

- 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.

Annual Work Party/Bar-B-Q/Fun Shoot July 24th

It's time for our summer work party/barbeque and fun shoot. The work party will take place Saturday, July 24, 2004 and begin at 8am. A BBQ lunch will start about noon with the "work" part of the work party ending around 4ish to be followed by a fun shoot and drawing for reloadable brass and unclaimed items from the clubs lost and found. Projects include prep work for our rifle line re-orientation project, painting of firing line benches, firing line covers and other buildings, building target stands and backers, building props for the Courage Classic, weed eating, mowing, berm repair, lead recovery, and general landscaping and cleanup.

If you have any or all of the following, please bring them along, however, if you have none of the following, we will find something for you to do! Rakes, shovels,

wheel barrel, mower, weed-wackers, screw-guns, pruning shears, welders, skill saws, chain saws, gloves, painting equipment, strong backs, weak minds, (did I just say that?), family, friends, heavy equipment and whatever else you think might be of use! We also need donations of building materials such as screws, nails, lumber, EXTERIOR PAINT (even partial cans and any color will help), and etc. If you can not make it to the work party, you can call the range and come in during the days prior to and get your work time out of the way and an entry in the drawing. Call the range or drop us an email to make arrangements.

The fun shoot and drawing will be open that afternoon ONLY to those that participate in the work party! So come on out, for many hands make light work, and it will be a great time of fellowship and fun!

Join KRRC at the Fair

The Kitsap County Fair this year will be August 25 - 29. We are now signing up members to man the booth. Call the club at 373-1007 or email info@gunsafety.org to let us know when you can make it. There will be three shifts of four hours each day; we want to have two people manning the booth with an alternate setting the time aside in the event of a last minute problem. The shifts will be 10am to 2pm; 2pm to 6pm; and 6pm to 10pm. Volunteers will get free fair entrance and a KRRC shirt. We need members to step up and help by also making donations to fund the cost of the booth and items such as stickers and info on the club that we want to give away during the fair. Send any cash donations to: KRRC – Fair Dept.; P.O. Box 134; Bremerton, WA 98310.

Family Fun Day Sept 4th

Our summer Community Family Fun Day will be held Saturday, September 4th starting at 9am. Last year's event gave us the largest single day total for signing up new members— we need that trend to continue. We will have a planning meeting Saturday, August 21st at 10am at the range. We are going to need greeters, range officers, members with equipment to use and people to help set things up and tear down.

Past events have had the Club provide snacks, drinks and a basic safety briefing while the membership provided supervision, firearms, exotic toys and anything else they can think of as a way to thank the community for their support as well as introduce interested individuals and families to the shooting sports.

Action Shooting Corner

By Earl Jull

Practical Shooting...What it's all about.

Practical Shooting attempts to measure the ability to shoot rapidly and accurately with a full power handgun, rifle, and/or shotgun. Those three elements - speed, accuracy, and power - form the three sides of the practical shooting triangle. By design, each match will measure a shooter's ability in all three areas.

To do this, shooters take on obstacle-laden shooting courses (called stages) requiring anywhere from six to 30+ shots to complete. The scoring system measures points scored per second, then weights the score to compensate for the number of shots fired. If they miss a target, or shoot inaccurately, points are deducted, lowering that all-important points-per-second score.

If shooting has an "extreme" sport, USPSA-sanctioned practical shooting is it. Competitors move, negotiate obstacles, run, speed-reload, and drive their guns through each of several courses as fast as their skills will allow. Although most matches are held outdoors, in all weather, further taxing competitor skill, there are a growing number of indoor ranges conducting USPSA events.

Most of our competitors do not lift weights, or otherwise work on their physical condition with the sport in mind, but those at the very top of the game do. For them, the edge provided by physical strength and dexterity matters, much the way a ping-pong player will improve his stamina by running daily.

Most practical shooters are just regular Joes that enjoy shooting on the weekends – much the way the average golfer enjoys golf. There's no way the average golfer can do what Tiger Woods can do, but that doesn't limit their enjoyment of the sport and it's sure fun to watch Tiger. Where Practical Shooting and golf differ is that it's actually quite likely that you will meet one or two of the world's top shooters at any major match. What are the odds a regular golfer will meet Tiger Woods, much less play on his foursome?

We offer competitive divisions for most handguns, from revolvers, to scope-sighted, recoil-compensated "race guns" developed just for our sport.

Some history...Practical shooting is a sport that evolved from experimentation with handguns used for self-defense. The researchers were an

international group of private individuals, law enforcement officers, and military people generally operating independently of each other, challenging the then-accepted standards of technique, training practices, and equipment. The work was, for the most part, conducted for their own purposes without official sanction. Even so, what they learned changed the face of police and military training forever.

