



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

MEETING LOCATION: Monday, June 08, 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 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

Matches and upcoming events for July 2015

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

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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 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 – May 11 , 2015

The meeting was called to order around 7:30 PM, by President Tom Thompson. There were twenty eight (28) people in attendance:

Tom Thompson, Stephen Smith, Roy Mullis, Gary Gage, Eric Wright, Chuck McMenemy, A. Ferraro, Roy Johnson, Gary Fedyschyn, Phil Folkers, Sam Jones, Lee Rouse, David Davis, Michael Carr, Charley Frances, Carl Freeman, Carolyn Freeman, Tom Beattie, Wesley Bommer, Julie Holling, Frank Headley, Charles R. Schenck, Rhonda Metz, C.B. Hopkins, Donnie Bryson, Jack Suber, Patten Watson and one illegible name.

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 March meeting were approved by voice vote. The minutes of the April meeting were approved by voice vote.

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

Tom Thompson reported:

- This past weekend the SC State USPSA match was held at Palmetto Gun Club. Would like to thank Jack Suber for designing the stages. Running stages we had Jack, Donnie, Lee, Julie myself and Mike Wingard. Also had assistance from a fellow from Alabama. This is how good shooters and good competitors work. He had been DQ'd, but offered to help.
- Up until today, had not had to suspend anybody. But had one today. Shooting into the ground.

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

Stephen Smith reported:

- Use member services web site to contact club officers.
- Renewal for and new member application form is being redone. Please use the current version that is on the web site.

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

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

- Sign in log: Everyone at the meeting should sign the sign in log. If you are in the room, your name should be on the log. Please sign it so I can read it.
- Match directors: Thank you for providing reports via email.
- New member range safety briefing will be held on May 30 at 8:30 am sharp.

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:

- Suspension-GP Bay, improperly placed target.
- Found improperly placed target on the 2700 Bay 25 yard berm.
- In the Cooper Bay, someone had shot a box on the ground.
- Rain damage:
 - Cooper Bays 1, 2 and 3 are closed. Completely washed out.
 - Qualification Bay was washed out.
 - Don't try to use 200 yard line on Hathcock until late Tuesday.
 - Road to 200 yard line on Hathcock range washed out.
- Thanks to Wes for flowers for the cleared area.
- Shooting at computers, appliances, etc. is NOT allowed. Please follow the rules.
- Tom had phone call from a member: What Bay can I use to shoot up this television? And earlier, a call asking what Bay can I use to shoot up an air conditioner? And how far away should I be to be safe? Please follow the rules.
- Keep your eyes on the web site, Roy will post when the Bays are available for use.

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 McMenemy reported:

Yes today real MEN showed to compete in the "ANNUAL Clay Marshall Mother's Day Match" One real Man called the Match and another Real Man coached a new shooter! In the Morning paper we may hear of a few who are no longer with us or may be missing some parts! But they competed! 7 shooters and 2 workers. Manly Men we are!!!

We welcomed Daniel Robbins who came to us from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to shoot his very first High Power Rifle Match and was coached by Sam Jones. Daniel welcome and please keep returning you had a very good first match. We hope you enjoyed the crew and had a good time and learned some things.

Today's Match Winner and 1st Master Class Shooter, taking his first win of 2015 is Richard Byars. Richard fired a score of 483-16X.

2nd Place goes to Last Months winner Bryan Padgett shooting 474-12X.

3rd Place Clay Marshall shooting 473-13X.

Our First Service Rifle: Richard Byars

First Match Rifle: Clay Marshall

First Optic Rifle: Danie Bootha

1st Master Class: Richard Byars

1st Expert Class: Danie Bootha

1st Sharpshooter Class: N/A

1st Marksman Class: N/A

1st Unclassified Class: Miles Huggins

Thanks to Sam Jones for helping myself and Clay out today allowing Clay to shoot.

Our Next Match is Flag Day June 14, 2015. Let's have a great turn out now that Mother's Day is behind us.

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

Tom Thompson reported:

Our monthly Light Rifle Match was held on May 3rd, with 13 shooters and all used scoped rifles except one. It was a beautiful day for the match, sunny & cool. Welcome to a new shooter to our match, Corey Hayes!

The match winner was Larry Dodson with a 350 score out of a possible 400; Karl Myers was second with a 340; Clay Marshall was 3rd with a 335; and Corey Wiggins was 4th with a 329. As can be seen by the scores almost everyone was "off" today, not shooting their normal average scores. Sam Jones shot in the Hi-Power class all standing, with a 330 score.

