



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

MEETING LOCATION: Monday, April 13, 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 April 2015

April 4 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Palmetto Posse) – First (1st) Saturday
April 5 9:00 AM NRA Light Rifle - First (1st) Sunday
April 11 9:00 AM Buffalo Rifle Match Second (2nd) Saturday
April 11 10:00 AM USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol Second (2nd) Saturday
April 12 9:00 AM NRA High Power Rifle – Second (2nd) Sunday
April 13 7:30 PM Meeting at Murray's (2nd) Monday
April 18 9:00 AM Bullseye 2700 – Third (3rd) Saturday
April 18 12:00 PM Metallic Rifle Silhouette – Third (3rd) Saturday
April 18 10:00 AM Steel Challenge – Third (3rd) Saturday
April 19 10:30 AM Metallic Pistol Silhouette – Third (3rd) Sunday
April 19 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Savannah River Rangers) – Third (3rd) Sunday
April 25 9:00 AM Black Powder – Fourth (4th) Saturday
April 25 10:00 AM IDPA Defensive (Carry) pistol – Fourth (4th) Saturday
April 29 SASS State Championship (Qual bay, Cooper Bays closed)
April 30 SASS State Championship (Qual bay, Cooper Bays closed)

Matches and upcoming events for May 2015

May 1 SASS State Championship (Entire Range Closed)
May 2 SASS State Championship (Entire Range Closed)
May 3 SASS State Championship (Entire Range Closed)
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May 9 10:00 AM USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol Second (2nd) Saturday
May 10 9:00 AM NRA High Power Rifle – Second (2nd) Sunday
May 11 7:30 PM Meeting at Murray's (2nd) Monday
May 16 9:00 AM Bullseye 2700 – Third (3rd) Saturday
May 16 12:00 PM Metallic Rifle Silhouette – Third (3rd) Saturday
May 16 10:00 AM Steel Challenge – Third (3rd) Saturday
May 17 10:30 AM Metallic Pistol Silhouette – Third (3rd) Sunday
May 17 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Savannah River Rangers) – Third (3rd) Sunday
May 23 9:00 AM Black Powder – Fourth (4th) Saturday
May 23 10:00 AM IDPA Defensive (Carry) pistol – Fourth (4th) Saturday

May 30

10:00 AM NCOWS

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

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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 4/13/2015. 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 – March 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order around 7:30 PM, by President Tom Thompson. There were forty eight (48) people in attendance:

Tom Thompson, Stephen Smith, Gary Gage, David Davis, Charles Hedgepath, Joe Metz, Rhonda Metz, Lee Rouse, Howard Lederfind, James Sowers, Jennings Waddell, Wesley Bommer, Roy Mullis, David Scott, Tommy Tipton, E' Lane Tipton, Sylvia Logon, Wade Logan, Dave Graley, Chuck Schenck, Larry Dodson, Phil Folkers, Roy Johnson, Chuck McMenemy, Julie Holling, Ronald Holcomb, Bill Adkins, Doug Snyder, Patrick Nolan, Jim Stewart, Dick Hackley, Tom Beattie, Robert Lipe, A. Ferraro, Henry Doby, Gloria Doby, Joseph Katz, Janet Katz, Jethro Currie Jr., Alex Nieuwland, Rob Butler, Patten Watson, Wayne Robinson, Rick Hurst, Frank Headley, Jon Lebeau, Jeff Burge and William Fultz.

Tom Thompson 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).

Tom Thompson reported:

- 1) One member was suspended for six months for shooting into the ground. The member's target was improperly placed. Twice.
- 2) Other than that, things are going well.

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

Stephen Smith reported:

- 1) Please keep your email address up to date. Use the member services web site.
- 2) The member renewal form has been updated, as have the club rules. When renewing your membership, please use the current form. The club rules have changed, so please review.
- 3) The Range safety briefing for new members will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30am.

