



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

NEXT MEETING: No meetings scheduled at this time.

Reminder #1: Membership renewals are due 60 days before your membership expires. 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.

NOTE: PLEASE CONTACT MATCH DIRECTORS REGARDING UPCOMING MATCHES.

Matches and upcoming events schedule

Cowboy Action – Palmetto Posse	1 st Saturday	9:00am
Small bore Rifle	1 st Saturday	9:00am
NRA Light Rifle	1 st Sunday	9:00am
USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol	2 nd Saturday	9:00am
NRA High Power Rifle	2 nd Sunday	9:00am
NCOWS (no November match)	2 nd Sunday & 5 th Saturday	9:45am
MCRC Meeting at Murray’s	2nd Monday	6:30pm
Precision Pistol (Feb – Nov)	3 rd Saturday	9:00am
Steel Challenge	3 rd Saturday	10:00am
Metallic Rifle Silhouette	3 rd Saturday	12:00pm
Cowboy Action – Savannah River Rangers	3 rd Sunday	9:30am
Black Powder	4 th Saturday	9:00am
IDPA Defensive (Carry) pistol	4 th Saturday	10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Appleseed clinics – October 17-18
 USPSA Toys for Tots – November 14-15

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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 Treasurer Patten Watson at 803-463-6533 or email duck.tail@yahoo.com.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Roy Mullis, roym788@gmail.com, 803-360-1490

From the President,

Let's start off with the question on a lot of member minds. When is range operations going back to normal? Barring any marked increase in cases I want to go back to normal operations June 15th. Some of the Disciplines are starting regular matches with care to distance this weekend. Shooting at the range has since the beginning, been a safe way to spend time outdoors. You would think that with this opportunity the range would be busy to some degree. NOPE! There actually has been a decrease in use. The regulars are here till about noon and then the place is empty till late afternoon when two or three show up. Maybe it's the heat, maybe it's the situation in the country right now. I'm not going to try and analyze it.

Now the part that nobody likes to hear. If you recall the survey that was done months ago, one member stated that he or she would like to hear less complaining from the executive committee about members range violations. Well, the executive committee would love to have nothing to report. Unfortunately there are those members who tend to forget or ignore the rules for whatever reason. MCRC's rules are there for the safety of the membership and the club itself. I tell everybody, in the range briefing, that MCRC is one bullet striking someone or someone's house or property away from being closed. I hope our members are aware of the problems being experienced by other clubs in the area. One was being sued, one had multiple complaints about bullets leaving the range. MCRC has not had a visit from the authorities for 5 years or more.

Since this Covid thing has affected us I have been watching to make sure that our members stayed safe. In doing this I have noticed a marked increase in Violations. One is not observing the gate rules. The rule that requires members entering or leaving the range, to allow the gate to close behind them before pulling off, is particularly important for the safety of the member and the range. An open gate is an invitation for non members to enter the range. Now with the situation in the country it is especially important for the member to make sure that gate is closed.

Other violations on the increase are not using a target stand, shooting a rifle caliber firearm in the pistol bays, not wearing protective equipment and generally unsafe gun handling. The worst part about this is that the rules are readily available to the member on EVERY bay.

We can do better folks.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Linda Chico, lchico@sc.rr.com, 803-629-7095.

Please remember to contact me by phone, email or text message if you have questions about your membership (renewals, credits, forms needed, etc). If you cannot get the renewal to print, contact me. And Roy always has hard copies available at the range. We both bring extra copies to the meeting.

Again, a reminder that Apple mobile devices have a built-in "PDF viewer" which does just what it says - users can view the form, but it will not let users fill out a form. If you access all internet sites with an Apple mobile device, Adobe recommends that you get the free App from the App Store to open and use Adobe forms. This only applies to Apple mobile devices - not to MACs.

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. You will know you have successfully completed renewal once you get a new membership card. Please do not call or email Patten asking about the status of your renewal if you only sent it a week or two earlier. If you are using an Apple mobile device to complete a renewal form, you may need to install an Adobe Forms App (available free in the App Store). Please contact Linda Chico (lchico@sc.rr.com) if you have problems accessing or printing the form.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rhonda Metz, secretary@midcarolinarifleclub.com, 803-315-5576.

