

On Target



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Successful & Exciting National Day Competition

The Association held its Annual National Day Competition on December 13th 2001 at its Range facility in Cul-De-Sac despite the inclement weather of the day.

The event was contested by members of the Association and the Special Services Unit of the Royal St. Lucia Police Force. During the planning of the event, it was decided that the competition would be of a team format and as such six (6) teams were formed on the morning of the event from amongst the participants.

The teams were:

Team 1— Jonathan St. Juste (Police), Charles Serieux (SLSA), Adrian 'Wally' Coulson (SLSA);

Team 2— Bradley Ferdinand (Police), Lyndon Arnold (SLSA), Calixte Leon (SLSA);

Team 3— Ricardo Giraudy (SLSA), Simon Hood (SLSA), Gregory Jean-Baptiste (SLSA);

Team 4— Lloyd Clifford (Police), Errol Gustave (SLSA), Anthony Bristol (SLSA);

Team 5— Savary George (Police), Teresa Jean-Baptiste (SLSA), S'Andre Auguste (SLSA);

Team 6— Julian Agard (Police), Cyril St. Jour (SLSA), Dwight Desir (SLSA), Brian Charles (SLSA).

The day got off to a late start due to the inclement weather but Mother Nature gave us a chance to keenly compete the six (6) events. The events contested were:

- 1) IPSC
- 2) Shotgun
- 3) UK Service Pistol
- 4) UK Police Pistol
- 5) Glock 'M'
- 6) .22 Rifle

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each event was presented with a trophy, as well as the winning team of the day. This was all made possible through the kind sponsorship of Julian's Supermarket.



At a brief closing ceremony, President Lyndon Arnold thanked the members of the

Association and the Special Services Unit for making a tremendous effort at turning out for the competition in spite of the bad weather.

Officer Jonathan St. Juste of the Special Services Unit, Royal St. Lucia Police Force thanked the Association on behalf of his fellow officers for the invitation to compete in the National Day Competition and was looking forward to continuing the good working relationship between both organizations.

The gathering was also addressed by Mr. Ernest Hilaire, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth and Sports, who congratulated the Association for organizing a very successful competition. He further lauded the Association for its recent publication of a newsletter, which indicated the level of organization of the club. In conclusion, Mr. Hilaire indicated that the Ministry of Youth and Sports will be recognizing for the first time, a Male and Female Sport Shooter of the Year at the National Sports Awards on February 16th 2002.

The trophies were then presented to the winners by the

Remember

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use
- Always treat a gun as being loaded when handling

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President Mr. Lyndon Arnold and the Permanent Secretary Mr. Ernest Hilaire.

The results of the competition are as follows:

IPSC

1 st Ricardo Giraudy	(150.00)
2 nd Charles Serieux	(143.29)
3 rd Anthony Bristol	(143.23)
4 th Lyndon Arnold	(142.85)
5 th Simon Hood	(134.35)
6 th Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(105.38)
7 th Adrian Coulson	(101.23)
8 th Julian Agard	(99.90)
9 th Errol Gustave	(63.99)
10 th Savary George	(14.12)
11 th Bradley Ferdinand	(-79.20)
12 th Dwight Desir	(DNF)

Glock 'M'

1 st Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(54)
2 nd Adrian Coulson	(56)
3 rd Charles Serieux	(61)
4 th Dwight Desir	(67)
5 th Lyndon Arnold	(68)
5 th Simon Hood	(68)
7 th Julian Agard	(99)
8 th S'Andre Auguste	(119)
9 th Lloyd Clifford	(159)
10 th Calixte Leon	(200)
11 th Errol Gustave	(211)

UK Police Pistol

1 st Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(266)
2 nd Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(261)
3 rd Adrian Coulson	(256)
4 th Dwight Desir	(240)
5 th Ricardo Giraudy	(232)
6 th Julian Agard	(220)
7 th Jonathan St.Juste	(207)
8 th Bradley Ferdinand	(108)
8 th Errol Gustave	(108)
10 th Lloyd Clifford	(101)
11 th Calixte Leon	(100)
12 th Savary George	(53)

