



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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 9, 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:

Appleseed Rifle Clinic will be held October 7 - 8, 2023

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3435 Fish Hatchery Road, Gaston, SC 29053-9033

Roy Mullis, President, 803-360-1490, roym788@gmail.com

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

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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 – September 2023

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

Roy Mullis	Linda Chico	Julie Holling	Kim Wales
Scott Johnson	Lee Rouse	Erick Wright	Lewis Hoover
Linda Headley	Michael Wingard	Charles Fortner	Cecil Jackson
Phillip English	Glenn Engle	Duane Sharpe	Jane Sharpe
Jim Stewart	Richard Boyd	Derrick Hernandez	Kody Hernandez
Charles Hedgepath	Don Guevara	Robert Marcotulli	Ruth Marcotulli
Thomas Washington	Nelson Thompson	Judy Lilly	Geoffrey Shannon
Kevin Krist	Charlie Spiers	Charley Francis	Charles Schenck
Patten Watson			

Roy Mullis called the meeting to order and led the club in prayer. He also led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Just a couple of things.

After last month’s meeting, Jane Sharpe told Linda that she would accept the position of secretary. Thank you Jane. A vote was taken to approve Jane as secretary and it was approved by voice vote.

Bay 6 is open again. Repairs are complete, rules are the same, No steel and shoot only into rear berm and left side.

Rule 3.4 Club Equipment has been modified. “Club equipment such as barricades and props may only be used with the permission of the match Directors. ADD (“**Intentionally or willfully damaging club property or equipment is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.**”) Other materials on the range are club equipment and must not be used.” Any member that has not reviewed the rules recently needs to do so.

Fish Hatchery is still a mess in front of the club. The construction crew has left the area for some reason.

If you are coming to the range to drop off a renewal form or to see me, please call to make sure I am there. I now have one grandson in tech and the other working at Lowes. I may have to leave to pick up one or both in the afternoon according to the weather. My wife won't drive in rain if there is a remote possibility of clouds. This will be mostly in the evening around 4 or 5. You can still drop the renewal in the mailbox outside the office and I will mail your new card the next day or so.

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

We continue to work at ways to make the renewal process quicker and less painful. There is no reason to send in a renewal 60 days in advance. Send it in during the same month as the expiration date listed on your card. We do ask that you send it in during the first two weeks of the month. That gives us time to process and get the new card to you. If you are having any difficulties with the gate please call Linda Chico 803-629-7095. We have the ability to open the gate remotely using our phones if you are trapped inside or cannot get your gate card or keypad code to work.

We have added a clarification to the rules regarding club equipment. It seems silly that we need to tell people not to shoot up barricades, props, barrels and other equipment used to set up stages for USPSA, SASS Cowboys, IDPA & NCOWS. We added text to say "Intentionally or willfully damaging club property or equipment is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action."

Looking for a deal on shooting supplies? Have a firearm to sell or want to browse what your fellow club members want to sell? See that & more in the classified area of the website that is "for members only" to sell or trade items. It uses the same password the newsletter. That means you will get ONE new password every month. The rules for the classified portion of the website are posted on the first page that you linked to before you continue to the classified section by selecting the yellow box. Please read over the rules before you submit an advertisement for the classifieds.

REMEMBER * *Please submit renewals early in the month when your membership expires. If your ID indicates your membership expires on 10/23 (last day of October 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
Roy Mullis reported.

Please remember to sign in.

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

If you're an NRA member and renew your membership annually, please do so through the club's website. We get a few dollars for each membership processed through the MCRC website and you will get a discount.

Patten gave a brief summary of club finances. He 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 cfortner@yahoo.com
803-622-2537
Charles Fortner reported.

The Palmetto Posse held their September monthly match on Saturday, September 2, 2023. There was a total of 27 shooters representing 12 different categories. We had two clean shooters Kid Ray and Catfish Charlie. Our top three shooters for the day were Cowboy Junky who finished third with a total time of 128.61. Second was Palmetto Traveler with a time of 128.46 and our top shooter was Sue Render with a total time of 117.27.

Our next match will be held on Saturday, October 6th with registration opening at 8:30, safety meeting at 9:30 and first rounds downrange immediately afterward.

As always, visitors are encouraged and welcome.

SMALLBORE PRONE RIFLE Richard Byers, mcrcsmallbore@gmail.com, 803-240-9678
No report.

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

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

We really got lucky with the weather. We had the best shooting weather: cloudy and a gentle breeze and the only a slight drizzle if rain as the final 3 squads finished up. Big thanks to Mike Wingard, Derrick Hernandez, Matt Hopkins, John Edens, Ryan Lee & Geraldo Cruzado for all the hard work at setup. I was pleased to see 5 first time shooters registered. And we hope the "first time" shooters felt welcomed, enjoyed the shooting, and return for our October match. Congratulations to our division Winners

1st Place Limited: Matt Hopkins

1st Place Carry optics: Ryan Lee

1st Place PCC: Tyler Rocha

1st Place Limited Optics: Wally Burbage

Single Stack, Open, Production & Revolver divisions each had fewer than 3 participants. I think the

threat of bad weather spinning off from Hurricane Lee kept a number of shooters at home. We really appreciate all the help with tear down and clean up. Thanks, too, go to Brad Amick from Amick Guns, who set up in the parking lot, and was available for anyone who had a need for a gunsmith, or just wanted to browse for their wish list. Amick Guns is one of our top Toys for Tots sponsors. Scores were posted and everyone was off the range by 2PM. Results are posted at practiscore.com/results/new/217841. The results will also be available at www.USPSA.org (for those of you who are USPSA members - club code SC02) on Monday night.

