

**Safe Gun Handling Tips**

- Approach ALL firearms as if they are ALWAYS loaded at ALL times
- ALWAYS point the muzzle in a safe direction
- ALWAYS keep your finger out of the trigger guard until your sights are on a recognized target AND you are ready to shoot
- ALWAYS keep your firearms unloaded and properly stored until you are ready to use them

## New KCCR Board Members Elected

Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club members elected new officers at its annual meeting on January 9.

The new officers are Brad Smith, President; Earl Jull, Vice President, Jeremy McMahan, Recording Secretary; and Ed Lyons, Trustee 3. Re-elected were Marcus Carter, Executive Officer; and Carol McLaren, interim Secretary/Treasurer. Trustees Dick Wilson and Ken Roberts were not up for re-election this year.

Carol McLaren was re-elected with the understanding that she would fill the position until April 1. Members who are interested in applying for this vital position should email [info@gunsafety.org](mailto:info@gunsafety.org).

After thanking past club officers Dave Tipton, Dennis Moreland, Patty Perry and Dick McDonald for their service to the club, the new officers explained

their vision for KRRC:

Brad Smith, a competitive shooter and member of KRRC for nearly 3 1/2 years, wants to see the club continue to move forward and grow; to "stay healthy against the anti-gun movement." With the recent change in county government "we've got an opportunity to move the club forward. If we as a body of members lock arms together, we can achieve great things for this club," he said.

Earl Jull, a competitive shooter and the club's action pistol coordinator, concurred, adding, "This should be a facility the community can't do without."

Jeremy McMahan, who recently rejoined KRRC, said, "I am excited about the vision Marcus [Carter] has for the club. My expertise in technology will help the club move forward."

All three of the new officers agreed that Marcus Carter has been the "heartbeat of the club."

"I've seen a lot of changes at the range; Marcus has put in the effort. He and his family have done a tremendous amount of work at the range," Brad said.

Marcus Carter said there have been a lot of changes at the range over the years. Acknowledging he hasn't been "the easiest person to work with," he went on to say, "I've always tried to do what is best for the club. I'm excited about this coming year. It's all coming together for this club." He added that the response he's received so far has been very positive toward the new safety briefing he implemented for club members.

You can meet the new officers at the next club meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 PM at the range.



*The KRRC Officers:*

*Sitting: Carol McLaren (secretary/treasurer), Brad Smith (president), Earl Jull (vice-president)  
Standing: Ed Lyons (trustee), Marcus Carter (executive officer), Dick Wilson (trustee), Ken Roberts (trustee), and Jeremy McMahan, recording secretary.*

## Action Shooting

By Earl Jull

Kitsap Practical Shooters is a group of shooters that hosts a match at the range at 9:00 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month, March through November.

All KRRC members are encouraged to come out and participate in this club-sponsored event. Of course, safety is our top priority so we offer a free safety briefing tailored specifically to this shooting discipline at our Tuesday night practice sessions.

Here are some things you may want to know about the sport:

**Q.** What is practical pistol shooting?

**A.** Practical pistol shooting is exciting and challenging, as well as being one of the fastest growing shooting sports in the United States. Courses of fire utilize many aspects not found in other disciplines, such as movement by the shooter, drawing from the holster, moving targets, multiple targets and freedom for the shooter to solve the problems presented by the match design. The matches utilize a basis of application in the defensive use of a firearm.

**Q.** What makes practical shooting unique?

**A.** The appeal of the sport lies in the diversity of the courses of fire available to the shooter. By offering many courses of fire, rather than a limited number, practical shooting continues to challenge the competitor and to improve his skills in many areas. There's always something new and different to challenge the practical pistol enthusiast.

**Q.** What is the United States Practical Shooting Association?

**A.** The U.S. Practical Shooting Association [USPSA] is the individual practical shooters organization that promotes the sport of practical shooting in the United States. All active practical shooters can join USPSA but it is not at all necessary. Come out, give it a try, and after a while if you decide you like it then you can join USPSA. Many of Kitsap Practical Shooters [KPS] are not members of USPSA.

**Q.** What kinds of people compete in KPS / USPSA matches?

**A.** Just as in any other popular sport, you will find virtually all types of people at a USPSA shooting match. Our membership covers just about any occupation you can name, from craftsman to professional. We are also fortunate to have many women involved in our shooting program. It is not unusual to find husbands and wives and families participating in our shooting activities. All of the people at our competitions are believers in safe gun handling and in good sportsmanship. Come on out and join them!

