



MID-CAROLINA RIFLE CLUB
3435 FISH HATCHERY ROAD
GASTON SC 29053-9033

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 8, 2023, 6:30 PM at Murray's in Edenwood Plaza.

Reminder #1: Membership renewals are due 30 days before your membership expires.

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

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.

MID-CAROLINA RIFLE CLUB

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Dues payments may be made at the meetings, at the range office or mailed to 3435 Fish Hatchery Rd, Gaston SC 29053-9033. Please send the renewal in the first 15 days of the month in which your membership expires. For fastest processing, bring your completed form and payment to the office at the range. If you have questions about dues, please contact Vice President Linda Chico at 803-629-7095 or email vp@midcarolinarifleclub.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 – April 2023

There were thirty-nine (39) members and guests in attendance:

Roy Mullis	Nelson Thompson	Christopher Payeur	Robert Fencel
Linda Chico	Duane Sharpe	Sidney Langley	Linda Headley
Kim Wales	Jane Sharpe	Jen Langley	Trais Poston
Wesley Bommer	Joseph Shahoud	Glenn Engle	Tom Beadle
Richard Boyd	Judy Lilly	Michael Long	Linda Beadle
Eric Wright	Lewis Hoover	Scott Johnson	Kyle Collins
Derrick Hernandez	William Richardson	Jim Shaw	Cecil Jackson
Michael Wingard	Kevin Krist	William Eubanks	Erik Parsons
Julie Holling	Robert Lipe	Ronald Dawkins	W. Jacob Weesner
Lee Rouse	Aron Banks	Jerry Wilson	

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 planning for the swap meet continues. Watching what the weather might be. Watch the website for info and any changes that might take place. Linda will have more.
2. We used to have members who wanted to pick up brass. I don’t know why but no one picks it up anymore. I’m guessing because there are few primers available to reload. If there is anyone who wants the brass left on the ground, let me know. I’ll let them use the brass picker to help retrieve it. If no one wants it, I’m going to push it into the berm. I’m getting more complaints from members about the way the bays look especially the Cooper Bays.
3. I’ve finished repairing and painting most of the tables in the Cooper Bays. There may be one or two that need a second coat of paint. I’ll mark those as I paint them.

4. March was not a good month as far as rules violations go. We had far too many. One day I had 4 violations within 15 minutes by one member. Rules are there for the protection of both the club and the members. I continuously remind everyone that we are one bullet away from losing the range. With the atmosphere in the country right now we must remain squeaky clean. I encourage all members to occasionally review the rules or at least take a minute when you go to a bay to look at the rules for that bay.
5. Please use the renewal form on the website. There have been changes. Renewals are now mailed to the range.

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

Linda Chico reported.

We still need volunteers to cook and help serve food at the swap meet. The two current volunteers cannot handle 80 club members for lunch without a little help. A member asked about tables for use during the swap meet. Please bring your own, or plan to display from the trunk or tailgate of your vehicle.

REMEMBER * * Please submit renewals early in the month when your membership expires. If your ID indicates your membership expires on 05/23 (last day of May 2023), please send the renewal in the first 15 days of the month. For fastest processing, bring your completed form and payment to the office at the range. Or mail to the range address instead of the PO Box. 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: ActingSec@midcarolianrifleclub.com

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

SMALLBORE PRONE RIFLE Richard Byers, mrcrsmallbore@gmail.com, 803-240-9678
Roy Mullis read the report.

Seven competitors braved the wind and chance of rain today. Rain held off until the last minutes of the last target, then the bottom fell out. The wind blew all day. I recorded a high of 21 mph with the average being about 12 mph.

Josh won the sling class with an 1135.33X

Ken won the F-Class with 1174.58X.

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.

Well, we got lucky with the weather for setup on Friday, but it didn't help us during the match. I really cannot remember the last time we had such miserable conditions. Big thanks to Mike Wingard, Derrick Hernandez, Aaron Banks, John Edens, Ryan Lee, Chris Payeur & his wife for all the hard work at setup. With all the rain forecast, I was expecting we would have only about 18 to 20 shooters. Instead, we ended up with 32. And with the relentless cold and constant rain, only seven people were able to finish all 6 stages. Scores were posted on Practiscore right after the match at <https://practiscore.com/results/new/3accb2e1-438a-49d7-a8c5-6edf07b8eec0>. They are also posted on USPSA.org. Club code for USPSA is SC02.

This match was a testament to your persistence (or stubbornness). And because of that, I will add a \$5 credit to every one of you at the next match you shoot with us. I am calling it the *insanity discount* – only for those insane enough to come shoot in such dreadful weather.

Match Winners:

1st place Limited: Caleb Kessman

1st place Open: Rene Quindo

1st place Carry optics: Ryan Lee

1st Place PCC: Aaron Banks

MCRC will not have a USPSA match in May, since it is the same weekend as the Area 6 Championship. Our next match will be the second Saturday in June & we will be on summer hours: shooting will start an hour earlier at 9:00 AM. Hope you can join us.

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 8:00 am. Shooting starts at 10:00 am. (Winter Hours) 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: Scott Johnson, scottjohnson641@gmail.com
Scott Johnson reported.