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:

An Appleseed event was held on the Hathcock range on April 18-19. Although the weather was bad, 14 attendees came to learn about the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship and about their American heritage on this special Patriot's Day weekend. Other than the usual events that occur at Appleseed we took some time to celebrate the special weekend. On Saturday we had a living history presentation on the weapons and accoutrements of a late 18th century rifleman. On Sunday we took part in a simultaneous volley with more than 1,800 participants across 37 states to honor those that fell on April 19th, 1775. Out of the 14 attendees that weekend, 6 shot expert scores on the AQT and earned their rifleman patch. Two of the 6 decided to join the instructor corps. Another will also join the instructor corps after he attends his required second Appleseed. All in all it was a great shoot despite the weather. I really hope to see more club members out there at our last event in October!

Appleseed dates for 2015 are:

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:

Our May match was superseded by the SASS SC Cowboy Action State Championship for which we are extremely grateful that we finally had great weather. The last six months has been tough on everybody in trying to hold matches anywhere in SC. Hosting the match was of course MCRC, Savannah River Rangers, and The Palmetto Posse. First we want to offer a huge thank you to the MCRC members for sacrificing their own use of the range to benefit the Cowboy Action shooters of the state and hopefully to advance the sport of shooting in SC.

We hosted 93 competitors of which 12 shot the match clean. Due to respect for time here at the meeting, I would recommend you go to our website for all the details regarding how shooters placed as well as the names of the clean shooters.

It isn't possible to hold such an event without a tremendous amount of work. Many of the workers pitching in were: Stone Ground, Sue Render, Kid Ray, Palmetto Traveler, Cowboy Junky, Carolina Girl, Slippery Stew and Roy Mullis. Also, special thanks to the costume committee headed by Lorenzo Kid and his wife, Luci Belle. My biggest thanks goes to Sue Render who was able to nag me all the way to completion of the event.

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.
Rhonda Metz reported:

Match was scheduled for April 19th.
Match was rained out.
Next match is May 17th.

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:

Beautiful day for a shoot. The Subtropical Storm stayed away so four shooters, Jethro Currie, Joe Kateman, Rick Brewer and Eric Wright could shoot at some steel.

Over all aggregate winner was Rick Brewer with a 39/45. Rick and Jethro tied in Standing both had a 10/15. Jethro won the standing. Eric Wright tied Rick Brewer in Standing Supported with perfect 15/15 scores. Eric won the Standing Supported. Jethro tied Joe Kateman in Sitting Supported with perfect 15/15. Jethro won the Sitting Supported.

No Buffalo Chip awards this month everyone was using Smokeless powder. Great shooting Guys.

Jethro Currie provided the King Target this month. A string of colored balloons filled with a little water. Which was won by Jethro.

Thank you for helping in setting up and breaking down. Hope to see everyone next month. Next match is on June 9.

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.

No Report.

Next match is September 27.

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)
Jack Suber reported:

We had a hot and humid day for our May USPSA match. 57 shooters competed, and that included 6 ladies and 9 new shooters. Jim Joyce from Florence was the top Open division shooter and Dewey Hutson from Augusta was the high Limited division shooter. Stan Johnson from Graniteville was the top Limited 10 division shooter. Kevin Ackim from Columbia was the high Production division shooter. In Single Stack division, Fred Lowe was the only competitor, likely due to the USPSA Single Stack Nationals were being held this weekend in Barry IL. Larry Huey was the only shooter in Revolver division. Our next match is Saturday, June 14.

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:

Ten shooters showed up for our April 18 match even though the weather didn't look too good. We really lucked out only seeing a few sprinkles near the finish. The new berms really looked good with lots of room. Our match winner was our High Master Eric Lawrence with 2586-92x. High Master was Dave Salyer 2368-54x. New shooter Barry Wilson got two stages in. Top Expert was Kent Blocksome with 2496-60x, second Richard Robison 2456-54x, next Kevin Bonderer 2423-44x and Randy Earnest 2170-24x. Sharpshooter John Patton and Bob Penny shot two stages. Stephen Williams our only Marksman shot a 2325-35x. Next match May 16th. Shooting starts at 9am.

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 scheduled for noon on Saturday the 18th of April was cancelled so that anyone interested could attend the Georgia State silhouette match.

The next smallbore rifle silhouette match will be at noon this coming Saturday May 16th. 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)

Tom Thompson reported:

Well, it was a very rainy morning. I was the only fool, I mean dedicated person, to show up. I'm a little slow but by 9:30, it became clear, even to me, that no-one with good sense (obviously I wasn't in that crowd) would be there for the match. So there was no pistol silhouette match.

Hopefully, I see all of you next month. Stay dry until then.

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).

Sam Jones reported:

Our Turkey shoot was rained out so we put a steel target (They don't melt like paper) at 75 yards and took turns missing it!!! Hey, shooting is shooting but missing is only missing. (Although shooting AND hitting are more fun!!!)

The May Woods walk is up in the air with so many shooters being out of town, but if we get 3 shooters that is a quorum for BP!!!

