

4 Commandments of Firearms Safety

- Treat all firearms as though they are loaded.
- Never allow the muzzle to cover (point at) anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until your sights are on target and you are ready to fire.
- Be sure you have an acceptable target, know its surroundings, and what is beyond.

May/June 2004

Friends of the NRA Dinner Auction May 22

Friends of NRA would remind everyone to order their tickets now for our upcoming DINNER and AUCTION on Saturday night, May 22, 2004, at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Bremerton (near Olympic College). Club members Dick Wilson and Ed Lyons are now selling tickets. For information about the event call Dick Wilson at 360-377-3357 or Ed Lyons at 360-876-5875.

The Friends of NRA organization is also looking for donations. They accept almost anything of quality, especially new and used firearms or related material. To donate, contact Ed Lyons at 360-876-5875 or e-mail g.spider@ix.netcom.com

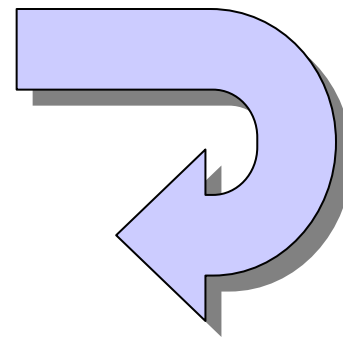
The Friends of NRA is a 501-C-3 organization which means all donations are tax deductible. Equally important is the fact that the foundation is giving \$6,382.00 to local organizations in Kitsap county this year.

Come out and help make this year's event even more successful than last year.

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

If you gave the club an email address, you will now be notified via email when the next club newsletter is posted to the club's web site. You should be able to click on the link and your browser will take you right to it. This should save us HUNDREDS of \$\$\$ each year. We will be sending out a series of test email messages to confirm the addresses we have. If you do not get an email from the club by June 15th, please contact the club via email at info@gunsafety.org or phone and we will update and/or correct your information. Hard copies of The BULLETin will be available at the range.

Please Note!



Muzzle, Muzzle, Who's Watching Their Muzzle???

Our membership has been growing by leaps and bounds and we are welcoming a number of folks that are former members of other gun clubs. Remember that what might be an acceptable practice at one range, does not make it so at ours. WATCH YOUR MUZZLE! It matters not if your firearm is unloaded with the action open, it is NEVER acceptable to sweep anyone with the muzzle of your firearm. (Reference Commandment #2). At our range, we pride ourselves on creating a safe place for ALL to shoot. We ask for the assistance of all members to watch their own actions on the firing line and immediately report any unsafe practices they observe to the Range Officer.

Action Shooting Corner

By Earl Jull

Kitsap Practical Shooters has the privilege of welcoming Dave Baker back into the fold. Dave is one of the original founders of Action Shooting at Kitsap and our program has and will continue to benefit immensely from his vast experience.

When I came onto the scene here at KRRC in '95, IPSC matches were well established and Dave was at the core of one of the most successful clubs in Western Washington. Dave and I have had a few adventures traveling to various matches – actually too many to get into here, just ask us between stages. Suffice it to say if you catch a ride to a match with Dave and I be prepared for anything!

Dave is the Match Director for our May 15th match, which will be a Double Header Special Classifier match. A Classifier match is limited to four classifiers [stages]. USPSA will let a club have two of these matches a year, so I had the bright idea to have both of them on the same day. As you'll read below, you can see that turning in four classifiers is helpful but not as helpful as eight depending on what you want to be classified in.

Here's how the system works.

What Is It?

The USPSA classification system categorizes practical shooters to allow them to compete against other competitors of the same skill level. To accomplish this feat, USPSA publishes specific classifier stages for which scores fired by the best shooters in the world are available, and distributes these stages to the affiliated clubs. The clubs setup the stages as part of their monthly matches and submits those scores to the USPSA national headquarters. Submitted scores are compared to the best available (100%) and members are classified within the division or divisions in which they've chosen to compete, based on their percentage of the high scores.

Classification Bracket Percentages

Grand Master - 95 to 100%

Master - 85 to 94.9%

A - 75 to 84.9%

B – 60 to 74.9%

C – 40 to 59.9%

D – 2 to 39.9%

The USPSA™ staff enters thousands of scores each month and manages classified members in five competitive divisions.

