

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

Volunteers Needed for the Fair

By Mary Swoboda

Your club is "locked and loaded" and "ready for action", especially when it comes to the Kitsap County Fair. Our consistency pays off. We've had the same location in the Pavilion for three years and people know where to find us!

We depend on the consistent faithfulness of the volunteer crew who man the booth each year during the 5-day event from 10 AM to 10 PM. But we still need "new blood" -- folks who haven't volunteered before -- to step up and give us a hand. Many hands make a light load, you know!

In case you're thinking you don't have what it takes to meet and greet fair-goers during a 4-hour shift, let me share some comments from some of our volunteers:

- ◆ *"It definitely wasn't boring...lots of people to talk to!"*
- ◆ *"I enjoy seeing and talking with people about gun stuff."*
- ◆ *"The location was great and the people (both fair goers and the KRRC fair workers) were great!"*
- ◆ *"I had a wonderful time."*
- ◆ *"Mary, thank you for all the prep work you did ... You made my job a lot easier!"*

So pick up the phone right now and call Mary at 360-275-9241; leave a message saying that you're willing to volunteer to help promote gun safety and responsible gun ownership. Pick a 10-2, 2-6 or 6-10 shift and we'll pair you with a seasoned veteran. With your free parking and entry pass, you can "do the fair" before or after your shift! (Make it a "family affair" and volunteer with your wife or husband or older child.)

Take action now and call Mary or email info@gunsafety.org and commit yourself to fun and our continued dedication to demonstrating that KRRC members are responsible and fun-loving friends and neighbors.



The dates of the Kitsap County Fair this year are Wednesday, August 20, through Sunday, August 24. We have three shifts each day from 10 AM to 2 PM, 2 PM to 6 PM, and 6 PM to 10 PM, with a minimum of two volunteers per shift.

Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar to be Offered at KRRC

The Refuse To Be A Victim class, a seminar full of crime prevention and personal safety strategies, will soon be offered at Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club. The class is 3-1/2 - 4 hours in length, costs just \$15.00 and limited to 12-15 participants per class .

If you or your family members would be interested in participating in the Refuse To Be A Victim class, simply contact Don or Patty Perry at ddperry@aol.com, (subject line: RTBAV). The dates for the classes will be set in August and all who express interest in the class will be contacted to confirm their class reservations.

This is an excellent personal safety class and it could actually save your life or the life of a loved one. Sign up today!

Action Shooting—The 3-Gun Game Part 2

By Earl Jull

Last issue's Action Shooting article detailed the basics you need to know to participate in the Action Shooting program at the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club. In this article, I will introduce the rifle, one of the firearms used in KRRRC 3-Gun competition. Included in this section is the definition of "major" and "minor" for the weapon type as this is important when scoring hits on the cardboard IPSC type targets.

As usual, all firearms used in 3-Gun matches must be safe and serviceable, as determined by the Range Officers. They are subject to inspection at any time and will be withdrawn from the match if deemed unsafe. A good basic criterion for a competition firearm is that it is accurate and reliable. Such guns are normally also safe.

Rifle

For the rifle stages of a 3-Gun match, the competitor must use a centerfire rifle that is capable of achieving a power factor (as described below) of at least 160.

From a practical point of view, the rifle must be a semi-automatic weapon that uses a detachable magazine, preferably with magazines having a capacity of at least 30 rounds. We have had an occasional entrant who used a rifle that requires *stripper clips* (as do many SKS imports), but the reload times put them at a significant disadvantage. The most common rifles seen at matches include:

- AR-15 (in its many configurations, but mainly in .223)
- Ruger Mini-14 (in .223)
- M1 Carbine (in .30 carbine)
- SKS, AK-47 (in 7.62x39)
- Marlin CAMP-9 Carbine (in 9mm)

Far and away, the AR-15 is the rifle of choice at our matches. There is a split of opinion as to whether it is better to use the lightweight model, making it easier to move from shooting position to shooting position, or the heavier full-sized models, which have less recoil and reduce the target reacquisition time.

KRRRC rifle stages will use IPSC cardboard targets as well as rifle grade steel targets. Because virtually all competitors are firing with a minor power factor, a premium is placed on accuracy. The fastest shooter does not necessarily win the stage.

Rifle Power Factor

For scoring, competitors are divided into two groups: Major and Minor power factors. The power factor of a rifle and its ammunition is determined by the bullet weight (in grains) and its velocity (in feet per second) when fired from the competitor's weapon. Competitors shooting Minor power factors receive lesser scores for all but A-zone hits on the IPSC targets.