If there are any changes or corrections to the newsletter, please bring them to my attention.

Thank you match directors who have sent me a brief description about your match for the newsletter. This can be changed each month, if you would like, to highlight a different aspect of the discipline rules and/or safety rules.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patten Watson, duck.tail@yahoo.com, 803-463-6533.

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

CRO/RANGE MAINTENANCE REPORT: CRO: Donnie Bryson. Range Maintenance: Julie Holling, jwholling@bellsouth.net, 803-755-7397.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Palmetto Posse: Roger Horton roger@adluh.com, 803-447-0853.

The Palmetto Posse is a Cowboy Action club that shoots every first Saturday in the Jeff Cooper bays. We will be going to summer hours and dress for the next few months. Registration opens at 7:45, safety meeting at 8:45, and first rounds off at 9:00. Shorts and short sleeve shirts and a hat are fine. NO flip flops. Lunch immediately following at Murray's. Hope to see everyone there!

SMALLBORE PRONE RIFLE Richard Byers, mcrsmallbore@gmail.com, 803-240-9678.

This discipline consists of shooting offhand at steel chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams at 40, 60, 77 and 100 yards respectively. If you would like to try it, we permit the use of any 22 LR rifle but require the use of standard velocity 22LR ammunition so as to limit any damage to the targets.

On the third Saturday of each month, the smallbore rifle silhouette match begins promptly at noon. Set up starts around 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.

NRA LIGHT RIFLE: Robert Shaffner, Robert_shaffner@yahoo.com, 330-409-3799.

Match Description: The Light Rifle competition is a club level event based on the NRA Light Rifle series. .22 LR rifles are fired from 3 different positions; 10 shots prone, 10 shots sitting or kneeling, and 20 shots offhand. Held the 1st Sunday of each month, starting at 9AM, we shoot twice. Any and all are welcome. There is a wealth of experience available to assist with the match as well as a variety of equipment used (just about any .22 rifle will work!) We hope you'll come out and enjoy the comradery & competition.

USPSA-IPSC PISTOL: Mike Wingard, mhw_uspsa@yahoo.com, 803-521-0886; Derrick Hernandez, rangeraa45@gmail.com, 910-580-8343; or Joe Magagnoli, jcm331@gmail.com, 610-509-7627.

In USPSA, every shooter completing a course of fire is followed by a Range Officer with a timer. Although the timer is certainly important for the competition, the primary responsibility of the Range Officer is safety. There are several levels of Range Officers or RO's as they are more commonly called by fellow shooters. The typical match has 15 to 20 shooters who are level one RO's. The Range Officers in USPSA have to undergo training from instructors sent from USPSA's national headquarters. They take a 2 day training seminar to show them how to run competitors through a course of fire, safely & within the rules of the sport. Once the competitor has completed a course of fire, it is also the RO's job to call out the scores on each target. Next month we will talk about level two RO's.

The usual 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. Shooting starts at 10:00 am. Juniors are free. New shooters are half price (\$11). Set-up for the match is on the preceding day on Friday afternoon. If you are interested in coming out and trying a shooting sport that involves running and gunning, you can start with very nearly any centerfire pistol if you have enough magazines for it.

NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE: Clay Marshall, marshallc@bellsouth.net, 803-695-0300 or Scott Johnson, scottjohnson641@gmail.com.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF OLD WEST SHOOTISTS (NCOWS): Henry Schlein, henryschlein@yahoo.com, 843-821-9999 or Dave Graley, Assistant Match Director, dlgraley@aol.com 803-403-4792.– **South Carolina Old West Shootists Association of NCOWS.**

Our matches are normally held on the second Sunday of each month (except November) and on the 5th Saturday of such months in which they occur. Match fees are \$15.00, \$10.00 for accompanying family members, no charge for age 12 and under. Please come and check us out; or better yet, come join in the fun. We are a very friendly, family-oriented group. New shooters and beginners are welcome. Coffee, donuts, sweet rolls, bottled water and Gatorade are provided at most matches.

