



MID-CAROLINA RIFLE CLUB
PO BOX 2528
COLUMBIA, SC 29202-2528

MEETING LOCATION: Monday, February 9, 2015 starting at 7:30PM at Murray's in Edenwood Plaza.

Reminder #1: Membership renewals are due 60 days before your membership expires to ensure that you do not lose gate access. You cannot renew by EMAIL.

Reminder #2: Get your STEEL Targets approved for use at the range. All steel targets must be approved by the CRO.

Matches and upcoming events for February 2015

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Tom Thompson, President, 803-755-7397, president@midcarolinarifleclub.com

Stephen Smith, Vice President, 803-993-8118, vp@midcarolinarifleclub.com (membership issues)

Gary Gage, Secretary, 803-622-2111, secretary@midcarolinarifleclub.com (newsletter issues)

Website: <http://www.midcarolinarifleclub.com/>

Dues payments may be made at the meetings or mailed to P.O. Box 2528, Columbia, SC 29202-2528. If you have questions about dues, please contact Vice President Stephen Smith at 803-993-8118 or vp@midcarolinarifleclub.com

Report apparent violations of range rules or unsafe or discourteous behavior, with vehicle license tag numbers, to club President Tom Thompson for investigation. If you want the club to continue operation, members must be self-policing in this manner.

Next meeting will be at Murray's in Edenwood Plaza, Cayce on 2/09/2015. It will start at 7:30 PM. Folks start showing up about 6 PM to eat before the meeting. Come out and meet some of your fellow members and get involved in your club.

Minutes – January 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order around 7:30 PM, by Vice President Stephen Smith. President Tom Thompson was absent due to illness. There were forty nine (49) people in attendance.

Stephen Smith, Gary Gage, Patten Watson, Roy Mullis, Roy Johnson, David Scott, Joe Metz, Rhonda Metz, Michael Carr, David Davis, Wesley Bommer, Julie Holling, Jack Suber, Robert Suber, Frank Headley, Wayne Robinson, David Busby, Larry Dodson, Jethro Currie Jr., Jim Boyd, Charles Hedgepath, Doug Snyder, A. Ferraro, Nelson Thompson, Davis Self, Drew Bliss, Dale McLeod, Neil McLeod, Carl Freeman, Carolyn Freeman, Charley Francis, Shawn Benning, Dan John, Danielle John, Robert Fiorey, Tina Fiorey, Ronald Holcomb, Bobbie Jo Holcomb, Alex Nieuwland, Chuck McMenamy, John Gunter, Mike Rains, Rob Butler, Jim Lamb, Al Nagy, David Henreka, Kenny Haynes, Katrina Haynes and Jack Rogers.

Stephen Smith called the meeting to order and led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He also led the club in a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom THOMPSON president@midcarolinarifleclub.com (803-755-7397).

Stephen Smith reported:

1) No club members have been suspended for rule violations since the last meeting. I was notified of a rule violation by a club member who addressed an improper target placement issue with another member, action on this matter is ongoing.

2) The new plate machine has arrived and been installed. There is a rule change concerning how close you can be to shoot the plate rack. It has changed from 10 yards to 15 yards. This is due to the recommendation of the plate rack manufacturer. This admonition is actually printed ON the plate rack. There will be a list of cartridges that can be shot at the plate rack. This list will be posted prominently in the plate rack bay.

Remember that even though a particular cartridge might be on the list it still CANNOT be shot at the plate rack from a rifle. Shotguns are also still prohibited. Roy can cover anything else that I have missed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Stephen SMITH vp@midcarolinarifleclub.com (803-993-8118)

Stephen Smith reported:

- There is a communication issue between the gate controller and the network. For the time being, all gate updates must be done locally at the gate.
- There is an updated renewal form on the web site.
- There is an updated copy of the Range Rules on the web site.
- Use the CURRENT version of the forms and the Rules.
- For members joining this evening, the range safety briefing will be held on January 31 at 8:30 AM. Please have your paper work, eyes and ears.

REMEMBER * * Renewals must be sent in 60 days via postal mail before your membership expires and prior to the meeting to allow all of the information to be processed and to ensure that you do not lose gate access. You will know you have successfully completed renewal once you get a new validation label for your membership card. Please do not call or email Stephen asking about the status of your renewal if you only sent it a week or two earlier.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gary GAGE secretary@midcarolinarifleclub.com (803-622-2111).

Gary Gage reported:

- Sign in log: Everyone at the meeting should sign the sign in log. Please sign it so I can read it.
- Match directors: Thank you for providing reports via email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patten WATSON treasurer@midcarolinarifleclub.com (803-463-6533). The official Treasurer's report is filed with the club. Financial information and numbers will not be included in the minutes. The official Treasurer's report will become an addendum to the hard copy of the minutes kept by the club secretary.

Patten is a CPA in SC. If you would like to have more information regarding our finances, please contact him (after April 15 if possible).

CRO/RANGE MAINTENANCE REPORT: CRO: Roy MULLIS cro@midcarolinarifleclub.com (803-360-1490). Range Maintenance: Julie HOLLING jwholling@bellsouth.net (803-755-7397)

Roy Mullis reported:

- Roy reported that the guns that he had reported stolen have been recovered.
- New plate machine is in operation, the reset rope is now on the right. The minimum

distance to shoot is 15 yards.

