



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

MEETING LOCATION: Monday, July 13, 2015 starting at 7:30PM at Murray's in Edenwood Plaza.

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

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

Matches and upcoming events for 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

Matches and upcoming events for August 2015

August 1 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Palmetto Posse) – First (1st) Saturday
August 2 9:00 AM NRA Light Rifle - First (1st) Sunday
August 8 9:00 AM Buffalo Rifle Match Second (2nd) Saturday
August 8 10:00 AM USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol Second (2nd) Saturday
August 9 9:00 AM NRA High Power Rifle – Second (2nd) Sunday
August 10 7:30 PM Meeting at Murray's (2nd) Monday
August 17 9:00 AM Bullseye 2700 – Third (3rd) Saturday
August 17 12:00 PM Metallic Rifle Silhouette – Third (3rd) Saturday
August 17 10:00 AM Steel Challenge – Third (3rd) Saturday
August 18 9:30 AM Cowboy Action (Savannah River Rangers) – Third (3rd) Sunday
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August 24 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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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 – June 08, 2015

The meeting was called to order around 7:30 PM, by President Tom Thompson. There were thirty eight (38) people in attendance:

Tom Thompson, Stephen Smith, Gary Gage, David Scott, Randy Cady, Eric Wright, Wesley Bommer, Charles Hedgepath, Roy Johnson, Julie Holling, Steve Staberg, Michael Carr, A. Ferraro, Dave Graley, Jack Rogers, Joe Metz, Rhonda Metz, Henry Doby, Gloria Doby, Alex Nieuwland, Chuck McMenemy, Charley Frances, Janet Katz, Joseph Katz, Melissa Hammer, Phil Folkers, Larry Brown, Jethro Currie Jr., Wayne Robinson, Patten Watson, Doug Snyder, Rex Jenkins, Evelyn Jenkins, Larry Dodson, John Butler, Keith Phillips and two illegible names.

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 May meeting were approved by voice vote.

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

Tom Thompson reported:

- Had to suspend a member for shooting into the ground. The member was in the process of renewing, and wanted his check back. If he does renew, he will still have to serve the suspension.
- Please follow the range rules. It's not all that hard.

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

Stephen Smith reported:

- All renewal processing is up to date.

- Renewal form and new member application form is being reworked and simplified. Please use the current version that is on the web site.
- The new member range safety briefing will be held on June 27 at 8:30 am. Bring your paperwork, eyes and ears.

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

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

- Sign in log: Everyone at the meeting should sign the sign in log. 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.

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)

Tom Thompson reported:

- New locks are in place in the qualification bay. An email was sent to all instructors with instructions on how to get the new keys. Only three instructors have responded.
- Cooper Bay, Plinking Bay and Plate Machine tables are being repaired/replaced. Cooper Bay tables will have wheels to make it easier to position the tables. So please use the wheels, don't drag the tables around.
- Club is investigating the possibility of acquiring a smaller tractor to do the work that the big yellow tractor can't do. If anyone knows of a good used tractor for sale, get in touch with Roy.
- It's summer, and the heat is on. Make use of the ice machine, and the air conditioned classroom for cool down.
- A lot of trash is being left in the Bays. Please clean up after yourself. Your mother does not work here.

Range Maintenance: Julie Holling reported:

- Bathrooms are usually cleaned on Friday afternoons. However, it is appreciated if all members to their best to keep things clean/picked up.
- If you open a combination lock, please roll the combination. A lock was found open with the combination set.

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

No match since the last meeting.

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)
Larry Dodson reported:

The June match had 12 shooters with a few different activities happening within the match. Richard Byars shot all prone; one target with a scope, then one with the peep sights, Chuck McMenemy did the same. Sam Jones shot all targets in the standing position. Looks like Richard & Chuck are chasing Clays' record 397 score in the all prone!

The rest of us used: 6 scoped rifles; 2 Iron/Peep sighted guns, and Sam with Hi-Power class rifle. Mical Bowling was high score in the regular match shooting with a score of 362 & 364; Larry Dodson was 2nd scope with 354 & 350; and Jethro was 1st Iron/Peep sight class with a 331 & 279. Thanks for all the help with set up & tear down, and special thanks to Bryan Padgett for his expert excavation work!!

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!!

Next match will be on Sunday, July 5, 2015.

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

APPLESEED RIFLE CLINIC: Tyler SCOTT appleseedsc@gmail.com
Tom Thompson reported:

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:

Thanks to Stone Ground, Lorenzo Kid and Palmetto Traveler for their help in setting up and running the June match.

Also, many thanks to all those cowboys who helped put everything away afterwards. We would not be able to have these matches without this help.

Our June match took place on June 6th in the Cooper Bays where we had 21 participating as well as some new folks out “checking it out.” Of course we managed to find a way to let them give it a whirl.

Our match winners were 1st Kid Ray, 2nd Sue Render, 3rd Dun Gamblin’, 4th Carolina Girl, 5th Denny Boy. We found ourselves in competition with the NC State Championship this weekend which took a dozen or so of our regular shooters away from us.

