



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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2024, 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 – December 2023

There were forty-four (44) members and guests in attendance:

Roy Mullis	Linda Chico	Scott Johnson	Richard Boyd
Julie Holling	Michael Wingard	Don Guevara	Patten Watson
Jerry Wilson	Derrick Hernandez	Deborah Easterling	Henry Schlein
Wesley Boomer	William Richardson	David Davis	Jim Boyd
Almeta Boatwright	Ed Waddell	Duane Sharpe	Jane Sharpe
Dodd Lyles	Cecil Jackson	Hoy Edgell	Darlene Edgell
Phillip English	Sam Senich	Gail Plath	Ed Sharp
Steven Phillips	Mike Phillips	Bob McLahan	Charlie Spires
Eric Wright	Lee Rouse	Ben Moore	Larry Dodson
Rob Marcotulli	Ruth Marcotulli	Nelson Thompson	John Thompson
Duane Hogue	Garrett Thrift	Justin Maberry	Bob Maberry

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. In January the usage of the 2700 bay is going to change providing an opportunity for more members to use that bay. Rifles will be allowed in the bay for sighting and practice at 25 and 50 yards. There would be no rapid fire. 3 seconds minimum between shots. In addition to the round bullseye target required now, single rifle sighting targets will be used. No B-27 or similar targets will be allowed. Members practicing for precision pistol will have priority in the bay.
2. I will have temporary signage up by the first of the year.
3. I want to remind everyone that they are expected to pick up their spent cases and trash after using a bay. Since primers have become harder to find and more expensive not as many are picking cases for reloading.
4. Members are to log in and out every time they enter and leave the range even when the gate is locked open for matches or events. Some have gotten out of the habit while we were using the backup gate.

5. There is a new 55" TV mounted in the Juniors Building. This can be used for classes or events. The movie screen is still available but will require changing the layout of the tables and chairs. If the layout of the chairs and tables is changed for a class or some other reason, they will be returned to the way they were originally.

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

Tomorrow morning starting at 7 AM, the Marines will start distributing toys to children in the Midlands. Their current warehouse location is 100 Greystone Blvd that used to be Mazda. They distribute to children based on referrals from social services, churches, youth groups, community centers and neighborhood associations. These groups come and pick up the toys and they are distributed by the people that actually made the referrals. Individual clients rarely come to pick up the toys. The money I am taking by tomorrow is for the last-minute fill ins. Every year there is a certain group where they receive lots of toys such as babies, toddlers, dolls for little girls but there is always one group of children that they don't have as much for as they usually collect. This year it's boys ages 11 – 12 that don't have enough toys. A lot of the things on the wish list are electronics which is out of the scope for Toys for Tots to provide, but a lot of them want sporting equipment like basketballs, baseballs, gloves, bats and soccer balls which are things they can purchase with the last little bit of money we are giving them. That is why it's important even this close to Christmas. I have collected so far from USPSA, High Power, IDPA, and all of our Cowboy groups. We have collected a total of \$5,534 in cash and checks plus toys (at least a van full of toys from the USPSA and Cowboy matches combined) and I have some more in my cars right now. So far here at the meeting, I have collected \$250 and if anyone else would like to donate it will definitely be appreciated.

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 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
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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

Derrick Hernandez reported.

We had great shooting weather, sunny and 70 deg. 52 competitors showed up at the match. Big thanks to the set up crew: Mike Wingard, Derrick Hernandez, Aaron Banks, John Edens, Ryan Lee, Eric Jackson, and Jerry Bowen for all the hard work at setup.

Congratulations to our division Winners

1st Place PCC: Aaron Banks

1st Place Limited: Ryan Lee

1st Place Carry optics: Travis Roper

1st Place Limited Optics: Darrell Connelly

1st Place Open: Eddie Hughes

1st Place Production: Brandon Walters

1st Place Single Stack: Gerald Douglas

High Senior: John Edans

High Super Senior: Bob Bailey

High Military: Ryan Lee

High Distinguished Senior: Michael Cutler

Thank you to our match sponsors, Amick's Guns and Textured Concepts.

