Several months later, I started shooting IDPA. After the first few matches, the crew started giving me flack regarding concealment. A few “gentlemen” jokingly suggested bringing a blanket to lie over my lap for concealment to start each stage. You know, “old lady in a rocker” style. (Can you feel the love?) This started the development of our CCW cover, and, of course, form follows function. In this case it is critical to be able to re-holster as fast as you draw, you must re-holster to scoot to the next shooting position, or to stop the chair from diligently seeking gravity or drifting past the 180! These combined facts dictated the slipcover design, simply grab, discard and you’re ready to shoot and scoot, so to speak.

My best description for what it’s like to be a paraplegic attempting to shoot from a rolling gravity seeking platform is to picture yourself paddling a kayak upstream to your next shooting position. Your target presents itself, and you must let go of the paddle and draw and engage the targets while the kayak is drifting back and to the side! You then re-holster and grab the paddle before you drift too far or break the 180! Then you paddle hard to the next shooting position and do it all over again! Needless to say, by the end of a course of fire my forearms are so pumped it’s hard not to crush the pistol grip! (This makes trigger control a real issue.) All challenges aside, I’m blessed to be able to shoot again, and I truly enjoy each and every obstacle presented.

My main goal is to give chair users the ability to carry safely and unobtrusively, for open carry, concealed carry or competition, and to promote accessibility – not segregation – in the shooting sports. I don’t care if I’m the slowest on the course – I just want to shoot!

Our Holster Adapters are made in the USA; right here in Southern Oregon, and fit most rigid-style chair frames (and some folders) Standard models fit either Blackhawk’s CQC Serpa or Uncle Mike’s Kydex holsters. Model #101 is designed for 1” to 1-1/8” chair frames and the Model #125 will fit 1-1/4” frames with 75- to 90-degree bends. But I’ll do my best to fit other frames and specific setups. Our CCW cover fits 4” service-size semi autos and is made to work in conjunction with a Black Hawk CQC Serpa holster. You can find our products and videos of the Adapter in use at www.scotworksllc.com.

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