

Competitive Tips

JOIN CZ'S CHAMPIONS AND LEARN WHAT GIVES THEM THE WINNING EDGE.

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Optics don't change the principles of sight picture, as Angus peers through an Aimpoint Comp4 mounted on his tricked-out CZ 75 B Champion. Photo courtesy SCSA





COMPETITION

ANGUS HOBDELL, IPSC/USPSA/INTERNATIONAL PISTOL AND THREE GUN

“Slow is smooth, and smooth is fast,” the CZ-USA team captain says. “It’s only aiming.” Angus has used this philosophy to win hundreds of international competitions from Piru, California, to Quito, Ecuador, to Bali, Indonesia.

One of Angus’ mantras is “Always know where your bullets are going. In other words, if you don’t have a good sight picture, don’t pull the trigger.” Don’t let that fool you—Angus’ finger is lightning-fast on the trigger.

Originally hailing from England, 44-year-old Angus now lives near Tempe, Arizona, and works at CZ’s custom shop. When he’s not flogging the competition, he enjoys

traveling to exotic corners of the world. He prefers the Dan Wesson Pointman 7 Single Stack competition and uses the SP-01 Shadow for other courses.



CZ’s team captain, Angus Hobdell, readies his mind while waiting for the buzzer. This photo was taken at a soggy Steel Challenge event in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Photo courtesy Steel Challenge Shooting Association

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**Another mag is in the gun before the empty hits the ground.
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In his travels to promote CZ products, Angus enjoys outshooting others who are using far more powerful or accurate firearms. Several YouTube video clips are posted on the CZ custom website. You can enjoy his gentle sense of humor and pick up more tips there.

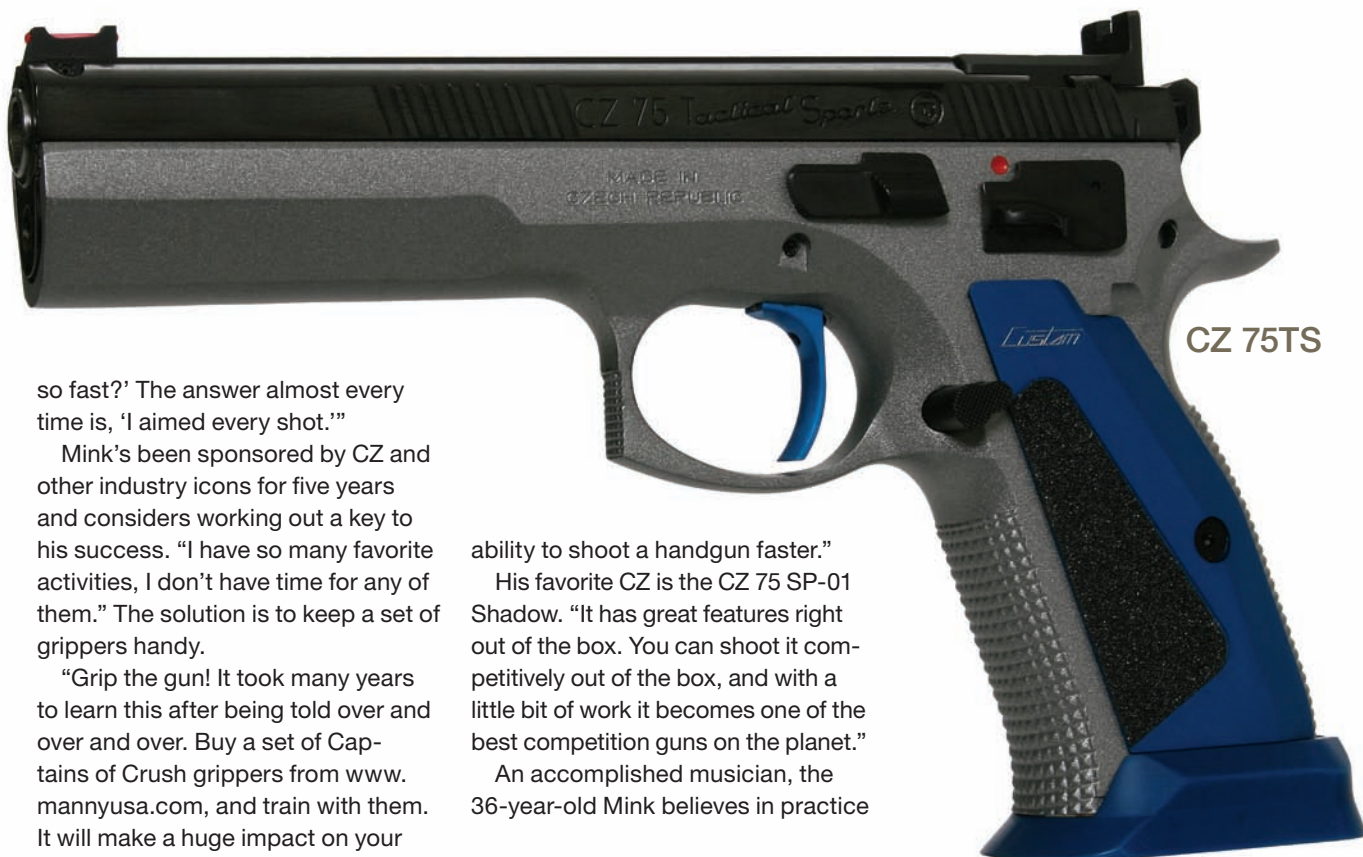
Among his many accomplishments:

