

Safe Gun Handling Tips

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January/February 2004

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

Christmas Fun Day Dec. 27th

Saturday, December 27th will be our first Christmas Fun Day. Hours will be approximately 9am to 4pm. The pistol line will be set up with our 22 rimfire reactive targets for a day of family fun, so bring out that new 22 (or use one of ours) and enjoy the day. On the rifle line there is currently scheduled to be some interesting "toys" including a cannon, and a belt fed 1919 air cooled noise maker, so bring out your centerfire goodies for the rifle range.

Although we recommend you dress warm, we'll have a couple of propane heaters and the woodstoves going, so come on out and make a day of it. There will be snacks, soda, hot coffee, hot chocolate and other goodies available, or bring a lunch. We need set up help for the afternoon of the 26th and coaches for the 27th—email if interested.

Annual Election and Social Meeting to be Held Jan. 8th

Our annual election and social meeting will be January 8th at 7:30pm at the American Legion Hall located at 4922 Kitsap Way.

The offices of Executive Officer, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and one Trustee position will be up for election. There will be dessert, a state of the club and range development progress report, some great fellowship and the chance to meet with other club members and find out about—even sign up for—2004 projects, events and work parties.

Mark your calendar and join us for this important meeting.

Special Defense Course Offered at KRRC

What do you do when an attack requires action but not necessarily the use of your firearm? Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club in conjunction with the National Firearms Institute and renowned Martial Arts expert Dave Campana is offering a comprehensive self defense course as it pertains to the firearms carrier.

The goal of this course is to leave every student with their own style, based on their physical make-up and ability, to fight two people at the same time while retaining control of their firearm. Mr. Campana's style is based on a blend of proven martial arts disciplines such as Jujitsu, Aikido (Uyeshiba and Tomikiryu), Wing Chun (Sticky Fingers), Butokukan (A form of Japanese American Karate), Kung Fu (Praying Mantis and Iron Fist), and boxing.

This will be an 8 to 10 week course that will begin January 7 and will be held at the range each Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This first series of classes is a pilot course and the fee will be waived in lieu of donations to assist in paying for equipment, however the fee for classes of this type typically run \$300+ per person.

Class size is very limited so sign up today by calling (360) 373-1007.

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.

Action Shooting—The 3 Gun Game Part 4 of 4

By Earl Jull

In this, part four of four articles focusing on the firearms used in Action Shooting, you will learn about the shotgun category.

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.

Shotgun

For the shotgun stages of a 3-Gun match, the competitor must use a safe and serviceable shotgun, with 12 gauge and 20 gauge the most common.

Most competitors use a semi-automatic or pump action shotgun. A good shotgunner with a pump shotgun can shoot times that are competitive with the semi-autos, but the auto-loaders definitely have an edge, especially for someone who doesn't have a lot of pumpgun experience.

Magazine capacity can be a significant factor on some field courses. The more rounds you can have in your gun initially, the fewer rounds you have to load along the way. Magazine extensions are relatively inexpensive add-ons for most common shotguns.

The most common shotguns seen at 3-Gun matches are relatively inexpensive autoloaders, such as the Remington 1100. These usually have magazine extensions and sometimes devices that ease the loading process, such as the EASY-LOADER.

One way to reduce the reloading time with the shotgun is to install a "speedloader" device, such as the TECLOADER. This system includes a bracket that mounts at the bottom of the receiver and plastic tubes that hold four 2 3/4" rounds each. To feed the four rounds into the gun magazine, the open end of the tube is aligned with the magazine feed by pressing the plastic ears on the end of the tube against the bracket mounted on the gun. A handle attached to a piston like mechanism is pushed, forcing the four rounds into the magazine in a single stroke. Four rounds can be loaded in less than two seconds. This is considerably faster than feeding rounds individually by hand. It is not uncommon to see shotguns fitted with magazine extensions the stick

out past the end of the barrel.

A few competitors are adding compensators to their shotguns. These devices install easily in barrels that are threaded to receive choke tubes. Some competitors are also experimenting with "porting" (drilling holes at the top of the barrel near the muzzle) their shotguns.

Most targets used for shotgun stages are steel: Pepper Poppers, US Popper, and various plates. These targets are always engaged with lead shot. Most competitors use #7 1/2 or #8 birdshot, with a few going as large as #6. Buckshot is specifically PROHIBITED at KRRC matches. Stages may also include some IPSC cardboard targets that are engaged with slugs. Competitors are cautioned to use choke tubes in their guns that will work with slugs. Occasionally other targets, such as clays or bowling pins, may also be used.

