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Bremerton Police Department Wins 11th Annual Courage Classic Charity Match

Despite the rain, with stellar performances by "Top Cop" - Officer Dan Fatt, and Third LE Overall - Dave Litts, together with solid performances by team mates Russ Holt and Greg Rawlins, BPD brought home the Gold by ending up as First Law Enforcement Team Overall, beating out very talented teams from the Pierce County Sheriffs Department, United States Customs, Mason County Sheriffs Office and others.

The Courage Classic Law Enforcement and Civilian Charity Shooting Match once again raised several hundreds of dollars and much needed awareness for Peninsula Community Health Services Children's Fund.

We at Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club would like to thank this year's event sponsors for their donations and efforts that, along with past sponsors, have lead to the Courage Classic being the catalyst responsible for tens of thousands of dollars being donated to local children's charities.

Please contact these folks and let them know you appreciate their support and you will be promoting and supporting

them as a result:

- Blade-Tech Tactical and Outdoor Accessories in Lakewood
- Sportsman's Warehouse in Silverdale
- Whelen Lights
- Boerner Firearms in Gorst
- National Firearms Institute

We also want to thank those members and friends that went above and beyond in preparing and running the match. Your efforts made this years Courage Classic the smoothest run over any other we have done to date. Debbie Kurre, Jamie Hughes, Roger Hudson, Dave Baker, Daryl Gillen, Travis Foreman, Kristina Carter, Ken and Barbara Carter, Tom and Julie Goodwin, Stacey Koenig, Sharon Carter, Andy Casella, Steve Beach, Earl Jull, Brianna Carter, April Borbon, Carol McLaren, Gerald Field, Marty Schroeder, Brad Smith, Joseph Goodrich, Richard J. Fife, Mary and Lee Swoboda, Dan Garcia, Mac Davis and a couple of others I just can't think of at this writing...Sorry.

You can find out more about the Courage Classic on the internet at www.GunSafety.org/CourageClassic.

Vote in the Upcoming KRRC Elections

Our annual club elections will be held on January 13th at our annual Election and Social meeting. The location for that meeting will be announced in the next BULLETin due out at the beginning of January, 2005. The offices of President, Vice-President, Executive Officer, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and one Trustee position will be up for grabs. Plan on coming out and get involved in the process and get to know a few of your other club members.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Yes, it's time again to renew your membership and access to the range for 2005. Many have found that with no pro-rating of the membership dues, they were resigned to paying a daily use fee or wait till the new year, so renew your membership early so that you won't miss a day of access to the range. As a bonus, those that renew this year for two or more years by January 1, 2005 will receive a limited edition KRRC patch!

Action Shooting Corner

By Earl Jull

Let me start this article by thanking those who came out to help with the Courage Classic:
 Marcus Carter—Match Director
 Sharon Carter—Auction organizer, Lunch & Support Staff
 Tom and Julie Goodwin—Stats
 Stacey Koenig—Stats
 Dave Baker—Set up & Stage RO
 Steve Beach—Set up, Stage RO & Support Staff
 Andy Casella—Set up, Stage RO & Support Staff
 Debbie Kurre—Range Beatification, Set up, Stage RO
 Travis Foreman—Set up & Support Staff
 April Borbon—Award Certificates
 Daryl Gillen—Stage Design & Set up
 Ken Carter—Set up & Support Staff
 Christina, Brianna & Barbra Carter—Set up & Support Staff
 Carol McLaren—Match Promotion Mailings, Labels
 Gerald Field—Set up & Stage RO
 Marty Schroeder—Set up & Support Staff
 Brad Smith—Support Staff
 Dan Garcia—Support Staff
 Richard J. Fife—Set up of LE Lights
 Lee and Mary Swoboda—Web Promotion

You people are above and beyond the crowd. The rest of the membership should look to emulate your example. Because of your hard work, KRRC's 11th Annual Courage Classic Match was able to give over \$1500 to Peninsula Community Health Services Children's Fund. Your efforts are appreciated.

Here's something to work on – Your Grip

Most basic shooting problems come from an improper grip (this includes tension and hand placement) and incorrect upper body position.

The basics: Keep the head up and straight - not canted to the gun. Shoulders square. The arms bent. Hands together. Trigger finger free for movement.

Place your strong hand on the grip, as high as possible, both front and rear. The strong hand thumb should always be on the safety. (When shooting with your weak hand the thumb should also always ride the safety). I relieve the bottom rear of the trigger guard on my guns to put my right hand at a more natural angle and reduce the pressure on the joint of the middle finger.

The trigger finger should not touch or rub on the gun anywhere other than the trigger. The pad of the finger should be used - not the first joint.

This will provide better trigger control.

The placement of the weak hand in a freestyle grip is where most people make mistakes. First the fingers should all be under the trigger guard. Your weak hand index finger should never be on the front of the trigger guard. Second, there should be total hand-to-hand contact at the left rear of the gun. (This is based on being right handed). The left hand should not sit straightforward on the gun—it should be canted at an angle with the back of the hand being higher on the gun than the front. If you trace you thumb on your left hand back past the knuckle to the base by the wrist, this should be in between the first joint and the knuckle of the right thumb. This is going to cock the left hand at an angle and complete the contact between both hands. This also serves another purpose of bringing different arm muscles in on controlling the gun. You should feel the muscles on the top of the left arm by the elbow doing the work. If the hand is straight you will feel the strain on the bottom of the arm.

Both thumbs should be pointing at the target and your arms should be pushing out in a positive tension against the gun. Several schools teach a push/pull technique. Why should you pull on the gun when it is already going that way during recoil? Also be sure not to lock the arms out. This transfers all of the guns energy into your shoulders and also does not allow you to work on the recoil of the gun.

