



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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 14, 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:

MID-CAROLINA RIFLE CLUB

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Linda Chico, Vice President, 803-629-7095, lchico@sc.rr.com

Patten Watson, Treasurer, 803-463-6533, duck.tail@yahoo.com

Jane Sharpe, Acting Secretary: actingsec@midcarolinarifleclub.com

Website: <http://www.midcarolinarifleclub.com/>

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 – July 2023

There were thirty-three (33) members and guests in attendance:

Roy Mullis	Ben Moore	Julie Holling	Erick Wright
Patten Watson	Lee Rouse	Jim Boyd	Bob Molchan
Jim Shaw	Mike Phillips	Hoy Edgell	Darlene Edgell
Judy Lilly	Steven Phillips	Jerry Wilson	Cecil Jackson
Geraldo Cruzado	Robert Marcotolli	Henry Schlein	Richard Boyd
Duane Sharpe	Jane Sharpe	Kim Wales	John Rumschik
Derrick Hernandez	Jim Stewart	Robert Lipe	Phillip Folkers
Phillip English	David Davis	Hal Copple	D. Capps
Egerton Maitland			

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.

First things first. It is hot. Please keep yourself hydrated. Remember that there is always water available in the junior building. Being in some of the bays is like being on a 360-degree beach. The sun bouncing off the walls, the ground and from overhead can cook you quickly.

I am happy to report that use of the range has increased. I am not happy to report that things are going on that should not be. I believe that at the last meeting I mentioned that I had to send a member home for a rules violation. First time in several years. I’m very disappointed.

The rule concerning target stands says anything that will hold the target still is acceptable. We are talking about paper targets here. Even though there are options available, like real estate signs or election signs or homemade stands and even a piece of 1x2 with the target stapled to it is acceptable WHEN USED PROPERLY. When a target stand becomes destroyed to a point that it is not doing the job or has become unsafe, it is no longer acceptable and MUST be removed from the target line and replaced with acceptable stand. The club prefers the use of the metal stands that Roy Johnson makes and

I keep available in the conex for the members to purchase. They work everywhere. In the last weeks I have found election signs blown to pieces and then the user has attempted to continue to use it by folding the cardboard over it tapping paper plates to it. I recently found a metal fold up cot frame in the trash riddled with bullet holes. Nowhere is mentioned in the rules that a bed frame is acceptable.

Then there is damage to club property. Day before yesterday I found the cover to the switch to turn the warning buzzer on or off in the General Purpose Bay ripped off the electrical box. I know some do not like the buzzer but it is a necessary safety feature that has to be used. I give the combination to anyone who requests it so it may be turned off while they are down range. But it has to be turned back on when they leave the bay. I noticed that the buzzer has stopped functioning. It has to be replaced periodically because of ants or normal wear and tear. Did anyone tell me there was a problem so I could fix it? NOPE.

Everybody should know the rules about bullets impacting the berms. Bullets should impact at least a foot above the base of the berm and at least a foot down from the top. This hopefully eliminates the possibility of hitting the ground or clipping the top of the berm and having a bullet leave the range. On the Hathcock range there is also a requirement that targets placed on the 200 yard berm be placed high enough that in case of a low shot the bullet won't clip the top of the 100 yard berm and again leave the range. In the last week I have seen bullet impacts above the berms in the pistol bays. How high were those targets to allow for a bullet to go over the berm?

Everybody needs to remember that it will take ONE bullet leaving this range and hitting something to get us closed down. If you like shooting here and you want to keep the range open you should do everything in your power to follow the rules. I had a group throwing clay pigeons in the air and shotting at them in the Shotgun bay. When I stopped them and I told them that's not allowed, the response was well they're not that high. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HIGH, THE RULES SAY THAT'S NOT ALLOWED! In the past I've been told by a member, "Well I don't interpret the rule that way". Club rules are not to be interpreted. What they say is what they mean.

Unfortunately, all this means that I will have to increase my observation as to what's going on in the bays.

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

No report.

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
Patten Watson reported.

Patten gave a brief summary of club finances at the meeting. Patten is a CPA in SC. If you would like to have more information regarding our finances, please contact him.

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
No report.

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

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.

We had a great turnout for the USPSA match at MCRC today. Big thanks to Mike Wingard, Derrick Hernandez, Aaron Banks, John Edens, Ryan Lee, Chris Payeur, Eric Jackson and Chris Devenport for all the hard work at setup on Friday. Those 8 people were willing to come out in the heat and oppressive humidity to set up stages.

Scores were posted on Practiscore right after the match at <https://practiscore.com/results/new/a5a71c4c-8012-4bf9-8964-865795479bf0>.

They will also be posted on USPSA.org by late Monday night. Club code for USPSA is SC02.

Congratulations to our division winners: Chase Farkas in Carry Optics, Mark Sullivan in Limited, James Nortz in Open, Matt Hopkins in Production and Eric Jackson in PCC. Our new, provisional division Limited Optics, had 7 competitors with Wally Burbage winning the division. Also, big thanks to Brad Amick and the big gunsmith trailer from Amick Guns at the match.

