

District Director of Immigration and Naturalization,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Reference had to the Third Annual Florida Pistol and Revolver Matches held at Tampa, Florida on July 16, 17, and 18, 1934, in which officers of the Tampa subdistrict participated, please be advised that this report, which is an outcome of the matches has been delayed, as it was thought at first the YEARBOOK of the Florida Police Pistol League would be out and report would be submitted in conjunction with it. But inasmuch as the Yearbook will not be off the press for at least two more weeks, this report will cover generally the outcome of the matches.

Officers of the Tampa subdistrict who participated in the matches were:

Chief Patrol Inspector	Chester C. Courtney
Senior Patrol Inspector	John Q. Gillis
Patrol Inspector	Carl H. Ray
Patrol Inspector	Joseph B. Cunningham
Patrol Inspector	Edwin M. Redmond
Patrol Inspector	James Edward Drake

It is regretted to have to report that we did not do as well this year as far as winning cups and medals, as we did in the matches held at Miami, Florida during August last year. On a whole, however, our shooting was a little better. The fact is, we ran into much stronger competition.

Last year the Immigration Border Patrol and the Tampa Police won the majority of the matches. This year the City of Miami, Florida appropriated a large sum of money for 38 ammunition for practice, resulting in the Miami Police team coming back strong and just about won everything.

Our five-man team did not even place in the five-man team match, nor did we place in the three-man team match. The score of the winning team in the three-man match was 848. Our team took fifth place with a score of 837. Only 11 points between first and fifth place.

Immigration Patrol officers who participated in the individual matches did manage to win three bronze medals and three badges.

Chief Patrol Inspector Chester C. Courtney, Patrol Inspectors Carl H. Ray and Edwin M. Redmond each won a pistol expert badge by shooting scores of 270 or over in the Qualification Match.

Of the individual matches entered by the writer, three bronze medals were awarded as follows:



Bronze medal for fourth place in Individual Silhouette match of first day; score 99 out of a possible 100.

Three other shooters made possible scores of 100 for first, second and third places.

Bronze medal for third place in slow fire match with a score of 194 out of a possible 200.

Bronze medal for fourth place in Individual Silhouette match on the last day of the matches. There were ten of us tied with perfect scores of 100 for first place of this match. In the shoot-off the writer did manage to take fourth place.

As a whole we did fairly well considering the high-class of shooting we were up against. The Miami Police Team had too much 38 ammunition to shoot for practice through the year furnished by their City Administration. Besides most all of the organizations participating had a much larger organization to select from than we did. At present we have only a strength of 32 in our subdistrict. A combination team of the Coast Guard and Naval Base from Pensacola, Florida was also a strong competitor.

We had a fair supply of 45 caliber ammunition, but 45 caliber guns cannot compete with 38 caliber guns in target matches.

We are not discouraged however, as it is our intentions to go together and purchase a 38 reloading outfit in order that 38 ammunition will not cost so much and in order that we will be able to get considerable more 38 practice throughout the year. Thirty-eight shells can be reloaded at a cost of about 50¢ a hundred. Factory loaded ammunition costs about \$1.70 a hundred.

Patrol Inspector Carl H. Ray showed the greatest improvement in his shooting this year over that of last year.

It is desired to stress the fact that patrol officers who participated in the matches have considerable pride for their organization, as some expended a considerable amount of money for guns and ammunition in order to make as good a showing as possible for the Immigration Border Patrol. Patrol Inspector Joseph B. Cunningham expended in all about \$125.00 for a 38 caliber revolver; a 22 caliber revolver; ammunition and entrance fees. Patrol Inspector Carl H. Ray expended \$32.00 for 38 ammunition, entrance fees and subsistence.



Two of the U. S. Coast Guard officers who participated in the matches, and who are at present at the Naval Station, Pensacala, Florida taking the Naval flying course, expressed themselves as being surprised to find such a high type of personnel in the U. S. Immigration Border Patrol, as compared with other similar organizations.

Just as soon as the Florida Police Pistol League Yearbook is out copies will be forwarded.

If in Florida next year the writer promises to do better.

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