



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

MEETING LOCATION: Monday, May 11, 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 May 2015

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| April 28-April 29 | SASS State Championship Setup (Hathcock, Rimfire and Plates Open, All other bays closed.) |
| April 30 | SASS State Championship Setup (Rimfire and Plates Open, All other bays closed.) |
| May 1 | SASS State Championship (Hathcock and Rimfire open, all other bays closed.) |
| May 2 | SASS State Championship (Hathcock and Rimfire open, all other bays closed.) |
| May 3 | SASS State Championship (Hathcock and Rimfire open, all other bays closed.) |
| May 3 | 9:00 AM NRA Light Rifle - First (1 st) Sunday |
| May 9 | 9:00 AM Buffalo Rifle Match Second (2 nd) Saturday |
| May 9 | 10:00 AM USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol Second (2 nd) Saturday |
| May 10 | 9:00 AM NRA High Power Rifle – Second (2 nd) Sunday |
| May 11 | 7:30 PM Meeting at Murray's (2nd) Monday |
| May 16 | 9:00 AM Bullseye 2700 – Third (3 rd) Saturday |
| May 16 | 12:00 PM Metallic Rifle Silhouette – Third (3 rd) Saturday |
| May 16 | 10:00 AM Steel Challenge – Third (3 rd) Saturday |
| May 17 | 10:30 AM Metallic Pistol Silhouette – Third (3 rd) Sunday |
| May 17 | 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Savannah River Rangers) – Third (3 rd) Sunday |
| May 23 | 9:00 AM Black Powder – Fourth (4 th) Saturday |
| May 23 | 10:00 AM IDPA Defensive (Carry) pistol – Fourth (4 th) Saturday |
| May 30 | 10:00 AM NCOWS |

Matches and upcoming events for June 2015

June 6 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Palmetto Posse) – First (1st) Saturday
June 7 9:00 AM NRA Light Rifle - First (1st) Sunday
June 8 7:30 PM Meeting at Murray's (2nd) Monday
June 13 9:00 AM Buffalo Rifle Match Second (2nd) Saturday
June 13 10:00 AM USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol Second (2nd) Saturday
June 14 9:00 AM NRA High Power Rifle – Second (2nd) Sunday
June 20 9:00 AM Bullseye 2700 – Third (3rd) Saturday
June 20 12:00 PM Metallic Rifle Silhouette – Third (3rd) Saturday
June 20 10:00 AM Steel Challenge – Third (3rd) Saturday
June 21 10:30 AM Metallic Pistol Silhouette – Third (3rd) Sunday
June 21 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Savannah River Rangers) – Third (3rd) Sunday
June 27 9:00 AM Black Powder – Fourth (4th) Saturday
June 27 10:00 AM IDPA Defensive (Carry) pistol – Fourth (4th) Saturday

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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 5/11/2015. 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 – April 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order around 7:30 PM, by President Tom Thompson. There were forty two (42) people in attendance:

Tom Thompson, Stephen Smith, Roy Mullis, Gary Gage, Joe Metz, Rhonda Metz, Frank Parker, Jennifer Parker, Kyle Collins, Julie Holling, Donnie Bryson, Larry Dodson, Michael Carr, Eric Wright, Doug Snyder, Edwin Hornaday, Blaine Newman, Chuck McMenemy, Wesley Bommer, Charley Frances, Charles Hedgepath, David Scott, Phil Folkers, Roy Johnson, Alex Nieuwland, Marc Crain, Debbie Crain, Jethro Currie Jr., Tom Beattie, Rod Nixon, Jane Johns, David Shepard, Alex Redden, Aaron redden, Johnson B. Freeman, Joe Burns, Tyler Burns, Wayne Robinson, Joseph Katz, Janet Katz, Christie Hopkins, and Larry Brown.

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 found to be in error. The March minutes will be reposted and approved at the May meeting.

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

Tom Thompson reported:

- 1) One member was suspended for six months for a guest shooting into the ground.
- 2) Other than that, things are going well.

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

Stephen Smith reported:

- 1) To contact club officers, please use the Member Services Website, not the main website.
- 2) The Range safety briefing for new members will be held on Saturday, April 25 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) In process of rebuilding 2700 bay berms.
- 2) Will be starting process of repainting. Could not find paint to match the pollen, so settled on Gray.
- 3) It's almost watering time, so hoses will be out. Do not shoot the hoses.
- 4) Please do not feed the cat. All the extra food is attracting vermin. She gets quite enough to eat.
- 5) If anyone has any spare perennials or bulbs that they would like to donate for the range beautification program, see Roy.
- 6) The land behind the Hathcock Range has been sold, and is being developed into a horse farm. A barn is being built just to the left of the Hathcock Range. Please be VERY careful. The horses that will be there are extremely expensive.
- 7) The web site contains outdated information. Please update so we can get a brochure printed up for use at gun shows.