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:

- 1) Sign in log: Everyone at the meeting should sign the sign in log. If you are in the room, your name should be on the log. Please sign it so I can read it.
- 2) 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:

- 1) The purpose for the shotgun bay is for patterning shotguns, not blowing things up.
- 2) The rules for the Rimfire bay have been modified, please check the website for the new rules.
- 3) Wait for the gate to close before driving off. We've had folks sneak in.
- 4) Please do not feed the cat. The food left out for her is attracting all sorts of strays. And please drive carefully. The Range Cat likes to lie in front of cars.

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

Chuck McMenamy reported:

What a beautiful day, today was. I really appreciate you coming out to shoot with us on this beautiful day. We had 15 shooters for today's match and had three leave because it was going to be a two relay match. Had they elected to stay and shoot that would have been 18 shooters and a

terrific turnout. When you come to shoot please expect the match to be two relays. We have been growing and growth is great for the sport.

Included in today's shooters was the future of this sport! We have the Palmetto State Marksman's Association "Copperheads" join us! The Copperheads are the Junior program of Palmetto State Marksman's Association. Their coach Robert Gibson (You will hear that name again later!) should be very proud. These young shooters are not only a very safe group but improving each and every match.

We were glad to host you again and please keep coming back.

We also welcomed back some long lost friends, Sean Hopkins and Charles Schenck. Welcome back guys.

Today was our third match of 2015 and we are starting out like last year. Three match's and now three different winners. No one want to take command and is leaving the door open to all.

Today's Match Results:

Overall Match Winner/1st Master Class: Robert Gibson shooting 484-17X. Robert did not miss a beat in all stages of the match! Great shooting and great win. Robert started with a 2 point lead after Standing slow fire and never looked back.

2nd Overall: Clay Marshall shooting 476-8X.

3rd Overall: Bryan Padgett shooting 470-6X.

1st Master Class: Robert Gibson.

1st Expert Class: Steven H. Allen.

1st Marksman: Jeff Howell.

1st Unclassified: David Scott.

Congratulations are in order for the following Shooter:

1) David Scott: Unclassified Shooter and fired an Expert Class Score.

2) Jeff Howell: Marksman Class Shooter and fired an Expert Class Score.

3) Sean Hopkins: Marksman Class Shooter and fired a Sharpshooter Class Score.

4) John Potter: Marksman Class shooter fired a Sharpshooter Class Score.

5) Danie Bootha: Shooting his second Expert Class Score in a row! Danie is getting it all back together and almost back in his before eye surgery form. Great job Danie! I am very happy for you and know you have worked hard!

I appreciate everyone helping out today and look forward to seeing everyone again Sunday April 12, 2015 for our next match. We will start the year with four different match winners???? Well come out and take the win! Thanks again to everyone especially Clay Marshall and everyone who helped put things away what a welcome surprised to see the targets refaced and tubes replaced. I cannot thank you enough.

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

Larry Dodson reported:

The Light Rifle Match for March was a rain out, only Mical Bowling showed up. We decided not to even set up any targets. Hope to see everyone next month!!

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
Tom Thompson reported:

We had a total of 7 shooters at the Appleseed this weekend. The weather was nasty but we persevered. We had two gents earn their Rifleman patch.

Next event is April 18-19. Club members shoot free on a first come first serve basis. Please email me at appleseedsc@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Appleseed dates for 2015 are:

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 Appleseed 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).
Rhonda Metz reported.

Thanks to Stone Ground and Lorenzo Kid for their help in setting up and running the March match.

Also, many thanks to all those cowboys who helped put everything away afterwards. We would not be able to have these matches without this help. My arm isn't completely healed but it is much better which allowed me to lift some steel and be able to shoot the match.

Our March match took place on March 7th in the Cooper Bays where we had 23 participating as well as some new folk out "checking it out." Of course we managed to find a way to let them give it a whirl.