- USPSA Production Nationals 2009—12th overall Production division
 - Pan American match in Ecuador July 2009—1st place Production division
 - Latin American Cup in Ecuador 2008—1st place Production division
 - World Shoot Championship in Bali, Indonesia 2008—5th place overall in Production
 - World Shoot Championship in Bali, Indonesia 2008—1st place Man on Man shoot-off
 - 1st Florida Open Production
 - 2nd Columbus Cop Panama Production
 - 1st Overall Spring Steel AZ
 - 1st Area 6 Production
 - 1st Area 7 Production
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MATT MINK, IPSC/ USPSA/IDPA PISTOL AND THREE GUN

Winner of numerous state and regional competitions

“I can’t stress enough the importance of aiming,” the Jonesboro, Arkansas, native says. “Most shooters simply do not do it enough. Aiming is the way to shoot faster, not aiming is the way to shoot slower, but most shooters have that reversed.” Mink, an engineer for Verizon, analyzes every aspect of his shooting and breaks down each detail. “I get asked many times, ‘How did you shoot that



so fast?' The answer almost every time is, 'I aimed every shot.'"

Mink's been sponsored by CZ and other industry icons for five years and considers working out a key to his success. "I have so many favorite activities, I don't have time for any of them." The solution is to keep a set of grippers handy.

"Grip the gun! It took many years to learn this after being told over and over and over. Buy a set of Captains of Crush grippers from www.mannyyusa.com, and train with them. It will make a huge impact on your

ability to shoot a handgun faster.”

His favorite CZ is the CZ 75 SP-01 Shadow. "It has great features right out of the box. You can shoot it competitively out of the box, and with a little bit of work it becomes one of the best competition guns on the planet."

An accomplished musician, the 36-year-old Mink believes in practice



DAVE MILLER'S COMPETITION EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:

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DAVID'S FAVORITE CZ IS THE ENGLISH SPORTER OVER/UNDER WITH 32-INCH BARRELS.

David Miller has been a teacher, professional shooter, game guide and course designer. In his rare leisure time he dotes on his English springer spaniels.



for each shot by making decisions on the following: Choose a target break area, then mark where you noticed the first flash of the target. Select a muzzle hold point, allowing yourself the correct the amount of gun movement to hit the target in that break area."

Miller, 36, is originally from Arlington, Texas, but now lives outside of Kansas City with his beautiful wife, Lori. A life-long upland-game hunter and professional guide, he's been sponsored by CZ for almost three years. David has been involved in the development of Sporting Clays for more than 20 years.

He tries to get the bird within a narrow arc of movement. "Your plan should be geared toward having the least amount of gun movement as possible to execute the shot," he says.

David's favorite CZ is the English Sporter over/under with 32-inch barrels. In Dave's relaxed classes he tries to gently steer students to improve their technique without drastic corrections. "I try to move the bricks around without tearing down the wall."

He's big on pre-game mental preparation and coaches that having all your equipment perfectly organized can avoid panic during the match. "Be mentally ready to shoot prior to arriving at the tournament. Have all of your gear organized so you don't lose focus searching for a missing item."

Dave says he seems to get the best performance out of Fiocchi and Federal shotshells and uses one ounce of 7½ at 1,300 fps for FITASC and 1½ ounces of 7½ going 1,250 fps for Sporting Clays.

Dave has spent the last five years teaching and guiding for upland game.

Dave's accomplishments and projects include:

- Course Designer and Event

and mental focus. He tells his students, "Conceive an executable plan. Always go for points, as the plan is not about speed, but accuracy. Remember, aiming works."

Matt's accomplishments include:

- AREA 4 Championship 2009—1st overall Production division
- IDPA Nationals 2009—2nd overall ESP division
- IPSC Nationals 2009—1st overall Production division
- USPSA Production Nationals 2009—4th overall Production division
- AREA 3 Championship July 2009—2nd overall

Production division

- 3-Gun Midwest Championship June 2009—5th overall
- IDPA Oklahoma Sectional March 2009—4th overall
- IDPA Missouri State Championship 2008—1st E.S.P. division
- World Shoot Championship in Bali, Indonesia, 2008—2nd overall Production division

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DAVID MILLER, MASTER CLASS SPORTING CLAYS AND FITASC WINNER OF SCORES OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

"When shooting clays, create a plan

Planner for the Boy Scout Camp Sporting Clays Course in Camp Geiger, St. Joseph, Missouri.

- 2009 Missouri River Classic Super Sporting Master 1
- 2008 Minnesota State Sporting Clays Championship Prelim Master Champion and OS Main Event Runner up
- 2007 Powder Creek Fall Classic Course Designer
- 2007 Nebraska State Sporting Clays Association Shoot
- 2007 Missouri State Championships FITASC M1
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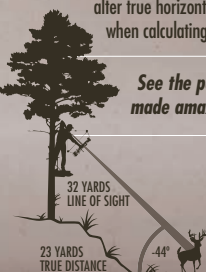


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