**Q.** Is there a place in KPS for beginners?

**A.** Absolutely! All of those currently competing were once at the beginner stage. By becoming active in matches hosted by your club, you will have the advantage of professional officiating and safety-conscious range personnel. You will also find that most shooters are pleased to give you a hand in getting started. By utilizing a classification system for all competitors, you can be assured that you will be facing competition of an equal skill level. A good way to get started is to come to a match or a Tuesday night practice and ask one of us about what we're doing.

**Q.** Is practical shooting an expensive sport?

**A.** As in any other recreational activity, there is virtually no limit to the amount you may spend on firearms and associated equipment. However, in order to get a solid start in practical pistol shooting, all that is required is a reliable handgun, a suitable holster, 200 rounds of ammunition, eye and ear protection, and a big dose of enthusiasm. As your skill level increases, you may wish to advance to other equipment or to add additional items that will aid you in competition. By competing in one of the "Street Gun" categories, expenses can be kept minimal because only a few inexpensive modification are permitted on these guns. Many of us are using the same box stock gun and gear we started with years ago.

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[www.GunSafety.org](http://www.GunSafety.org)

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## March/April Range Calendar

March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

March 8th (Saturday) Fun Steel Pistol Match

March 13th (Thursday) Club Meeting at the range. 7:30pm ALL club members are invited to attend.

March 14th (Friday) Range will be closed noon-dusk for USPSA tournament set-up.

March 15th (Saturday) IPSC/USPSA Pistol Match; range is closed for the match but spectators are welcome to watch.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

March 8th (Saturday) Fun Steel Pistol Match

April 10th (Thursday) Club Meeting at the range. 7:30pm ALL club members are invited to attend.

April 18th (Friday) Range will be closed noon-dusk for USPSA tournament set-up.

April 19th (Saturday) IPSC/USPSA Pistol Match; range is closed for the match but spectators are welcome to watch.

*Updated information is available on our website at [www.gunsafety.org](http://www.gunsafety.org).*

## Action Shooting (continued)

**Q.** What kinds of guns are used for practical shooting?

**A.** The predominant handgun found in USPSA competition in the Colt 1911 style but the Glock, Beretta, Sig and some revolvers are seen in competition. You will see standard handguns as well as exotic custom, high-capacity guns in practical pistol competition. The minimum caliber that can be used in competition is 9 mm. We recommend that you determine what is the best choice for you as you begin to compete.

**Q.** Are there rifle and shotgun matches?

**A.** Yes! The practical shooting program does include rifle and shotgun stages at all of our matches. The addition of these types of firearms offers many new and exciting opportunities to test shooting skills. The predominate rifles used are semi-automatic in .223, .308 caliber. Shotguns are generally 12 gauge in pump or semi-auto.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me by email [[ejull@hotmail.com](mailto:ejull@hotmail.com)] or page me at 360-405-8348. See ya at the range, Earl

## Proposed Bylaw Change

The following is a motion proposed by Lance Otis. This amendment to our bylaws will be voted on at the March meeting.

1. Purpose: To clarify the XO's responsibilities for assuring range security.

2. Add the following to the XO's responsibilities paragraph:

"Subject to approval of funding and/or procedures by submission to, and approval by, the membership (according to standard approval process), the XO will cause to provide the necessary and prudent procedures and physical security measures sufficient to assure only authorized personnel have access and use of the facility."

3. Publish in newsletter & vote on bylaw change per bylaw procedures.

## The President's Corner

By Brad Smith

Welcome to the New Year, 2003, to all of the outstanding members of KRRC. This looks to be a great year of promise for you, the members, and the range!

The lease negotiations are going very well with DNR and we are garnering support from Kitsap County Local Law Enforcement and Olympic College for the construction of our proposed sports park. In addition the executive officer and I attended a I.A.C. grant workshop to obtain matching grant funds for the sports park.

What an exciting year this will be for KRRC and you! I encourage each and every one of you to add your

talents and abilities to make this sports park happen! We need as many volunteers as we can get to work on various parts of this huge project and would welcome your support. If you would like to volunteer, please drop us an email at [info@gunsafety.org](mailto:info@gunsafety.org) and we will let you know how you can help.

I would conclude with a hearty "thank you" to all of the past board members and club officers for all their hard work. I would like to include a special note of gratitude to the Sports Park Committee for their vision and dedication to the future of the KRRC. Thank you!

Finally, to this years' newly elected officers Earl

Jull, Vice President; and Jeremy McMahon, secretary; in addition to the currently seated officers, thank you for your help with getting me situated in my new position as President. I think we will all make a great team. I would especially like to thank our Executive Officer Marcus Carter and his family for all their hard work, sweat, and persistence, to make our club a better and safer place to enjoy the sport of shooting.