Julie Holling reported:

- 1) Please keep bathroom doors shut and lids down. Trying to keep wasp and mosquito infestations down.
- 2) Bathrooms are cleaned once a week. Member assistance in keeping things clean is

appreciated.

3) In the Men's Bathroom by the Cooper Bays the walls had to be cleaned.

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 McMenary reported:

Match was held on Sunday, April 12, 2015.

Those of you who could not make it today missed a beautiful day to shoot a rifle match! We were able to welcome back Ed Skeels and Wade Huntley from "Polk County Gun Club" It is very nice for these guy's to come here and support our rifle match and I hope some of us will remember and try to do the same. They run a very good match and a very nice facility. Just e-mail me and I will provide a link to their web site which has their schedule. They run a "Top Notch" Garand Match every year too!

We also welcomed a new shooter today. Miles Huggins fired his first High Power Match today. It was sad that he was stuck with me as a coach but in spite of that Miles shot very well. Not a Miss in Standing Unsupported!!! Welcome Miles and we hope you keep coming back.

Today's Match Winner: Bryan Padgett shooting a 481-14X. This win made Bryan the first multiple winner in 2015. So everyone else is now in catch up mode. Bryan, meanwhile has to keep the pressure on by repeating today's performance. He had to earn it by edging out a little rusty Maurice Huffman who fired a 480-16X.

1st Place: Bryan Padgett - 481-14X.

2nd Place: Maurice Huffman - 480-16X.

3rd Place: Joey Hodge - 478-11X.

These three had quite a contest!

1st Service Rifle: Bryan Padgett.

1st Match Rifle: J.D. Scott.

1st Optic Rifle: Danie Bootha.

1st Master Class: Bryan Padgett.

1st Expert Class: Wade Huntley.

1st Sharpshooter Class: None Competing.

1st Marksman Class: John Potter.

1st Unclassified: Miles Huggins.

Shooters excelling and shooting above their current Classification. Yes these shooters are on the way up.

1) J.D. Scott: Currently Unclassified fired an Expert Class Score.

2) John Potter: Currently Marksman Class fired a Sharpshooter Class Score.

3) Scott Johnson: Currently Marksman Class fired a Sharpshooter Class Score.

Great shooting.

I really appreciate everyone helping set up and put everything away. It means a lot to me and I always want to be sure to thank you.

I hope to see everyone again at the "Clay Marshall Mother's Day Match" Yes that is our next match Sunday May 10, 2015.

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

Larry Dodson reported:

The April Light Rifle Match was held on the first Sunday as scheduled with 11 shooters. WE want to welcome new shooters; Kevin Linderman, Carter Linderman, and Sonny Josker; Carter is a junior shooter (9 years old)!!

There were 2 shooters in the Hi-Power class; 4 used Iron/Peep sights; and 5 used scoped rifles today. Overall high score was Mical Bowling with a great 375 out of 400, Bryan Padgett had a 360; Miles Huggins had a 358..Great job to all!

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:

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

Project Applesed 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.

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 March 15th.
- Weather was sunny and beautiful.
- 36 shooters came out, a club record for attendance!
- 1st – Cowboy Junky, 2nd – Stone Ground, 3rd – Sue Render, 4th – Kid Ray, 5th – River Rat Randy.
- 5 clean shooters – Cowboy Junky, Dirty Dowd, Doc Kemm, Kamanche Moon Morgan and Stone Ground.
- Next Match is April 19th.

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:

The March match was rained out, so nothing to report there.

The April 11 Match was held.

What a great day for a shoot. Rain stopped and Jethro made it before 930am! Eight shooters braved the 68f temp. Ken Parks, Bob Taylor, Jethro Currie, Joe Kateman, Eric Wright, Rick Brewer, Wayne Robinson, and Norm Presto. All were thankful for the overcast weather. See the smiling faces...

Over all aggregate winner was Jethro Currie with a 41/45 as well as winning the off-hand 11/15.

Bob Taylor tied Jethro in Sitting Supported and Standing Supported with perfect scores of 15/15. In the shoot off, Bob Taylor won the Standing Supported and Jethro won the Sitting Supported.

The Buffalo Chip awards went to Wayne, Joe and Norm for shooting genuine black powder. Maybe the MD (WR) will not forget to bring them next time... Good shooting guys.