Shotgun Power Factor

No complicated formulas are needed to determine power factors for shotguns. 20 gauge and up (e.g., 12 gauge) is Major. Anything smaller than 20 gauge is Minor. The vast majority of competitors are using 12 gauge, with a couple using the lighter 20 gauge. Although the 12 gauge has greater recoil than the 20, magazine extensions and other accessories, such as the speedloaders, are more commonly available for the 12 gauge guns.

Action Shooting season begins on January 6th. All interested members are welcome to come out to the range and watch and/or participate in our Action Shooting practices and matches. Action Shooting is open to all shooters regardless of skill level and safety briefings are conducted prior to all practices.

Wanted: Action Shooting Match Trainees

During the upcoming season, Earl Jull, our Action Shooting guru, will be expanding our Action Shooting staff and will train interested Action Shooters how to run an entire Action Shooting match.

Topics such as score-keeping, target set up and course coordination will be taught. Training will begin in February so contact Earl at 360-405-8348 as soon as possible to get on the training roster.

The Range Report

By Marcus Carter

Wow! What a difference a year makes. Despite some trying challenges, we have much to be thankful for in this past year. With many talented people stepping up to take on roles of responsibility and leadership, we have been **blessed** and end the year on a very strong note. We have seen our membership climb to approximately 800. We have signed a new lease that extends us out until at least 2018, and at a rate locked in for five years, it is several thousand dollars per year less than we had been told to expect. The construction grant we applied for has been approved and we now are in the process of obtaining the necessary permits and engineering designs to begin construction of a reoriented 300 meter rifle line, which should begin this spring.

With our development plans, general maintenance, and some desperately needed repair work at our Kingston Jr. Marksman facility, it is imperative that we raise funds as well as awareness about our club, facilities and programs. We will soon have hats, shirts and jackets available at the Club office with the KRRC logo and slogans. Most will be embroidered, top drawer apparel items, that will allow you to proudly promote our first class organization. There is also a new consignment service for members who want to buy, sell, or trade their shooting related items, with a small percentage of each transaction to be donated to the Club, this should prove a great way to move the items you don't use anymore to someone who will and help generate much needed funds for the Club (of course you can donate the entire proceeds to the club if you wish). Just contact the Club office at 373-1007 for more details or if you have other creative ways we can generate funds.

It has become apparent from the renewal tests that we have some clarifications to make. The

Four Commandments we had used in the past changed slightly some time ago and though many of you have this on the back of your badges, and everyone has had them printed on the front of their newsletters, some have failed to absorb these.

For the record, at Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club, the Four Commandments of Firearms Safety are:

1. Treat all firearms as though they are loaded.
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3. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until your sights are on target and you are ready to fire.
4. Be sure you have an acceptable target, know its surroundings, and what is beyond.

The basic range terms that must be understood by all are:

HOT - Everyone may freely handle firearms and fire at will (always within the four commandments of firearms safety)

CLEAR - All firearms have been properly secured in preparation for a "COLD" range

COLD - Do not handle firearms at all...for any reason!

STOP or CEASE FIRE - Remove your finger from the trigger guard immediately and proceed through the clearing process so that the range can be declared "Cold". This is an emergency command only!

Any Questions? Call 373-1007 or come by the Range and talk to a Range Officer.

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KRRC HONOR ROLL

Club members that have made a substantial difference this last

couple of months: April Borbon, Brad Smith, Ward Scott, Andy Cassella, Sharon Carter, Merton Cooper, Marty Schroeder, Carol McLaren, John Mikesell, Bruce Blair, Donald Kendall III, Darrell Gillen, Gerry Field, Mike McCroskey, Mike Benzick, William McMoore III, Jeremy McMahan, Frank Molina, Ken Tool, Ray Hanna, Steve Beach, Kevin Berg, Earl Jull, Laura Jull, R.B. Boughn, Mike , Mary Swoboda, Lee Swoboda, Lindell Schmittler, Harry Rapine, Dick Wilson, Ed Lyons, Stacy Koenig, Debbie Kurre.

There are some that, though not being Club members, deserve a well earned pat on the back for their efforts on our behalf. From the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Commissioner Doug Sutherland visited our range this last summer and acknowledged our value to the State. DNR's Gretchen Nichols gave us information that lead to early discovery, and therefore a successful defeat, of an extremely hostile takeover attempt of our facilities by an East Coast company and their local agents. Land Manager Lori Price worked in a very efficient and fair manner to secure and maintain the long standing relationship between DNR and KRRC. County Commissioner Patty Lent visited our facility, met with Club officials and was instrumental in having a meeting set up with County Parks head Chris Gears and Senior Planner Joseph Coppo who in turn assisted the Commissioners in authoring a letter of support for our club and our immediate development plans. That letter of support was signed by all three commissioners. IAC project manager Kammie Bunes was a big help in walking us through the grant process.

