

#### 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 2005

## Work Party a Huge Success!

By Marcus Carter

Wow! On April 8th, 9th, and 10th, we had the largest turnout in 20 years for a work party with over 100 people being present over three days. Many contributed their time and talent while others donated funds and a few donated both. Many overdue clean-up projects were accomplished and much of the brushing of the new rifle line was done. It was simply amazing! Much can accumulate in 80 years, but we got a good handle on it and with a couple more work parties, we should be in top-notch shape.

There are those that headed up primary projects that need special recognition for all the extra hours and \$\$\$ contributed. Jim Ticehurst, Roger Cole, the Henningsen family - Walt, Jason and Ken, Kurt Bezoenik, Craig Jensen, Scott Smith, Bob Turney, Bob Steel, Spiro's Pizza in Silverdale, Dave Espenshade... I would like to thank each of those responsible for the most productive work party in MANY years, however, paper and time forbid. The list is long, but my memory is not and I would inevitably leave out someone. But PLEASE, one and all know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. You all made it a lot of fun!

For those that participated, we will have the drawing for the gun at the next Club meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**The next work party** will be June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. We still have several projects to finish, with much painting and landscaping work to do. We are hoping to be putting some of the final touches on the new rifle line as well as finishing up a few of the older projects. Food, fellowship and a great deal of satisfaction can be had so please plan to attend. All members, friends of members and family of members are welcome to come to the range and help out. Even if you think you do not have any skills to offer, many hands make light work so please make time to come out and help your range be the best that it can be.

If you would rather donate equipment or supplies instead of, or in addition to your time for this project, please contact Marcus at 360-373-1007.

### *Mark Your Calendar...*

## Friends of the NRA Dinner/Auction May 21st

The Friends of NRA's, annual dinner and fundraiser will be held on the evening of May 21, 2005 at the RED LION Hotel; 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Rd, Silverdale, WA.

This will be advanced ticket sales event only and tickets must be purchased by May 16, 2005. For tickets or to make a donation of cash or merchandise, please contact Ed Lyons at 360-876-5875 or e-mail [elyons@wavecable.com](mailto:elyons@wavecable.com).

Proceeds benefit the NRA Foundation's grant program. This foundation gives grants to gun clubs like ours. Last year, Kitsap county received over \$7,600 in grant money. We need your help to continue helping the shooting clubs here in Kitsap county.

The NRA Foundation, Inc. is a 501 [c] (3) charitable organization so your contribution of merchandise, cash, or services is deductible to the extent allowed by federal law.

## May/June 2005 Range Calendar

May 2,9,16,23,30 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

May 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wednesdays) Bullseye League Practice. 5pm.

May 12 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range

May 14 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am

May 14 (Saturday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for Bullseye 2700 Match

May 14 (Saturday) Blueprinting the 1911 Course

May 15 (Sunday) Bullseye 2700 Match

May 20 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.

May 20-22 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Hunter Education Course

May 21 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am

May 28 (Saturday) Bullet Casting Course

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wednesdays) Bullseye League Practice. 5pm.

June 4 & 5 (Saturday and Sunday) Range Work Party; range closed for shooting

June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

June 9 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range

June 11 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am

June 17 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.

June 18 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am

June 27-July 1 (Monday thru Friday) Personal Protection Course

For more information on the classes and events listed in this calendar, please check out our website at [www.gunsafety.org](http://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.

## SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Our Range has been tremendously helped by many local businesses. The following is a list of businesses that have supported our club by providing goods and services for a variety of events and projects. Please let them know you appreciate their help by supporting them with your business.

- Spiro's Pizza – Silverdale 360-698-4800
- Gilmore Automotive – Tahuya 360-830-3330
- R.W. Henningsen Logging – Belfair
- Peninsula Septic Design – Olalla 253-851-2178
- Stokes Auction – Port Orchard 360-876-0236
- Whistle Stop Work Wear – Silverdale 360-698-0790
- Sportsman's Warehouse – Silverdale 360-307-6900

## KRRC/NFI EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

The following is a list of classes and training currently being offered at the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club:

- **KRRC ORIENTATION AND RANGE SAFETY BRIEFING**

This is the course **required** to obtain a member badge and the gate combination for use of the primary Pistol and Rifle ranges most anytime from 7am to 10pm, 7 days per week. This course is approximately 3 hours in length and will shortly be a part of an initiation fee for new members. All members that have gone through this course are welcome to take it again as a refresher, at any time, at no cost. It now utilizes a full Power Point presentation and other training aids that demonstrate the clubs history, operation, current legal status, programs, safety, responsible use of our facilities and future development plans. A \$30 donation to the club is recommended.

- **HUNTER EDUCATION**

We have three Washington State Hunter Education classes scheduled. Courses will be held May 20-22; July 8-10; and September 9-11. Cost is \$15 per student and seats are reserved on a "first to pay, first to be seated" basis. Classes fill early as class size is limited so make your reservations for this class today!

- **PERSONAL PROTECTION & HOME FIREARMS SAFETY**

This is a basic course to teach the fundamentals of firearms safety. The course will run from June 27 through July 1, each evening, from 6pm till 9pm. There will also be a weekend course held on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am till 5pm. This is also a very popular class so reserve your spot today.