The National Congress of Old West Shootists (NCOWS) was founded in 1994 to promote safe Western Action Shooting including the re-enactment and promotion of the historical Old West heritage of the United States during the period 1865 to 1899. NCOWS members enjoy Western Action Shoots which are timed shooting matches in which shooters compete in a series of different shooting scenarios, called stages. Participants are attired in period correct, Old West style clothing and use firearms typical of the guns used in the Old West.

The South Carolina Old West Shootists is a charter posse (club) of NCOWS and the Mid-Carolina Rifle Club. NCOWS is comprised of many such posses throughout the United States, which hold their own matches and events using NCOWS guidelines. There are also periodic, national and regional matches and events. Safety is emphasized during all NCOWS events, both on and off the range. Loading, shooting, and unloading of guns, is closely structured in accordance with NCOWS and local safety rules. Typically, only one participant at a time will shoot during a match. Juniors and new shooters may be coached or supervised by a guardian or other experienced member, as the case may be.

NCOWS uses rules similar to SASS Cowboy matches, although NCOWS pays greater attention to historical accuracy concerning our guns, clothing and equipment, and more emphasis is placed on marksmanship. New participants are given generous allowances of leniency with the former, since it may take a long time to acquire the proper guns, clothing and accoutrements. Gun carts are optional, rifle racks are provided. We shoot in 2, 3 and 4-gun classes. Generally, any pre-1900 pistol, rifle in pistol caliber, and/or shotgun may be used, either originals in serviceable condition or reproductions. We shoot smokeless and black powder categories. There is no overall winner in NCOWS matches; each category is judged independently. **Prospective members are advised to not go out and buy any cowboy guns or accoutrements without first coming to a match and meeting with more experienced members, in order to avoid spending good money on things that may not be NCOWS-legal.**

PRECISION PISTOL: Mike Carr, afvet53@netzero.net, 803-408-0024.

STEEL CHALLENGE: Dennis Coggins, damocles1234@hotmail.com, 803-732-0663, or Julie Holling, jwholling@bellsouth.net, 803-755-7397.

Preregistration thru Practiscore.com is required. If you have problems with registering, please contact me. Anyone who is not a new shooter will be charged an extra \$5 to register at the range on match day. On Saturday, registration will start at the range by 9:15 and the match starts at 10:00.

Official Steel Challenge stages consists of 4-5 runs on 5 pieces of steel at set distances. Misses may be made up as long as it is done before hitting the "stop" plate, indicated by a red post. The longest string is tossed out and the remaining times are added together to get your stage time. Stage times are added together to get your match time. Occasionally, we run one unofficial stage during matches. Additional

general information and stage diagrams may be found at <https://scsa.org/>. Contact Dennis or Julie if you have questions about our match.

METALLIC RIFLE SILHOUETTE: Mical Bowling mical@blackwolfconsulting.com (803-546-4742)

The monthly smallbore rifle silhouette match was held as usual at noon on Saturday the 16th of May. It was a hot Spring day. Skies were clear and there was little wind. As the NRA has cancelled all sanctioned matches for May, the match was a practice one. Scores were not determined and a winner was not assigned. Turnout was nice but lighter than expected.

This discipline consists of shooting offhand at steel chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams at 40, 60, 77 and 100 yards respectively. If you would like to try it, we permit the use of any 22 LR rifle but require the use of standard velocity 22LR ammunition so as to limit any damage to the targets.

Because of the non contact nature of this sport we expect no interruptions in our match schedule. The next smallbore rifle silhouette match will be at noon on Saturday June 20th. As the NRA has cancelled all sanctioned matches in June, this will only be a practice match.

