

#### 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.

September/October 2004

## KRRC Goes to the Fair

It was another successful year for the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club at the Kitsap County Fair. The Fair was heavily attended and many people stopped by our booth to chat and learn more about our club.

A big hit with the kids was our new gun safety sticker designed by Jeremy McMahan. A number of adults even picked up stickers commenting that they would display them on their gun cabinets and gun cases.

As usual, our volunteers did a great job promoting the club by answering questions and providing informational brochures on gun safety and Washington gun laws. We signed up a total of 30 new club members during the course of the fair.

Sharon Carter did a great job of organizing our booth, coordinating the volunteers and gathering all of the handouts which were displayed at the booth.

We sincerely appreciate all of the effort put forth by our volunteers to make this a positive, educational event for all involved.



*Carol McLaren and Ron Adkins staff the KRRC booth at the Kitsap County Fair.*

## Fair Membership Special Held Over

New members who signed up to join the Club during the fair got a great deal on membership—pay \$60 for your 2005 annual membership and receive the rest of this year's membership free of charge. The KRRC Executive Committee has agreed to let new members who sign up during next weekend's Family Fun Day receive the same special so bring your friends, family and neighbors to the Family Fun Day and encourage them to take advantage of this great offer.

## Action Shooting Corner

By Earl Jull

Many people who begin competing in "action" shooting sports, like USPSA or Fun Steel, have a tendency to try to shoot and move too quickly, too soon. Speed comes with practice, and practice promotes smoothness and efficiency in the draw, presentation, and the movement of the handgun from target to target. You have to slow down to improve.

There's a saying among competitors: "You can't miss fast enough to win." Often, shooters with strong target shooting backgrounds do very well in action shooting, even though they appear to be moving relatively slowly on the line. Their hours spent in slow-fire, bullseye shooting pay off in action shooting as they seem to effortlessly hit the targets every time. Their times may seem slow – at first – but no penalties for misses and clean runs soon make-up for blazing speed – and misses! So there is your excuse or "reason" to join the "Bullseye League" on Wednesday nights.

There's a simple secret to shooting smoothly, accurately and fast on steel plates. It has to do with eye movement, sight acquisition and trigger control. While practice certainly does make perfect, practice always pays bigger dividends if it's done correctly. One of the "secrets" of smooth and accurate shooting — while moving or on multiple targets — is a deceptively simple one.

Pick out two spots on a wall a few feet apart – I cut out small IPSC targets and attach it with thumbtacks. With your "unloaded" finger first point at one and then, as quickly as possible, move your finger and point at the second target. You'll

find your finger probably went slightly past and you had to then move it quickly back onto the target. Now for the secret.

Try it again, only this time, when you move your finger from one target to the other, look at the second target first, lock your eyes onto the center of the target [the "A" zone] and then move your finger. You'll find the target virtually instantly with little or no "run past" with your finger. As you practice, you'll soon be moving your eyes, locking on the next target and moving the sights almost simultaneously. You'll notice your hit percentages increase dramatically and speed will come with practice.

You will be tempted to try this drill in your living room with your handgun. While I have never had to patch any holes in my walls before my wife came home I know of others who did. Let me offer this piece of advice – be sure all ammo is in another room. Enough said?

Try this at home then go to the range on Tuesday or to the match on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and see how well it works. Speaking of the match, we could use some help setting up on Fridays. Marcus usually has the stage designs and can show what needs to be done.

One last thing, I hear this all the time: "I need to practice more before I go shoot a match". Although you need a USPSA Safety Briefing to shoot at our match (offered on Tuesday Nights) the match is nothing more than a big practice session. Don't put off coming out to shoot a match any longer – ok?