Clean shooters were: Dun Gamblin, Lorenzo Kid, Hondo Bravo, and Moe Netter.

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 May 17th.

- Weather was sunny and Columbia summer warm!
- 21 shooters came out.
- 1st – Stone Ground, 2nd – Denny Boy, 3rd – Lorenzo Kid, 4th – Doc Chancellor, 5th – Surly Dave.
- 3 clean shooters – Big Iron Buck, El Marshal Patrone and Surly Dave.
- Next Match is June 21st, Father’s Day.

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)
Wayne Robinson reported:

No match since last meeting.
Next match is on June 13.

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

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF OLD WEST SHOOTISTS (NCOWS): Dave GRALEY dlgraley@aol.com (803-419-2772) – Saluda Saddle Tramps is the South Carolina posse of the National Congress of Old West Shootists.
Dave Graley reported:

The Saluda Saddle Tramps, the South Carolina posse representing the National Congress of Old West Shootists, held their second match of the year on May 30. An overcast pleasant morning gradually warmed up the heat we are accustomed to at this time of year.

At this match we had 11 shooters, two of whom were new participants and soon-to-be posse members. We now have 22 posse members.

Most of our members are now donning period clothing and accouterments and carrying period firearms, both reproductions and originals. In addition to 4 and 3 gun shooting classes, we also have 2 gun classes, making it more economically feasible to break into this fun sport. Also, new posse members are given 18 months to complete their kits.

The next match will be on September 13, 2015.

Registration starts at 9:00, a safety meeting at 9:30 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.

Check out NCOWS at www.ncows.org.

Match fee is \$16.00. If anyone just wants to check us out, please stop by.

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)

No match since the last meeting. Our next match is Saturday, June 14. Setup will start on Noon Friday.

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 May 2700 Bullseye matches were on the 16th. We had 10 shooters, one new shooter and one who had not shot for a few years due the health problems. But you cannot stop a determined shooter. High Master Neil Roberts won the match with a 2611-98x. High Master was Dave Salyer 2268-27x. Kevin Bonderer was our high Expert with 2383-36x, second was Rene Wilson who had gun problems. First Sharpshooter was John Harvey with 2453-47x, second Robert Leary 2369-37x third Larry McCorkle 2344-29x then Isaac McCaskill 2276-26x and Stephen Williams who only shot two stages. The only Marksman was Adam Wysocki a new shooter from the Air Force. Next match June 20th.

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 16th of May. It turned out to be a very pleasant early summer day. Skies were clear with little wind and

temperatures were initially nice but became hot and humid by the end of the day. Mical won both the standard and the hunter matches.

The next smallbore rifle silhouette match will be at noon Saturday June 20th.

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:

It was 87 degrees today. Here comes the "dog days of summer." Welcome to first time shooter John Finch. John came to watch the match. Problem is, we don't believe in spectators. If you can watch you, can shoot. John shot well, particularly since it was his first and he used a borrowed gun. He shot the Hunter Pistol Match well but he didn't shoot well enough to beat Larry, the match winner. Maybe next time John.

Ken won the Small Bore Hunter Pistol Match.

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 Jonesiii@yahoo.com (803-794-5476).

Charley Frances reported:

We did not reach a quorum for our May Woods Walk, so we held a regular paper match instead. Flipped a coin to determine a winner.

As the true elite group (all 4 or 5 of us) we invite all to join us on the fourth Saturday of each month. Show up – we provide the gun, powder and ball. Rifle matches most months with pistol side matches.

Next match is June 27.

Remember: Black Powder plus muzzle loading means never having to say "Slow Down!"

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 mcrcidpa@earthlink.net or pkfolkers@earthlink.net. (803-414-1324)
Phil Folkers reported:

We had 54 shooters brave the weather to shoot our match on May 23th out of 60 who signed up.

Bill Wells, of Central Carolina Shooting Club, was the only shooter in the Bug Division.

Richard Hart, also of Central Carolina Shooting Club, was the only Marksman in CCP. Mary Ann Williams were the only Novice in Concealed Carry Pistol Division.

Weston Land was first Expert in Custom Defensive Pistol and Chris Land was second. Mike Dawson was the only Sharpshooter. Mike Fowke was first Marksman in CDP and Mike Phillips was second.

Tom Stidon was first Sharpshooter in Enhanced Service Pistol. Colt Driver was second and Rick Roberts was third. Chris Senn was the only Marksman.

Raymond Ruff was the only Expert in Revolver Division shooter. Neil Reamer was the only Marksman.

Andrew Metze was first Expert in Stock Service Pistol. Greg Flerx was second and Larry Dodson was third. Wayne Troutman was first Sharpshooter. Todd Coey was second and Lloyd Smith was third. Jeff Burge was first Marksman and Don Lattimore was second. Andrew Newell was third.

Our next match will be on June 27, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, June 26 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.