On the third Saturday of each month, the smallbore rifle silhouette match begins promptly at noon. Because of an earlier event, sight-in will not begin before 11 am. The smallbore hunting rifle match usually begins at 1:30 after a short lunch break.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Savannah River Rangers: Joe Metz, jmrm3@sc.rr.com, 803-960-3907 and Matthew Haulbrooks

In Cowboy Action we shoot steel targets of various shapes, sizes and distances, it does not matter where on the target the bullet hits, it is ruled either a hit or miss. A miss adds 5 seconds to the shooters time, obviously we want to hit them "All" as quickly as possible! We typically shoot 6 stages with each stage having a different scenario consisting of differing number of targets, differing target arrangement, differing shooting locations and differing gun order. We shoot 4 guns on each stage, 2 revolvers, 1 lever action rifle and 1 shotgun usually 5 rounds from each revolver, 10 rounds from the rifle and 4 rounds from the shotgun for 24 rounds per stage for a total of 144 rounds per match. When we give the monthly report and list the number of clean shooters we had, that means each clean shooter shot all 144 rounds and hit each target in the correct order.

BLACK POWDER MUZZLELOADING: Jim Boyd, 1949jwb@gmail.com, 803-356-9504 or Sam Jones, JonesiiiS@yahoo.com, 803-794-5476.

We held our match on Saturday. We had a good turn out, and were able to social distance using the shooting tables.

1st place was Ken Dilley, 2nd place Sam Jones and 3rd place Jim Boyd. Next Match 6/27.

Here are some facts about our matches:
Match fee is \$5.00 New shooters shoot for free

NMLRA rules prevail

Match Director Controls the line and match

Any Muzzleloading rifle or musket with OPEN SIGHTS may be used

Ammo is a Patched round ball

Loading takes place behind the firing line at the benches

The firearm is not primed until the shooter is on the firing line (percussion cap or priming powder)

Misfires are placed in a safe box if the shooter cannot clear the issue at the line

Ranges are typically 25, 40, 50, 75 and 100 yards

Scoring is indicated by the numerical values shown on the target. A ball must be at least 1/2 into a ring to receive that score

Novelty matches are scored by the number of targets hit

IDPA: Bob Hoban 803-491-5509, Mike Phillips 803-530-9135, or idpaatmrc@gmail.com.

IDPA matches are scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month. Pre-registration and squad selection is through Practiscore.com (search for "MCRC IDPA" to find upcoming matches). Setup is usually on Friday afternoon prior to the match. Anyone helping with setup can shoot free the next day. IDPA is designed to help you with concealed carry. IDPA gear should be consistent with "carry gear."

APPLESEED RIFLE CLINIC: Tyler Scott, appleseedsc@gmail.com

We have a standard shoot scheduled for October 17-18. Registration for these events can be found at <https://appleseedinfo.org/schedule/?qstate=SC&state=South%20Carolina>. If you have any questions feel free to email me at appleseedsc@gmail.com.

4 SAFETY RULES

- 1. Always Keep the Muzzle In A Safe Direction.**
- 2. Do Not Load Until Given the "Load" Command.**
- 3. Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger Until the Sights Are On the Target.**
- 4. Make Sure Those Around You Follow the Safety Rules.**

Safe Rifle

- 1. Magazine Out**
- 2. Bolt Back**
- 3. Safety On**
- 4. Chamber Flag In**
- 5. Rifle Grounded**
- 6. No One Touching the Rifle**

The shooter should then step back behind the Equipment Line, taking everything with him/her except his/her rifle.

List of Line Commands

“Shooters! Your Preparation Period Begins Now!”

“Shooters! Your Preparation Period Has Ended!”

(Given during Stages 2 & 3 of the QDAQT Only) "Safeties On!"
(Given during Stages 2 & 3 of the AQT Only) "Stand!"
"With X Rounds, Load" (Not to be given during Stages 2 and 3 of the AQT)
"Is the Line Ready?"
"Ready On the Right?"
"Ready On the Left?"
"All Ready On the Firing Line!"
"Fire!"
"Cease Fire! Cease Fire! Cease Fire!"
"Unload and Clear!"
"Is the Line Clear On the Right?"
"Is the Line Clear On the Left?"
"The Line Is Clear! The Line Is Clear!"
"Shooters You May Proceed Downrange To Check/Post/Score Your Targets!"
"Stand Easy!" (*If Needed*)

JUNIORS: Charley Francis, cfrancis@ftc-i.net, 803-469-4584

The Juniors program is for those 8 to 18 and is designed to teach safety, responsibility, and basic marksmanship. The program uses air rifles for training and provides an entry into the rifle and pistol disciplines.

