

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.

July/August 2006

Independence Day Blast!

July Fourth falls on a Tuesday this year and once again we will have our annual "All political power is inherent in the people" free-for-all sponsored by the National Firearms Institute. There will be hot dogs, chips and soda served at 12:30. Bring your best noise maker, your highest capacity magazine (s) and lots of ammunition so we can let the world hear for 60 seconds what a free people can truly sounds like. At 1:30 sharp, we will once again see how much ammunition we can safely launch down range. To help us with a count for food, give us a call or email to let us know if you're going to make it.



Calling All Teens!

We had a great turn out for our first outdoor Youth Small-bore practice which began on Wednesday, June 28th. All teens (and pre-teens at the discretion of the instructors) are welcome to come out and learn safety and accuracy with small bore firearms at the KRRC Range on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month throughout the summer. Practice begins at 6:30pm at the outdoor range on Seabeck Highway. We have an excellent group of coaches this year, beautiful weather and a great group of teens to enjoy this fun sport with. Best of all, with the skills acquired from this sport, some of our previous participants have gone on to win prizes and college scholarships in the shooting sports. Call Marcus at 360-373-1007 for more information or to sign up!

Buy, Sell and Trade on the KRRC Web!

All KRRC members are welcome to place their ads to buy, sell or trade their firearms and firearms-related equipment and supplies on the KRRC website. This is a free service offered to our members (however a donation from the proceeds of a sale would be gratefully accepted by the Club). Simply email your ad to aprilborbon@yahoo.com and it will be place on the KRRC website (www.gunsafety.org). All ads will be left on the site for one month unless removed by the member.

July/August 2006 Range Calendar

July 4 (Tuesday) Independence Day Blast. Noon
July 4, 11, 18, 25 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.
July 5, 12, 19, 26 (Wednesdays) Bulls-eye Summer League. 5:30pm-8pm.
July 7, 8, 9 (Friday-Sunday) Hunter's Ed course. Call for times.
July 8 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
July 12 & 26 (Wednesdays) Junior Small Bore Marksmanship practice. Call for times.
July 13 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
July 14 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for USPSA match. Pistol range open.
July 15 (Saturday) USPSA Multi-gun Match; 9am
July 27 (Thursday) New Member Orientation course. 5pm-9pm.
July 29 (Saturday) New Member Orientation course. 9pm-noon.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Wednesdays) Bulls-eye Summer League. 5pm-8pm.
August 9 & 23 (Wednesdays) Junior Small Bore Marksmanship practice. Call for times.
August 10 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
August 11, 12, 13 (Friday-Sunday) Hunter's Ed course. Call for times.
August 12 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
August 18 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for USPSA match. Pistol range open.
August 19 (Saturday) USPSA Multi-gun Match; 9am
August 23-27 (Thursday-Sunday) Kitsap County Fair. Visit us at our booth!
August 24 (Thursday) New Member Orientation course. 5pm-9pm.
August 26 (Saturday) New Member Orientation course. 9pm-noon
August 26 & 27 (Saturday & Sunday) Work Party

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.

*Also note: Some courses require pre-registration as there are usually a limited number of spaces available; additional fees may apply. Pre-register by calling the Range at 360-373-1007 any time a Range Officer is on duty. Additionally, a limited number of scholarships are available for some of the listed courses on a case-by-case basis.

Action Shooting Corner

By Earl Jull

Some more key components in speed shooting are the draw, the stance and how to set your natural point of aim. Let's start out with the stance.

- You should use your strong hand foot, and back it up 6 to 8 inches from your left foot. This gives you more a stable shooting platform to help with recoil.

The second phase along with this is setting your natural point of aim. In steel shooting or speed shooting you will want to set up for the very first target.

In IPSC shooting you might have a wide array of targets so you may have to kind of pick a happy medium on where you want to start with a draw.

- The way to do this is to pick the target, close your eyes, bring your hands out. Then open your eyes and make sure your hands are pointed at the target which will be the gun when you are shooting.
- This way it will help you pick up the few extra hundreds of a second on the draw because it's in a natural spot, you don't have to adjust as the gun is coming out of the holster.
- Say your original set up for your natural point of aim is a little left of the target, just adjust your feet so your hands are pointed directly at the target.

Now lets go to the next component which is the draw Be sure to use an unloaded pistol and have the ammo in another room.

- First off let's break the draw down into two segments.
- You have a hand drop portion and you also have what is called the snatch move, which is the most critical part of the draw.
- It's grabbing the gun consistently every time. Practice this by starting your hand just over the gun and doing a quick little move.
- Your fingers are just basically lifting the gun out of the holster, snatching it out of the holster.
- Then just incorporate that with the hands coming down from the surrender start.

Now practice these tips at home while dry firing with an unloaded firearm. You can check your progress by setting the par on a timer and getting the hammer to fall before the 2nd beep. Start with an easy par time, say 3 seconds, then 2.5 and so on.