The power factor for a competitor's rifle is determined by using a scale to weigh the bullet and a chronograph to measure its fired velocity. These measured values are plugged into the following equation to determine the power factor:

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Thanks from the Friends of the NRA

The Friends of NRA would like to thank all those who helped us with our fund raising dinner /auction last month, by attending, or by making a donation. I'm happy to report that we made over \$12,000 for the NRA Foundation. 100% of this money is used by the foundation as grants for state and national programs. Last year the foundation gave out over 60 grants worth \$135,000 to Washington state clubs and organizations to be used for the advancement of the shooting programs. Thanks!

The 3-Gun Game continued

$$\text{PowerFactor} = \frac{\text{Bullet Weight (in grains)} \times \text{Velocity (in fps)}}{1000}$$

For rifles, all ammunition must make a minimum power factor of 160 to be used in competition. Ammunition with a power factor between 160 and 340 is considered Minor, while power factors of 340 and above are considered Major.

Typical Rifle Power Factors

Caliber	Typically Used In	Bullet Weight (grains)	Velocity (fps)	Power Factor	Category
.308	M1A, M14	150	2800	420	Major
.223	AR-15, Mini-14	55	3240	178	Minor
.30 carbine	M1 Carbine	110	1965	216	Minor
7.62x39mm	SKS, AK-47	123	2300	283	Minor

These figures reflect common commercial loads available for the most common rifles in use at 3-Gun matches. I am aware of no brave handloaders who attempt to load up any of these Minor rounds to attempt to make Major. One competitor who tried his M1A (rather than his normal AR-15) to improve on his raw scores concluded it wasn't worth the extra points to lose so much time in target reacquisition due to the much heavier recoil. He was back the next match with his AR.

While all of this information might be a bit much for the new shooter to understand, there are always plenty of people at our weekly Action Shooting practices who are more than happy to explain the finer points of the Action Shooting sport to you.

See ya at the range, Earl

July/August Range Calendar

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

July 2, 9, 16, 23 (Wednesdays) Bullseye Pistol Summer League. 5pm

July 10 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range

July 12 (Saturday) Fun Steel Pistol Match

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

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

August 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

August 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesdays) Bullseye Pistol Summer League. 5pm

August 9 (Saturday) Fun Steel Pistol match

August 14 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range

August 15 (Friday) Range will be closed noon-dusk for USPSA tournament set-up.

August 16 (Saturday) IPSC/USPSA Pistol Match; range is closed for the match but spectators are welcome to watch.

August 22 (Friday) Range will be closed noon-dusk for Bullseye Pistol Match set-up.

August 24 (Sunday) Bullseye Pistol 2700 Match; range is closed for the match but spectators are welcome to watch.

**an updated schedule is available at www.gunsafety.org*



The KRRC Bulletin Board

- ◆ I found a muzzle brake at the rifle range yesterday. Looks like for a 22 caliber with threads for a large diameter barrel. Somebody's gonna want this back! Contact Gary Darrell at 874-8041 or email ggd3030@hotmail.com.
- ◆ Looking for chronograph to measure the speed of bullets. If anyone has one available, contact Ron Lewis at 360-830-9150.
- ◆ Tuesday night Action Shooting practice is going very well with up to 20 showing up to polish their skills for IPSC competition and basic self defense shooting. The cost is \$3 per person, each Tuesday to cover targets, tape and paint; set-up is at 5pm at start time is 6pm
- ◆ The Governors 20 – 2700 Bullseye match was just completed with some of the best shooters in the nation in attendance. Special thanks to Dick and Elaine MacDonald, K.C. Patton, Willie Spicker and others for officiating the match and the Schmittler family for organization and food. All made it a truly wonderful match.
- ◆ Wednesday evening Bullseye shooting is in full swing with lots of room for anyone who wants to work on mastering one-handed precision shooting with your handgun. One time \$6 fee for the entire season is CHEAP, so dust off your favorite 22, 45 or whatever and come out let our club pros walk you through the process. 6pm is when we start shooting and you should be done in an hour or so.
- ◆ We need Volunteers! The Family/Community Fun Day, Hunter Site-In and Courage Classic Charity Match are all fast approaching and we need volunteers to step up so that we can make this our best year yet. We expect visitors of ALL experience levels, so we need lots of bodies to keep things running professionally. If you have never helped before, we especially need you to step up now and ease the load on those that have been our reliable few. Call 373-1007 or email info@gunsafety.org now to find out what you can do.
- ◆ Our recent meeting with Commissioner Patty Lent was very positive and left those in attendance with high hopes for the future of KRRC and our long term plans. We'll keep you posted.
- ◆ With most of our berm re-building done for the year, we are now trying to get grass to grow and ask everyone to keep off the areas on the pistol line marked off with caution tape.
- ◆ New Classes: Level 1 Practical Handgun – This is an entry level course designed for those with little to no firearms experience. The focus is on handgun use for self defense and upon successful completion, participants will be issued a National Firearms Institute certificate. Space is limited so call now – 895-0724. Weekday evening courses run 6pm till 9pm each evening: July 14th to the 18th, August 25th to the 29th, and September 22nd to the 26th. Weekend courses run 9am till 5pm each day: August 9th & 10th and September 6th & 7th

Governors 20 Pistol Match A Success

On June 7th and 8th we hosted the Governors 20 Bullseye pistol match at the range. There were 24 competitors on the 7th and 20 competitors on the 8th. We saw some excellent scores.