The basic orientation course consists of ten hours of instruction, both classroom and shooting. Instructors work with the participants through the course, teaching the basics and offering help and advice as the participant progresses. There is no set "score" to pass the orientation course. Safety is the primary focus, along with basic marksmanship skills.

There is no cost for the orientation program: MCRC provides the rifles, ammunition, eye and ear protection, targets, and training materials.

Still working with area youth groups to set up orientation programs. A couple of groups have expressed an interest in a summer program. In the early planning stages of a monthly Juniors Match. Participants and volunteers are always appreciated.

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

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Patrick Nolan, pnolan747@gmail.com, 803-318-1400.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MEMBERS:

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help set up the Friday before the USPSA, IDPA, and Steel Challenge matches. The match directors would welcome any assistance. You do not have to be a participant in the match to help. Contact one of the match directors in this newsletter and volunteer to help.

METAL TARGET STANDS can be ordered from Roy Mullis. Contact Roy at 803-360-1490 or by email at president@midcarolinarifleyclub.com.

Information on CWP Classes, Shooting Instruction, and Services:

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 special course package on March 29-29, 2020. The course qualifies instructors to teach the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting and to apply to SLED for certification as SC CWP instructors. Instructor candidates must complete NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting student class before taking the NRA Pistol Instructor course.

NRA Rifle Instructor Training class will be offered May 30, 2020, for NRA instructors who have completed NRA Basic Rifle Shooting student class, NRA Basic Instructor Training and been certified in another discipline.

NRA Range Safety Officer Training, an essential course for all trainers and support staff, will be offered on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Training will be offered for NRA Certified Instructors who are also NRA Range Safety Officers July 25, 2020.

NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor training will be offered September 26, 2020, for NRA Instructors who are certified NRA Pistol Instructors and have completed NRA Personal Protection in the Home student class.

NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Instructor training will be offered November 21, 2020, for NRA Instructors who are certified NRA Pistol Instructors who have completed NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor training and the NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home student class.

Defensive Shotgun course will help you learn how to protect your home and family using a basic shotgun and will be offered May 16, 2020.

Home Defense (NRA Personal Protection in the Home) class, September 19, 2020, takes you beyond the CWP and handgun basics to help you develop strategies so you can protect yourself and your family from home invasion.

Defensive Handgun 1 is offered March 14, and Defensive Handgun 2 on April 18, 2020, to enhance your shooting skills and your ability to defend yourself while carrying 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 <http://paladin.busman.com> for detailed training information and schedule for advanced classes and personal training.

BULLETS BY SCARLETT, a locally owned business, specializes in reloading components: hard cast lead and Hi-Tek polymer coated bullets (projectiles) in dozens of calibers, weights and profiles; Shooters World Powder (www.shootersworldsc.com); Federal Primers- Pistol (large and small), Shotgun and Large Rifle. Scarlett is a representative for Rugged Gear Guncarts (use code BU0770 for 10% discount on carts and accessories - online purchases only). www.bulletsbyscarlett.com

Scarlett's husband, Tommy, does custom molded ear protection - silicone ear plugs made on the spot (\$75), lab made silicone (\$110 and up), as well as a full line of digital ear plugs.

If you would like for Scarlett and Tommy to vend at your match, please contact her at bulletsbyscarlett@gmail.com or by phone 843-833-0770.

SC CWP and Personal Firearm Training – MCRC members family and friends, you are invited to take classes for SC CWP and Firearms Training from M-W Tactical. Classes are offered in group sessions or private lessons to better accommodate your needs. Please email info@M-Wtactical.com or call 803-250-1256 (Please Leave a Message) to inquire about all we offer for your firearm needs. Visit www.M-Wtactical.com for more information.

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