Our match winners were 1st Kid Ray, 2nd Bulls Head Bill, 3rd Knot Hardly Dunn, 4th Shamrock Sadie and 5th Cowboy Junky. Moving targets are always interesting as well as challenging, so Stone Ground provided us with 2 stages where we had some "bad guys" coming after us on a moving mine car. Challenging but a lot of fun.

Clean shooters were: Rider in the Sky and Commanche Moon Morgan

We must now turn our focus toward readying ourselves to host the SASS SC State Cowboy Action Shooting Championship to be known as The Duel in Dixie. This will take place at MCRC from April 30th – May 3rd.

There has been a change in what was going to be the March Wild Bunch match at Greenville Gun Club on March 29th. GGC is hosting a 3 Gun match that day so we will not have a WB match this month.

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:

- Match was February 15th.
- Weather was very cold.
- 13 brave shooters came out.
- 1st – Blackhawk Henry, 2nd – Kid Ray, 3rd – Shamrock Sadie, 4th – Stone Ground, 5th – Knot Hardly Dunn.
- 1 clean shooter – Blackhawk Henry.

- Next Match is March. 15th.

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. Visit the NEW Savannah River Rangers website: www.savannahriverrangers.com.

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

2/14/15 Valentine's Day Buffalo Rifle Match results.

Sunny with cool temperatures brought out 5 shooters for this event.

Standing off hand was won by Ken Parks with a score of 13/15. Standing supported went to Bob Taylor with a score of 15/15 and closely followed by Joe Kateman with a 14/15. Sitting supported went to Bob Taylor after a shoot off with Wayne Robinson with scores of 15/15.

Grand aggregate was won by Wayne Robinson with a score of 38/45.

Winner of the "special" Valentine King Target match went to Joe Kateman. Joe already has a King Target made for the next match.

Thanks to Chuck McMenemy for filling in as match director and all competitors for the help in setting up and putting away the target equipment. Also see Chuck for a play by play of this Buffalo rifle match.

Next scheduled match is March 14th.

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
digraley@aol.com (803-419-2772) – Saluda Saddle Tramps is the South Carolina posse of the National Congress of Old West Shootists.
Dave Graley reported.

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)
Tom Thompson reported:

We had chilly day for our February USPSA match. 63 shooters competed, and that included 4 ladies and 2 new shooters. Josh Sightler from Columbia was the top Open division shooter and Dewey Hutson from Augusta was the high Limited division shooter. Mike Joyner from Charleston was the top Limited 10 division shooter. MCRC member Bob Bailey was the high Production division shooter. In Single Stack division, Aric Cowart from Spartanburg posted the highest scores. Larry Huey was the only shooter in Revolver division.

Our next match is Saturday, March 14. We are having a "special Classifier match," with all six stages eligible to help a shooter earn a USPSA National Classification. Set up will be Friday starting at 12:30 PM and Dennis Coggins could use some help.

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)
Gary Gage reported:

Our first 2700 Bullseye match of the year was held on the 21st. We had a cold start in the 20's but by the time we left it was over 60! 8 shooters showed up including one new shooter Barry Wilson who shot Bullseye for the first time shooting only the .22 stage. He drove 90 minutes to get here.

The high High Master Eric Lawrence was the overall winner with a 2561-81x. The Top Master was Mitch Henson with 2501-55x. Second Master was Bill Cox 2492-61x. The new guy Barry Wilson shot a 653-2x, pretty good for his first time. Rene Wilson was high Expert with 2504-67x. First Sharpshooter was John Patton with a 2191-20x. The top Marksman was Stephen Williams with a 2375-37x, second Rush Simmons with a 2137-12x. March 21st will our next match. We expect better weather and better turnout.

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)

Tom Thompson reported for Mical:

The monthly smallbore rifle silhouette match was held at noon on Saturday the 21st of February. While skies were clear and it was a cool morning, there was a stiff breeze. In the hunter match, the breeze became gusty and this affected the scores of all the participants. Mical won both the standard and the hunter match.

The next match will be at noon on Saturday March 21st.

