



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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 13, 2023, 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 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	11:00am
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:

Swap Meet (no firearms) – April 29, 2023. Lunch will be provided.

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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 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 – January 2023

There were forty-two (42) members and guests in attendance:

Roy Mullis	Hoy Edgell	Steven Degerick	Jennifer Langley
Linda Chico	Glenn Engle	Gail Plath	Rob Marcotolli
Derrick Hernandez	Kevin Krist	Duane Hogue	David Pfaehler
Scott Johnson	Eric Wright	Clive Lugmayer	Jason Andersen
Wesley Bommer	Sam Senich	W. Jacob Weesner	Linda Andersen
Henry Schlein	Kim Wales	Robert Johnson	Duane Sharpe
Charles Schenck	Charley Francis	Phil Folkers	Jane Sharpe
Michael Wingard	Jim Boyd	Chris Payeur	Brian Palmer
Patten Watson	William Eubanks	Thomas T. Washington	Gary Pace
David Davis	Harry Moles	Yan VanderVen	
Richard Boyd	Ellen Moles	Sid Langley	

Roy Mullis 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 from the last meeting were approved by voice vote.

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

1. The installation of the new gate system continues. Tomorrow Irmo Lock will back at the range.
2. I’m repairing the tables in the cooper bays. I suggest you touch the top before you put your items on it in case the paint has not dried completely.
3. Renewals can be mailed to Patten, or to the range. They can be brought to the range and either given to whoever is in the office or left in the mailbox outside the office. I can also process a renewal over the phone if you are going to use a credit card. Remember there is a 3% fee which would make the renewals \$206.
4. Most everything to do with membership will be handled out of the office at the range.
5. Please start using the new renewal form on the website.

6. Gun rights requirement must be kept up for duration of membership.

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

The President, Vice President, Treasure, and CRO were all re-elected. There was a total of 95 votes (81 via email and 14 paper). We need a secretary. Let me know if you would like to volunteer.

REMEMBER * * Renewals should 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).

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

If there are any changes or corrections to the newsletter, please bring them to Rhonda's 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.

DO NOT SEND CASH for renewals unless hand delivered to a meeting or to Roy at the range or to me personally. A stack of \$20s is suspicious and someone else may decide they need it. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CERTIFIED MAIL TO BE SIGNED FOR. That is usually an hour wait at the Post Office.

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: Kim Wales walesk3@gmail.com
803-760-3670 Range Maintenance: Julie Holling, jwholling@bellsouth.net, 803-755-7397.
No report.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Palmetto Posse: Charles Fortner cffortner@yahoo.com
803-622-2537.

Roy Mullis reported for Charles Fortner. Roy said that Chuck had to set up all alone.

Next match will be Saturday, February 4th and spectators are always welcome!
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, mcrcsmallbore@gmail.com, 803-240-9678.
Roy Mullis read the report.

We held the 2023 MCRC Mini Palma match today. We had 7 competitors brave the cold morning. For the first time we had more F-Class(4) then we did sling (3) competitors.

Randy Herrmann from TN won the match with 1200.112X

NRA LIGHT RIFLE: Robert Shaffner, Robert_shaffner@yahoo.com, 330-409-3799.
No report.

Light Rifle is a club oriented match using the NRA Light Rifle format. There are 4 easy to see targets, with unlimited "sighters" in a 5th target. 10 shots for each target. 2 targets (20 shots total) shot offhand (standing), 1 target sitting or kneeling, and 1 target prone. All easily done within the 55 minute time limit. Total possible score of 400.

Come on out and enjoy a low pressure fun with a great group of people interested in helping anyone asking!

USPSA-IPSC PISTOL: Mike Wingard, mhw_uspsa@yahoo.com, 803-521-0886; Derrick Hernandez, rangeraa45@gmail.com, 910-580-8343
Derrick Hernandez reported.

At our December match for 2022, we had 57 shooters registered. A big thank you to those who set up the match on Friday: Derrick Hernandez, Michael Wingard, Aaron Banks, John Edens, Chris Payseur, Nebraska Moore, and Eric Jackson. Remember, the people who show up for setup help will get a \$20 credit toward match fees. All the help with tear down afterwards was also appreciated – I hope you will all join us again.