Earning A Classification

To become classified, a member must have at least four valid scores from different classifier courses in a specific Division in the USPSA™ database. If more than four scores are in the database when the averages are calculated, the best four of the most recent six valid scores will be used. Any scores in excess of the most recent six valid scores are not used for the initial classification.

Those scores over the most recent six may be used at the next monthly reclassification if they are within the most recent eight scores. Most of the scores will come from classifier courses set up by USPSA-affiliated clubs. The clubs are responsible for setting up these stages according to exact specifications and for administering them uniformly. They are part of the club's monthly match, are included in the calculation of the match results, and are submitted for national classification of the member.

All valid classification scores received at National Headquarters by the 10th of each month are entered into the computer before the classification program calculates averages, unless there is a problem with the paperwork submitted by the club. After the scores have been entered and verified as correct, the computer calculates a current average for those who have become eligible for a classification and generates a classification card. These cards are mailed out around the 15th of the month.

Reclassification

USPSA™ currently classifies previously unclassified members as well as reclassifies members on a monthly basis. Whereas new classifications are based on the best four of the most recent six scores in the system, reclassifications are based on the best six of the most recent eight valid scores in the system. If the member's current average is in a higher classification bracket, the member is moved to that class.

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By Earl Jull

Members may also request to be moved to a higher class, not including Grand Master. The member must comply with the same requirements for requesting to be moved down in class.

Moving Down In Class

Members may request to be moved to a lower class because of age or injury. The member must send a letter stating the reasons for reclassification to a lower class along with a letter from the club president or section coordinator endorsing the request. After the request has been received, the member's scores will be checked to see whether there are any recent scores that indicate the member is still properly classified.

The member will be notified of the decision in writing, and if the request is granted, a new classification card will be sent.

Please note that even if a member's current average drops into a lower classification bracket, the member will not automatically be reduced in class.

Your Scores On The Web Page

Members who want to verify their classifications may call the national office or check their scores on the USPSA™ web page at <http://www.uspsa.org>. Please remember that the classification data shown on the web page is updated once a month, about seven to 10 days after the classification system is run in Sedro Woolley.

Tuesday Action Practice – All Day?

There will be discussion and a vote at the next club meeting to shut down the rifle line all day, or some greater part of the day, regularly on Tuesdays for Action/Self defense and Law Enforcement (LE) practice. Currently, we shut down the rifle line at 5pm on Tuesdays for folks to practice USPSA/IPSC shooting as well as self-defense shooting. There are a number of swing shifters and LE personnel that would use the facility for that style of shooting if we expand those hours. All of this is precisely why we need to get the County to approve our grading permit as this will all become moot when the rifle line is realigned; we will be able to allow Action practice, LE Practice and qualifications and still have an open rifle line operating concurrently for the general membership.

If you are interested in shooting action during the day, or are not interested in seeing any more rifle line time go away, you must let us know. Please contact the club at 360-373-1007 or via email at info@gunsafety.org and make your views known. Remember that while any correspondence will be read to the membership at the meeting, you need to be there to vote.

Bullseye Pistol Kick-Off

May 2, 2004 will mark the kick-off of our 2004 Bullseye Pistol Season. Regular summer league will take place on each Wednesday evening starting at about 17:30 hrs. for set-up with the first Slow Fire string beginning at 18:00. For those that have not participated before, Bullseye Pistol is a test of one-handed pistol marksmanship. This league is open to all club members and cost \$6 (not per day but for the entire season!). Call the range for more details.

KRRC Political Picnic & Gun Show

Interested in a KRRC Political Picnic & Gun Show??? Some members have indicated an interest in a club swap meet of sorts perhaps mixed with an open forum to allow political candidates to come and address the club. Would this be feasible for a Saturday or Sunday or both? Please give us your feedback via phone or email then watch your next newsletter for details.

May/June 2004 Range Calendar

May 2 (Sunday) Bullseye Pistol 2700 Match. Range closed until 5pm.
 May 4, 11, 18, 25 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend
 May 8 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
 May 13 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
 May 21 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.
 May 22 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am
 May 22 (Saturday) Friends of the NRA Dinner and Auction

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend
 June 10 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
 June 12 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
 June 12 (Saturday) Bullseye Pistol Match Governor's 20. Range closed until 5pm.
 June 13 (Sunday) Bullseye Pistol March Governor's 20. Range closed until 4pm
 June 18 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.
 June 19 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am

For more information on the classes and events listed in this calendar, please check out our website at www.gunsafety.org or call the range any time a Range Officer is on duty at 360-373-1007.