- If a berm has washed, the washed portion of the berm is part of the ground. Do NOT shoot into the washed portion.
- The communication issue that Stephen mentioned is being addressed. The ditch digging to replace the cable is in progress.
- A note to novice shooters: Probably best not to use the 2700 Bay until you can consistently hit a target at 25 yards. Do not shoot into the 25 yard berm. We know the berm gets shot into during matches, but this is not something that is encouraged.

HIGH POWER RIFLE: Clay MARSHALL marshallc@bellsouth.net (803-422-7072) or Chuck McMENAMY cmcmenyum@sc.rr.com (Cell: 803-467-8272 and Home 803-708-4306).

Chuck McMenemy reported:

10 Shooters did not let the cold weather stop them from starting off the 2015 MCRC High Power season. These smiling faces warmed up the morning for everyone.

Bryan Padgett got the 2015 season off to a great start with a win. Using green tip military ammo did not stop him from shooting a great score of 477-9X. His average X count was down but the ammo held the 10 ring.

Finishing 2nd. Richard Byars with a score of 469-8X. It looks like Bryan and Richard are going to battle for the overall match win again in 2015 like in 2014.

Highlight of the Day!!! Danie Bootha shooting a score of 452-8X. This was Danie's highest score since January, 2010. Great start to 2015 Danie!

1st Master Class: Bryan Padgett --477-9X

1st Expert Class: Steven H. Allen-- 466-6X

1st Sharpshooter: None Competing.

1st Marksman: Jeff Howell-- 446-4X

1st Unclassified: Tim Fritz-- 354-0X

1st Match Rifle: None Competing.

1st Service Rifle: Bryan Padgett. 477-9X.

1st Optic Rifle: Danie Bootha-- 452-8X.

Our next match is a NRA Approved Match on Sunday February 8, 2015. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

High Power Rifle matches are held the second Sunday of each month, and start promptly at 9:00 AM. The match fee is \$10 and is free for Juniors. We shoot the National Match course of 50 rounds for score. 10 rounds slow fire standing, 10 rounds sitting rapid fire, 10 rounds prone rapid fire and 20 rounds prone slow fire shooting 200 yards and on reduced targets for 300 and 600 yards. We welcome anybody to come and give it a try and will supply the rifle and ammunition so you can see how you like it before you purchase anything. We shoot by NRA rules and two years ago the rules were changed to say that you do not have to go from standing to sitting or standing to prone so you can start in position. All new shooters are welcome and there are plenty of people to help you in a relaxed atmosphere.

With the current ammunition shortage, please call Chuck in advance if you plan to use borrowed

equipment to “try” the match. There are a lot of rifles available to loan from the guys who shoot, but ammo may require planning. Also, junior shooters are welcome, provided there is parental supervision.

LIGHT RIFLE: Larry DODSON partsshooter@yahoo.com (803-760-0543)

Larry Dodson reported:

Our Light Rifle Match was held for the first time in 2015 with 70 degree temps, and breezy but no rain!! Thanks to all that came out!! We had 15 shooters, welcome to new shooters Jessy Nichols; Robert Vickers; and to returning shooters Britney Johnson and Whitney Kellett!! Two shooters used Iron/Peep sighted rifles; 4 were in the Hi-Power class; and 9 used scoped rifles. All scores are attached, Larry Dodson was match winner with a 354; Miles Huggins was 2nd scope with 346; Sam Jones was 1st Hi-Power with 347. Richard Byars shot all prone only; Joey Hodge fessed up to not shooting the 1st target correctly!!

Light Rifle Matches are held on the first Sunday of every month, starting at 9AM. Any .22lr rifles are welcome as we have a class for every type. A light rifle is any rifle that weighs no more than 8.5 pounds, and has at least a 2-pound trigger pull but we have the Hi-Power class to put overweight rifles or those with light triggers. Any sights (except lasers) may be used. Slings may be used. This match is an introductory match, not an "equipment" game. We shoot A-31 Light Rifle Targets. Light Rifle Matches consist of 40 shots for score, 10 prone; 10 sitting/kneeling and 20 standing. Slings may be used prone and sitting/kneeling. We shoot 2 targets, and 2 boxes of ammo and a rifle are all you need. I bring at least one extra rifle if anyone would like to give this a try. All targets are shot at 50 yards. Come on out and give this fun match a try, pick up some "FREE" coaching pointers and enjoy!!

Contact Larry Dodson: partsshooter@yahoo.com for any questions.

APPLESEED RIFLE CLINIC: Tyler SCOTT appleseedsc@gmail.com

No Report.

Appleseed dates for 2015 are:

Feb. 28 - Mar. 1

Apr. 18 - 19

Oct. 17 - 18

The cost for these clinics is \$60 for adults and \$20 for 18 and under. LEO, Military, and elected officials can attend for free. Free slots for MCRC members will be available on a first come first served basis. Please e-mail me if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

Project Appleseed is also offering Known Distance clinics in the region. These clinics allow you to practice apply your shooting skills at distance of up to 1,000 yards. These events are held in Elberton, GA and Ramseur, NC. If you are interested in attending on of these clinics please e-mail me for details.

Further information about upcoming Appleseed Clinics at MCRC and around the country is found at www.appleseedinfo.org, the South Carolina Appleseed Facebook page or by e-mailing me at appleseedSC@gmail.com.

