



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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 13, 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
 3435 Fish Hatchery Road, Gaston, SC 29053-9033
 Roy Mullis, President, 803-360-1490, roym788@gmail.com
 Linda Chico, Vice President, 803-629-7095, lchico@sc.rr.com
 Patten Watson, Treasurer, 803-463-6533, duck.tail@yahoo.com
 Jane Sharpe, Secretary: secretary@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 the 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 – October 2023

There were thirty-four (34) members and guests in attendance:

Roy Mullis	Kim Wales	Duane Sharpe	Jane Sharpe
Scott Johnson	Michael Wingard	Don Guevara	Patten Watson
Jerry Wilson	Sid Langley	Jennifer Langley	Henry Schlein
Derrick Hernandez	Owen Harness	Bob Furnald	Leslie Furnald
Wesley Boomer	William Richardson	Deborah Easterling	Roy Mefford
John Jones	Ed Waddell	Geraldo Cruzado	Linda Anderson
David Anderson	Jason Anderson	David Davis	Kristen Davis
Carolyn Harness	Jim Shaw	Bonnie Shaw	Dodd Lyles
Almeta Boatwright	Phil Folkers		

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.

1. We are experiencing an increased number of range violations. Please review the rules for the bay you are on before shooting. The rules are posted right there in plain sight.
2. Paving of Fish Hatchery is mostly complete, building up the shoulders is left and shouldn’t cause delays.
3. The gate is functioning correctly again. Members need to remember that all must swipe their card or enter their code every time they enter or leave the range even when gate is locked open for any match or event.
4. Watch the time for sundown. The days are getting shorter, and shooting is ending earlier. Sunset for this week is around 6:55 which makes all shooting end around 7:25.

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

Please remember to send your renewals to the range.

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: Secretary@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.

Patten gave a brief summary of club finances. He also recommended that if you do not have a will, see a lawyer and have one drawn up. 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 cffortner@yahoo.com
803-622-2537
No report.

SMALLBORE PRONE RIFLE Richard Byers, mercsmallbore@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
Mike Wingard reported.

There has not been a match since the last meeting. The next match will be this Saturday, October 14th, and we have 44 shooters signed up. We will start at 9 AM.

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

What a beautiful day to get your bang on. We had 5 shooters today and Tom McManus carried the day at 758-14X. Lucky for the rest of us that Sam chose to shoot the National Match course instead of the Regional as Sam fired a 489-23X (97.8%) including cleans on both rapid fire strings. Thank you to the shooters for helping setup and stow the gear. We'll do it again next month on the 12th and I hope to see some more of you there.

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 two matches during September; our regularly scheduled, Second Sunday match Sept. 10th; and our *irregularly* scheduled, fifth Saturday match Sept. 30th. During both matches, we set up in a single bay, Bay 5, which provides the most shade. We also had set out multiple firing lines, so that the rifle and shotgun mitargets could also double as pistol targets, by simply designating from which firing line, specific targets should be shot. Of course, marksmanship is as much a part of our matches as speed, if not more so. Visitors and guests are always welcome to stop by our camp, during any of our matches, for Cowboy coffee and breakfast rolls, whether or not you are participating in the match.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY MATCH:

13 people braved the rainy forecast and came out for the match, and 12 folks shot 3 challenging stages before the rain finally showed up. Of those 12 shooters, 3 were juniors, including a junior lady who was shooting for the first time, and who enjoyed her time on the firing line so much that she and the other juniors stayed behind after the rain finally stopped and got some additional range time in.

Unfortunately, the posse timer malfunctioned prior to the first stage, so this match was untimed, with only misses being counted. This complication, as well as the fact that some shooters only had time to complete 2 stages before the rain, while others had shot 3, means that there were no category awards for the match, although it should be noted that Sgt. Henry was the only shooter still maintaining a clean match (2 stages completed) at the time we cancelled on account of weather.

Here are the raw scores, by category, for what they're worth:

<u>Category</u>	<u># of Misses</u>
Lawman	
Sgt. R. Henry (2 stages completed)	0
Moonshine (2 stages)	1
Senior 4 Gun Smokeless Duelist Outlaw	
Doc WHO (3 stages)	20

Elder 4 Gun Shootist	
Manassas (2 stages)	3
4 Gun Smokeless Shootist	
Parker Palomino (2 stages)	2
Youghiogheny Kid (3 stages)	9
3 Gun Black Powder Shootist	
Cheyenne Jim (3 stages)	2
3 Gun Smokeless Shootist	
K-Lyn Wolf (3 stages)	8
Parson Remington (3 stages)	10
3 Gun Junior	
Jackson <i>aka</i> One-Eyed Jack (3 stages)	9
Parson Remington (3 stages)	10
4 Gun Junior	
California (3 stages)	3
3 Gun Lady Junior	
Victoria <i>aka</i> Victory (3 stages)	18

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 FIFTH SATURDAY MATCH:

We had 6 shooters, including 1 lady shootist in the 4 Gun Smokeless category. Unfortunately, after appearing to be repaired from its malfunction of the previous shoot, the posse timer again malfunctioned prior to the first stage, so this match was untimed, with only misses being counted. There were no clean shooters for the match.