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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).
Julie Holling reported:

On May 16, we had 27 shooters with 45 firearms on a pretty warm day. It was almost too much for one shooter, who got a little overheated. The shooters included three ladies and three new shooters. Scotty Simpson led Limited with a time of 97.86 seconds. Richard Pugh won Production in 102.23

seconds. Jack Gassaway won Single Stack with a time of 77.38. He also won Rimfire Pistol Iron in 66.50 seconds. Cecil Jackson won the Rimfire Pistol Open division with a time of 71.01 seconds. Jack Suber won Rimfire Rifle Open in 55.49 seconds. The Open and Rimfire Rifle Iron divisions did not have enough competitors to have official winners.

Our next match is Saturday, June 20. 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, Jack will be doing set-up at 4:00pm 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)

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)

No Report was available at the meeting, however the following was provided by Rob Butler and is included in the newsletter:

Since our last meeting, S. 3 - a domestic violence bill - was enacted into law. It was the least offensive domestic violence bill of the various domestic violence bills introduced this session. Unfortunately, it was amended a couple of times prior to enactment into law. I have not had the time to fully review the final version enacted into law, but will do so prior to our next meeting.

Also since our last meeting, another gun rights bill - H. 4168 - was introduced by notorious anti gun politicians. That fact alone should be cause for serious concern. This bill requires a person to report a lost or stolen firearm to the police within 24 hours after discovering a firearm is lost or stolen.

Why should the victim of a crime - the person who had their firearm stolen - be turned into a

criminal merely for failing to report the crime within 24 hours? Why should a person who has suffered the loss of property be turned into a criminal for failure to report such loss within 24 hours? What other private property is treated this way? Why should gun owners be treated differently than other people who lose something? What is magical about 24 hours?

Many people misplace things, especially older folks like me. Let's assume you own multiple gun safes which are kept in multiple locations (i.e., home, garage, other relative's home). You go to the gun safe in which you think you left a particular gun. It is not there. But, since it could easily be in a different location, you figure you will get it when you get around to the other location. Two days later, you realize you cannot find the gun anywhere. Has the gun been stolen or has it been lost? Regardless, you are the loser because you no longer have that firearm. But, under this bill, your loss of the firearm - whether stolen or simply misplaced - is the least of your problems because this bill makes you a criminal.

You want to go shoot a particular handgun that you usually keep in the glove box. You go to your vehicle and the gun is not there. But, it might be in your wife's or daughter's vehicle, so you do not report it stolen or lost. Unfortunately, neither your wife nor daughter is home. Over 24 hours later, you finally realize the gun is not anywhere to be found in any of the vehicles. This bill could turn you into a criminal for failure to report the loss within 24 hours.

This bill does not require the police to do anything other than take a report and send information to other law enforcement agencies.

There are legitimate reasons - i.e., privacy and economic - a person would not want to report a firearm stolen or lost. One reason not to report a firearm lost or stolen is that such a report does nothing to get your firearm back, and most insurance policies do not cover firearms unless you buy extra coverage. But, it does tell both authorities and other criminals what type of firearm you will probably have again in the future since you will most likely want to replace what you have lost. You might well not want the government and other criminals to know what guns you have. Insurance companies might well raise your homeowners insurance rates if they find out your home has been the site of a crime. If your insurance rates are raised due to your unclaimed loss, you end up losing money twice. And this bill would make you criminal, too.

If a firearm is used in a crime, it will get traced back to you soon enough.

There is no reason to turn the gun owner into a criminal for failing to report a loss. Reporting the loss does not improve public safety because the police are not going to initiate a special search for your lost firearm. All this bill does is potentially harm gun owners for failure to file a report within 24 hours while doing nothing to protect the public.

Unfortunately, it gets worse. If this happens to you three times, the penalty is up to three years in jail - which imposes a federal lifetime firearms disability. So, what if you lose three firearms at the same time and fail to report them within 24 hours? You might well find this bill being used to take away all of your guns for the rest of your life.

Hopefully, our elected representatives will see this bill for what it is - an anti gun bill to harm gun owners hiding behind false claims of public safety.

GRASSROOTS UPDATE:

No Report.

Information on CWP Classes and Shooting Instruction:

Details on available CWP Classes and other shooting instruction availability is below.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alex Nieuwland requested use of the Plinking Bay on July 11 for a new AR rifle class. After discussion, the request was seconded and then approved on a voice vote.

Dave Graley of NCOWS requested a change to a scheduled match from September 27 to September 13. After discussion, the request was seconded and approved on a voice vote.

NEW MEMBERS:

There were eight (8) new members voted into the club: James (Tyler) Burns, Clayton Adam Hammer, Melissa Ingle Hammer, Rex Venzo Jenkins, Preston Harmon McCamy, William Rupert (Bill) McCamy, Melinda J. Skarli and Stanley O. (Stan) Skarli.

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).

Currently scheduled classes: June 13 and July 11. 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 nonmember'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 October 24-25, 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 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 20 and September 12, 2015, will help you learn how to protect your home and family using a basic shotgun.

Home Defense class, October 17, 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@midcarolinarifclub.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.