the men from the boys (and the girls from the women), handgun skills-wise, the Washington State IDPA Championships have always incorporated a long-range stage; this year was no exception. Thus Stage 14, “Occasional Targets Out to 35 Yards” required engaging two IDPA paper targets at 30 yards and three Pepper Poppers at 35. Great fun was had by all.

A complaint registered by some folks in online message boards is that it’s rare to see a chron stage at a state or even national IDPA championship. WAIDPAC08 had one. Only a single person failed to make power factor, by the way.

Division winners at the 2008 Washington State IDPA Championships were:
- Enhanced Service Pistol: Bruce Funk
- Custom Defensive Pistol: Kyle Sumner
- Stock Service Pistol: Emanuel Plotnikov
- Enhanced Service Revolver: Rick Breneman
- Stock Service Revolver: Tom Kettels

Inventive courses of fire and impressive prop design and construction were the hallmarks of this match. It was also, sadly, the first WAIDPAC that I was unable to personally attend, as I was still recovering from a serious rotator cuff injury at the time. But I definitely plan to be there next year. This much fun is not something I intend to miss out on two years in a row!