Thank You, and with warmest regards to you all, I pray you have a safe and Blessed new year!

January/February Range Calendar

January 6, 13, 20, 27 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend
 January 8 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the American Legion Hall on Kitsap Way
 January 24 & 25 (Saturday and Sunday) Basic Personal Protection and Home Firearms Safety class

February 3, 10, 17, 24 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 5pm. All interested members are welcome to attend
 February 7 (Wednesday) Basic Pistol Reloading class
 February 12 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
 February 14 (Saturday) *Happy Valentine's Day!*
 February 16 thru 21 (Friday-Wednesday) Basic Personal Protection and Home Firearms Safety class
 February 28 (Wednesday) Basic Rifle Reloading class

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.

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.

Remember to sign up early for classes as they usually fill quickly!

10th Annual Courage Classic A Success

Our tenth annual Courage Classic Charity Match was a success despite some confusion over whether the match was to happen or not. With invaluable help from many of those listed in the KRRC Honor Roll, the match ran smoothly with many competitors commenting that they had a great time. There were several Law Enforcement teams and a civilian team. Tom Kettles was Top Cop and team captain of the first place team, "The Island of Federal Way". (Look that up in your Funk and Wagnall!) Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and KRRC's own Scott Dickson took third in Law Enforcement overall with the KCSO team taking fourth in the team event.

The First Place Civilian Team was "Plastic Fantastic" made up of KRRC members Stacey Konieg, Bruce Blair, Darrell Gillen and Jerry Fields. I'm pretty sure the team name was derived from the fact that they were all shooting "Tactical Tupperware", otherwise known as the Glock.

A special thanks to William McMoore, President of Alchemy Arms, who donated a new generation Spectre pistol that was auctioned off to benefit Peninsula Community Health Services Children's Fund. Also, Action Graphics of Bremerton donated several "DARE to Keep Cops off Donuts" shirts to add to our fund raising efforts.

New 2004 Gate Combination

If you have attended your Safety Briefing this last year, paid up your dues, and turned in your annual test, your 2004 badge sticker will be at the bottom of this article. Place the 2004 sticker over the "2003" on your badge and record the new gate combination (written in the space below) on your wallet card or other safe location. The gate combination will change January 1st, 2004. If you have any problems, call the range or contact the Executive Officer.

If you did not receive your year sticker and gate combination, you probably have not completed one of the above items. Safety Briefings are generally held Wednesdays at 5pm, Thursdays at 3pm, Fridays at 11am and Saturdays at 1pm. Call to reserve a time and we will get you through it as painlessly as possible. Some of you, including life members, simply need to fill out the renewal form and complete the test. There are renewal forms at the range so you can stop by when there is a range officer on duty and take care of it.

New gate combo: _____

2004 Sticker:

If these spots are empty, renew your membership today!

It's Time To Renew Your Membership!

It's time for membership renewals. Please check the label on this newsletter to see if your membership expires this year. If it does, be sure to send in the renewal form below as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving the new gate combination. The combination will be changed on January 1st so don't delay. If you have already renewed your membership, the new combination, along with the 2004 sticker for your badge, can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

KRRC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2004

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Renewals are \$60 per year. Please make checks payable to the "Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club" or "KRRC". Mail renewals to the following address: KRRC; PO Box 134; Bremerton, WA 98337

Note: This form is for renewals only. New members must use a membership application form containing a rules of conduct and liability statement which must be completed prior to use of the range. Forms for new members are available at Boerner's Gun Shop, the club website, or at the outdoor range (on the gate).

To maintain the status of member with "full use" of the range, the following test must be completed by all members prior to receiving your badge stamp and the gate combination for 2004.

The 4 Commandments of Firearms Safety are:

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- 3.
- 4.

Draw a line connecting the proper range command with the appropriate definition:

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| 1. Range is Hot. | A. Do not handle firearms at all, for any reason. |
| 2. Is the line Clear? | B. You may safely handle firearms and fire at will. |
| 3. Range is Cold. | C. Remove your finger from the trigger guard immediately. |
| 4. Cease Fire! | D. Seeking acknowledgement that all firearms are properly secured |

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