UK Service Pistol

1 st Adrian Coulson	(77)
2 nd Ricardo Giraudy	(73)
3 rd Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(66)
4 th Anthony Bristol	(62)
5 th Dwight Desir	(53)
6 th Lyndon Arnold	(52)
7 th Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(50)
8 th Jonathan St.Juste	(49)

9 th Errol Gustave	(42)
10 th S'Andre Auguste	(26)
11 th Calixte Leon	(20)

Shotgun

1 st Lyndon Arnold & Bradley Ferdinand	(12)
2 nd Gregory Jean-Baptiste & Simon Hood	(10)
3 rd Jonathan St.Juste & Charles Serieux	(8)
4 th Julian Agard & Cyril St.Jour	(5)
5 th Teresa Jean-Baptiste & Savary George	(4)
6 th Anthony Bristol & Lloyd Clifford	(3)

.22 Rifle

1 st Brian Charles	(14)
2 nd Cyril St.Jour	(9)
3 rd Charles Serieux	(0)
3 rd Ricardo Giraudy	(0)

Team Results

1 st Team 3	(154)
2 nd Team 1	(142)
3 rd Team 6	(116)
4 th Team 2	(70)
5 th Team 5	(68)
6 th Team 4	(60)

The Executive wishes to thank all the members that participated in this competition and looks forward to your continued training, preparation and support for our next major event, the Independence Day Tournament, when we will be hosting a team from the Barbados Rifle & Pistol Federation for the fourth straight year. Remember, we have a trophy to defend!!!



Shooter Rankings

The Association has commenced the recording and ranking of shooters in an effort to create an atmosphere of competitiveness and achievable goals for its members.

As a result, the rankings for the period October 2001 to December 2001 are:

IPSC

1 st Ricardo Giraudy	(64.71)
2 nd Charles Serieux	(58.47)
3 rd Anthony Bristol	(47.28)
4 th Adrian Coulson	(42.10)
5 th Lyndon Arnold	(39.22)
6 th Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(37.53)
7 th Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(34.36)
8 th Lester Arnold	(27.10)
9 th Michael Ferdinand	(22.37)
10 th Dwight Desir	(21.81)
11 th Gordon Charles	(16.67)
12 th Simon Hood	(14.93)
13 th S'Andre Auguste	(10.55)
14 th Neville Hassell	(9.28)
15 th Errol Gustave	(7.11)
16 th Desmond Destang	(5.38)
17 th Norman Johnson	(2.74)
18 th Eugene Skeete	(-6.05)

UK Service Pistol

1 st Ricardo Giraudy	(27.44)
2 nd Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(22.33)
3 rd Dwight Desir	(21.78)
4 th Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(21.11)
5 th Lyndon Arnold	(18.11)
6 th Gordon Charles	(15.67)
7 th Anthony Bristol	(15.56)
8 th Bernard LaCorbiniere	(13.78)
9 th Michael Ferdinand	(9.78)
10 th Errol Gustave	(9.11)
11 th Adrian Coulson	(8.56)
12 th S'Andre Auguste	(7.33)
13 th Charles Serieux	(7.22)
14 th Cyril St.Jour	(5.89)
15 th Leslie Mondesir	(5.56)
16 th Calixte Leon	(5.22)
17 th Desmond Destang	(4.78)
18 th Clement Charles	(2.00)

UK Police Pistol

1 st Ricardo Giraudy	(85.00)
2 nd Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(83.22)
3 rd Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(79.22)
4 th Dwight Desir	(78.56)

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5 th Gordon Charles	(56.33)
6 th Bernard LaCorbiniere	(53.56)
7 th Lyndon Arnold	(40.56)
8 th Adrian Coulson	(28.44)
9 th Michael Ferdinand	(28.00)
10 th Errol Gustave	(25.56)
11 th Calixte Leon	(25.33)
12 th Charles Serieux	(25.00)
13 th Ian Winter	(24.22)
14 th Anthony Bristol	(22.22)
15 th Lorne Theophilus	(19.22)
16 th Cyril St.Jour	(17.33)
17 th S'Andre Auguste	(16.78)
18 th Leslie Mondesir	(12.89)
19 th Clement Charles	(10.00)
20 th Desmond Destang	(9.22)