BP shoots 4th Saturday except during Deer season when we turn Southern and head for the woods!! Any rifle and any sight as long as you shoot a round ball. Different targets each month but usually all off- hand.

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 29 shooters brave the weather to shoot our match on April 25th out of 55 who signed up. It was raining and the radar looked like it was going to get worse. We decided to start the match, but I didn't collect match fees, since it looked like we would have to call it off. By the time we shot the first 2 stages the rain stopped and it was a nice cool day for the rest of the match.

This was our first regular match since the new rules went into effect and we had some shooters in the new divisions.

Bob Hoban was the only shooter in the new Bug Division.

Joe Cunningham and Mary Ann Williams were the only shooters in the new Concealed Carry Pistol Division.

Mike Phillips was first Marksman in Custom Defensive Pistol and Mike Fowke was second.

Rick Roberts was first Sharpshooter in Enhanced Service Pistol. Chris Senn was the only Marksman.

Patrick Nolan was the only Revolver Division shooter.

Chris Land was first Master in Stock Service Pistol. Weston Land was second. Larry Dodson was the only Expert. Roy Johnson was first Sharpshooter and Barry Downing was second. Michael Hayes was first Marksman and Kyle Brown was second.

Our next match will be on May 23, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, May 22 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).
Donnie Bryson reported:

On April 18, we had 26 shooters with 41 firearms on a day that was supposed to be rainy, but turned out pretty good. That included two ladies, one junior and one new shooter. Richard Pugh won Production in 108.10 seconds. Jack Gassaway won Single Stack with a time of 80.63. Donnie Bryson won the Rimfire Pistol Open division with a time of 65.93 seconds. Mark Sullivan won

Rimfire Pistol Iron in 70.43 seconds. Craig Auman won Rimfire Rifle Open in 60.40 seconds. The Open, Limited, and Rimfire Rifle Iron divisions did not have enough competitors to have official winners.

Our next match is this Saturday, May 16. 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 noon on Friday. Registration at the range Saturday starts by 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.

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

Just on CMP web site. M-1 Garands are now almost up to gun show prices. Field grade are \$630 with free shipping and a hard case. Service grade is \$730 with free shipping. Luck of the draw as far as what you get. Almost better to go with one of the rebuilt guns at \$1030.

Some representative is trying to get the 100,000 M1911s released to CMP for sale. Ammunition prices are available on the web site.

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:

No new legislation has been introduced since our last meeting. Three bills have been acted upon since our last meeting. H. 3025 deserves our support while the other two bills do not. Explanations follow.

H. 3025 - initially, a bill to make SC a CWP recognition state, but with a major flaw needing to be fixed before passage - was amended and then passed in the House, and is now sitting in a Senate subcommittee. Contrary to what you may have heard from Palmetto Gun Rights, this bill is a huge

step forward for gun rights. Unfortunately, when this bill was amended, it was not amended to fix the major flaw in the initial bill - which was deletion of any responsibility for any government agency or department to maintain and service CWP reciprocity agreements with those states that continue to require CWP reciprocity agreements. Unless SLED decides to continue to maintain CWP reciprocity agreements even after the law is changed to remove any such responsibility from SLED (or the bill gets amended to fix this major flaw), SC CWP holders could eventually lose the privilege of carrying concealed in those states that require CWP reciprocity agreements simply because no entity in SC is legally charged with maintaining CWP reciprocity agreements.

But, there were major changes made to this bill that deserve our support.

First, this bill would allow people to carry a concealed weapon without a permit - a form of Constitutional Concealed Carry. Unfortunately, this bill contains unconstitutional gun control since it restricts the right to carry to those adults 21 years old and older. The SC Supreme Court ruled in *State v Bolin* in 2008 that such age discrimination was unconstitutional according to the SC Constitution, and it is still unconstitutional today. But, the bill keeps all of the currently listed exceptions to the ban on carrying a handgun found in Section 16-23-20 in place for those adults 18 to 20 years old. But, that is still unconstitutional.

This bill makes an important change to existing law which now makes it a felony to possess a firearm in a publicly owned building. Existing law does not require you know the building is a publicly owned building before sending you to prison and taking away your guns for the rest of your life. Did you know the SC Aquarium is a privately run business existing in a publicly owned building? I am told the building is not posted against CWP carry, and there are no indications on the outside of the building to show it is a publicly owned building. Yet, if you innocently carry a firearm into the aquarium, you have committed a felony. This bill exempts privately run businesses in publicly owned buildings from the law prohibiting firearms in publicly owned buildings, along with ingress and egress routes to the private business.

This bill removes churches and medical facilities from the list of non-authorized carry locations. But, churches and medical facilities could still post against firearms. This is a step forward since it removes the unconstitutional discrimination against religious institutions. Unfortunately, this bill will punish a CWP holder more severely for a violation than a non CWP holder because it will revoke a CWP - which will only be needed to carry in other states, but not SC.