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We tested out adding a stage to the same bay with a classifier, this gives us 6 stages and a classifier for a 7 stage match. While keeping to the theme of "Hosefest,". However, this did cause a backup. In the future, we will consider this option only when the classifier is really quick – like 6 to 8 rounds only and limit the extra stage to a short or medium COF.

We appreciate all the help with tear down and clean up. Scores were posted by 2:45 PM and all stages except the classifier taken down by 3PM.

Results are posted at <https://practicore.com/results/new/997f0d0b-00c9-4fc4-809d-d082670da7f3>. The results will also be available at www.USPSA.org (for those of you who are USPSA members - club code SC02) on Monday night. Thank you to everyone who brought a donation for Toys for Tots. We

raised an additional \$325 for the charity as well, thank you for your generosity.

Next match is on January 13th. Hope you can join us.

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

The shooting gods put the smackdown on the weather gods yesterday and provided us with a window to hold the match. At one point the sun was even threatening to burn through the clouds. Four of us shot and Sam Jones notched his 4th win of the year firing a 486-20X. Sam pretty much dominated HP rifle at MCRC in 2023 as you'll see when I send out the summary for the year.

As several of us weren't at last month's match we were also able to collect some additional funds for the Toys-for-Tots program. Thank you to all who donated, both this month and last month. Thanks to the shooters (Sam, Jeff and Danie) for coming out and for helping with setup and stowage of the equipment.

This wraps up our last episode of 2023 but the network picked us up for another season so we'll be back again in 2024 with our first episode debuting on January 14th.

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

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: William Caskey
Roy Mullis reported.

After a computer (incl. VOIP) outage in late November that affected shut down processing and notification, operations at CMP seem to be back on track. M1 Garand sales continue, and reports are that there is a pretty good supply on hand, according to folks who have visited the Anniston store. However, there seems to be some grumbling over quality of the available rifles, which may be affecting sales. It seems most CMP activity seems to be focused on 1911s. Round 4 of requests to purchase 1911s closed on October 31, 2023 and CMP is working through packets and contacting potential purchasers. According to an online post by someone who was contacted Friday, they were on RGN #42878 and all 4 grades (Service - \$1250, Field - \$1150, Rack - \$1050 and Range - \$1100) were reported to be available.

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

U.S. Senators Introduce Bill Targeting “Gas-Operated Semi-Automatic Firearms” A group of United States Senators, including Angus King (IND-ME), Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) have introduced a new bill designed to ban modern sporting rifles. With a purported purpose of targeting “assault rifles” such as the AR-15, this bill, titled the “Gas-Operated Semi-Automatic Firearms Exclusion (GOSAFE) Act”, actually targets semiautomatic firearms of all kinds and configurations,

presumptively banning them as a class, and then allowing for exemptions for those firearms that the government deems fit for “civilian use.”

The bill, which includes the usual “large capacity” magazine ban, capping legal capacity of most types of ammunition feeding devices at 10 rounds, takes the usual “assault weapon” ban further, banning all gas-operated semi-automatic firearms, and then directing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”) to publish a list of whatever semiautomatic firearms are to remain legal for sale to and possession by the general public. The bill also proposes to give the government the codified ability to sue to have any firearms that remained legal by ATF exemption removed from ATF’s permissible list after the fact.

There is also an exception in the bill that allows ownership of “a handgun that . . . is a single or double action semi-automatic handgun that uses recoil to cycle the action of the handgun.” This exception clearly excludes all blowback- and gas-delayed-operated handguns, but a narrow interpretation of the meaning of “uses recoil to cycle the action” could lead to certain handguns being deemed within the scope of the proposed ban, including the popular Browning short recoil operating system that is used by essentially all modern handguns of 9mm or larger caliber.

The bill would also prohibit any modification to a permissible semiautomatic firearm that increased its “rate of fire”, including devices as bump stocks and binary triggers, but also possibly applying to any upgrades that make a firearm operate more smoothly or efficiently for competitive or disabled shooters.