Glock 'M'

1 st Gordon Charles	(50.00)
2 nd Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(53.00)
3 rd Dwight Desir	(54.46)
4 th Adrian Coulson	(56.00)
4 th Bernard LaCorbiniere	(56.00)
6 th Charles Serieux	(61.00)
7 th Ricardo Giraudy	(67.00)
8 th Lyndon Arnold	(68.00)
8 th Simon Hood	(68.00)
10 th Lester Arnold	(70.00)
11 th Michael Ferdinand	(70.37)
12 th Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(72.00)
13 th Anthony Bristol	(75.00)
14 th Neville Hassell	(100.00)
15 th Desmond Destang	(100.33)
16 th Lorne Theophilus	(104.00)
17 th S'Andre Auguste	(108.00)
18 th Calixte Leon	(187.69)
19 th Errol Gustave	(211.00)

Shotgun

1 st Lyndon Arnold	(3.44)
2 nd Gregory Jean-Baptiste	(2.56)
3 rd Ricardo Giraudy	(1.89)
4 th Teresa Jean-Baptiste	(1.44)
4 th Charles Serieux	(1.44)
6 th Lester Arnold	(1.00)
7 th Dwight Desir	(0.56)
7 th Cyril St.Jour	(0.56)
9 th Gordon Charles	(0.44)
9 th Eugene Skeete	(0.44)
9 th Anthony Bristol	(0.44)

.22 Rifle

1 st Brian Charles	(1.56)
2 nd Charles Serieux	(1.00)

It is hoped that at the end of the

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Shotgun Pointers

by Simon T.C. Hood

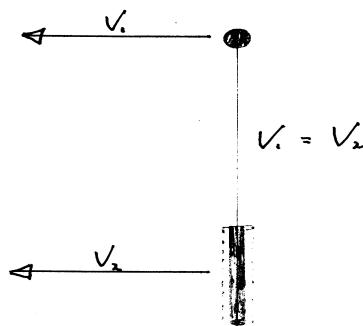
I do not claim to be an Expert, X being the unknown quantity, spurt being a drip under pressure, ---nor an authority on the use of a shot gun. However I will do my level best to describe the basics of the Art, Skill, or Knack of hitting a moving inanimate object with some degree of coordination, between eye, hand and body, and therefore hopefully achieve some semblance of success.

As most of us mortals are not blessed with a pentium iv @ 2 gigahertz brain. With the ability to, in nanoseconds, calculate the vectors of velocity, kinematics, acceleration, trajectory, aerodynamics, and gravity, that govern the dynamics of both the target and shot string. We must rely on a little bit of instinct. The practicality of hitting a moving target is that the shot pattern and the target occupy the same space, at the same time. Obvious isn't it!

BUT HOW ????

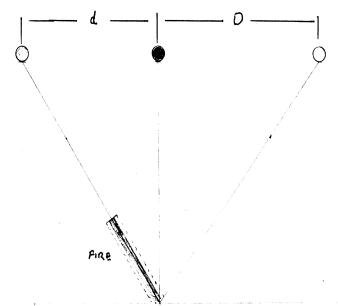
Method 1 Superman

The gun and therefore the shooter must travel in the same plane and at the same speed as the target not very practical



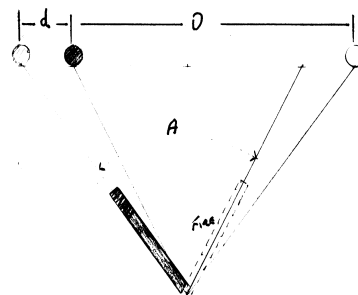
Method 2 Interception

The speed of the target and distance from the gun are estimated. The gun is then positioned ahead of the target in such away that the target flies into the pattern of shot, there is no movement of the gun.



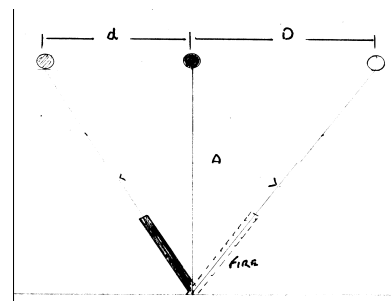
Method 3 Lead and swing

The gun is swung through a fixed distance In front of the target and it is fired without any interruption of the swing.