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:

This is where I circulate the match results. To get to the point, there are no results, since there was no match. Only Larry, Ken, and I were dedicated (some might say foolish) enough to show up in the 30 degree temperature. Some of you decided it made more sense to stay in the comfort of a nice warm bed than to endure the cold weather. YOU WERE SO RIGHT!

Anyway, hopefully we'll have our first 2015 match on March 22.

See you next month.

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).

Tom Thompson reported:

We shot a novelty shoot on Feb 28th. (Playing cards on edge, Poker chips on strings, balloons on strings blowing in the wind, paint balls on golf tees, a paper candle with orange wick, and many more!!!! Sam Jones 1st rifle, Charlie Francis 2nd and Dave Graley 3rd.

Pistol shoot was paper targets. Charlie Francis was 1st and there was a 3-way tie for 2nd!!!

Next shoot on March 28. It is our annual 'Mike Fink' Shoot. Great Fun!!!

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 mrcidpa@earthlink.net or pkfolkers@earthlink.net. (803-414-1324)

Phil Folkers reported:

We had 53 shooters at our match on February 28th. The day started cold and breezy, but warmed up enough to be comfortable for the second half of the match.

Mike Fowke was the only Sharpshooter in CDP. Mike Phillips was the only Marksman.

Colt Driver was the only Sharpshooter in ESP. Michael Dawson was the only Marksman.

Bob Bailey was the only Master in SSP. Kevin Ackim was first Expert and Richard Pugh was second. Larry Dodson was third. Wayne Troutman was first Sharpshooter. Tim Fritz was second and Barry Downing was third. Jeff Burge was first Marksman. Paul Gentner was second and Corey Hayes was third. Emilie Lattimore was first Novice. There were 11 shooters who signed up as unclassified, but I believe that was an error for some of them, as they have shot before.

Nick Sporinsky was the only revolver shooter.

We had a number of unclassified shooters and we hope to give them a chance to become classified this month.

Our next match will be the Classifier on March 28, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, March 27 in the afternoon. Please come out to help if you can. Setup crew members, Safety Officers and Score Keepers shoot for free.

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).

Julie Holling reported:

On February 21, we had 39 shooters with 55 firearms. That included four ladies and two juniors. One of the juniors was a young lady shooting her first match, and she had a blast. Jack Suber won Open in 69.08 seconds. He also won Rimfire Rifle Open in 60.34 seconds. Ryan Kidd led Limited in 74.95 seconds. Ron Arsenault won Production in 94.43 seconds. Jack Gassaway won Single Stack with a time of 84.01. Corey Hayes won the Rimfire Pistol Open division with a time of 66.14 seconds. Dennis Coggins led Rimfire Pistol Iron in 79.80 seconds. Michael Hayes led the Rimfire Rifle Iron division with a time of 88.13 seconds.

Our next match will be on Saturday, March 21. Preregistration thru Practiscore.com is required. Anyone who is not a new shooter will be charged an extra \$5 to register at the range on match day. If you are interested in helping set up for the match and getting a \$10 discount on your match fee, please contact Julie the week before the match for information about it. Registration at the range starts at 9:30, and the match starts 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:

There are just a few M-1 Garands left. Your order must be in by 3/11/15.

Field Grade - \$810
Service (issue) Grade - \$960

Some ammunition is available.

Check cmp.org for further information or call me at 803-920-2673
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:

H. 3669 would regulate the sale of handguns between individuals. A seller of a handgun would need to get a license from SLED before selling a handgun. The license would cost \$100 and the fee could go up at a later date. SLED would not be required to issue a license because the license would not be "shall issue."

The license applicant would need to post a bond, cash, or other securities acceptable to SLED valued at \$5,000.

The bill states "[t]o insure compliance with the provisions contained in this section, a license holder shall make available for inspection by SLED upon request all handguns in his possession." Unless SLED knows all the handguns a person possesses in the first place, then checking on what they possess at any other point in time tells them nothing. This is an attempt to create a handgun registration in SC.