God Bless You All,  
Brad



### The BULLETin Board

Club members are welcome to post notices or ads to buy, sell or trade club-related things (like gun, ammo, targets, reloading equipment, etc.) in this space. Ads will be posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please send your ad copy, via email,

- ◆ .300 WEATHERBY MAG Weatherby Vanguard VGX Factory bolt safety mod completed; Simmons "44 Mag" 3-10 x 44 scope; Weatherby Factory ammo: 69 rnds 180 Gr, 1 box 150 Gr, 1/2 box Rem 220 Gr; Padded sling, hard case, RCBS dies & shell holder; IMR 4831 & IMR 7828, 1 lb can, both still sealed. \$500 Jamie Eakin: 598 3617 or [eakin45@earthlink.net](mailto:eakin45@earthlink.net)
- ◆ HELP! The Rifle Club is in need of someone to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. Carol McLaren has done a wonderful job for the club in this position but she will be resigning her position on April 1st. Email [info@gunsafety.org](mailto:info@gunsafety.org) if you are interested.
- ◆ Notice to all members...if you have not renewed your annual membership yet, this will be the last newsletter you receive. To continue your membership and enjoy all of the great activities offered at KRRC, renew your membership today! Applications are available on our website or at the range.

## The Range Report

By Marcus Carter

With the first couple of months of 2003 behind us, there has been a lot of positive changes and much to look forward to. I want to first thank the membership for their patience and input during the new safety briefing and orientations. A members manual will be forthcoming once we finish getting all the membership through the process and correlate all the data. Feedback on the process has been overwhelmingly positive and several members have used the opportunity to make personal efforts to help the club with its needs and goals.

President Brad Smith has had very positive meetings with DNR with assurance that we will end up with a multi-year lease with little to no increase in our lease and encouragement that if we work with Kitsap County concerning our future, things could work out better than we had ever hoped. In a nutshell, we have been told that if we can get the County to go to DNR in support of our long-range plans, it will happen. Keep that list of friends and family handy, as we will be asking you to make those contacts mentioned in the last newsletter, but it appears we will be focusing primarily at a more local level. We will keep you posted.

As of this writing, membership badges are being delivered to all those that have completed the safety briefing and range orientation. You will be expected to have your badge visible when you come to the range starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Either wear it on your clothing or clip it to your shooting equipment so that it can be seen by all other members using the range. If you see someone that does not have a badge, ask them who they are and get their name to a club officer. We hope that this will limit the number of folks who have been using the range without at least a basic knowledge of how to safely use our

facility, or have not been paying their dues, as well as improving our security.

Cold Range lights are being added to the rifle and pistol firing lines. Once the line has been cleared with all firearms secured (which in this setting means back in your holster, or unloaded with magazines out, actions open and placed securely on the bench, in a case or in the rack), and declared cold, turn on the lights as a reminder to all that there is no handling of firearms until everyone returns from down range.

The Club owes a special debt of gratitude to a few folks that have gone well above and beyond the call of duty. Member Gerry Fields and his wife Sharon, owners of Performance Sheetrock, volunteered a great deal of time and resources on the sheetrock and taping of our range office. Kurt Bezoenik again has saved us a lot of money by donating much to upgrading our electrical needs. Ken Tool has run our work parties, occasionally as the "Lone Ranger", and put in many other hours of clean-up work. Brian Gilmore has been sorting our brass for recycling as well as helping Ken during the work parties. April Borbon has taken our newsletter to a level of professionalism that is needed now more than ever. Lee Swoboda continues to improve and update our web site. Sharon and Kristina Carter have insulated, primed and painted our office and helped to get it arranged. Frank Jacobson has put together the information needed to get our range warning lights in place. Certainly not least, Earl Jull as usual has made many of our projects go much easier with his ingenuity and hard work. I'm sure I missed someone, for that I apologize, and some have ordered me not to thank them publicly, Thank You All!

Marcus

### Don't Forget!

**Friends of NRA**, would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for our upcoming DINNER and AUCTION on Saturday night, May 17, 2003.

Tickets are now being sold by club members Dick Wilson and Ed Lyons. For information about the event or to purchase tickets, please contact Dick at 360-377-3357 (or email [dmjw@mymailstation.com](mailto:dmjw@mymailstation.com)) or Ed at email [g.spider@ix.netcom.com](mailto:g.spider@ix.netcom.com).

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