- **BLUEPRINTING THE 1911**

This course covers detail striping of the 1911 pistol (or its variants), inspection of parts, repair and re-assembly and proper lubrication. The class will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am.

- **BLUEPRINTING THE AR-15/M-16**

This course covers detail striping of the AR-15/M16 rifle (or its variants), inspection of parts, repair and re-assembly and proper lubrication. Call for dates and times.

- **RANGE OFFICER LEVEL I**

NFI Range Officer Level I course will hold the next classroom session on July 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8am. All interested members are welcome to attend.

- **BULLET CASTING**

This is a course in the fundamentals of bullet casting. From metals and mixtures to purification and casting. The class will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm.

For more details on any of the courses listed here and for course schedules, call the club at (360) 373-1007, email [info@gunsafety.org](mailto:info@gunsafety.org), or check the Club's web site, [www.GunSafety.org](http://www.GunSafety.org). While most of these courses are currently provided to KRRC members at no charge, there are recommended minimum donations per person listed and encouraged for each class. Specialized training is available in virtually any firearms discipline, so if you are interested in a particular type of firearms education that you do not see listed here, please contact Marcus at the number above and discuss the possibility of adding it to our training calendar in the future.

The Club can also provide specialized military and law enforcement training, qualification supervision and coordinated drills and exercises as well as the rental of our range and facilities for pre-approved military and law enforcement training.

## Range Report

By Marcus Carter

### NEW RIFLE LINE CLOSE TO COMPLETION

We are making headway on our new rifle line and hope to have it finished this summer. The general layout is about finished and we are hoping to apply for final permits very soon. Once again, we are going to require all the help we can get as far as heavy equipment, funding and etc. We are still in need of a licensed P.E. to help us get through the engineering process and stamp our final submittal.

### ELECTRONIC GATE FUND

We've collected over \$4500 to date with our goal being \$6500 by the end of April. We are finalizing gate design and placement, so when we get a little closer, we'll get it ordered and

installed. Anything and everything will help. There is a "thermometer" on the front gate to show the status of your donations. Several club members have more than done their share, so if you haven't had a chance yet, please take the time to contribute to this project. In the mean time, please be sure to zero the combination on the current gate lock after you open it.

### COLD RANGE LIGHTS

The Cold Range lights on the rifle line are fully operational and have been a great addition to the range. After clearing all firearms and going to a "Cold" range, if you are going down range, turn on the switch closest to your shooting position and clip your badge to the lock-out tab until you return. **DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS** when the lights are flashing.

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## KRRC Members Can...

### ...Participate in the Governing of the Range

The Executive Board of the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club would like to encourage all members to participate in our monthly Club meetings. Club meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Range. All of the changes and decisions that are being made at the Range are the direct result of participation and input by the members of our Club.

### ...Shoot at Some Pretty Fun Targets

The Club regularly purchases equipment and supplies to benefit our members. The Texas Star is one such moving target that members may use. The Plate Rack is another favorite. In addition, our regularly scheduled events such as IPSC and the Courage Classic allow our organizers to dream up all sorts of challenging targets and scenarios.

### ...Shoot Anytime

As a member, you are allowed to shoot seven days per week, from 7am to 10pm. Other than the lines being closed occasionally for maintenance and special events, that means you are paying only *16 cents a day* to have virtually unlimited access to the range.

### ...Make Some Great Friends

Camaraderie is huge at the range. Our members come from all walks of life and all have information to share and learn from each other. Many new members have commented that they felt immediately welcomed and comfortable at the range and there are always knowledgeable staff and other members to help you out and answer your questions.

# Gun Facts...

The following myths and facts are taken from Guy Smith's Gun Facts 4.0. This is an online e-book available free to download at [www.gunfacts.info](http://www.gunfacts.info) and provides many pages of popular gun "myths" which he easily discredits with research-based facts.

**Myth:** *Concealed carry laws increase crime.*

**Fact:** *Violent crime rates are highest overall in states with laws severely limiting or prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms for self defense.*

**Myth:** *Gun control reduced crime.*

**Fact:** *Among the 15 states with the highest homicide rates, 10 have restrictive or very restrictive gun laws.*

**Myth:** *Handguns are 43 times more likely to kill a family member than a criminal.*

**Fact:** *Of the 43 deaths reported in this flawed study, 37 (86%) were suicides. Other deaths involved criminal activity between family members (ie: drug deals gone bad)*

**Myth:** *Children should be kept away from guns for their own safety.*

**Fact:** *0% of kids that get guns from their parents commit gun-related crimes while 21% of those that get them illegally do.*

**Myth:** *Police favor gun control.*

**Fact:** *92.7% of law enforcement officials believe that citizens should be able to purchase firearms for self-defense and sporting purposes.*

**Myth:** *Guns are not a good deterrent to crime.*

**Fact:** *Guns prevent an estimated 2.5 million crimes per year, or 6,849 every day. Often the gun is never fired and no blood (including the criminals) is shed.*

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