol capable of chambering and firing .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action except at the 50 yard line.	
Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum Single or Double Action.	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
Open Sights, from any Manufacturer provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.	Allowed
Extended Magazine Well Funnel	Allowed
Magazine Bumper Pads	Allowed
Finger Groove and Slip on Grips	Allowed
Any accessories, parts, or components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer of the pistol.	Allowed
Smith & Wesson Model PPC9 Pistols	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Full-length Bo-mar type rib on the slide	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/Stocks that are flared at the base	Prohibited
Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock or hand	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

STOCK SERVICE REVOLVER	Rule 3.6
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Service Revolvers.	
Firearm / Caliber: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver with duty sights capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition.	
Barrel Length Maximum	4 Inches
Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.	Allowed
Ramp or post front sight as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm	Allowed
Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Trigger Modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
Trigger Shoes	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75”)	Prohibited
Tape on the stock/grip	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

STOCK SERVICE SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL	Rule 3.7
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistols.	
Firearm / Caliber: Factory manufactured (catalog item), center-fire semi-automatic pistol with duty sights capable of chambering and firing .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition. All double action pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action.	
Barrel Length Maximum	5.5 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	7.5 Inches
Any accessories, parts, or components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer	Allowed
Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.	Allowed
Magazine bumper pads	Allowed
Extended magazine well funnel	Allowed
Finger groove and slip on grips	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Full-length Bo-mar type rib on the slide	Prohibited
Trigger shoe	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/stocks that are flared at the base	Prohibited
Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock or hand	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
Smith & Wesson Model PPC9 Pistols	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

OFF DUTY REVOLVER	Rule 3.8
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Off Duty Revolvers.	
Firearm / Caliber: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition.	
Barrel Length Maximum	2.75 Inches
Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights, sights provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.	Allowed
Ramp or post front sight as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm	Allowed
Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
Trigger Shoes	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75")	Prohibited
Tape on the stock/grip	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

OFF DUTY SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL	Rule 3.9
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistols.	
Firearm / Caliber: A stock factory manufactured (catalog item) semi-automatic center-fire pistol suitable for off duty concealed carry, chambered for and capable of firing .380 caliber ammunition or larger. All double action pistols must fire the first shot of every match or stage double action.	
Barrel Length Maximum	3.65 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights, provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.	Allowed
Magazine bumper pads	Allowed
Extended magazine well funnel	Allowed
Finger groove and slip on grips	Allowed
Magazine grip extensions, if when installed, add no more than one finger width to the overall length of the magazine when inserted	Allowed
Extended magazines, if no more than one finger width of the magazine is exposed when the magazine is inserted	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Bo-Mar type ribs on the slide	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Trigger Shoe	Prohibited
Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand.	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
Use of full size compatible magazines	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition allowed.	

Make sure you check out the other CPPA matches at http://capolicepistol.org and other NRA Sanctioned Police Pistol Combat Tournaments in the region by going to the NRA Police Pistol Combat *Find an Event* web page at www. lecompetitions.nra.org.

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Competitor Registration Form

Registration: Registration will be done on-site each day from 0800 to 1500. Please complete this Registration and bring it with you to Registration Check-In to speed the process. Team Registrations will be done on-site.

You also need to contact Mike Tangas at **mktangas@roadrunner.com** to make Lane Reservations by August 13th, 2022. Please attach a scan or clear photo image of your completed Registration with your e-mail.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:_____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip Code*

AGENCY: _____

NRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER or NRA ASSIGNED COMPETITOR NUMBER: _____
N/A if you do not have one.

Are you a current California Police Pistol Association Member? ❒ Yes ❒ No

Membership is not required however non-members will be charged a one-time $5 entry fee for each Open Class Division Match Aggregate.

Please CIRCLE your NRA Police Pistol Combat assigned Classifications.

Open Class Revolver Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Duty Gun Revolver Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Duty Gun Semi-Automatic Pistol Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Production Duty Optic Pistol Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Please CHECK the Tournaments and Matches you wish to register for.

U.S. Border Patrol Paradise Classic Regional Tournament

❒ **NRA Open Class Revolver Matches 1 thru 5**	**$ 45.00**
❒ **NRA Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches 8 thru 12**	**$ 45.00**
❒ **NRA Distinguished Revolver Match 17**	**$ 10.00**
❒ **NRA Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 18**	**$ 10.00**
❒ **NRA Distinguished Production Pistol Match 24**	**$ 10.00**
❒ **NRA Stock Service Revolver Match 7**	**$ 10.00**
❒ **NRA Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 14**	**$ 10.00**
❒ **NRA Production Auto Match 23**	**$ 10.00**
❒ **NRA Off Duty Match 15** *Fire EITHER your Off Duty Revolver or Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistol*	**$ 10.00**

Retired Border Patrol Registered PPC Tournament

❒ **NRA Open Class Revolver Matches 1 thru 5**	**$ 35.00**
❒ **NRA Open Class Semi-auto Matches 8 thru 12**	**$ 35.00**