Project Applesseed is a non-profit organization of volunteers that is attempting to reconnect all Americans to their heritage as Riflemen. This is done by recounting the events surrounding April 19, 1775 and the effect that marksmanship had on the history of this country. This is also done by offering first rate, low cost marksmanship training. All are welcome to attend.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING (Palmetto Posse): Gerald DUNN gdunn013@gmail.com (803-422-5587) or Roger HORTON roger@adluh.com (803-447-0853).

No report was presented at the meeting, however, the following report was received via email and is included:

Thanks to Stone Ground and Lorenzo Kid for successfully running our January match in my absence. The weather forecast (regardless of actual weather) is killing us lately by discouraging people from coming out, but we persevere anyway. We had 13 shooters who stayed relatively dry at least for the first 4 of the 6 stages.

The overall top five finishers in the match were: 1st Cowboy Junky, 2nd Kid Ray, 3rd Stone Ground, 4th Sue Render, and 5th Whiskey Mac. .

Clean shooters were: Cowboy Junky

Please keep in mind that MCRC will host a Wild Bunch match on January 31st. Please come out and try it out or just watch. For questions, please feel free to call or email me. I have it on good authority that Sgt Dork will be at the match and will be shooting it.

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Those cowpokes and cowgirls interested in Wild Bunch matches, please remember that on the fifth Sunday of those certain months that have five Sundays, the Greenville Gunfighters host a full 6 stage Wild Bunch match. Come and try it out. The next Wild Bunch match will be December 29th

The next Palmetto Posse match will be February 1, 2015.

We are very open and anxious to have new shooters join in the fun and shoot with us. Anyone interested in additional information or in just “dipping their toes into the gunpowder,” please let me know.

Anyone with stage suggestions, please feel free to contact me and let us hear about them.

Any suggestions are always welcome.

Our website is www.palmettoposse.org please visit our site. All match scores will be posted on the website immediately following our matches. Please go to our website and look at our pictures. Come on out and join us or watch. Match fees are \$12.00, however Buckaroos and first time shooters shoot free. **We encourage all new shooters.**

COWBOY ACTION: (Savannah River Rangers) David SCOTT, dascott@pbtcomm.net (803-892-2812) Joe METZ jmrm3@sc.rr.com (803-960-3907) assistant Match Director.

David Scott reported:

- The last match was held on December 21st.
- Weather was partly cloudy and cold.
- Twenty six (26) shooters participated.
- 1st Kid Ray, 2nd Bulls Head bill, 3rd Stone Ground, 4th Sandhills Slim, and 5th Sue Render.
- Clean shooters were:
- Bulls Head Bill, Cayenne Four Pepper, Kamanche Moon Morgan, Kid Ray, Lorenzo Kid, Rider in the Sky, Sandhills Slim and Surly Dave.
- Next Match is January 18th.

Registration begins at 8:30, Safety Meeting at 9:30, shoot by 10:00 – we would love to have you come out and see what Cowboy Action is all about!

The monthly Savannah River Rangers Match starts after the Safety Meeting. We always welcome guests and New Shooters who just want to watch. A Cowboy Action Match is a four-gun game, with 2 single action revolvers, a lever action, pistol caliber rifle and a Winchester 97 pump, Winchester 87 lever action shotgun or any Double Barrel Shotgun 12 gauge or 20 gauge. If you do not have everything you need, you can still come on out. There will be plenty of people that will happily loan you their guns or a spare gun or a holster, so that you can have a chance to shoot and try it. Savannah River Rangers shoot the third Sunday of each month. If you would like to come out or are thinking about maybe starting and don't have the equipment, don't worry about it. We have everything that you will need to be able to come out and shoot. The match fee is \$12. Registration begins at 8:30, Safety Meeting at 9:30, and shooting starts at 10:00. Visit the NEW Savannah River Rangers website: www.savannahriverrangers.com.

E'Lane Tipton (Scarlett Darlin') reported on the success of MCRC Cowboy shooters at the Southwest Regional at Palmetto Gun Club. Sue Render won here division, Kid Ray won his division, Surly Dave and Scarlett Darlin' won the long range contest. MCRC members did well.

BUFFALO RIFLE MATCH: Wayne ROBINSON jwrr@windstream.net (803-359-0058)
Wayne Robinson reported:

January 10th, 2015 Buffalo Rifle Match results

A Clean Sweep!

Our first match of the year started at 17deg when I showed up. Four shooters braved the cold weather for a morning match.

Sitting Supported was won by Jethro Currie Jr with a score of 15/15 followed closely by Joe Kateman of Easley SC with a score of 14/15.

Standing Supported was won by Jethro with a score of 15/15.

Standing (off hand) was won by Jethro with a score of 13/15 followed by the rest of the pack with the next highest score of 5/15.

Grand Aggregate also went to Jethro with a score of 43/45.

The King Target match was again run a little different this time by using a pigeon board at 50yds. Five shooters shot with a .54cal civil war era percussion Sharps rifle. This match was won by Joe Kateman.

Thanks to all shooters for the help staging the targets and for putting target hardware away after the match.

Congrats go to Jethro Currie for the clean sweep of January's match.
Next match is scheduled for February 14, 2015.