Joe Kateman provided the King target this month, a colored Wheel of Fortune that Jethro won by a 1/16 of an inch from Eric Wright. Great shooting everyone.

Thank you for helping in setting up and breaking down. Hope to see everyone next month.

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

The Saluda Saddle Tramps, the South Carolina posse representing the National Congress of Old West Shootists, held their first match of 2015 on March 29. The chilly, breezy 29 degree morning was tempered by ample hot coffee.

Our group has been slowly growing, and at this match we had a record 16 shooters competing in 6 different shooting classes, including a 14 year old junior lady who performed very well. Most of our members are now in period clothing with period accouterments and carrying period firearms, both reproduction and originals. New shooters are given 18 months to complete their kits.

Our next match will be on May 30, 2015 in the Cooper Bays.

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 have had 2 matches since the last meeting. 29 shooters competed in the March match, which was a Special Classifier match. Over 50 had signed up, but threats of rainy weather kept many away. Fortunately, there was virtually no rain during the match. This competition had 6 stages that were all selected from the National Classification Course Book. Dennis Coggins was the acting Match Director. MCRC member George Williams was the top Open division shooter. David Strickland from Charleston was the winner in Limited division, and Rachael Granico, visiting from Delaware, was the high Limited 10 division shooter. In Production division, MCRC member Bob Bailey posted the highest scores. Mark Chapman was the high Single Stack division shooter. We did not have any competitors shooting in Revolver division.

At the April match, we had 55 shooters. That is a great turnout, considering that the Area 6 (a seven state southeastern Regional championship) was held the same weekend in Florida. Many of our regular competitors were out of town for the Championship. But, we were finally blessed with perfect shooting weather. Dennis Coggins was again the acting Match Director, and we shot some of his original stage designs at the match. Josh Sightler from Columbia was the top Open division shooter and David Strickland from Charleston was again the winner in Limited division. Dave Griffith from Cheraw was the Limited 10 division winner. MCRC member Bob Bailey repeated as Production division winner. Robbie Hewitt was the high Single Stack division shooter. Larry Huey was the only competitor shooting in Revolver division.

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 center fire pistol if you have enough magazines for it.

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

Mike Carr reported:

The March 2700 match was held on the 21st. We started out with 12 shooters with several new shooters. We shot one stage when I found out one of our new shooters was looking for the CWP class! Well it was a good start for a great day. High Master Neil Roberts shot a 2606-104x. Top Master was Dave Salyer with 2326-37x. Three new shooters Burt Hendrik, J.B. Stern and Barry Wilson shot two stages. We allow to shoot single stages or the entire match with whatever gun you may have for those just starting out. High Expert was Kent Blocksome with 2450-49x and Richard Robison second with 2396-56x. Rush Simmons was top Marksman with a 2151-18x. We had 4 other shooters who only shot two stages David Vinkler, Isaac McCaskill, and Bob Penny. Next match will be April 18th.

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 March. It turned out to be a very pleasant early spring day. Skies were clear with little wind and temperatures were comfortable throughout the match. Turnout was the best we have had in some time. Tom McRary who made the trip down from North Carolina almost caught Mical in the Standard rifle match. Mical was the match winner in both matches.

BECAUSE THE GEORGIA STATE SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD WEEKEND OF APRIL, THE MCRC MONTHLY RIFLE SILHOUETTE MATCH WILL NOT BE HELD IN APRIL.

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:

Okay,

We finally pulled off our first 2015 match. And what great weather we had. Larry continued his 2014 winning ways by winning both matches, as usual. Rick also shot well. Using iron sights, a real man, Rick shot 22 of 40. Two more points and he would have set a new iron sight record.

Well hope to see everyone 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:

Mid-Carolina Muzzleloaders had their annual 'Mike Fink' shoot on March 28. If you are old enough to remember Walt Disney's Davie Crockett and the River Boat Pirates then you will know who Mike Fink was.

1st place was Sam Jones and 2nd place was Rick Brewer. We had a fun match after, kept no score and everybody won!!!

April Match is a Turkey shoot. All targets will be a Turkey of some sort. Great fun. Come one, come all to the Great Turkey Shoot April 25th!!!!

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 Classifier match on March 28th out of 59 who signed up. 2 shooters didn't complete the match and 1 shooter was disqualified for a safety violation.

Our next match will be a regular IDPA match on April 25, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, April 24 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.

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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).
Donnie Bryson reported:

On March 21, we had 39 shooters with 60 firearms. That included four ladies and 5 new shooters. Jack Suber won Open in 70.28 seconds. Mark Sullivan led Limited in 88.86 seconds. Larry H. Lynn won Production in 91.15 seconds. Jack Gassaway won Single Stack with a time of 76.98. He also won Rimfire Pistol Iron in 73.13 seconds. Donnie Bryson won the Rimfire Pistol Open division with a time of 61.39 seconds. Art Brown won Rimfire Rifle Open in 58.78 seconds. Rimfire Rifle Iron division only had 2 competitors, so there was no official winner.