Stay safe and remember these guns are for shooting,

Earl Jull

USPSA Welcomes All KRRC Members!

Want to participate in a great sport, improve your shooting accuracy and skills while having fun at the same time? Come on out every Tuesday evening at 6pm and participate in the fast and exciting USPSA practice. All participants are given a safety briefing specifically tailored to this program prior to their first practice. The cost is \$3 per practice and the group holds a competitive match on the third Saturday of each month. Call Travis at 360-373-1007 for more information.

Range Report

By Marcus Carter

◆ The Fair

The Kitsap County Fair is August 23-27 and we need a few folks to volunteer time to man our booth. There are 3, 4 hour shifts per day and we need 2 people per shift. Contact Sharon at the range (360) 373-1007 to get your name on the list or email us at info@gunsafety.org

◆ Work Party

We have a major work party planned for the last weekend in August to prepare the range for the Bullseye State Championship, Community Fun Day and the Courage Classic Charity 3 Gun Match. Maintenance, Landscaping, Prop building, general clean-up are but a few of the projects planned. Lunch and fellowship with other club members are just two of benefits that will be provided.

◆ Want Ads

Is there some part of your collection you want to sell?...something your looking for???...We now have a classified ads page on the club web site. Just email April with your ad copy and contact information and we'll get it posted, or if you don't want a personal contact, you can contact the office staff to have it listed anonymously and sold through the club. A donation to the club for use of this service will be greatly appreciated and used appropriately.

◆ Safety is EVERYONE'S Responsibility!

Keep in mind that all members are responsible for the safe use of the ranges. Shooting cross range, or at the ground are not allowed any more than shooting over the containment berms.

We have had several reports recently of motorcycles and quads coming out onto the firing line. Please keep in mind that they are NOT moving targets, and we need you to report any such activities immediately.

◆ Range Officers

Range Officers are on duty for your safety and benefit. Please treat them with the respect they have earned and don't hesitate to use this valuable resource when you need them. If you're interested in becoming a Range Officer, please let us know so we can inform you when the next class is scheduled. There is a great deal of satisfaction of helping someone enjoy the shooting sports, so come be apart of our team.

Hunter's Ed Update

By Andy Casella

We are half way through our Hunter Education classes and everything is going well. We have new 3D life size decoys of deer and turkey for the field course, and the students really like them. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the group of dedicated people that have helped with the classes so far: Marcus and Sharon Carter, with out you guys this would really be an uphill battle. Travis Foreman, a super coach/instructor on the firing line. Also many thanks to Dick Wilson, John and Mike Sell, Calvin Cowen, Rubin Vargas, Chet Mainwaring and his son, There are two more classes this year; we could always use help in the class room, the field course, and on the live fire line. You don't have to be an expert to participate-just a good sportsman and a good sport. Contact the Range or Andy Casella at hunter_ed@gunsafety.org or more info and to volunteer.

Get the Most Out of *Your* Rifle Club

Are you a Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club member and want to become more involved in the Club? Here are a few ways you can enjoy the shooting sports and participate in the Club at the same time:

- #1. Come on out and shoot. You can pick your level of involvement with this one. You can come out and practice in the morning, when no one is around, or you can join one of the myriad activities the Club offers ranging from league practice to competitive events.
- #2. Volunteer your talents to the Club. No matter your skill we can use any help you can offer. Our members have a vast array of talents and skills ranging from backhoe operation to lawn mowing and painting. We'll match your abilities with the Club's "to do" list.
- #3. Participate in a one-time activity. Feel free to help out on a one time basis by joining the work party, manning the fair booth or helping out with the Courage Classic event.
- #4. Get educated. The Club offers a wide range of classes which are open to all of our members. Whether you want to learn how to buy and use your first handgun or learn about your constitutional rights, the Club offers many courses at very reasonable prices.
- #5. Teach others. Our programs are always looking for dedicated instructors and assistants. You do not need to be an expert in the shooting sports, and newcomers will always be paired with seasoned instructors until they become well trained.
- #6. Attend monthly Board meetings. All members are welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings and add their input to the way the Club is being run. We're successful because of the input from all of our members!
- #7. Get political. Be supportive of our gun rights and Second Amendment rights. Something as simple as expressing your views to your congressperson or in the local editorial page can go a long ways towards helping all of us retain our right to bear arms.
- #8. Contribute to our website and newsletter. Members are always welcome to submit articles and other informational pieces to our website and/or newsletters.
- #9. Sign up a new member. Do you know someone who heads out to the state forests or other wilderness areas to shoot? Encourage them to become a Club member so they too can enjoy all of the benefits of being a member while knowing they have the safest possible facility to shoot at.
- #10. Make a donation. Cash is always useful. Thanks to the generosity of our members we have been able to purchase targets and supplies, upgrade out rifle and pistol lines and fund public education projects.

It is the goal of the Executive Board to continually move our programs and projects forward in order to best meet the needs of our members, as well as to encourage the safety, education and responsibility that comes with Club membership.

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