Participants must use period type rifles and sights of 1895 and earlier. Period dress is welcome. Cast lead bullets only. No gas checks allowed. There will be 3 categories: Standing, Standing Supported and Sitting Supported. Entry fees is \$5.00 for each category or \$10.00 for all three. All targets will be engaged at 200 and 100 yards, with five shots on each of three targets. Winner of each category will be the best of 15 shots. Grand Aggregate will be awarded also. Participants may have unlimited sighter shots during a relay on the sighter gong. Current info, scores and pictures can be found on the MCRC web site.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF OLD WEST SHOOTISTS (NCOWS): Dave GRALEY
dlgraley@aol.com (803-419-2772) – Saluda Saddle Tramps is the South Carolina posse of the National Congress of Old West Shootists.
No match since last meeting.

Next match will be on March 29, 2015.

Registration starts at 9:00 and shooting starts around 10:00. NCOWS details are in the newsletter. Please stop by and check us out. If you want to participate, contact Dave Graley. My contact info is in the newsletter.

If you think you might have an interest, please contact me at 803-419-2772. Also check out NCOWS at www.ncows.org.

Match fee is \$16.00. If anyone just wants to check us out, please stop by. There is a safety meeting at 9:30 AM, and lead starts flying downrange at 9:45. If anyone has an interest, please contact Dave GRALEY, aka Okefinokee Outlaw, at 803-419-2772 or dlgraley@aol.com.

NCOWS uses rules similar to SASS Cowboy matches, but the requirements for weapons and clothing require greater accuracy and attention to period-correct details. There are 2, 3, and 4 gun classes, so anyone with a pre-1900 pistol and lever action rifle, or pistol and shotgun, can participate. The guns can be originals or reproductions, smokeless or black powder. New participants can come as they are, since we realize it takes a long time to acquire the needed clothing and accouterments. Gun carts are optional. There is no overall winner in NCOWS; each class is judged independently. There are 12 available classes including 2, 3, and 4 gun classes.

USPSA-IPSC PISTOL: Donnie BRYSON wdbryson2@windstream.net (803-794-4506)
Stephen Smith reported:

Match was held on Saturday, January 10.

At the January match, we had 49 shooters. 20 additional shooters had pre-registered, but the bitter cold weather prompted many cancellations. Timothy Mekosh from Columbia was the top Open division shooter. Wally Burbage from Charleston was the top competitor in Limited division, and Zane Orias from the upstate area was the Limited 10 division winner. Nick Yanutola from

Spartanburg won Production division. Dan Girvan from York was the only Single Stack division shooter. We did not have any competitors shooting in Revolver division.

The next match will be held on Saturday, February 14th.

The USPSA - IPSC matches are held the second Saturday of each month. We are using online registration which starts the Monday prior to the match. Contact Linda Chico at LChico@sc.rr.com to add your name to the notification list. Sign in at the range starts at 9:30 am. Juniors are free. New shooters are half price (\$8). Set-up for the match is on the preceding day on Friday afternoon. If you are interested in coming out and trying a shooting sport that involves running and gunning, you can start with very nearly any centerfire pistol if you have enough magazines for it.

2700 PISTOL: Mike CARR afvet53@netzero.net (803-408-0024)

Mike Carr reported:

No match since last meeting. Our next match will be February 21st.

We shoot at 25 and 50 yards, one handed, and accuracy is the main thing that is stressed – speed will come along. We shoot .22 caliber, center fire (.32 caliber or larger), and .45 caliber so you would need about 100 rounds of each caliber. 2700 Pistol matches, an NRA approved aggregate pistol match, are held the third Saturday of each month from February through November, with registration starting at 8:30 AM, and shooting starting at 9:00 AM. The match fee for a regular match is \$25. You do not have to shoot all 3 parts (.22LR, centerfire, and .45) of the 2700 course in order to compete with the group (\$10 fee for each part).

METALLIC SILHOUETTE - RIFLE: Mical BOWLING mical@blackwolfconsulting.com (803-359-0058)

Stephen Smith reported for Mical:

The monthly smallbore rifle silhouette match scheduled for Saturday the 20th of December was cancelled at noon by the match director because there were too few participants. The next scheduled match is this coming Saturday the 17th of January. Now that the New Year is underway, we hope that anyone that has a 22 rifle and would like to give it a try will come out.

The next match will be Saturday January 17th.

We would urge anyone who would like to give it a try to come out. On the third Saturday of each month, the smallbore rifle silhouette match begins at noon. Set-up starts at 10 with sight in and practice after set-up is complete. The smallbore hunting rifle match usually begins at 1:30 after a short lunch break.

METALLIC SILHOUETTE - PISTOL: Jethro CURRIE, Jr. CurrieCS2@aol.com (803-731-1284)

Jethro Currie Jr. reported:

Match was held on 12/21/14.

Okay,

We closed out the year with an interesting day. The weather was in the mid 50's and I shot all 10 turkeys. It was good to see the Stabergs back with us, for this final match. Kevin's wife came to watch and assist. It was nice having her, but the boys were much more interesting to watch running to reset targets. Hopefully, she'll come back as a competitor next month. By the way I shot all 10 turkeys.

As we discussed, we need to build our ranks. Starting in 2015, the match fee will be waived for all 1st time shooters. Once we get them hooked, we'll hit them with the fees. I'm told this is a tried and true methodology. Who knows what new competitor will shoot all 10 turkeys like I just did.