The top score was turned in by Steve Reiter of Sparks, Nevada. He shot an outstanding 2653 out of 2700. Darius Young of Malo, Washington shot a 2644 which was the top score from a Washington resident. The top score by a local shooter was turned in By Melvin

Schmittler. He shot a 2602. In all there were seven scores of 2600 or better. That is pretty amazing in that there are many matches that don't see any scores of 2600.

Other local shooters (Bremerton area) were Lindell Schmittler (2567), C. Mehlenbeck (2537), K. C. Patton (2439), W. Spicker (2437), M. Haynes (2363), Marcus Carter (2212) and Jim Sceli (2081).

From the X.O.'s Desk

Please support the businesses that support your club. The following is a list of businesses and folks that have invested in KRRC at personal cost. Call, email, or better yet buy something from them to show your appreciation for their commitment to KRRC.

Jim and Alta Kendell of Telebyte N.W. now host the club web site, (as well as being my personal Internet Service Provider for many years). Jim is an active NRA and KRRC member and provides a quality service with technical support that is unparalleled. (360) 613-5220. www.Telebyte.com

Jerry Fields and his wife and partner Sharon Fields of Performance Drywall. I have observed a great many professional drywall hangers, tapers and finishers over the years and I have never seen a more efficient pair. Jerry is a club member and has been active in our Action Shooting program.

Brad Smith is our new club President and owner of Peninsula Septic Design. He and his wife/partner/designer, Sandy, have passed the most stringent test for septic designers which allows them to design all types of systems, statewide. Brad has been investing his time and expertise on behalf of the club, above and beyond the basic duties of Club President, in the form of topographic survey work and hands-on involvement with other club committees. 253-851-2178

Ed Heuss and his wife Maureen are owners of the Heuss Company located at 5420 Kitsap Way. Ed does excavation work of all sorts and has the equipment to do very large as well as small jobs. He has done both for the club over the years. Most recently, he has spent a great deal of his own time and energy doing impact berm reconstruction work and improving our 200 yard target area. You can reach them at 360-479-3377

Lee and Mary Swoboda own Paddaple.com and have designed and maintained our web site since its inception. All they have asked for is members to provide input. Lee has also been very busy helping develop and promote the long range plans for our club and Mary with the clubs appearance at the Kitsap County Fair.

April Borbon is a club member that has taken our newsletter to the next level and been instrumental in our grant writing process. April specializes in business support services such as technical writing, project development, web site development, grant writing and much more. She can be found on the web at www.aprilborbon.com or you can call her at 360-440-6052

By Marcus Carter

Just as important as help from local businesses, is the help we have received from individuals:

Gerry Dizon – For making target framework available.

Mike Hastings – For his work in maintaining the Kingston Jr. Marksman facility and Junior Indoor Smallbore program.

MacWilliam Davis – For the trailers, tractor parts and reloading equipment.

Bob Angel – For the phone equipment and reloading presses.

Richard “Brownie” Brown – Video surveillance equipment.

Craig Camm – For beating into submission and welding up our most popular rimfire target.

Bill Haynes – For the room space heater.

Kurt Beozink – For the officer heater, thermostat installation and general electrical work.

Steve Beach – For his all around help during our recent berm maintenance and survey work.

Pepe Esguerra – For his help on the roof.

Ken Tool – Work party supervisor/Lone Ranger

Sharon Carter – For all her work as a Range Safety Chairman and Range Officer.

Brian Gilmore – Sorting and recycling range brass for the Junior programs.

Paul Tiedemann – Target material and other shooting props.

Debra Kurre – USPSA Classifier Match Director and Weedwacker Extraordinaire

Kevin Berg – Fun Steel Match Director

Earl Jull – USPSA Program Chairman.

Stacy Koenig – Match Stats and etc.

Michael J. Simpson – For the computer equipment

Frank Fitch – For the wonderful custom made clock for our range office.

Kristina Carter – For all the maintenance and clean-up work.

Carol McLearn – For remaining on as Treasurer until we could find a replacement.

Ward Scott – For taking up the Treasurers position.

And to the rest of the club officers and those that do the little things that go unseen...

MANY Thanks to all!

Marcus Carter

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