



Do you own a pistol, holster, and some magazines?
Tired of shooting pops cans by yourself in the desert?
Interested in shooting practical pistol competitions?

Did you know that the practical pistol shooting sports are alive and well in the Treasure Valley with three active clubs in Nampa, Emmett, and Parma? We shoot USPSA and IDPA matches locally every month.

USPSA stands for United States Practical Shooting Association, and is the U.S. affiliate of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). USPSA is an action shooting sport that emphasizes accuracy, power, and



speed, and present shooting challenges in the courses of fire that the competitor must solve. More information on USPSA can be found at: <http://www.uspsa.org/>

IDPA stands for International Defensive Pistol Association, and has an active following in the US and internationally. IDPA's main emphasis is to provide a shooting sport based on simulated self-defensive scenarios using guns and gear suitable for concealed carry self-defense. More information on IDPA can be found at: <http://www.idpa.com/>

When and where are these matches held? The following is a generic schedule of USPSA and IDPA matches each month, though depending on the actual month there may be some adjustments:

- 1st Saturday: USPSA Match at the Nampa Rod and Gun Club's Outdoor Range in Nampa.
- 2nd Saturday: IDPA Match at the Nampa Rod and Gun Club's outdoor range
- 3rd Saturday: IDPA Match at the Parma Rod and Gun Club
- 3rd Sunday: USPSA Match at the Nampa Rod and Gun Club's outdoor range
- 4th Saturday: USPSA Match at the Gem County Rod and Gun Club in Emmett

How do I get started? Just show up. Seriously, that's all it takes. Some people will show up and just watch for their first match, but more adventurous individuals will show up and shoot.

What should I bring? USPSA and IDPA are both "run what ya brung" shooting sports, so bring whatever handgun, holster, magazines, and magazine pouches you already have. Handgun must be 9mm or larger, and we typically recommend you bring at least 3 magazines and approximately 150-200 rounds of ammunition. In addition, you will also need to bring hearing and eye protection.

For more information or questions, check out this local forum at: <http://forum.idahoguntalk.com/> or please feel free to contact me via email.

Hope to see you at the range some time!

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