Results are posted on Practiscore at USPSA MCRC December 2022 results & on the USPSA website

Division Winners:

Carry Optics – Tyler Meisenheimer

Limited – Jonathan Oliver

Open – Rene Quindo

PCC – Eric Jackson

Production - Andrew Greene

Limited 10 - Jonney Grunnet

Single Stack – Gerald Douglas

Our January match will be a special classifier match. Every stage will be submitted to the USPSA National Headquarters so that the shooter can earn or upgrade a classification in preparation for major matches this spring and summer.

NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE: Scott Johnson, scottjohnson641@gmail.com.
Scott Johnson reported.

Last match was held on January 8th. We had 7 shooters with cool, overcast, and dry weather. Match winner was Sam Jones firing a 489-26X.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF OLD WEST SHOOTISTS (NCOWS): Henry Schlein, henryschlein@yahoo.com, 843-821-9999 or Richard Boyd, Assistant Match Director, okbuckshot@comporium.net, 405-206-3314.– **SC OldWestShootists@yahoo.com**

The South Carolina Old West Shootists (SCOWS), our local NCOWS-affiliated posse, held its last match of 2022, on the 5th Saturday of December, at the Mid Carolina Gun Club.
Or perhaps at least we "tried to hold our last match."

While much like the previous regularly scheduled "2nd Sunday" match for earlier in December, last Saturday's match was held under the threat of rain, but participants in the New Year's Eve Day match weren't as lucky and the Dec. 31st match was hastily concluded, as the rain started to fall, shortly after completion of the first stage. Everyone thereafter adjourned and reconvened at Carolina Wings for lunch and refreshments.

So, it looks like we're all going to get a re-shoot of the 5th Saturday December match next weekend, when SCOWS will hold its first match of 2023 -- our regularly scheduled January 2nd Saturday Match - - on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Registration starts at 0830, lead starts fling downrange 0945ish, following the range safety briefing.

Also, we would like to welcome aboard a new member, Jim Whalen, who got to shoot first stage.

Best wishes for the New Year and hope to see you at our next match.

[The foregoing summary was prepared by Youghioghenny Kid, SCOWS Posse Secretary]

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 friendly 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.

For further information, please contact Henry Schlein, Match Director (aka, Sgt. Rick Henry) (843) 821-9999, email henryschlein@yahoo.com, or Richard Boyd, Jr., (aka, MoonShine) Asst. Match Director, okbuckshot@comporium.net, (405) 206-3314. See also, www.ncows.org.

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

No Match until February 18th.

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

Linda Chico read the report.

On December 17th, we had 44 shooters come out with 64 firearms to participate in Steel Challenge. The shooters included 5 new shooters, 3 Juniors, and 4 ladies. Alan Coleman led Pistol Caliber Carbine Open with 51.47 and Rimfire Rifle Open in 46.42. Todd Syssa won Rimfire Pistol Open in 61.80. Elliott Harris won Rimfire Rifle Iron in 84.14. Chris Puza led Rimfire Pistol Iron in 103.74. There were 2 gus in Production division and 1 shooter in the Open, Carry Optic, Limited, Single Stack and Optic Sight Revolver divisions.

Our next match will be on January 21st. We will be starting at 10:00. We will be running 5 stages, with one in the General Purpose Bay. 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 1:30. On Saturday, registration will start at the range at 9:15, ends at 9:50, 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, Julie or Lewis if you have questions about our match.

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

Linda Chico read the report.

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.

On the third Saturday of each month, the smallbore rifle silhouette match begins promptly at **11:00 am**. Set up starts around **9am** with sight in and practice after set up is complete. The smallbore hunting rifle match usually begins around **12:30** after a short lunch break.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Savannah River Rangers: Joe Metz, jrmetz45@gmail.com, 803-960-3907 and Matthew Haulbrooks

Linda Chico read the report.

Last match was December 18th. The weather was sunny and cool. We had 19 shooters come out. Top five were: 5th – Palmetto Traveller, 4th – Hoosier FN Daddy, 3rd – Kid Ray, 2nd – Lighthouse Pete, 1st – Ruby Colorado. There was 1 clean shooter (had no misses). Next match is January 15th. 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!