Thanks and I'll see you at the Range, Earl

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## Join the Bullseye Pistol League

There is still plenty of time left in this year's summer Bullseye Pistol league, so dust off your 22 pistol, the trusty 45, or anything in between, and come on out to shoot. We get started every Wednesday evening at 5:30 for set-up with the first shots fired at 6pm. 60 rounds will get you a National Match Course which is broke down as follows:

- 20 rounds slow fire (20 rounds in 20 minutes) at 50 yards;
- 20 rounds timed fire (4 strings of 5 rounds in 20 seconds) at 25 yards;
- 20 rounds rapid fire (4 strings of 5 rounds in 10 seconds) at 25 yards.

This is a one-handed, standing test of marksmanship (or for some of us, a good way to develop some basic marksmanship) so come down and shoot with some of the best shooters in the nation back fresh from the Camp Perry National Championship.

Remember, your first Wednesday is on us, and the cost for the *entire* season is only \$6—total!

For more information on the Bullseye Pistol league, check out our website at [www.GunSafety.org](http://www.GunSafety.org) or call the range at 360-373-1007.

## The Range Report

By Marcus Carter

### Work Party

The work party was a great success despite the fact that it was the hottest day of the summer, (literally), and only a small but dedicated handful of members showed up. We were able to get a lot of the berms trimmed up, scotch-broom cut down, firewood cut up, targets repaired, the entrance landscaped, grading, organizing the IPSC storage, a great lunch. A special thanks to the following members for showing up, investing their precious time and materials, and giving up a little blood, a LOT of sweat, and tears:

Dave Baker – weed-eating, Mike Gutierrez – lumberjack, Frank Molina – cottage stones, John Storms – welding and grinding, Al Rogers - weed-eating, Andy Cassella - grading, Jeremy McMahan – weed-eating, Dick Nolan – general clean-up, Steve Beach – scotch-broom assassin, Kristina Carter – cottage stone/general clean-up, Travis Foreman – weed sniper, Daryl Gillen – IPSC box, Ed Lyons – general clean-up, Sharon Carter – BBQ and general clean-up, Brianna Carter – all around gopher, Wayne Case - firewood, Mark Case - firewood, Marty Russell – general clean-up.

Everyone that showed up got to participate in our annual “Empty the Lost and Found event” with some nice stuff that had not been claimed over the last year being put back into circulation. We also gave out several thousand rounds of sorted re-loadable brass.

Think what we could get accomplished if 10% of our 800 members would show up to the next one!

### The Fair

At this writing, we are making our annual trek to the Kitsap County Fair and Stampede. Sharon Carter has worked hard at getting volunteers to man the booth and setting things up. Jeremy McMahan designed stickers that advertise the club and web site and say “Gun Safety is Cool!” for us to give away, and they have been *extremely* popular. We will have whatever stickers are left over, for sale at the club. On the first day of the fair (typically the slowest) we signed up several new members. Our goal, Lord willing, is to surpass last years record breaking numbers, and it appears we are well on our way.

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## Your Club Dues at Work: Range Safety Officer

Throughout the past year, the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club has provided a Range Officer on duty, nearly 40 hours each week. In addition to keeping the range safe, the Range Officer performs a variety of tasks such as range improvements, tournament set-up and office tasks as well. The Range Officer also provides safety briefings, will make Club equipment available to Club members, and can usually answer any safety, skill improvement or equipment questions you may have.

The Club is planning to offer a free, one-day Range Safety Officer class in October. This class will teach interested members how to become Range Safety Officers. Currently we have six members who have attended this class and are volunteering as Safety Officers at the range.

This is a great opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge while offering your time to a good cause. Our range depends on the efforts of our members to keep things running smoothly as well as to help new members feel comfortable shooting at our facility.

Once you have attended this class, there is even more opportunity for continued learning at regional and national-level Range Officer Safety classes

For more information on the upcoming Range Safety Officer class or to sign up, please call Marcus at 360-373-1007 or email us at [info@GunSafety.org](mailto:info@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. Please note that any time a Range Officer is on duty, we are open to the public.