* Please note: ALL events listed in this calendar are open to ALL of our members. We encourage your participation and support! USPSA (Action Shooting) is open to all members regardless of ability; basic safety training and some loaner equipment is available upon request for this program.

Plan Now for the Kitsap County Fair

As we have done for the past many years, the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club will be having a booth at the County Fair which will be held August 25-28. The club is asking interested members to volunteer to help make this project as successful as possible.

This is a great way to meet and work with other members of the Club, get a free ticket to enjoy the fair, and represent our Club to the public.

Assistance is needed with coordinating the display at the fair, set-up and take-down of the booth at the beginning and end of the fair, and manning the booth for four-hour shifts each day (you can sign up for a single shift or more if you like).

Please contact the club by phone or email and we will be glad to sign you up!

Range Development Update

We have had a delay in our construction plans due to blocked culverts causing a water backup on the range. However, as of this writing, the water level has dropped significantly and a wetland delineation is currently underway. After that is finished, and with some polishing from a Professional Engineer, we should be ready to formally submit to County for the grading permits necessary to carry out our plans.

While we have had a few members contact the club and offer to help when we begin, we need more people for this huge project. If you can offer any type of assistance, please contact the club to sign up. We need all the help we can get!

The President's Corner

By Brad Smith

As the argument rages, with some 22,000 odd laws currently on the books restricting the exercise of those rights, with the good ole US of A being the last western nation with open gun ownership... Where does this leave us gun owners? Just exactly what are our rights? The argument of rights is age-old and rages in every arena of life, for example: right to choice (abortion on demand), right to life (right of the unborn), right to death (euthanasia), gay rights (same sex marriage), ad-infinitum. So begs the question, what are rights, who decides or dictates these rights? Pay close attention, I assure you, my friend, if you do not understand your rights, someone or some group or government agency will, thru the force of law, dictate your rights to you! You see, the good book states, "My people perish for a lack of knowledge." in other words, if you do not know your rights, you do not have them. So, what are my rights? Where do rights originate from and how do I apply my rights? A small but profitable history lesson is in order.

In circa 1685 there contained in the famous treaties on civil government, Mr. John Locke states, "All men are naturally in a perfect state of freedom to order their actions, and dispose of their possessions, and persons as they see fit, within the bounds of the law of nature.... but though this be a state of liberty, yet it is not a state of license...the state of nature has a law of nature to govern it, which obliges everyone: and reason, which is that law, teaches all mankind, who will but consult it, that being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty, or possessions."

In circa 1765, in his famous Commentaries on Law, Sir William Blackstone stated, "The will of the Maker is called the Law of Nature....when he created man, and endowed him with free will to conduct himself in all parts of life, He laid down

certain immutable laws of human nature, whereby that free will is in some degree regulated and restrained, and gave him also the faculty of reason to discover the purpose of those laws."

In circa 1776, Mr. Thomas Jefferson wrote the most influential document in the history of nations and our nation, the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men."

I do not wish to color any of the afore written commentaries with my own interjections, but to let only wisdom speak for itself. Please take the time, readers, due your due diligence, take each individual word from the quote of the Declaration of Independence, and decide for yourself what are you rights and how best to wisely apply them!

God Bless you all,

The pres.-Brad

"...the right to freedom being the gift of God Almighty...the rights of the colonist as Christians...may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institutes of the Great Law Giver...which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament."

-Samuel Adams, 1772

P.S. "All that is necessary for evil to triumph, is for good men to do nothing."

-Sir Edmond Burke

Range Officer Schedule

There is a Range Officer on duty Tuesday through Friday from 11am to 7pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 4pm. We are open to the public during these hours and RO's will make Club equipment available to Club members while they are on duty.

Range Safety Briefings for new members are held on Thursday at 5pm, Friday at 11am and Saturday at 1pm. If you wish to attend a safety briefing at a different time, please call Marcus at 360-373-1007 to make an appointment.

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