



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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 PM at Murray's in Edenwood Plaza.

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.

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 match on 2 nd Sunday in November)	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:

Once approved by the club, will post here

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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.

Minutes – December, 2020

There were Twenty-nine (29) members and guests in attendance:

Linda Chico	Rhonda Metz	Joe Metz	Eric Wright
Dwight Bachman	Karl B. Myers	Henry Schlein	Bob Molchan
Wesley Bommer	Michael Dodge	Charles Schenck	?
Jeff Howell	Julie Holling	Lee Rouse	Regena Sellers
Ralph Sellers	Allen Kinard	Kim Wales	Clifton Mitchell
Robert Dean	Larry Ulmer	John Braeckelaere	Matthew Braeckelaere
David Anderson	Doug Snyder	James Brown	Matthew Deas
Patten Watson			

Linda Chico called the meeting to order and led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. She also led the club in a prayer.

Minutes to the previous meeting were approved on a voice vote

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Roy Mullis, roym788@gmail.com, 803-360-1490
Linda Chico read the report.

I am happy to say that the last month has been a good one at the range. Nothing to report in the way of problems. The increase in the number of people taking CWP and personal training has dropped off some. I believe that not only the shortage of ammo but the cost of what is available is mostly the cause. In any case, with the number of guns being bought it is encouraging to see people taking the initiative and getting any type of training they can get.

I would like to say I'm looking forward to a good year for the club but with what is going on in Washington, it does not look good for the shooting community. I encourage all to get involved and contact all your senators and representatives both state and federal and make sure they know your position.

It looks like we will have to replace the gate operating system. The current system is obsolete. We are having too many issues with codes and cards. The last batch of gate cards cost \$8.00 a piece. That's over \$400.00 for 50 cards. It may even come to eliminating gate card all together and just going with codes.

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

Linda reminded everyone that she would be collecting checks, cash & Toys for Toys for Tots. This is the 20th year MCRC has supported this charity during the holiday season. She thanked the High Power Rifle shooters and the Smallbore Prone Rifle shooters for the cash donations collected during their matches. The Marines have indicated that the need for Toys is even greater this year, because of the pandemic, at the same time that social distancing limits gatherings traditionally used to fund raise or collect toys.

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. 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.
Rhonda Metz reported.

A big thank you to Linda Chico for doing the secretary duties at the last meeting. Not only did she perform my duties at the meeting, she also completed the Newsletter and posted it on the website!

If there are any changes or corrections to the newsletter, please bring them to my attention. The sign in sheets by the door are for everyone in attendance. This does include those wanting to join the club tonight. PLEASE print your name so that I can read it. Thank you!

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

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.
No report.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Palmetto Posse: Roger Horton roger@adluh.com, 803-447-0853. No report.

The Palmetto Posse is a Cowboy Action club that shoots every first Saturday in the Jeff Cooper bays matches start with a safety meeting at 9:30 am. Then we'll start shooting around 10:00 am. And finish around 1:30 pm. After the match we head to Murray's for lunch.

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

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.
No report.

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.

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.
Scott Johnson submitted a report.

Match was held on December 13th. They had 10 shooters and the weather was excellent. Dan Helwig was the match winner firing a 480-09X.

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.**

No report.

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.

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.

No Report.

Our NRA approved aggregate pistol matches, are held the third Saturday of each month from February through November, with registration starting at 9:00am, and shooting starting at 9:30 am. The match fee for a regular match is \$25. You do not have to shoot all 3 parts (.22LR, centerfire, and service pistol) of the 2700 course in order to compete with the group (\$10 fee for each part).

STEEL CHALLENGE: Dennis Coggins, damocles1234@hotmail.com, 803-732-0663, Julie Holling, jwholling@bellsouth.net, 803-755-7397, or Lewis Hoover, 803-568-2976, nomad_777@netzero.net

Julie Holling reported.

On November 21st, we had 19 shooters come out with 29 firearms to participate in Steel Challenge. The shooters included 2 ladies. Tim Burke won Pistol Caliber Carbine Open in 55.43. He also led Rimfire Rifle Iron in 64.68. Alan Coleman led Rimfire Pistol Open in 45.49 and also won Rimfire Rifle Open in 38.80. Chris Puza won Rimfire Pistol Iron in 87.09 seconds. There was only one shooter in each of the remaining divisions: Carry Optics, Limited, Production, and Optic Sight Revolver.

