

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE USPSA-EDWIN LIM PROGRAM

From: Jack Enrile
Sent: 11 December, 2015 17:19
To: Nick Alexakos
Cc: Vince Pinto ; Dino
Subject: 1st Magnus USPSA Cup

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International Practical Shooting Confederation
Attention: NICK ALEXAKOS, President

Re: 1st Magnus USPSA Cup

Gentlemen:

I was advised that USPSA together with Magnus Sports is now holding the 1st Magnus USPSA Cup at the Armscor Shooting Range, Parang, Marikina here in the Philippines.

This is to seek clarification if such competition hosted by USPSA inside the Philippine Region is not violative of the Constitution of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC).

Under the Constitution of the IPSC, the IPSC is a confederation of non-political participating Regions, whose borders normally corresponds to national borders and Regions are mandated to conduct a competitive programme under IPSC rules and to administer the sport vigorously and equitably. As the duly appointed representative of IPSC here in the Philippines, the Philippine Practical Shooting Association (PPSA) has been successful in promoting the sport of practical shooting in the Philippine Region as shown by the decent showing of Filipino shooters abroad, especially in the World Shoots.

With the efforts and sacrifices the PPSA and its members have given to the sport of practical shooting, this intrusion into our Region by another Region, without the courtesy of notifying the Regional Director, is disappointing, at the very least.

I trust that the IPSC will look into this matter seriously.

Very truly yours,
JACK ENRILE
Regional Director - Philippines

From: Vince Pinto <vincepinto@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, 11 December 2015
Subject: Re: 1st Magnus USPSA Cup (Philippines)
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Dear Jack,

As the IPSC President is travelling and out of touch right now, I'm confident he would like me to deal with this matter, especially as I'm intimately familiar with the situation. See the message below addressed to outgoing USPSA President Phil Strader, copied to his successor Mike Foley, who assumes office on 1 January 2016.

Dear Phil & Mike,

Please see the letter below from Congressman Jack Enrile, who is also Regional Director of IPSC Philippines.

As background information for Mike (and sorry to drop this in your lap so soon!), Phil and I previously exchanged emails concerning the issue of USPSA affiliating clubs outside of the USA. **Phil graciously confirmed that the USPSA will not do so without the prior consent of the affected IPSC Regional Director.**

This is because USPSA acceptance of foreign clubs creates an unhappy and unhealthy situation whereby two organisations (USPSA and the IPSC affiliate), are offering virtually identical practical shooting disciplines in the same foreign country.

IPSC has no issue with the USPSA accepting individual members from outside the USA, because we realise that some people, especially those living in Canada and Central America, often attend USPSA matches, and they want to have a USPSA classification. IPSC is also not concerned about the Steel Challenge, an entirely different shooting discipline.

The issue which promoted the letter from Jack Enrile relates to the organisation in the Philippines known as "PSMOC", which is a group of disgruntled individuals who broke away from the PPSA in order to offer competing practical shooting disciplines. Think IDPA and USPSA.

What seems to have happened here is that one of the key people behind PSMOC, namely Edwin Lim, who affiliated his Magnus Vegas Gun Club (USPSA Club #NV14) to the USPSA, is brazenly using the USPSA logo on materials promoting PSMOC matches in the Philippines.

Please see the attached images. One is the match flyer, while the other image shows an instructor giving a USPSA Level I Rules Seminar in the Philippines. I also believe that USPSA NROI Director Troy McManus recently visited the Philippines for instructional purposes.

A reasonable man seeing that flyer would conclude that the subject match is endorsed by the USPSA, even if that is not the case. In view of the cordial relationship that exists between IPSC and the USPSA, we must not allow such deception to continue.

I therefore urge the USPSA to contact Mr. Lim, without delay, and demand that he cease and desist using the USPSA name and/or logo to promote matches in the Philippines. I would also be grateful for your comments by return.

In closing, I take this early opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Best regards,
Vince Pinto
IPSC Executive Director