Last match was held on April 9th. We had 6 shooters with brisk and breezy weather. Match winner was Sam Jones firing a 491-23X

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**
Henry Schlein reported.

The match was postponed, due to falling on Easter Sunday. The next NCOWS match will be held April 29, 2023, the fifth Saturday of this month. A division sized coffee pot and Cowboy coffee will be available for any visitors who want to stop by and check out NCOWS. Cowboy coffee means magnum strength, however, we will provide cream and sugar, as well as water, for those who prefer their coffee downloaded. We will also have some guns and ammo on hand, for anyone who might be interested in shooting a stage. You are never too young or too old, to enjoy doing this.

PRECISION PISTOL: Mike Carr, afvet53@netzero.net, 803-408-0024
Roy Mullis read the report.

Because of illness we had to cancel our March match.
Our next match is 15th of April. We already have a lot of interest already.

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
Julie reported.

On March 18th, we had 42 shooters come out with 61 firearms to participate in Steel Challenge. The shooters included 3 new shooters, 1 junior and 4 ladies. Tim Burke led Open division in 90.29. David Strickland won Carry Optic in 59.52 and Rimfire Piston Open in 45.85. Jon Wakeman led Pistol Caliber Carbine Open with 52.72. Chris Puza won Rimfire Rifle Open in 47.01. Gary Christopher led Rimfire Rifle Iron in 43.85. There were 2 guns in the Limited and Rimfire Pistol Iron divisions and 1 shooter in the Iron Sight Revolver and Pistol Caliber Carbine Iron divisions.

Our next match will be on April 15th. The fee for each shooter's first gun will go towards the Memorial 3-Gun Foundation, which raises funds for the Gold Star Special Operations Forces families. We will be

starting at 10:00. We will be running 5 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 14th, 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 if 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.

Jim Shaw with the United States Army, Special Forces Association Chapter 6, presented MCRC with a Certificate of Appreciation

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

Roy Mullis read the report.

The monthly smallbore rifle silhouette match was held on Saturday the 18th of March. Temperatures were cool but comfortable and the sky was overcast. Because the sun is now higher in the sky, lighting of the targets was uniform with no shadows. This made the targets quite visible and easy to see. Scott Lurie down from North Carolina was the match winner of the standard rifle match while our own Mical Bowling won the hunter match.

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
Roy Mullis read the report.

- *Match was March 19th.*
- *Weather was Sunny and cool.*
- *23 shooters came out.*
- *5th – Kid Ray, 4th – Lightfoot Jack, 3rd – Sue Render, 2nd – Hoosier FN Daddy, 1st – Lighthorse Pete.*

- *1 clean shooter.*
- *Next match is April 16th.*

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
Roy Mullis read the report.

Muzzleloader Match for March: 1st Wayne Robinson, 2nd Sam Jones, 3rd Jethro Guthrie

IDPA: Mike Phillips IDPAatMCRC@gmail.com, 803-530-9135 or Don Rawls dcrawls@live.com
Linda Chico read the report.

They are having a Range Safety Officer Class on April 23. They only have 10 spots available. There is a link to register on their Facebook page.

Their last match was a Classifier match held in March. The scores look strange because with a classifier match some people are shooting a gun they don't normally shoot like a back up gun or their secondary carry gun as they are trying to classify in a new division. A big thanks to all of those who didn't mind getting a little wet while shooting the classifier. Some unclassified shooters were classified in this match and 4 shooters moved up in their class in several different divisions. Hope to see you next time.

JUNIORS: Charley Francis, cfrancis@ftc-i.net, 803-469-4584
No report.

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: William Caskey
Linda read the report.

The CMP report was turned in on time. Thank you to all the disciplines who turned in their reports on time. For next year, you need to report your total attendance (every person who shot in the match) and then breakout how many were female and how many were junior shooters. If you have different categories, we need them added together.

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

It has been reported that the North Carolina pistol permit repeal takes effect immediately allowing residents to buy a handgun without a permit.

Back in September the Columbia City Council passed an ordinance that said anyone that does not report a lost or stolen firearm within 24 hours is guilty of a crime. Information will be posted to the web site when it becomes available.

The ATF is now reporting the names and addresses of any FFL that has been revoked or surrendered.

Please check the **Legislative Updates** section of the MCRC website for updates. New information and updates are posted frequently.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Let Roy know if you would like to add any of your training classes to the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MEMBERS:

Tom Beadle, Chris Devenport, William Hardison, Rob Fencel, Ronnie Dawkins and Nash Dawkins

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 October 7 - 8, 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 March 25-26, June 24-25, and on September 23-24, 2023. 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, July 22, 2023. Upcoming Range Safety Officer classes will be held on Saturday, March 4, April 22, July 8, and October 21, 2023.

NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor training will be offered October 28, 2023, 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 25-26, 2023, 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 May 13, and December 9, 2023.

Home Defense (NRA Personal Protection in the Home) class September 9, 2023, 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 (NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home-Basic Level) on March 11, and October 14, and Defensive Handgun 2 (NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home-Advanced Level) on April 15, and November 11, 2023, 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), Shotgun 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.

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