

# BIG DAWGS

STEEL MATCH

I.O.P. RANGE

LOWELL, IOWA

JULY 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MATCH FEE: \$50.00 PER SLOT**

**(AFTER JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> \$75.00 PER SLOT)**

ONE SLOT PER GUN – MAXIMUM OF 2 SLOTS PER SHOOTER

MAXIMUM OF 80 SLOTS TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR THE MATCH

50 SLOTS WILL SHOOT ON SATURDAY – 30 SLOTS WILL SHOOT ON SUNDAY

**CIRCLE WHICH GUNS / DAYS YOU WANT TO SHOOT**

LIMITED    AND/OR    UNLIMITED

SATURDAY    AND/OR    SUNDAY

**Please mail entry with payment to:**

**Big Dawgs Match  
107 Crestview Drive  
West Branch, Iowa  
52358**

**(Please make checks payable to: Big Dawgs Steel Match dba WHPS)**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 15th**

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a heads-up match. No class system. Just come, shoot your best and have fun! Regardless of what shooting sport you're from you will be ranked by your finish. We are putting on this match to develop a **GREAT STEEL MATCH** in the Midwest!

**I.O.P. is a COLD RANGE and will be operated under USPSA safety rules.  
All competitors and spectators will be required to wear EYE and EAR  
protection at all times while the range is hot (shooting under way).**

**THERE WILL BE 15 STAGES SHOT BY EACH DIVISION  
MINIMUM ROUND COUNT PER GUN WILL BE 360 ROUNDS.**

**SLOT POLICY:** only two slots will be available per contestant...a different division must be shot for each slot entered and only one slot for each day. Contestants who shoot only one gun will have priority to pick which day they prefer to shoot (Saturday or Sunday) **SLOTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 50 ON SATURDAY AND 30 ON SUNDAY** for a total of 80 slots. Slots will be awarded in order of receipt; when 80 slots are filled no further applications will be accepted and funds /applications will be returned to sender.

## **MATCH INFORMATION**

The match will consist of 15 different stages of knock down steel targets, 6 targets per stage. All stages will be shot 4 times and all 4 times will count for score-no throwaway runs... (minimum 24 rounds per stage).

There will be a minimum of 360 rounds shot per gun if you don't miss a single target. Please plan well in advance and bring as much ammo as you think you will need, and then double it...

There are two divisions to shoot in: **LIMITED** and **UNLIMITED**.

**Limited:** any safe center-fire **iron sighted only** handgun with no gas ports, no comps, no optics, and no dots of any kind. **If you shoot a semi-auto that uses a thumb safety the thumb safety must function as designed. Modifications to enhance speed and shooter ability are specifically allowed.**

**Unlimited:** any safe center-fire handgun having gas ports, comps, optics and dots etc. **If you shoot a semi-auto that uses a thumb safety the thumb safety must function as designed. Unlimited modifications allowed so long as the gun functions in a safe manner.**

**Shooters meeting at 7:30am – Shooting starts at 8:00am each day.**

**Payback** - 50% cash payback by order of finish thru 5<sup>th</sup> place. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each division will have their choice of cash or prize off of prize table. The remaining cash/prizes will be awarded according to order of finish until all cash/prizes are exhausted. **We hope to have a prize available for each competitor but cannot guarantee any cash/prizes past 5<sup>th</sup> place.**

**THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE PRIZE TABLE FOR EACH DIVISION!!!**

## **MATCH RULES:**

1. All stages are 6 falling steel targets. All stages will be shot from a stationary position with all six targets in plain view.
2. All targets will be calibrated to fall at 125 minimum power factor (PF). A 130 PF load (bullet weight X velocity / 1000) is recommended. To prevent target damage a maximum velocity of 1350fps will be imposed. Questionable loads will be chronographed....we want to be able to use our steel next year!!
3. No limitations on number of rounds loaded in gun but remember: All four runs count towards your score – there will be no throw away runs.
4. All bouts will start in the classic “Surrender” position with wrists above shoulders. All guns will be drawn from a safe holster as defined in USPSA rules. Trigger guard must be covered.
5. We will require that the shooter come with at least 4 magazines or speed loaders for the specific gun they are shooting to keep the match running timely.

6. **USPSA safety rules and definitions will be enforced.**  
Shooters will be under the direction of a Range Officer (RO) who will be responsible for having the shooter load and make ready, safely engage the target arrays, unload and show clear, and holster an empty gun. **The I.O.P. Range is a COLD RANGE.** Gun handling will only be allowed while under a RO's direction or in a designated safety area. **Any unsafe gun handling (shot in the holster, breaking the 180, dropping a loaded gun etc.) will result in an immediate disqualification from any further shooting that day.**
7. Your score for each stage will be the total time of your four runs plus penalties. You may shoot at the targets as much as you need to clear the run; however there will be a maximum time limit imposed of 30 seconds per run.
8. Once the gun is drawn there will be no alibis. If a competitor cannot complete a run for any reason (gun or shooting equipment failure etc.) the run will be considered a DNF and his/her time will be recorded as 30 seconds and the next bout will begin. **Re-shoots will be given for range failures only, as determined by an RO.**
9. False starts will be penalized five seconds per incident.

**There will be two prize tables (one for each division) with gifts generously donated by [Hunter Customs, BC Armory and Two Alpha Bullet Company.](#)**  
Other companies have also pledged their support.

Lunch will be available at the range. We will have limited amounts of water available, so bring sufficient hydration (no alcohol consumption on the range during competition). We also recommend that you bring your own lawn chairs etc. for your comfort between stages. Plan for humid corn-growing Iowa weather with temps in the upper 80's to low 90's with normally high humidity. The match will go on rain or shine.

**Contact info:**

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Further match related information can be found at the following websites:

[www.huntercustoms.com](http://www.huntercustoms.com)

[www.bcarmory.com](http://www.bcarmory.com)

<http://www.twoalphabullets.com/>

We are relying on word of mouth and mass emailing to find shooters to shoot this match. If this sounds like fun to you tell all of your shooting buddies and bring em' along. All the people involved in organizing the match are shooting the match, and will in no way profit from the match. We wanted a steel match similar to the beloved but gone Handgunner but without the complication of a man on man match or the long drive to Colorado. **Here it is!!**

Come shoot with the

# BIG DAWGS

**Match motel: Ramada LTD. In Mount Pleasant, Iowa. We have 20 rooms blocked out for match participants at \$55.00 per night. Call 319-385-0571 to make reservations and mention the Big Dawgs Match when you call. The block of rooms will be held open until 7-1-05.**