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, samandsandy@yahoo.com, 803-794-5476.

No match in December as the match date fell on Christmas weekend.

IDPA: Mike Phillips IDPAatMCRC@gmail.com, 803-530-9135 or Don Rawls dcrawls@live.com
No match in December

Next match will be Saturday January 28, 2023. Please come join us. Spread the word and bring someone with you!

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

If you work with a youth organization and are interested in having them participate in a shooting education program, please contact me.

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: William Caskey
No report.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Kevin Krist, kevin_krist@yahoo.com,

Kevin Krist reported. **Local State Representative Pre-files Bill to Ban Certain Semiautomatic Weapons** (Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, 1:30pm)

State Rep. Wendell Gilliard (D-Charleston County) has pre-filed a bill that seeks to ban buying, selling and owning certain semiautomatic weapons across the state of South Carolina. This marks the fourth time Gilliard has submitted the bill to the statehouse. Despite it never passing through subcommittee the first three times, Gilliard says he's optimistic he will receive additional bipartisan support to potentially get this bill to a vote and that he is willing to compromise with fellow lawmakers to move the bill forward. Noting that the measure's goal is to help cut down on the number of mass shootings, Gilliard said these weapons should only be in the hands of the military, not private citizens, and the bill would ban any person from owning them if it is passed.

The bill identifies assault weapons as the following:

- A semiautomatic rifle with a detachable magazine of 21 or more rounds.
- All semiautomatic shotguns with a folding stock or more than a six-round magazine.
- Any firearm modified to operate as an assault weapon.

Besides banning the buying and selling of such weapons, the bill also includes a provision that would grant current owners of such weapons a "grace period" to turn in their guns before they would face fines and possible jail time. The restrictions in the bill would be in addition to current state law which already forbids anyone from possessing a sawed-off weapon, machine gun or military firearm.

The first session of the new state legislation begins on Jan. 10, but at the present, no hearings or other legislative activity are scheduled for this bill.

For a full report, please check out the Legislative section of the website. New information is posted frequently.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appleseed Event Dates: April 15-16, 2023 and October 7-8, 2023

Join us for a swap meet to be held April 29, 2023. Bring your gun or outdoor related items that you no longer need and park around the lower lot. There may be disciplines set up for members who have never participated to see what goes on and can have the opportunity to try it. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by the club. There will also be a drawing for a prize or prizes just for coming out.

NEW MEMBERS:

Gary Pace

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:

APPLESEED RIFLE CLINIC: Duane Hogue SC@appleseedinfo.org or duane.fnp@outlook.com
Next event is April 15-16, 2023. Information and registration for upcoming events can be found at: <https://appleseedinfo.org>.

Project Appleseed is a non-profit organization that continues to have clinics at MCRC and elsewhere in SC. Our 25 yard clinics are designed to teach shooters the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship and the fundamentals of Revolutionary War history. They are designed for shooters of all skill levels with the goal being able to shoot an expert score on the Appleseed Qualification Test and earning a Rifleman patch which prepares the shooter for one of our full distance clinics out to 500 yards.

Our upcoming events are April 15-16 at MCRC and OCT 7-8 at MCRC.

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 CWP Instructor special course package on September 25-26, 2022. 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 offered May 20, 2023, for NRA instructors who have completed NRA Basic Rifle Shooting student class, NRA Basic Instructor Training and been certified in another discipline.

NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Training offered for NRA Certified Instructors who are also NRA Range Safety Officers Saturday, August 20, 2022.

NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor training will be offered October 29, 2022, 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 26-27, 2022, 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 Basic and Advanced level student classes.

Defensive Shotgun course will help you learn how to protect your home and family using a basic shotgun and will be offered December 10, 2022.

Home Defense (NRA Personal Protection in the Home) class September 10, 2022, 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 on October 15, and Defensive Handgun 2 on November 12, 2022, 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 Friday afternoons from 1–3 or 3–5 p.m.

Go to the Paladin Services LLC website <http://paladin.busman.com> for detailed training information 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 Gun carts (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 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.

D@D Tactical CWP Class. Finger printing included @ no extra charge. Cost \$75.00. Contact Dennis Rybicki @ 803-315-2456 or visit the website ddtacticaltraining.com.