You may remember that in the original *Dirty Harry* movie, Clint Eastwood's character visits a training center and walks down the street of a mock city engaging hostile targets and while identifying and sparing innocents. A lot of us saw it too, and thought, "cool!" It looked like too much fun to be just the law enforcement work of qualifying with a handgun.

Competition had begun with the "leather slap" quick draw events of the 1950's, which had grown out of America's love affair with the TV westerns of that era. However, many wished for a forum that would more directly test the results of the experimentation that had been going on in Big Bear, California and many other places. Competitions evolved to test what had been learned, and just for the pure fun presented by what quickly became a sport requiring competitors to deal with constantly changing scenarios while shooting rapidly and accurately with full power handguns.

In 1976 an international group of enthusiasts interested in what had become known as "practical" shooting met in Columbia, Missouri. From that meeting came the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). In 1984 USPSA was incorporated as the US Region of IPSC. Membership in USPSA automatically includes membership in IPSC.

For 20 years USPSA competition has provided a test bed for equipment and techniques, many of which are now the standard for police and military training. Some of USPSA's top competitors are regularly employed as trainers for elite police and military units. Today, USPSA matches are conducted every week by the nearly 400 affiliated clubs all over the United States. For most people, practical shooting is pure sport conducted with little or no thought of the self-defense aspect of firearms use. However, USPSA members are generally the most proficient shooters in the world as witnessed by their domination in the world of firearms competition.

Have fun and see you at the next match, Earl

The Range Report

By Marcus Carter

Thank You!

A special thanks to Ken Barnes for his work lighting our road sign. It looks great and it is now MUCH easier to spot the entrance after dark. Ken donated the labor and materials to get this project done, keeping with the BEST traditions of service to the membership and community. Thank you April Borbon and Jeremy McMahan for their work in making this new newsletter available online as it will save us 500+ mailings every month. Thank you Steve Beach who has spent MANY hours at the range working with new members and visitors.

Rifle Line Closed while Tuesday Action Shooting Extends Hours

At the last club meeting, the club voted to extend the hours we can access the Action Shooting Bays for USPSA, Fun Steel, and just good old self defense practice. Unfortunately, that also curtails regular access to the rifle firing line. Now on Tuesdays, access to the action shooting bays begins at 11am instead of 5pm. This will allow those on swing shift to come on out and give Action Shooting a try. Once we turn our rifle line, this closure will no longer be needed. The pistol line will remain open for general member use all day.

Action Shooting

Safety being our primary concern, Tuesday Action Shooting will have a certified Range Officer on duty to walk you through the process of learning to safely handle a firearm while moving, reloading, clearing malfunctions, shooting at multiple targets, etc. It will be as low keyed as you like, or as competitive as you want to push yourself. For those that want to see how they measure up, we will be providing score sheets posting weekly scores for those that want to participate to that degree. Cost is \$3 for KRRC members and \$10 for non-members. For those that have never given it a try, the first time out is "on the house", so bring out the handgun, rifle and/or shotgun and find out what the action sports are all about!

Wednesday Evening Bullseye League

Every Wednesday evening throughout the rest of the summer will have the pistol line occupied with competitive Bullseye shooting. Handguns ranging in caliber from 22LR through 45 ACP can be used to build and test ultimate one-handed accuracy skills. Set-up starts at 5:30pm with the first shots fired at 6pm. The cost is a one time \$6 fee for the entire season to cover targets and a \$2 per night fee for non-members of KRRC.

Life Member Fund & other Bylaw Changes.

At the last club meeting, the membership directed the Executive Board to prepare and present a plan to change the way our Life Member Fund is handled. Changes in interest rates and other concerns have made this an issue that must be dealt with. This will require a Bylaw change to accomplish. To change the club bylaws, there will be formal presentation of any change with discussion, possible amendments and then a vote, which must pass by a simple majority for further consideration. The proposed change would then be published in the next newsletter for review and then discussed and voted on at the next club meeting after the publication. A 2/3 majority is then required for the change to become an official part of our bylaws. Along with the Life Member Fund, there will be proposals for updating and simplifying our bylaws.

The next general club meeting will be held on July 8th, 2004 at the range.

ALERT!!! Danger to Wallet Eminent!!! Prepare for Collision!!!