Our next match will be the second Saturday in August (August 12) & we will be on summer hours: shooting will start 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 9:00 am. (Summer 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: Clay Marshall, Scott Johnson, scottjohnson641@gmail.com
Julie read the report.

Last match was held on July 9th. We had 6 shooters with clear, calm, and HUMID! Match winner was Scott Johnson firing a 488-14X.

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 South Carolina Old West Shootists (SCOWS) held their regularly scheduled monthly “Second Sunday” match for July 2023 on Sunday, July 9, 2023, in the Cooper Pistol Bays at the Mid-Carolina Rifle Club.

We had 7 posse members come out to shoot 4 main stages based on gunfights from the Old West, plus a timed bonus stage that tested long-range pistol skills.

There were no clean shooters for the match.

Here are the **match results**, by category:

Lawman

Sgt. R. Henry, 1st Place	117.10
Moonshine, 2nd Place	118.47

Elder 4 Gun Smokeless Duelist (Outlaw)

Doc WHO, 1st Place	485.36
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Elder 4 Gun Black Shootist

Manassas, 1st Place	282.20
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Working Cowboy

Youghioghenny Kid, 1st Place	201.04
Rowdy McCabe, 2nd Place	262.20

3 Gun Smokeless Shootist

Cheyenne Jim, 1st Place	168.00
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Congratulations to all, and thanks to everyone for a great match.

The **next SCOWS match** will be our July “5th Saturday” match on **Saturday, July 29, 2023**. A more detailed announcement will be made as we get closer to that date. Hope to see you there!

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

Our best turnout in a long time, 11 shooters. It would have been a full house of 12 except I sent all the information to a new shooter and he shows up at Midcarolina Gun club. We had three new shooters, all old time Army shooters. Sally Talbot who shot a 1688 39x and Michael Gasser with a 1710 58x for two stages. Our high shooter was Adam Kopstein with a 2481-67x. No match in July. Next match August 19th.

Another good turnout of 8 shooters. John Harvey was able to complete the match with the high score of 2375 39x. The weather was good and we expect another great crowd at our June match with one new shooter expressing interest and another shooting for his third time in 30 years! Children under 18. We have two shooters who are in their 80's and still shoot good scores. Next match June 17th, third Saturday.

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 Holling reported.

On June 17th, we had 34 shooters come out with 56 firearms to participate. The shooters included 3 ladies. Bob Bailey won Carry Optics in 72.19 seconds. Brian Blank led Pistol Caliber Carbine Open with 56.61. Todd Syssa won Rimfire Pistol Open in 53.22 and Rimfire Rifle Open in 43.72. Chris Puza led Rimfire Pistol Iron in 67.70. Gary Christopher won Rim Fire Rifle Iron in 48.53 There were 2 guns in the Open and Single Stack divisions and 1 shooter in the Iron Sight Revolver Production, and Pistol Caliber Carbine divisions.

Our next match will be on July 15th. We will be starting at 9:00. 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 16th starting at 1:30. On Saturday, registration will start at the range at 8:15, ends at 8:50, and the match starts at 9:00.

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.

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 17th of June. It was a hot dry day with clear skies. Targets were easy to see because the berms were dry and there were no shadows. Scott Lurie was the winner in the standard rifle match while Mical was the winner of 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

- Match was June 18th.
- Weather was partly cloudy and hot.
- 21 shooters came out.
- 5th – Trail Bandit, 4th – Whiskey Mac, 3rd – Groundhog, 2nd – Kid Ray, 1st – Stone Ground.
- 5 clean shooters.
- No match in July, next match is August 20th.
- 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, samandsandy@yahoo.com, 803-794-5476
Roy read the report.

The June Muzzleloader Match were as follows: Wayne Robinson 1st, Sam Jones 2nd, and Ken Dille 3rd. Next match is 7/22/23. Match fee \$5.00, new shooters free.

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

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

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.

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: William Caskey
No report.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Kevin Krist, kevin_krist@yahoo.com
Roy Mullis read the reports.

As expected, a vote on a Joint Resolution (H.J.Res. 44) that would disallow the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) from enforcing its recently issued rule that categorized pistols equipped with bracing devices as short barrel rifles subject to the registration & taxation requirements of the National Firearm Act (NFA) was held in the U.S. House of Representatives during the week of June 12. The Resolution was approved by a vote of 219-210. While this vote does not effectively fully nullify the ATF requirements, it is a step in that direction, with the next step being Senate approval. To this end, the Resolution has been officially sent to that chamber, where it was placed on the Senate's Legislative Calendar for further action.

It is not expected that there will be any further significant legislative activity at the state and federal level for the rest of the summer, but there is an online presentation of upcoming SC Legislative activity this week that I am planning on attending and will report back any pertinent information.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Appleseed Rifle Clinic will be October 7 - 8, 2023.

Just a reminder that we have classifieds on the website. Roy has six tree stands available for free if anyone is interested. They are 10', 14', and 16'.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MEMBERS:

No new members.

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.