The bill states "[a] license holder may not hold, handle, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise possess a handgun in violation of federal or state law." So, if you possessed a license, and someone tried to sell you a handgun with the serial number already removed from it, you would not know about the gun being in violation of the law until after you had already held or handled the gun. This is another overly broad bill created to make criminals out of as many people as possible.

Violations of this bill would be a felony with a lifetime federal firearms disability.

H. 3716 is another so called Constitutional Carry bill. What sets this bill apart from the others is that this bill includes unconstitutional gun control not found in current law! Yes, this bill seeks to enact legislation that has already been ruled to be unconstitutional by the SC Supreme Court, and they want to do this under the guise of Constitutional Carry. But, there are more problems with this bill than just including unconstitutional gun control.

Back in 2008, the SC Supreme Court ruled in *State v. Bolin*, 378 S.C. 96, 662 S.E.2d 38 (2008), that it was unconstitutional under the SC Constitution to deny 18 to 20 year old adults the right to possess handguns because it discriminated against such young adults based upon their age. Yet, this

so called Constitutional Carry bill would deny 18 to 20 year old adults the right to possess a handgun older adults could possess based solely upon their age - which is clearly unconstitutional! How ironic - or should I say sad - that this would be included in a Constitutional Carry bill.

In addition to including unconstitutional gun control, this bill is poorly drafted in other ways, too.

This bill seeks to establish Constitutional Carry by adding another item to the list of exceptions found in Section 16-23-20. Section 16-23-20 is the law that makes it illegal to possess a handgun unless you fit into one of the listed exceptions. There are currently 16 listed exceptions. This bill would add number 17, which would create an exception for “a person who is at least twenty-one years of age and who is not prohibited from possessing firearms under state and federal law, whether or not the person is a resident of the State.”

It is obvious the intent of this bill is to discriminate against 18 to 20 year old adults because otherwise there would be no need to keep any of the other 16 listed exceptions. The only reason to keep the other 16 listed exceptions is to give those people not yet 21 years of age an exception to possess a handgun. So, why unconstitutionally discriminate against 18 to 20 year old adults in a Constitutional Carry bill?

Under proposed Section 16-23-20(17)(B), this bill mistakes a non authorization to carry found in Section 23-31-215(M) as being a prohibition. Non authorization and prohibition are not the same thing. A person can not give me permission to carry in violation of a prohibition. But, I can be given permission to carry in a place not authorized.

This bill attempts to allow a person who does not possess a CWP to possess a handgun on school property just as a person with a SC CWP can do now. But, this bill fails to do so. In fact, it creates a trap for non CWP holders that could get them punished with federal lifetime firearms disabilities even though they followed the law as drafted in this bill. Let me explain.

There exists a federal “Gun Free School Zones Act,” which prohibits firearms on or around school zones. The “Gun Free School Zones Act” creates an exception for a SC CWP holder because a SC CWP holder must undergo a background check. There is no general exception for persons with no CWP. So, under federal law, a SC CWP holder could actually carry a concealed weapon inside of a school. But, SC law prohibits a SC CWP holder from possessing a firearm on school grounds unless the firearm is in a locked or attended vehicle and the firearm is stored in one of the listed locations. See Sections 16-23-420 and 430.

This bill would change the SC law from only allowing a SC CWP holder to possess a firearm on school grounds under certain conditions to allowing any person “lawfully [] carrying a weapon” to do so under the same conditions. This change might lead someone without a CWP to believe they could now legally possess a firearm in their vehicle while on school grounds under SC law. But, they would be wrong.

If a non CWP holder possesses a firearm in a federal “Gun Free School Zones Act” location - which includes SC schools, they are breaking federal law and therefore can not be “lawfully” carrying a firearm. Since the proposed changes in SC law in this so called Constitutional Carry bill would only protect those “lawfully” carrying a firearm, these proposed changes would not apply to or

protect a non CWP holder. And since the proposed changes would not apply to a non CWP holder, any person without a SC CWP would still be committing a SC felony - in addition to the federal felony - for having a firearm in their vehicle on school grounds.