The Sportsman's Warehouse just opened in Silverdale next to Costco in the old Home Base store. A three hour trip on their official Grand Opening day and I felt as though I only covered about a fifth of the store, and then I was told there was an entire upstairs area as well! Hunting Department Manager, Jade Beadle has become a new member and had the store donate a case of coffee cups to the club. They have been actively promoting our activities and membership. The Sportsman's Warehouse carries a great selection of reloading supplies and equipment, firearms and accessories as well as all sorts of archery, fishing, boating, camping and hiking gear and some beautiful art work. The Sportsman's Warehouse is a very welcome and overdue addition to the community. Give them a call, or better yet, stop in and tell them that Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club sent you. Their number is (360) 307-6900.

Don't forget to stop by and see what's new at our consistent long time supporters, Bill Boerner of Boerner Firearms in Gorst 479-8056 and Brad and Patsy Gehring of Gehring Brothers Guns in East Bremerton 377-3851.

July/August 2004 Range Calendar

July 4 (Sunday) Happy 4th of July!

July 6, 13, 20, 27 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm. All interested members are welcome to attend

July 7, 14, 21, 28 (Wednesdays) Bullseye Pistol. 5:30pm

July 8 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range

July 10 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am

July 16 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.

July 17 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm. All interested members are welcome to attend

August 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wednesdays) Bullseye Pistol. 5:30pm

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

August 14 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am

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

August 21 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am

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.

Friends of the NRA Dinner Auction a Success

The Friends of NRA committee would like to thank all that helped make our dinner on May 22nd a big success. We raised \$9600.00 for the NRA Foundation. This money will be given back in the form of grants to Washington state organizations and to national programs. At the event we presented grant checks to South Kitsap High School Junior NROTC rifle team, Bainbridge Island sportsman Club and to Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club which totaled \$6300.00.

Mark Your Calendar for the Courage Classic

KRRC will be hosting the 11th Annual Courage Classic on September 18 and 19. This is an exciting three-gun match featuring a challenging array of action shooting scenarios to determine the best shooters in our region.

The match features separate law enforcement, civilian and military divisions. Applications are available on the club website at www.gunsafety.org.

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.

Range Safety Briefings for new members are held on Thursday at 5pm, Friday at 11am and Saturday at 1pm. If you wish to attend a safety briefing at a different time, please call Marcus at 360-373-1007 to make an appointment.

The President's Corner

By Brad Smith

LIBERTY, FREEDOM, & RIGHTS

Our founding fathers considered our form of government (a constitutional republic) a grand experiment. Mr. Benjamin Franklin stated, We have given you a constitutional republic, if you can keep it! You see Liberty, Freedom and Rights are a grand ideal, a principle, a vision. The Bible states, "without vision, people perish".

Expressed within one of the greatest documents written by human hand, our Declaration of Independence, is contained the ideals of Liberty, Freedom, and Rights. You must remember words not only carry meaning, but also power. Let us examine and hopefully light a fresh our own individual flame of Liberty.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

All men, every human being, whether prince or pauper, man or woman, black or white, all are created equal, in our creator's economy. Our founding father's wanted absolutely no earthly King or Prince! We the people, all being created as equals are to be sovereign and that truth is self evident.

"...that they are endowed by their creator"

- They : We the People.
- Endowed : 1) to provide with a permanent fund or source of income; 2) to furnish or equip with talent, faculty, or quality; 3) an attribute of mind, body, natural ability. (Webster's New World Dictionary)
- With Certain: 1) freedom from doubt or reservation, confident; 2) destined to happen, inevitable, established as true, or bound to come; 3) fixed undisputable. (Webster's New World Dictionary)
- Unalienable: not capable of being altered, changed or modified. (Webster's New World Dictionary)
- Rights: among these Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Circa 1772 Mr. Samuel Adams wrote:

"Rights of the colonist as men are these: first a right to life, to liberty, and to property, together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can . These are evident branches of, rather than Deductions from, the duty of self preservation commonly called the first Law of Nature. All men have a right to remain in a state of nature as long as they please; And in case of intolerable oppression, civil or religious, to leave the society they belong to, and enter into another. Justice and true Liberty, equal and impartial Liberty, in matters spiritual and temporal, is a thing that all men are clearly entitled to by the eternal and immutable Laws of God and Nature..."

"In a state of nature, every man has a right to think and act according to the dictates of his own mind, which in that state, are subject to no other control and can be commanded by no other power than the laws and ordinances of the Great Creator of all things. The perfection of Liberty the refore, in a state of nature, is for every man to be free from any external force..."

Please let this wisdom speak for itself. Due you due diligence, take each individual word... decide for yourself what are your **Liberties**, your **Freedoms**, and your **Rights**, and where they emanate from.

God Bless You!
The President
Brad Smith

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