## September/October 2004 Range Calendar

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wednesdays) Bullseye Pistol. 5:30pm  
 September 6 *Happy Labor Day!*  
 September 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.  
 September 9 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range  
 September 11 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am  
 September 12 (Sunday) Warm-up match for the State Bullseye 2700 Championships. Range closed all day.  
 September 16 (Thursday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.  
 September 17 (Friday) IPSC Match; 9am. Courage Classic set-up  
 September 18 & 19 (Saturday and Sunday) Courage Classic

October 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.  
 October 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesdays) Bullseye Pistol. 5:30pm  
 October 9 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am  
 October 14 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range  
 October 15 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.  
 October 16 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am  
 October 31 *Happy Halloween!*

For more information on the classes and events listed in this calendar, please check out our website at [www.gunsafety.org](http://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.

## From the Range Office

### Conditional Life Memberships

Several members have asked about making payments toward a life membership. This was discussed at a club meeting and it was decided that those who qualify for life memberships (members in good standing for five consecutive years) will be allowed to make payments at whatever pace he/she feel comfortable with, with \$5 of each payment going to administrative costs.

Currently a life membership costs \$600, which can be paid in one lump sum, or, as an example, 10 payments at \$65, two payments at \$305, three payments at \$205 or 600 payments at \$6. At no time may the amount paid over a year be less than annual membership dues.

To obtain a life membership, please call the range at 360-373-1007 and make arrangements.

### Range Safety Briefings

Range Safety Briefings are a requirement for all new members and are held on Thursday at 5pm, Friday at 11am and Saturday at 1pm. If you wish to attend a safety briefing but cannot make any of these scheduled times, please call Marcus at 360-373-1007 to make an appointment.

### A Great Membership Deal

Current members who renew their membership for a three or five year term will receive a newly designed KRRC patch for free. Club membership renewal forms will be going out in our next newsletter or you can get more information on membership renewal from our website at [www.GunSafety.org](http://www.GunSafety.org).

# Mark Your Calendars!

## Range Closure Notice

A reminder...Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> is our annual warm-up match for the State Bullseye 2700 Championship. The entire range will be closed for this match, however, club members are welcome to come out and watch our teams prepare for this event.

## Hunter Education Coming Up

We are going to have another Washington State Hunter Education course in September. This class is required for people under the age of 18 who wish to hunt in Washington State.

This is always a very popular class so call now or email and get on the waiting list.

Additional information about this and other classes offered at KRRC can be found on our website at [www.gunsafety.org](http://www.gunsafety.org) or by calling the range at 360-373-1007.

## Community Family Fun Day

Our Summer Family Fun Day will be September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the range. Invite your friends and neighbors to come down and see what our club is all about. As usual, there will be a 22 gallery set up on the Bullseye range and center-fire activities happening on the rifle line or out in the event bays. As an added bonus, we will be offering our membership special for new members who sign up during the Family Fun Day. If someone has never been a member before, all they need to do is fill out the application and pay the \$60 at the Fun Day and their membership will be good through the end of 2005 (that's \$3.75 per month!).

Also, we need as much help as we can get, so give us a call or drop an email and let us know we can count on you to help out with this fun family event.



## Courage Classic Law Enforcement, Military and Civilian Charity Shooting Match

Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Courage Classic is happening the weekend of September 18 and 19, 2004. Match applications are available on line at [www.GunSafety.org/courageclassic](http://www.GunSafety.org/courageclassic).

The beneficiary this year will be the Peninsula Health Services Children's Fund. It will be a lot of fun as this year's event will be a full three-gun match. We want you all to come on out and play!

You do not need to have competed before, you just need to be committed to following the instructions of the range officer and be dedicated to helping everyone have a great time. Some of the top shooters in the state and nation will be here, so come learn from the best and plan to participate. If you know someone in law enforcement or the military, let them know about the match and encourage them to come out. There will be special prizes awarded to the "Top Cop", "Top Military" and "Top Civilian" competitors and the scenarios our Courage Classic Committee has come up with this year will be talked about for years to come. Sign up today!

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