Another potential problem comes from confusing "handgun" with "concealable weapon." They are not the same thing. A concealable weapon is defined as being a firearm with a longest dimension of less than 12" and carried concealed. The primary change in this bill to create Constitutional Carry is to Section 16-23-20, which applies to all handguns and does not require the handgun to be carried concealed. A person might assume changes elsewhere in the law also apply to all handguns. But, that is not the case. Some of the changes elsewhere only apply to concealable weapons, not all handguns. See proposed changes to Section 51-3-145(G).

A good example of the problems resulting from trying to use handgun and concealable weapon interchangeably can be seen in the proposed changes to Sections 23-31-220 and 225. Lets assume a person is carrying a .44 Magnum handgun that measures more than 12" along its greatest dimension. This handgun is not a "concealable weapon" as defined by statute even though it can be carried concealed. Since Sections 23-31-220 and 225 only apply to concealable weapons, a person carrying a .44 Magnum that measured over 12" in length would be allowed to carry into places - i.e., businesses and private residences - that were posted against or otherwise legally prohibited carry locations for concealable weapons.

This bill needs to be killed. We should never support more unconstitutional gun control, even if it is hidden in a so called Constitutional Carry bill. We should also ensure our laws are well drafted and do not entrap our gun owning citizens or allow for unintended consequences. Most importantly, we should never force people to go to court and spend a fortune to define ambiguous, vague, or poorly drafted legislation.

H. 3798 states:

"Section 16-23-525. (A) It is unlawful for a person to use, transport, manufacture, possess, distribute, sell, or buy green tip ammunition.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both."

So, if this bill gets enacted into law, AR-15 users are going to be in a lot of hurt if they own any any green tip ammo. This bill is a lot worse than Obama's green tip ban.

H. 3799 would recognize a NC and GA CWP. It should be noted that NC is currently a CWP reciprocal state, so this bill does nothing to help us in NC. The only state this bill might help with is GA.

But, this bill does not stop with CWP recognition of NC and GA. If it had stopped there, it would

have been a step forward towards CWP recognition for all - and it would have been worthy of our support. But, the bill did not stop there. And that is where the problems lie, and that is why this bill does not deserve our support as currently drafted.

This bill goes on to state “[t]he reciprocity provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the holder of any out-of-state permit or license to carry, in this State, any firearm or weapon other than a handgun.” One of the rules of statutory interpretation is that no language is to be considered as superfluous. The courts will say this language has to have some meaning because to ignore it would be to rule it was superfluous. So, what does this mean? Remember, it must mean something.

The term “weapon” is not defined in the CWP law, but it is defined in Section 16-23-405 wherein it states “‘weapon’ means firearm (rifle, shotgun, pistol, or similar device that propels a projectile through the energy of an explosive), a blackjack, a metal pipe or pole, or any other type of device, or object which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death.” It could be argued this bill would make a criminal out of any out-of-state CWP holder carrying “any other type of device, or object which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death.” This is overly broad language used to make sure the government can convict anyone of a crime if they are so inclined, and this time it would single out NC and GA gun owners with a CWP.

Could this bill be used to make a criminal out of an out-of-state CWP holder carrying a rifle or shotgun during hunting season or at a shooting range? Could out-of-state Cowboy Action shooters or High Power Rifle shooters be turned into criminals? Could this bill be used to harass NC and GA CWP holders even if criminal prosecutions eventually fail? Do we want to force GA and NC CWP holders to buy yachts for defense attorneys?

Some may think I am being paranoid. But, lets look at who is supporting this bill. There are 62 co-sponsors of this bill, and 16 of them are Democrats. One of these Democratic co-sponsors is Gilda Cobb-Hunter. Rep. Cobb-Hunter has a long history of being anti gun. Other Democratic co-sponsors also have a history of being anti gun. Why would they suddenly become co-sponsors of a pro gun bill? Or, do they also think this bill can be used as a Trojan Horse to harm NC and GA CWP holders?