The match results are attached. We'll note Larry couldn't grace us with his presents today, therefore I couldn't win the matches. The results show the match winner, but that's not important. What's important is I shot all 10 turkeys. It only took me many years to do it, but at last, **I SHOT ALL 10 TURKEYS!** I finally have a 10 in a row turkey pin.

The January match will be cancelled.

The Hunter Pistol match will start at 10:30 AM. Sight-in will start at 9:30 AM. As usual, we will take a 30-minute break before starting the Small Bore match. On the third Sunday of each month, Pistol Silhouette starts at 10:30 AM with the Hunter Pistol match. Sight-in will start at 9:30. The second match, Small Bore Hunter Pistol, starts after the first match is complete, and following a 30-minute break. We shoot Rimfire and center-fire handguns, up to 44 Magnum.

BLACK POWDER MUZZLELOADING: Jim BOYD Highlander49@windstream.net (803-356-9504) or Sam JONES jonesiiiS@yahoo.com (803-794-5476).

Jim Boyd reported:

Match results are NO RESULTS!!! No match in December. Our next match will be held on the 4th Saturday in January, the 24th.

Black Powder Muzzleloaders shoot the 4th Saturday of the month, from 9:00 AM until about 12:00 noon. The group usually uses paper targets, and follows muzzleloader rules, but they have a lot of fun elements in every match and also host a few novelty matches each year. Round ball with any type of black powder is acceptable, and you can shoot in-lines. They use the silhouette range primarily, and shoot at distances of 25 - 50 - 75 - 100 yards.

IDPA (INTERNATIONAL DEFENSIVE PISTOL ASSOCIATION): Match Director: Phil FOLKERS mcrcidpa@earthlink.net or pkfolkers@earthlink.net. (803-414-1324)

Stephen Smith reported:

We had no match in December.

Our next match will be on January 24, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, January 23 in the afternoon. Please come out to help if you can. Setup crew members, Safety Officers and Score Keepers shoot for free.

Our next match will be on January 24, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, January 23 in the afternoon. Please come out to help if you can. Setup crew members, Safety Officers and Score Keepers shoot for free. If there is any change in the schedule concerning a match in December, I will notify the club and email the IDPA distribution list.

If any IDPA member would like to design a stage please email it to me, and if it is feasible, we'll add it to an upcoming match. I welcome your comments and suggestions.

IDPA is designed to help you with concealed carry. IDPA gear should be consistent with "carry gear." Please contact Match Director Phil Folkers with questions.

STEEL CHALLENGE PISTOL: Jack SUBER lightningjack@bellsouth.net (803-790-0825), Dennis COGGINS damocles1234@hotmail.com (803-732-0663) or Julie HOLLING jwholling@bellsouth.net (803-755-7397).

Jack Suber reported:

The last Steel Challenge match was held on December 20. It was cold and wet, but 8 shooters showed up and shot 15 guns. The only lady shooter drove from Charleston to participate. Because no one had come to help set up the match on Friday and the turnout was low, we tried a different approach to shooting the match. We set up the first stage in Cooper Bay 3. After everyone shot it, we rearranged the steel to the next stage configuration and shot that stage. We continued in this manner until we got all five stages shot.

Although we only had a small number of shooters, we did have enough to award leaders in four divisions. John Suber won Center-fire Open in 75.64 seconds. Jack Gassaway won Center-fire Production in 85.15 seconds. Linda Dische won Rimfire Pistol Open in 68.50 seconds. And, Corey Hayes won Rimfire Rifle Open in 62.88 seconds.

Our next match will be this coming Saturday, January 17. Set-up will be Friday afternoon at 3:30. Pre-register on Practiscore.com starting on Tuesday evening. Check in at the range will start no later than 9:30 on Saturday, with the match starting at 10:00.

If you are interested in helping set up for the match, please contact Julie the week before the match for information about it. We're continuing to use Practiscore for the match, so be on the lookout for an email about registration or the match information coming up on the Practiscore site. Registration at the range starts at 9:30, and the match starts at 10:00.

The match usually consists of 5 Steel Challenge stages. We substitute one unofficial stage (one designed locally) for one of the 5 stages. The other four are selected from the Official National Stages. Shooters may shoot centerfire or Rimfire pistols, or Rimfire rifles. Both Pistols and Rifles may use either iron sights or electronic optics. Membership in Steel Challenge is not required. Registration begins at 9:30, and shooting starts at 10:00. The match fee is \$10 per shooter for the first gun. An additional gun, in a different division, may be shot for an additional \$5. New shooters shoot for half price. Juniors shoot for free. The rules and stages may be reviewed at <http://steelchallenge.com>

JUNIORS: John BUTLER (803-356-6534).

No report.

If anyone is interested in getting in the program, the application is on the web site.

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: Frank HEADLEY fheadley@onemain.com (Home 803-776-1226, Cell 803-920-2673)

Frank Headley reported:

M1 Garand supply is dwindling. Current pricing for M-1 rifles is \$630 to \$730, but shipping is free. Various ammunition is available.