Here are the raw scores, by category, for what they're worth:

<u>Category</u>	<u># of Misses</u>	<u>Procedurals</u>
Lawman Shootist (3 Gun - P/R/SG)		
Sgt. R. Henry	1	0
Moonshine	3	0
Lawman Duelist (3 Gun - P/R/SG)		
Youghiogheny Kid	11	1
4 Gun Smokeless Shootist		
Parker Palomino	4	0
Parson Remington	18	1
K-Lyn Wolf	20	1

Congratulations to all participants and thanks for two great matches! Well done.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming Matches

The regular, second Sunday Match for October has been POSTPONED to the Second Sunday of December. There will also be no match in November, to allow for the annual Toys for Tots benefit match.

So, **No Matches in October or November.**

Our next match will be Sunday, December 10th, followed by another match December 30th, on the fifth Saturday of the month. The Dec. 30th match will be our annual *Gunfight at the OK Coral Anniversary Match* and all stages will be themed for that historical shootout and the events that followed.

Wild West Fest

The **Annual Wild West Fest** will be held in **Aiken, SC** the weekend of **October 28 & 29, 2023**. The location will be the **Battle of Aiken** site at **1210 Powel Pond Rd., Aiken, SC 29801**.

SCOWS usually has a strong presence at this event, and all are encouraged to attend. Our posse typically sets up a table-top display to explain to the public what it is we do and to recruit new members, and we assist in the re-enactments and shootouts, as well as other duties as requested by the event coordinators, including assisting the coordinators with firearms safety and safety checks, particularly regarding the re-enactments.

Please see the NCOWS Re-enactment Safety Guidelines which will be applicable to all of our members during the event (<http://ncows.com/library/pdf/ReenactmentGuidelines.pdf>). Anyone planning to attend or participate in this event should please read and familiarize themselves with these safety rules.

Anyone coming in from out of town and seeking overnight accommodations can either contact Sgt. Henry or check the most recent posse match announcement e-mail.

The foregoing was prepared by our posse secretary, Youghioghenny Kid, aka, Kevin Krist.

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 not to go out and buy any cowboy guns or accoutrements until 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
Roy Mullis reported.

Our September match was on the 16th with 5 shooters. Finally cooling off. I did not have to turn on the air conditioner until the .45 stage. Neal Roberts, a High Master had a score of 2586-88x. Everything went smoothly. Next match October 21st. Season is winding down. It has been a good year with no cancellations for weather.

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
Roy Mullis reported.

On September 16th, we had 44 shooters come out with 67 firearms to participate. The shooters included 4 juniors, 6 ladies and 4 new shooters. Bob Bailey won Carry Optics in 73.51 seconds and Rimfire Pistol Open in 57.10. Rick Turcotte led Pistol Caliber Carbine Open with 47.73. Michael Davis led Rimfire Pistol Iron in 96.30. Chris Puza led Rimfire Rifle Open in 47.05. Alvin Dymowski won Rimfire Rifle Iron in 60.36. There were two shooters in the Production and Pistol Caliber Carbine divisions and 1 shooter in the Open and Single Stack divisions.

Our next match will be on October 21st. 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 20th 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 16th of September. 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 scheduled for Sept. 17th but was cancelled for rain.
- Savannah River Rangers has a new assistant match director, Jesamy Kid, aka Robert Furnald.
- Next match is October 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!

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

Roy Mullis reported.

The September Muzzleloader Match was held on 9/23. 1st Place Jethro Curie, 2nd Wayne Robinson, 3rd Sam Jones. Next match will be on 10/28.

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

The match was cancelled due to the heat. The next match will be on October 28th. Sign up starts on October 11th.

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

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: William Caskey
Roy Mullis reported.

They are taking orders for the 1911s and they are getting some 1917s.

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

No notable legislative or regulatory activity right now at the Federal or State level.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appleseed was at the range this past weekend.

The Memorial Freedom was held last Thursday – Sunday. They were shooting for the Gold Star South Academy. This had the best three gun shooters from across the Country competing. Out of 268 shooting the three gun Derrick Hernandez finished 173rd. The winner was Johnny Waddell from the US Army Marksmanship Unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

There are two gun shows coming up before the end of the year; one at Jamil Temple and one at the State Fairgrounds. If you go to sell a gun, be careful.

CWP information is in the newsletter.

Let us know if you have any ideas to improve the format of the meetings.

NEW MEMBERS:

Lyne Desaulniers, Dodd Lyles, Edward Waddell

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.