Here are some of those Democrats along with other anti gun bills they are supporting:

Alexander supports this bill and also is a cosponsor of H. 3033 - the universal gun registration bill, H. 3043 - the lock up your safety bill, and H. 3411 - the bill to increase penalties for mere possession of a handgun.

Cobb-Hunter supports this bill and also is a cosponsor of H. 3033 - the universal gun registration bill, and H. 3043 - the lock up your safety bill.

Dillard supports this bill and also is a cosponsor of H. 3043 - the lock up your safety bill, and H. 3669 - the bill to create a gun registration and license for the sale of handguns between individuals.

Hosey supports this bill and also is a cosponsor of H. 3411 - the bill to increase penalties for mere possession of a handgun, and H. 3669 - the bill to create a gun registration and license for the sale

of handguns between individuals.

Jefferson supports this bill and also is a cosponsor of H. 3411 - the bill to increase penalties for mere possession of a handgun, and H. 3669 - the bill to create a gun registration and license for the sale of handguns between individuals.

As can be seen, these co-sponsors of H. 3799 are not the friends of gun owners. The flaws I see in this bill are also seen by the anti gun people as a way to harm us.

I can see no good in the extra language in this bill and a lot of possible harm. Why take such a chance? This bill will make a lot of money for defense attorneys hired by gun owners as the meaning of the extra language gets worked out in the courts. The extra language should be deleted from the bill because it serves no useful purpose and can only be used to harm the interests of gun owners.

Better yet, tell the pro gun politicians to kill this poorly drafted, ambiguous bill. Tell the politicians that if they are truly pro gun, they would enact H. 3025 after amending it to have SLED continue to maintain a list of CWP reciprocal states. Then, instead of just granting CWP recognition to GA and NC, we would grant CWP recognition to every state. This bill has the potential to be very bad for gun owners - as evidenced by the large anti gun Democratic support, and there is no good reason to support this bill over H. 3025.

GRASSROOTS UPDATE:

Rob Butler reported:

Grassroots is in a holding period until Rob can get a newsletter put together and published. The future of Grassroots will depend on the level of support shown by former and potential members. Rob doubts that Grassroots will be able to be a factor in this year's session.

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:

There were nine (9) new members voted into the club:

Amanda Gayle Atkins, Matthew Roger Crook, William Andrew Crooks, Laura C. Fultz, William E. Fultz, Colin A. Johnson, Kyle T. Johnson, Sylvia L. Ligon and Wade Edward Ligon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CWP & SHOOTING INSTRUCTION&SERVICES

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 June 27-28, 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, April 25, 2015.

SC CWP, Florida CWP, and SC CWP Legal Update. The new SC CWP law is substantially different from the older law. MCRC members, family and friends who already have a CWP and 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 May 2 and 16, or June 6, 2015. Members may also want to take a refresher on “Firearms Safety and Operations” and get certified for the SC CWP and Florida CWP 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 June 20, 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.

Clark's Bullets is now "Clark's Bullets by Scarlett" owned by Tego Tactical, LLC. The email address for information on availability and pricing is clarksbullets@gmail.com.

SUAREZ INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

Alex Nieuwland (alex@trainingforlifellc.com)

The following Suarez International classes are currently scheduled at MCRC:

[Combat Pistol Marksmanship on March 14](#). This is a 1-day pistol fundamentals class that teaches all of the details needed to use a pistol well. It lays the foundation that all other pistol skills are based on.

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

In addition, Alex will be teaching an [Advanced CWP Course on March 15](#). This is a hands-on class meant for CWP holders who want to learn how to use their handguns better in real defensive situations. Click on the link above or visit trainingforlifellc.com/advancedcwp/ for full details.

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.