Our next match will be on December 19th. We will be using the General Purpose Bay for this match to run one of the long stages. 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. If you are interested in helping set up for the match and getting a \$15

discount on your match fee, you can help with set-up on Friday, the 18th starting at 4:00pm. 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) Mical Bowling submitted report.

The monthly smallbore rifle silhouette match was held as usual at noon on Saturday the 21st of November. It was a pleasant fall day. The sky was clear and the sun was at a low angle and quite bright so there were strong shadows and at times the targets were hard to see.

We had a nice contingent come down from North Carolina. Curtis Kesler won the standard rifle match while Scott Lurie won the hunter match with very good scores of 31 and a 33 out of 40 respectively. Following the regular match we held our annual turkey shoot. This initially consisted of shooting in round robin fashion our steel turkeys at 100 yards instead of the usual 77 yards. Most managed to hit two turkeys but was led by James Allen of NC who came away with three. Then two turkeys were set edge forward. David Harris of the Savannah River club made quick work of these. While taking a break, a raffle was held for a silver eagle coin which Keena Howell of the Savannah River club won. For the finale a scaled 50 ft air rifle target was set at 100 yards. This was taken down by Curtis Kesler from NC who walked away with the grand prize of a silver 22 LR bullet.

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. However participants should wear loose fitting gloves for handling of targets, spray cans, and rails. The next smallbore rifle silhouette match will be at noon on Saturday December 19th

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. In January we plan to change our start time from noon to 11 am.

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

Cowboy Action is an action shooting sport sanctioned by SASS – Single Action Shooting Society. Single Action means the guns have to be manually cocked before they will fire and must be pre 1900

original or replica, most use new production replicas. The shooter must have 2 revolvers, a lever action rifle chambered in a pistol caliber and a shotgun. The shotgun may be a double barrel, a lever action or an exposed hammer pump action. Ammo is low velocity exposed lead bullets, no jacketed bullets allowed because we shoot steel targets at close range. A typical match has 6 stages with a different scenario on each stage. Each stage is timed and usually consists of 5 rounds from each pistol, 10 rounds from the rifle and 4 rounds from the shotgun with movement between each shooting string. At the end the times are added up and the lowest time wins! There are lots of categories for competitors to choose from but that is a discussion for another day.

Registration begins at 8:30, Shooters Meeting at 9:30, shoot shortly after – we would love to have you come out and see what Cowboy Action is all about!

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

No Report.

IDPA: Mike Phillips 803-530-9135, or idpaatmcrc@gmail.com or Don Rawls (contact information coming soon)

No report.

Come join us! 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

Information and registration for upcoming 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.

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

We are still working with youth groups to set up orientation programs. The Covid-19 increase resulted in further restrictions. 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.

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: Alan Kinard (contact information coming soon)

Frank Headley has turned over the Liaison to Alan Kinard. All match directors need to send your year-end information to Linda Chico as soon as possible.

Frank would like to thank all of you for your support over the years. He particularly would like to thank Roy Mullis and of course the late Tom Thompson for keeping him on over the years. Those two kept the club moving along with the other officers, match directors, and support from volunteers.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Patrick Nolan, pnolan747@gmail.com, 803-318-1400.
No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rhonda Metz reported that there were a total of 74 votes cast for this election cycle. The following officers were voted in:

Roy Mullis, President
Linda Chico, Vice President
Patten Watson, Treasurer
Rhonda Metz, Secretary
Kim Wales, Chief Range Officer

NEW BUSINESS:

Patten Watson announced that Grass Roots is starting back up. It may be under a new name. More information to come.

NEW MEMBERS:

After a brief introduction & voice vote, MCRC accepted seven new member applications. Kenneth Aycock, John Champoux, George Lynn, Jr., Marcus Alston, Larry Ulmer, Matthew Deas, and Robert Dean.

There was no further business & the club adjourned the monthly meeting.

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@midcarolinarifleclub.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), Shotshell 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 are in invited to take classes for SC CWP and Firearms (Handgun & AR Style Rifles) Training from M-W Tactical during the time of September 16-20 and September 22-27. Please email info@M-Wtactical.com or call 803-250-1256 to get registered. Visit www.M-Wtactical.com for more information.