Our next match will be on Saturday, April 18. 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, Donnie will be doing set-up at about noon on Friday. Registration at the range Saturday starts by 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).
Tom Thompson reported:

John showed up for the last two Fridays and no juniors showed up.

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)

No report.

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)
Tom Thompson reported:

Actions on bills previously reported upon:

H. 3115 - the bill to add knives to the state firearms preemption law - was amended to give local governments the power to regulate the public brandishment of knives. Then, the bill was passed by the House and is now sitting in the Senate. This was one of the few bills that deserved our support and it is good to see it progress.

H. 3025 - a CWP recognition bill - has passed through the House Judiciary Committee and is set for House floor debate starting Tuesday, April 14. Unfortunately, the bill was not amended to require SLED to continue to maintain a CWP reciprocity list with those states that will continue to require reciprocity agreements. Failure to require SLED to maintain a CWP reciprocity list could actually cause a loss in the number of states where a SC CWP holder could carry. This bill would deserve our support if it was amended to continue requiring SLED to maintain a list of CWP reciprocity states.

H. 3116 - the Bloomberg bill - was amended by the House, passed, and sent to the Senate. It is a sad state of affairs when someone can be convicted of a felony and sent to prison for 5 years and fined up to \$5,000.00 for doing something that is legal, but has been alleged to have been portrayed as being illegal. Think about this, you go to buy a gun. You know you are doing everything according to the law. But, you make some comment that someone else thinks you made to portray the transaction as being an illegal one even though it is perfectly legal. Then, even though everything you did was legal, the fact that someone else thought you said something that portrayed the sale as being illegal is enough to get you convicted of a felony and have your right to keep and bear arms permanently revoked. It is wrong to allow someone else to misinterpret something you say and thereby allow a perfectly legal transaction to get you convicted of a felony when you have done nothing wrong. This is a horrible bill.

H. 3119 - the bill to increase penalties for theft of a firearm - was amended to remove the mandatory minimum 7 years in prison, passed by the House, and is now in the Senate. I was told by a judge that the reason this bill is needed is because the theft of some firearms did not rise to the level of a felony and that making the theft of any firearm a felony might serve to stop some thefts of firearms.

H. 3433 - a domestic violence bill - was amended by the House Judiciary Committee and is now on the House floor for debate. I doubt there will be much debate since almost half of the House are co-sponsors of the bill.

New bills introduced since our last meeting:

S. 570 is another so called Constitutional Carry bill and contains the same unconstitutional provisions as found in H. 3716, which was reported upon last month. We should never support unconstitutional gun control merely because it has a nice sounding name like "Constitutional Carry" on the bill. If they are going to call it a constitutional carry bill, then they should make sure it complies with the constitution and does not specifically violate the constitution on an issue that has been directly ruled upon by our highest court, i.e., age discrimination among adults.

Last month I reported on H. 3799 - a bill allegedly introduced to create CWP recognition with GA and NC. I told you this was a bad bill and was most likely going to be used as a Trojan Horse to harm gun owners. I pointed out that there were known anti gun Democrats as co-sponsors of this bill. I have done a little more research on that issue and you need to know about it.

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:

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:

Alex Nieuwland thanked the Club for the use of the GP Bay for a rifle class. Alex requested the use of the GP bay on February 26, 27 and 28, 2016 for the purpose of conducting another rifle class. Motion was made, seconded and approved on a voice vote.

NEW MEMBERS:

There were sixteen (16) new members voted into the club:

Brian Scott Abrahamsen, Colin Clay Brassfield, James (Tyler) Burns, Joseph Edward (Joe) Burns, Brent D. Craig, Debra K. (Debbie) Crain, Marc A. Crain, Johnson Bathea(John) Freeman, Edwin Lynn (Boobie Jr.) Hornaday, Jane O'Daniel Johns, Rodney (Rod) Nixon, Adam Brandt Nussbaum, Frank Henry Parker, Jennifer A. Parker, Aaron Lee Redden, and Alex Folger Redden

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, headley@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, July 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 June 6 or July 11, 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, June 13, 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)

MCRC member Alex Nieuwland (alex@trainingforlifellc.com) teaches classes for Suarez International (www.suarezinternational.com). On February 26-28, 2016 there will be an Advanced Rifle Gunfighting class at MCRC. Contact Alex for 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.