There is a “grandfather” clause in the bill allowing people who already own firearms newly banned by the bill to keep them, but future transfer of such “grandfathered” firearms would be limited to “immediate” family members of the current owner and would require a federal firearm licensee to process the transfer as if it were a commercial sale. Magazines banned under the proposed legislation would also be “grandfathered,” but would not be transferable by their owners under any circumstance.

Critics of the proposed legislation are already arguing that the scope of the firearms that are to be banned is overbroad, vague and in violation of the current Supreme Court scope of allowable infringement on the 2nd Amendment. There has also been criticism aimed at the unprecedented authority the bill would give to ATF to determine unilaterally which firearms were sufficient to meet the bill’s vague definition of semiautomatic guns that are to remain “lawful for civilian use.”

The probability of successful passage of this bill is unclear at the present time, but we will continue to monitor and report on any developments. In the meantime, MCRC members are encouraged to exercise their rights as U.S. citizens and contact members of their Congressional delegation, whose contact information can be found via the yellow link above, and respectfully share their thoughts on this proposed legislation.

Judicial Developments

Also, there have been some developments of note in the federal courts relating to 2nd Amendment issues.

Two lawsuits in New York have resulted to changes in that state's recently enacted restrictions on the concealed carry of firearms. In the first case, *Christian v. Chiumento*, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit ruled that a provision of the state law requiring private property owners to post signs allowing concealed carry on property open to the public, and penalizing non-compliance as a Class E felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison, was unconstitutional, noting that the regulated conduct — carrying a firearm for personal protection on private property — “falls within the Second Amendment right to carry” and, as such, a property owner shouldn't be compelled by law, and possible criminal conviction, to have to post that such legal conduct is permitted. The second case, *Hardaway v. Chiumento*, plaintiffs had challenged a provision of the same state law which prohibited concealed carry in places of worship. This lawsuit led to the New York legislature changing the law to allow pastors and “persons responsible for security” to carry guns in places of worship.

Also, a federal lawsuit has been filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York against the Cortland, N.Y., Housing Authority (CHA), alleging CHA has violated the 2nd Amendment by prohibiting tenants from possessing firearms on CHA premises. The plaintiffs are seeking a temporary restraining order, followed by a preliminary and permanent injunction, and a judgment by the court that this firearms ban is unconstitutional under the 2nd and 14th Amendments. The lawsuit is also seeking compensatory and/or punitive damages. This case is similar to a case filed in Illinois a few years ago, in which a federal court issued a permanent injunction against the East St. Louis Housing Authority for imposing similar restrictions on gun ownership and possession.

Finally, a federal district court judge in West Virginia has ruled that a federal law prohibiting handgun sales persons over 18 but under 21 years old is “facially unconstitutional,” and granted a summary judgment in favor enjoined the defendants — the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”), ATF Director Steven Dettelbach and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland — from enforcing the provisions of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(b)(1) and (c)(1), which is where the federal age restriction established by the Gun Control Act of 1968 are codified, “against Plaintiffs and otherwise-qualified 18-to-20-year-olds.” In a 40-page decision (available at <https://saf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/40.-brown-v-atf-opinion.pdf>), District Chief Judge Thomas S. Kleeh from the Northern District of West Virginia wrote, “(b)ecause Plaintiffs’ conduct – the purchase of handguns – ‘fall[s] [within] the Second Amendment’s ‘unqualified command’ and the challenged statutes and regulations are not ‘consistent with the Nation’s historic tradition of firearm regulation,’ the Court finds [the law] facially unconstitutional.” The ATF is expected to appeal the ruling.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPLESEED RIFLE CLINIC: Duane Hogue – On any given weekend we have 12 – 15 shoots across the nation. We would like to request MCRC to host two clinics in the GP bay in 2024, April 20-21 and October 5-6. A motion was made to approve and was approved with voice vote.

New Members: Bob Maberry, Justin Maberry and Garrett Michael Thrift

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

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.