If you want more information about the CMP Custom Shop, please contact the Custom Shop at customshop@thecmp.org or call (256) 835-8455, ext. 1113. Check CMP online at odcmp.com or call Frank HEADLEY.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Rob BUTLER dawgbutler@gmail.com (803-957-3959)

Rob Butler reported:

Hide your children! The General Assembly has returned to Columbia.

There are currently 21 bills relating to weapons waiting for these politicians to address. The good news is that most of these bills will just die in subcommittee. The bad news is that some of these bills will need us to take action to either kill or push them forward.

I will have a full report on each bill posted on our web site. That way I do not have to try to go into great detail on each bill tonight - which would keep us here until the wee hours, and yet you can still get a complete report on each bill. I can't speak for you, but I want to go home at a reasonable hour.

Last session Sen. Bright was the primary sponsor of a Constitutional Carry (CC) bill pushed by Palmetto Gun Rights. I spent hours meeting with Sen. Bright, the senate staff attorney, and the leader of PGR discussing the numerous problems in the CC bill as originally drafted. The bill was so flawed that even pro gun people needed to oppose the CC as originally introduced. At PGR's request, I drafted a number of amendments to improve the CC bill. PGR even stated they would have to work to kill the CC bill they were pushing if it was not amended to protect gun owners. This year, at the request of PGR and for PGR, I drafted a clean CC bill that could be supported by gun owners. The CC bill I drafted did not threaten any of the privileges of CWP holders. PGR has sent a copy of the CC bill I drafted to one of their out of state consultants for review, and we are awaiting their comments. But, Sen. Bright could not wait. Instead, Sen. Bright reintroduced the exact same flawed CC bill that he introduced last session. Sen. Bright failed to include any of the proposed amendments to the flawed bill from last session. I am quite disappointed in Sen. Bright because he learned nothing from the failed effort of last session.

One of the bills we need to keep an eye on is the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Act because no one wants to be seen as supporting domestic violence. This bill would require a person convicted of domestic violence to forfeit all firearms owned or possessed to the sheriff. There is no requirement the firearms were ever used or even referred to in the domestic violence. The rightful owner of a possessed firearm is not protected from the forfeiture of his firearm. If the loaned

firearm is returned to the rightful owner instead of forfeited to the sheriff, then a felony is committed. Firearms can be quite expensive. Imposing a forfeiture only upon firearms owners is not just, especially if a firearm was never used or referred to during the domestic violence. Forfeiture of firearms to the sheriff removes assets that could be used to help the victims of domestic violence.

If an innocent seller of a firearm sells a firearm to a person previously convicted of domestic violence, then the seller has committed a felony. There is no requirement the seller must have known the buyer was a prohibited person. This is not just.

This bill will place motions for a restraining order in magistrate's court. When I was last in magistrate's court, I was told I did not have a right to require the presence of witnesses. The only witnesses I could have were those that voluntarily showed up. If this is still the case, then something as important as a domestic violence restraining order deserves better treatment.

The court would have the power to require all firearms of the accused to be placed in the custody of the sheriff until the case is finally resolved. Firearms need maintenance to stay in good shape. The sheriff will not perform such maintenance, and the value of the firearms will suffer. A better alternative is to allow the firearms to be placed in the care of a custodian who will maintain the value of the firearms.

A couple of trigger lock bills - also known as lock up your safety bills - have been introduced. Once again, it gets difficult to argue against protecting the children. But, we must do so because these bills do not protect lives as proven in other states. Unfortunately, rather than lives being saved, these laws have actually contributed to more lives being lost. Why? Responsible people already keep their firearms away from children, and will continue to do so even after passage of these types of laws. Thus, no lives are saved. Irresponsible people are the ones these types of laws are aimed at, and irresponsible people continue to be irresponsible even after passage of these types of laws. Again, no lives are saved. So, these laws do not save any lives.

But, the evaluation of these laws should not stop here. Rather, a proper evaluation must look to see if these types of laws have any costs. Empirical evidence shows responsible people are so afraid of the government and being sent to prison that they lock up their means to family protection rather than risk being charged and sent to prison for leaving the firearm more easily accessible. Then, when these responsible people are attacked by criminals, they have no means to protect themselves or their families because the firearms are locked up. The bottom line is these types of laws actually cost lives, not save lives.

We should not support the illusion of saving lives at the expense of actually saving lives.

The biggest threat to our rights is the universal background check bill. It is not possible to implement a universal background check without also implementing a gun registration program. So, we need to make sure we always call these bills what they are - universal gun registration bills. This is extremely important because polls show the majority of people support universal background checks while simultaneously opposing gun registration. So, these bills will pass or fail depending upon how well we change the name in the public debate from universal background checks to universal gun registration.

A CWP recognition bill has been introduced, which is a good thing. But, the bill repeals the requirement that SLED maintain a list of CWP reciprocity states, which is a bad thing. Many states are still CWP reciprocity states. If no one in SC is responsible for maintaining reciprocity with other states, then this bill could make it so that others can carry here because of our CWP recognition, but we cannot carry there because they require CWP reciprocity. The bill needs to be amended to continue requiring SLED to maintain the CWP reciprocity list.

Another bill adds knives to the state preemption law.

