

Eddie Garcia Captures Open Division Championship at the High Desert Classic

Eddie Garcia, one of MGM Targets sponsored shooters, proved to be the best at last weekend's 6th Annual High Desert Classic in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The weather was terrific and the hospitality was wonderful. In a very close battle with David Re, Eddie finished slightly ahead in the Open Division at the match. Eddie bested 163 other competitors to bring home the championship. Garcia finished first in four of the ten stages while placing second in two additional stages.



Mike Gibson, President of MGM Targets, stated, "It was a tremendous shooting display. Eddie was very hot that weekend with some very stiff competition. We are proud to sponsor this fine young man who is one of our finest shooters. He is a great representative for our company." Eddie has been shooting competitively for eleven years. "A good friend Will Smith took me under his wing to show me the finer points of shooting. Will showed me almost everything I know today about shooting," Garcia relayed. "Once I started to get the basics down we decided to try IDPA. Once I got a taste of competition shooting I was hooked." Eddie has been shooting USPSA since 2005 and is a member of the Ed Cameron shooting team. He won the Northern Arizona Classic this year also and came in second in the Area 4 USPSA Match. This is looking to be a very good year indeed for Eddie.

Mike Gibson of MGM said, "It is with a great deal of pride that we sponsor these types of matches around the United States. They are always a lot of fun and the competition is always fierce. It is indeed gratifying when one of our sponsored shooters takes home the bacon too."

This was the sixth year of the event being held at the Rio Grande Practical Shooting Club. Rod Cassidy from the Club stated, "Thanks to sponsors like MGM for helping us out."

MGM was a Major Sponsor of the event and at the request of Mike Gibson a hat was passed among the competitors and attendees and \$640.00 was raised on behalf of the [USAMU/MGM](#) junior program. Damon Stanforth from Edgewood, New Mexico stated to Gibson, "I want to thank you for sponsoring the HDC 2010. The idea of the bucket passed around to raise money for the junior program was brilliant as well. Keep up the good work."

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