Method 4 Follow through

The gun is swung from behind and through the target and on ahead, the instant of Passing the target is the trigger to fire.



D- the distance traveled by the target during reaction time
 d - the distance traveled by the target during flight of shot
 A - the angle traversed by the gun

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during reaction time.

Conclusion

Method 1 is definitely available only to one of super human ability,

Method 2 is often the desperation measure when the bird is escaping.

Method 3 is one of the recognized successful ways of hitting moving targets

Method 4 is probably the quickest way of acquisition.

I have probably made it sound extremely complex, but I leave you to draw your own conclusion, and, as to which method best suites you. Personally I think I use method 4.



Independence Day Competition

Plans are well under way for the hosting of the 2002 Independence Day Competition. This event will run from Friday February 22nd to Sunday February 24th, 2002 at a temporary Range Facility which is being setup just for the event.

This action was necessary due to the present condition of our current range. The temporary facility is also at Cul-de-Sac and is located in the flat lands of the area that we currently occupy. Mr. Reyneau Gajadhar must be congratulated for his support in making this possible because the temporary facility will be located on lands marked for development by him.

To date there is a contingent of thirty-nine (39) persons from the Barbados Rifle & Pistol Federation who will be attending the shoot. There has also been some interest from the Guyana National Rifle Association but no confirmations have been received from them as yet.

The event will be keenly contested, as the members of the Barbados Team are set to redeem themselves of the defeat they suffered at our hands during the 2001 competition.

Not only do we need to defend our trophy but we also need to put up a good number of shooters because our visitors will be 39 strong. To this end, ASP Blanchard of the Special Services Unit of the Royal St.Lucia Police Force has been invited to send a team of his men who will be training with us and competing with us in the February Shoot.

The competition will see shooters competing in four (4) IPSC stages, shotgun clays, Glock 'M' and pistol speed shooting matches.

The competition will start on Friday February 22nd with 2 IPSC stages, followed on Satur-

day February 23rd with another 2 IPSC stages and finally on Sunday February 24th with the Shotgun, Glock 'M' and pistol speed shooting matches.

Remember this is your Association and we are seeking your support at making this event a success, so please contact your team captains or members of the Executive to indicate your availability to assist with this event.

(Continued from page 3 - Rankings) 2001/2002 year, members will be awarded certificates indicating their level of achievement.

The levels being contemplated are: 1) Novice, 2) Marksman, 3) Sharpshooter, 4) Master and 5) Expert. These are the international standards and the Association will be determining the range of scores for the various degrees.

Legal Corner—Firearms Act No. 11 of 2001

In this issue we will look at the section governing the application for a Sporting Firearm Licence as outlined in Section 19 of the Firearms Act No. 11 of 2001. It is also strongly advisable that all members of the Association should purchase a copy of this new Firearms Act to become familiar with the new regulations. The Act can be purchased from the Government Printery at the cost of \$27.00 a copy.

Sporting Firearms Licence

(1) A person who is desirous of using, possessing or carrying a sporting firearm for sporting purposes shall apply in accordance with the provisions of section 4 to the appropriate authority for a Sporting Firearm Licence.

- (2) Subject to this Act, the appropriate authority may grant the licence if -
 - (a) satisfied that the applicant is a current member of a licenced shooting club;
 - (b) the applicant demonstrates that the licence is required for sport or target shooting;
 - (c) the applicant demonstrates that he intends to participate in sport or target competitions.
- (3) For purposes of subsection 2 (b) and (c) it is enough to show that the applicant is a current member of a shooting club licenced under this Act.
- (4) The holder of a Sporting Firearm Licence may -

- (a) engage in sport or target shooting on a shooting range maintained by a licenced shooting club;
 - (b) engaged in sport or target shooting competitions held by a licenced shooting club whether alone or in conjunction with any other club;
 - (c) subject to the provisions of any law regulating hunting, may engage in recreational hunting.
- (5) For purposes of this section, the Minister may prescribe a fee lower than that specified in terms of section 4.