

Women and Practical Shooting: Partnership Aims to Create Opportunities

NEWTOWN, Conn.—Creating more opportunities for women to get involved in practical handgun shooting is the focus of a new partnership between the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and the U.S. Practical Shooting Association (USPSA).

"Many women are interested in learning about shooting, but don't necessarily know how or where to begin," said Cyndi Dalena, NSSF shooting range promotions director. "Through NSSF's support of USPSA, we are helping provide women with educational and enjoyable ways to learn."

Through their partnership, NSSF and USPSA are teaming up for clinics and other initiatives at the local club level, all of which are directed at creating more opportunities for women.

NSSF and USPSA are also teaming up with title sponsor Smith & Wesson at upcoming "Babes With Bullets" regional camps for women. The instructional camps will feature some of the nation's top shooters as instructors and will cover basic safety and shooting techniques involved in practical pistol shooting.

"It is our firm belief that bringing more women into our sport is vital, not only for our sport and association, but for the shooting sports in general, and for the preservation of our Second Amendment rights," said Dave Thomas, USPSA executive director. "NSSF's contribution to our effort is vital, welcome, and greatly appreciated."

USPSA is the governing body for the sport of practical shooting in the U.S. and is the American region of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). USPSA is a non-profit membership association with approximately 15,000 individual members and nearly 400 affiliated clubs. For more information, visit www.uspsa.org.

NSSF, formed in 1961, is the trade association for the firearm industry. It directs a variety of outreach programs to promote greater participation and better understanding of shooting sports, emphasizing safe and responsible ownership of firearms. For further information, visit www.nssf.org.