

Tasha Hanish: Bringing New Life to 3-Gun 49

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win the big check, you have to win a slot to the shootoff by competing in the host match, under the host's rules. In the shootoff the next day, you compete under 3Gun Nation's rules, using supplied firearms and ammunition.

Hanish's crew maintains the shootoff guns separately from their own gear, leaving them essentially box-stock. Their personal match guns aren't that way, but when it's time to shoot for the money, everybody uses exactly the same firearms – including the FNH USA team.

FNH is the only firm (with the recent exception of Remington) that makes competitive firearms for all phases of 3-Gun competition. Tasha's shooting a SCAR-17 rifle (1.5-5x Leupold scope and SureFire muzzle brake), an SLP shotgun (very much like the original Winchester SX2 Practical), and either an FNX 9mm or STI .40 pistol. "Sometimes I use my STI, depending on the distance and whether I need a .40," she says.

At the 3Gun Nation final, only one member of the FNH Team qualified for the big-money shootoff – Idaho state trooper David Neth. Neth defeated 2010 USPSA Open Multigun champion Jerry Miculek to win \$5,000 at third place. Daniel Horner took the top prize (\$25,000) by defeating Bianchi Cup and USPSA Multigun ace Bruce Piatt (\$10,000).

IMPACT

While the Nielsen ratings aren't all in yet, 3Gun Nation is driving the team members' and the matches' popularity.

"People are hitting me up on Facebook constantly," says Hanish, "saying 'Just saw you on 3Gun Nation.' I have lots of people asking 'how do we get involved?'"

USPSA's Michael Voigt noted that already the participation in 3-Gun has risen.

"Matches that weren't filling up are selling out," he says, pointing to the Rocky Mountain 3-Gun, and the MGM Ironman, "and we're seeing a little bit of drama with people being unable to get into matches."

Voigt found himself in that position recently when he realized he couldn't attend enough matches to qualify for the 3Gun nation grand finale (minimum is three). He, Horner, and Remington's Robbie Johnson had to fight for the several "wildcard slots" available at the USPSA Multigun Nationals. Horner and Voigt made it, Johnson didn't.

As Hanish says, "Our goal was to bring more awareness to what our sport is, and that's happening. This is a lot of fun, you get to do a lot of shooting, and that's what we wanted people to see."

With luck a whole lot more people will get to see that, and soon. Plans are already in the works for 3Gun Nation, Season 2. D

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