Another bill makes it optional for schools to teach gun safety and the history and meaning of the Second Amendment. This bill is not needed because schools can already do this if they want to do so. What makes this bill dangerous is that it makes SLED the authority on what the Second Amendment means and what our rights are under the Second Amendment. For those of us who have been in the trenches at the statehouse for the last couple of decades, we have seen SLED voice “concerns” over virtually every pro-gun bill. “Concerns” is SLED speak for oppose. The reason traffic violations were initially cause for denying a CWP is because of how SLED defined a favorable background check. SLED could have defined a favorable background check as one that did not disqualify a person from possessing a firearm, which is what CC bills are trying to accomplish. Putting SLED in charge of defining the Second Amendment is like putting the fox in charge of the chicken coop.

These are the highlights and the low lights of the bills currently before the General Assembly. Obviously, I did not cover all 21 bills tonight. To get a full report on each bill, please check our MCRC web site. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

And last, but not least, if there are any attorneys or judges needing continuing legal education credits to keep your license current, I will be co-teaching a continuing legal education seminar in Columbia on January 30 on SC gun law. Others will be teaching the ethics and substance abuse portions of the seminar.

GRASSROOTS UPDATE:

No Report.

Information on CWP Classes and Shooting Instruction:

Details on CWP Classes and shooting instruction availability is below.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

NEW MEMBERS:

Ten (10) new members were voted into the club:

Robert Frank (Bob) Fiorey, Jeffrey Warren (Jeff) Grigg, James H. (Jim) Lamb, John Arthur (Mack) McLaurin, Joseph Morton Melchers, David Lavell Montgomery, Michael Duane (Mike) Rains, Glen Wilbur Rowe, Jr., Daniel Thompson, and John Theron (Johnny) Thorne, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CWP & SHOOTING INSTRUCTION

DISCOUNT CWP CLASSES: Paul PETERS (803-356-1728 home and 803-665-5241 cell). No classes are currently scheduled. If you desire a class, call Paul. Time: The class runs 8 to 5:30 in the MCRC classroom with about an hour in the Qualification Bay. MCRC members, their spouses, and their dependent children 18 to 23 years of age, living in the same household may take the class at a \$20 discount each. Class fee is \$60. There is also a range fee of \$5 imposed by MCRC. Bring ear protection, eye protection, a handgun that functions well, 50 rounds of factory ammunition (NO homemade reloads), a strong-side belt holster, and a sturdy belt. Wear jeans or pants with belt loops that accommodate the belt. Bring a lunch, snacks, and something to drink. Bring proof of current MCRC membership [i.e., a current membership card or (for new members) your range briefing form or your copy of the range rules signed and dated by your range briefer]. If you know anyone who is not an MCRC member but wants to take the CWP class, he or she is welcome. A non-member's cost is \$80, plus the \$5 range fee. For additional information, contact Paul.

NRA INSTRUCTOR & ADVANCED SHOOTER CLASSES: Frank HEADLEY, NRA Senior Training Counselor, GLOCK Firearms Instructor, fheadley@onemain.com (803-920-2673); P.E. MORRIS, NRA Training Counselor, pmorris2@sc.rr.com (803-446-5504); Linda HEADLEY, NRA Training Counselor, lheadley@onemain.com (803-776-1226); Debbie MORRIS, NRA Certified Instructor/Refuse To Be A Victim Instructor, pmorris2@sc.rr.com (803-776-2984)
UTAH (30 state) Concealed Carry Permit Adds 8 states to your SC permit for 36 states!

NRA Basic Instructor & NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Course – This course will prepare you to teach an NRA Basic Pistol course, using the NRA method, focusing on safe use, cleaning, and storage of a revolver or semi-auto pistol. Class is open to anyone who has a working knowledge of handguns. Completion will allow you to apply to SLED to become a CWP Instructor.

NRA Rifle or NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Class – Dates to be announced. Call for details.

NRA Advanced Shooter/Instructor Classes:

NRA Personal Protection Inside The Home – Course designed to teach advanced shooting techniques to stay safe at home. You will learn techniques that there is no time to teach in a CWP class. Open to CWP holders and non-CWP holders who are proficient in basic handgun skills. One day class.

NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home – The Basic and Advanced Personal Protection Outside The Home courses are designed to teach advanced concealed carry and shooting techniques to stay safe in public. You will learn techniques that there is no time to teach in a CWP class. Basic (one day). Advanced (5 hours minimum).

NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home will be offered to NRA Instructors and advanced shooters. Prerequisites for NRA Instructors are NRA Basic Pistol and NRA Personal Protection In The Home. Non-instructors who are proficient in handgun skills must take NRA Personal Protection In The Home. Instructors must take the prerequisites. NRA Instructors and Training Counselors must take the student version of NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home before taking the Instructor course.

NRA INSTRUCTOR, ADVANCED CLASSES, & CWP: Paladin Services LLC is Joseph KATZ (NRA Training Counselor, SLED Certified CWP Instructor, and NRA Certified Advanced

Pistol Instructor and Training Counselor) and Janet KATZ (NRA Training Counselor, SLED Certified CWP Instructor, and NRA Certified Advanced Pistol Instructor and Training Counselor), paladin@busman.com (803-783-0590).

NRA Pistol Instructor special course package: NRA Basic Instructor Training, NRA Pistol Instructor, and NRA Home Firearm Safety Instructor course package on March 28-29, 2015. Instructor candidates who qualify may apply to SLED for certification as a SC CWP Instructor. The course also qualifies instructors to teach the NRA Basic Pistol and Home Firearm Safety classes.