It would be nice to see the bill amended to allow a person to rely upon appearances when getting permission to carry in unauthorized locations. As currently written, if someone represents to you they are either the owner or the person in control of the facility, and they give you permission to carry in the facility, and you rely upon that permission in good faith, and then it turns out the person has a superior that should have been the one to give permission, you are still guilty of violating the law because you did not get permission from the proper person. Allowing you to rely upon appearances would allow you to avoid going to jail for acting in good faith when getting permission.

This bill reduces the penalty for carrying a firearm into a restaurant serving alcoholic beverages from three years to two years, and it extends the privilege to those carrying without a CWP. This is important because a two year imprisonment does not bring with it a lifetime federal firearms

disability that the three year term does. But, this bill will punish a CWP holder more severely than a non CWP holder for the same exact crime by revoking a CWP for a violation - which only impacts those SC people who want to carry in other states. The extra penalty does nothing to protect the safety of SC and should be removed.

For years the issue of what constitutes a “favorable” background check has plagued the CWP process. Initially, SLED held traffic violations were misdemeanors and therefore a person could not have a “favorable” background check with traffic violations on their record and a CWP had to be denied. This standard applied to both the initial application and renewals. This bill keeps the existing standard in place for initial applications, but institutes a new standard for renewals. The new standard for renewal must “reveal no information which would be disqualifying under the provisions of this section.” This is the standard that should be used for both the initial and renewals applications. If a person can legally carry a firearm without a permit, then the person should also be able to obtain a permit.

This bill suffers from a problem that many of the gun bills suffer from - i.e., they assume a “concealable weapon” is the same thing as a handgun. But, a “concealable weapon” is specifically defined in Section 23-31-210(5) as “a firearm having a length of less than twelve inches measured along its greatest dimension that must be carried in a manner that is hidden from public view in normal wear of clothing except when needed for self-defense, defense of others, and the protection of real or personal property.” There are many handguns 12" long or longer, and such handguns are not “concealable weapons” even though they can be carried concealed and might well be allowed under the concealed carry laws of other states.

Rather than have the courts used to decide whether a handgun 12" long or longer should be included under the term “concealable weapon” even though the explicit language would not allow it, the legislature should fix this problem by removing any reference to length of firearm from the definition of “concealable weapon.” If a firearm is carried concealed, then it can be a “concealable weapon.” Such a change would protect innocent gun owners from being forced to buy an attorney a yacht just to have the courts clear up language the legislature should have fixed from the get go.

This bill repeatedly punishes a CWP holder more severely than a non CWP holder for the same exact violation. That is wrong. Since a person can still carry in SC without a CWP, the extra punishment only extends to a CWP holder wanting to carry in other states. The extra punishment does nothing to protect the people of SC, and it could cost the lives of innocent SC residents traveling to other states. All extra punishments of CWP holders should be removed from this bill.

Section 12 of this bill states “[t]he provisions of this act shall apply only to those individuals who may legally purchase a firearm from a properly licensed and certified firearms dealer.” This is well intentioned, but unconstitutional. The intention is to ensure that only people legally allowed to possess handguns can carry handguns in SC. But, young adults aged 18 to 20 years old can legally possess handguns in SC, and the SC Constitution prohibits discrimination against such young adults when it comes to carrying handguns. This unconstitutional provision must be removed without forcing a young adult to spend a fortune to restore his rights against this usurpation.

H. 3433 is a domestic violence bill reported upon in an earlier report. I have not tried to find all

changes to the bill since it is not a gun rights bill per se. I did a search to find all references to firearms. This domestic violence bill does something most other domestic violence bills do not do - it provides a statutory path to restore gun rights after passage of time. This is most likely the best that gun owners can hope for in this political climate. This bill has bipartisan support and will most likely get enacted into law. There is no vocal opposition.

H. 3799 was supposedly amended, but a comparison of the bills found online discovered no differences between the original bill and the amended bill. While I know how pro-gun folks and I would interpret this bill, that is not to say our interpretation would prevail. There is also an anti-gun interpretation, and it is the anti-gun interpretation that I fear. As reported earlier, there is reason to be suspicious of this bill due to the anti-gun politicians who are supporting this bill. There is no good reason for pro-gun people to support this bill with its potential problems when there is a much better bill - H. 3025 - to support that creates CWP recognition and which does not have anti-gun politicians as co-sponsors.

GRASSROOTS UPDATE:

No Report.

Information on CWP Classes and Shooting Instruction:

Details on CWP Classes and shooting instruction availability is below.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

NEW MEMBERS:

There were six (6) new members voted into the club: Todd Andrew Bartman, Aubry Christine Owens, George Albert Owens, Linda M. Owens, Ronald Jack (Ron) Walrath and William Henry (Will) Womack.

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, 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 July 11 or August 1, 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 August 29, 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.