Next match is on October 14. Toys for Tots registration will also open the first week of October. You can shoot Toys for Tots on Saturday, November 11 or on Sunday, November 12. Start making plans! 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: Scott Johnson, scottjohnson641@gmail.com
Scott Johnson reported.

Last match was held on September 10th. We had 6 shooters. The weather was humid to start with, then hot and humid. Match winner was Scott Johnson firing 489-23X. We shoot the second Sunday of every month. Juniors shoot free and the first time they come out we can let them use a rifle and ammo if they let me know they will be there. If you have children or grandchildren who want to learn marksmanship with a rifle, bring them out.

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 one of its regularly scheduled “Second Sunday” match on August 13, 2023, in the Cooper Pistol Bays at the Mid-Carolina Rifle Club.

We had 5 shooters brave the forecast heat advisory to come out and shoot 4 stages based on actual gunfights from the Old West. For this match, those gunfights were all based on Kiowa raids in North Texas during the 1860s & '70s. Luckily, we completed the match before the major heat kicked in, and, while it was still a hot morning, we all pulled through.

There were no clean shooters for the match.

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

4 Gun Smokeless Duelist Outlaw

Doc WHO, 1st Place

505.02

Elder 4 Gun Black Powder Shootist

Manassas, 1st Place 562.49

Shootist Working Cowboy

Rowdy McCabe, 1st Place 269.67

Lawman

Sgt. R. Henry, 1st Place 264.40

Working Cowboy Duelist

Youghioghenny Kid, 1st Place 301.57

Congratulations to all, and thanks to everyone for a great match.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next **SCOWS match** will be our September “2nd Sunday” match on **Sunday, September 10, 2023** coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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

We had 8 shooters show up for our August match. Not too hot and good scores. Neal Roberts a High Master had a score of 2597 87x. Everyone shot the full 3 stages, getting back into the swing. Next match September 16th. Hopefully we will finish the season strong without any cancellations.

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 August 19th, we had 40 shooters come out with 59 firearms to participate. The shooters included 2 juniors, 7 ladies and 1 new shooter. Bob Bailey won Carry Optics in 70.61 seconds. Rick Turcotte led Pistol Caliber Carbine Open with 50.76. Gary Christopher won Rimfire Pistol Open in 54.75 and Rimfire Rifle Iron in 54.57. Tim Fritz led Rimfire Pistol Iron in 67.18. Todd Syssa led Rimfire Rifle Open in 44.55. There were two shooters in Open division and 1 shooter in Production and Optic Sight Revolver.

Our next match will be on September 16th. 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 15th starting at 8:30 am. 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.

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 19th of August. Results are not currently available.

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.

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

Roy Mullis read the report.

- Match was August 20th.
- Weather was sunny and hot.
- 19 shooters came out.
- 5th – Palmetto Traveller, 4th – Jesamy Kid, 3rd – Sue Render, 2nd – Whiskey Mac, 1st – Kid Ray.
- 1 clean shooter.
- Next match is September 17th.
- 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 Mullis reported.

August Muzzleloader match: Ken Dilley 1st, Sam Jones 2nd, & Jim Boyd 3rd.

Next match September 23rd.

IDPA: Mike Phillips IDPAatMCRC@gmail.com, 803-530-9135 or Don Rawls dcrawls@live.com

No report.

The match was cancelled due to the heat.

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

Charley reported that he is working with a couple of scout groups in Sumter to get them involved in the orientation program. Let him know if you are a member and work with a youth group that you would like to get into the program.

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
Roy Mullis reported.

They are taking orders for the 1911s and they have two types of grants available.

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

The DOJ and ATF made an announcement that they have a proposed new rule to expand the FFL requirement to include civilian part-time sellers. The information has not been published yet. Kevin will report back once more information becomes available.

Roy mentioned that we need to keep bump stocks out of the range until we find out what is going to happen with it. And also, that the DOJ reported a proposal that would require you to report how much gun powder you purchase to the fire department, keep records of it for five years and the ATF would have permission to come to your house at any hour to investigate. He also mentioned that the New Mexico governor suspended the Constitution and banned guns within the city for 30 days.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Just FYI, there is a company called Throom that has ricochet free targets.

Let us know if you have any classes coming up so we can get the information in the newsletter.

A mandatory safety briefing will be scheduled for new members. Eye and ear protection are required. Plan to spend three hours, and that includes a portion of time walking around on the range. So, dress appropriately for the weather.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mark Burns, Stephen Wade & James Mallios

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 at MCRC. 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.

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 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 for 2024 TBD. This class is 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, class for 2024 TBD. Upcoming Range Safety Officer class will be held on 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 December 9, 2023.

Home Defense (NRA Personal Protection in the Home) class for 2024 TBD. This class 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 October 14, and Defensive Handgun 2 (NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home-Advanced Level) 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.