NRA Rifle Instructor class on August 22, 2015, for current NRA Instructors. Required NRA Basic Instructor Training can be taken March 28, or June 27 for candidates who are not currently NRA certified instructors. NRA Shotgun Instructor class on September 19, 2015.

Call Joseph KATZ (803-783-0590) or email paladin@busman.com with your phone number(s) so we can prequalify you for the class, determine your needs, and answer your questions.

NRA Range Safety Officer Training, an essential course for all trainers and support staff, will be offered on Saturday, February 21, and April 25, 2015.

SC CWP Legal Update. The new CWP law is substantially different from the older law and gun training is significantly different. MCRC members, family and friends who would like to be certified in the new law are invited to take an update “Legal Aspects of the SC CWP” from Paladin Services on February 7 or March 7, 2015. Members may also want to take a refresher on “Firearms Safety and Operations” on the same dates. Please contact Joseph KATZ (803-783-0590) or email paladin@busman.com with your phone number(s) so we can answer your questions.

Defensive Shotgun course on March 21, 2015, will help you learn how to protect your home and family using a basic shotgun.

Home Defense class, April 18, 2015, takes you beyond the CWP and handgun basics to help you develop strategies so you can protect yourself and your family in the real world.

Defensive Handgun 1 is offered July 18 and Defensive Handgun 2 on August 8, to enhance your shooting skills and ability to carry concealed because the real world outside your home is infinitely more complex.

Personal Training is useful for both new shooters and experienced shooters to overcome fear of firearms or to hone your marksmanship skills. Scheduled by appointment on weekday afternoons from 1–3 or 3–5 p.m.

Go to the Paladin Services LLC website www.paladin.busman.com for detailed training information and schedule for CWP, advanced classes, and personal training.

PALMETTO DEFENSE FIRE ARMS TRAINING: Dennis J. RYBICKI Sr. – South Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit Instructor. NRA Certified Pistol, Rifle Instructor, and NRA Range Safety Officer with over 33 years Firearms Instructor experience. Palmetto Defense will be conducting SC CWP and Florida CCW Classes – call 803-315-2456.

We also offer one on one and groups firearms training. Palmetto Defense offers a \$20.00 discount to MCRC members. For information please contact Dennis by phone at 803-315-2456 or at e-mail drybicki@palmettodefense.com. You can also visit our website www.palmettodefense.com for additional information and application.

DEFENDER FIREARMS TRAINING

Defender Firearms Training is Tommy and E’Lane Tipton. Located in the Redbank Crossing Shopping Center, Lexington, they offer firearms training for all levels: Introduction to pistol shooting, CWP and post-CWP defensive shooting instruction. They are authorized providers of

EAR, Inc. custom molded hearing protection. Match directors: Want to offer hearing protection made on-site? Call to discuss. Hours are Tues-Fri 10am – 4pm and by appointment. 803-807-0087. Web site is www.tegotactical.com.

SUAREZ INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

Alex Nieuwland (alex@trainingforlifellc.com)

The following Suarez International classes are currently scheduled at MCRC:

[Advanced Rifle Gunfighting class on February 6, 7 and 8](#)

Click on the links above or visit suarezinternationalstore.com to sign up.

SELF DEFENSE (CWP) CONCEALED CARRY TRAINING CENTER

We have a group of NRA and SLED Certified Instructors who have either retired from the Armed Forces or are currently serving. Our principal Instructor James D. "Jim" Jones served more than 20 years in the active Army Infantry branch, having taught thousands of combat soldiers and civilians small arms training and tactics since 1967.

Our training center is conveniently located in West Columbia. We specialize in South Carolina, Utah and Florida CWP and CFP training. We also offer abbreviated Military and Law Enforcement Officer (MIL/LEO) "South Carolina Legals Only Training" each scheduled CWP class.

Our class teaches the safe operation and use of the personal firearm for the Law Abiding Citizen with a emphasis on "reality scenarios" about real life situations and proper interaction with law enforcement, designed to give YOU the legal advantage if ever involved in a Self Defense shooting. We believe and teach that knowing "when to shoot is at least as important as how to shoot".

Furthermore, we complete your fingerprints and paperwork and deliver your completed CWP application to SLED for processing.

Come JOIN US for CWP training designed to SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Call Jim at 803-361-3742 or visit our website with complete calendar of scheduled classes and information. www.selfdefensecwp.com

OTHER STUFF:

THE GREAT UN GUN DEBATE: President Tom Thompson has two copies of the NRA's "The Great UN Gun Debate" available for loan. It is the debate between the NRA's Wayne LaPierre and the International Action Network on Small Arms' Rebecca Peters. If you are interested, please contact one of us at 803-755-7397. If no one has borrowed them at the time of the meeting, we will have them available.

TARGET STANDS: Order metal target stands from Roy Mullis. Contact Roy at 803-360-1490 or by email at cro@midcarolinarifleclub.com.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers are needed to help set up the Friday before the USPSA matches, the IDPA matches, and Steel Challenge matches. In fact, most of the match directors would welcome any assistance. You do not have to be a participant in the match the next day to help. Please realize that we are burning out match directors, because it is the same handful of people who are doing the work every time. Contact one of the match directors in this newsletter and volunteer to help.