The left arm should be straighter than the right arm, which is probably the opposite that you've been told. (If your shoulders are relaxed, not hunched up, and you are standing square to the target, your left hand has to be further out than the right hand - unless you're built funny.)

Grip tension should be about 60% weak hand and 40% strong hand. Do not strangle the gun. More tension in the shooting hand = less trigger speed. If you have a proper grip you will be surprised at how little work you have to do to control the gun.

This grip may feel uncomfortable at first. Try it out for a couple of weeks and I bet you will see a difference.

Set-up for the next match is November 19th at around noon. All are welcome to come out and participate.

See ya at the range, Earl

The House is Burning

By Brad Smith

Your house is Burning! Everything you own is going up in smoke. All the things that are precious to you...burning. Then, you realize your only child is alone in that inferno! What do you do? What will you do? Will you think about your golf game, will you think about your career, will you think about your new car or boat? I think not. I wager any thinking, caring, loving mother or father would rush right straight into that Burning house risking their very own lives, risking everything, to save that child from being burned alive!

Well my friends your house is burning...our house is burning! The house our founding fathers fought for, bled for, and died for -- the Republic -- is burning. The very foundations of liberty and freedom of our Republic are totally engulfed in flames! The foundations of religion, patriotism, and morality are being Destroyed. Yes, our house is burning and the child inside is Liberty.

Our very liberties and freedoms are what is at stake. There is a war and the evil minions of the liberal elites -- hollywood, the news media, college professors, the black robed tyrants of the judiciary -- are in an all out effort to burn down the very fabric of our republic...its virtues, its morality, our God-given values. If this assault is allowed to continue unabated, we will lose our way of life, our liberty, our Republic. Joseph Stalin, the evil communist dictator, understood this when he said, "There are three great pillars which hold up America; religion, morality, and patriotism -- destroy these and you will destroy America." The framer of our constitution, James

Madison said, "we have staked the whole future of the American Civilization not upon government; far from it. We have staked the whole future of our nation upon the people's ability to govern themselves, to conduct themselves in the light of the Ten Commandments of God."

Samuel Adams, the main instigator of the revolution, after the victory over England was complete, stated, "We have accomplished something no other nation in the history; we have brought together in one indissoluble bond, the principles of Christianity and the principles of government." In 1834, a young French philosopher named Alex De Toqueville stated, "As long as America is good, America will be great. If she ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." George Duffield, a patriot preacher in a sermon stated, "Wilt sun and moon endure, America shall remain a city of refuge for the whole earth, until she herself play the tyrant, forget her destiny, disgrace her freedom, and provoke her God."

Yes my friend, our house of freedom is burning! Her once great foundations of religion, morality, and patriotism are under attack as never before and are near destruction! If these foundational pillars are destroyed, the entire republic will collapse with them. You must fight back, you must use your freedom to defend your freedom! There is no such thing as victory without a fight. You must act! You must vote! I don't care which party, vote for the individuals which uphold our constitution, individuals which will stand up for righteous values, principles, and morals! Vote! The very future of our republic depends on you! VOTE!

Range Officer Schedule

There is a Range Officer on duty Tuesday through Friday from 11 am 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 Thursdays at 5pm, Fridays at 11am and Saturdays 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.

Report Shooting Outside the Range

There are many people that shoot outside the range on the property we occupy and on the surrounding property. While at the range, if you hear shooting that is not coming from our range, please leave us a note or email us with the time, date, general direction and any other details you feel are important.

Range Officer Course

We will be holding a series of NFI Certified, KRRC Level 1 Range Officer Courses. The first will begin Thursday November 4th starting at 9am. The second will begin on Saturday, November 13th, also starting at 9am. NFI certified Range Officers will receive training on policy and procedures for opening the range to the public, dealing with new shooters, emergencies, daily reporting and etc. A free certification class for CPR/AED use is also included. If you are interested in becoming a certified range officer, contact the club for further information.

November/December 2004 Range Calendar

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.
November 11 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range.
November 11 (Thursday) *VETERAN'S DAY*
November 13 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
November 19 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for IPSC match. Pistol range open.
November 20 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am.
November 25 (Thursday) *HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

December 9 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
December 25 (Saturday) *MERRY CHRISTMAS*
December 26 (Sunday) Christmas Family Fun Day

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.

Safety Reminders

By Sharon Carter

RANGE COMMANDS

With the hunting season upon us, we are starting to see that large number of our membership that only seem to make it out to the range for site-in and practice for the season. It is little wonder that some may be out of practice on the use of proper range terminology.

A "HOT" range is one where people must have their eye and hearing protection properly in place, may handle their firearms (within the four commandments of firearms safety), fire at will (at an acceptable target and into an impact berm), and if you have a guest that is shooting, you must maintain immediate supervision of their muzzle control while they are shooting.

A "COLD" range is one where there is NO handling of firearms at all, for any reason. Folks may go down range to check or replace their targets, pick-up brass that fell forward of the firing line and etc. I repeat, **there is not to be any handling of firearms when the line is "COLD"!**

Use of the term "CLEAR" is an interim term that is used between the time the firing line is "HOT" and prior to declaring the line "COLD". It is used to determine that all of the firearms on the range have been "cleared" (totally unloaded and the action locked open and secured) so that we can go to a "COLD" range. This must be verified by all on the line prior to announcing a "COLD" status for the range.

"STOP" or "CEASE FIRE" are emergency terms that are to be used anytime there is an immediate need to get everyone on the firing line to stop shooting, clear all firearms, get the line "COLD" and deal with the emergency.

DON'T FORCE IT!

It is never a good idea to force anything on a firearm. There has been a reported case where a shooter was "hammering" on the bolt of his rifle with the heel of his hand because he couldn't get the bolt to close. One of the blows caused a cartridge to detonate resulting in the loss of a portion of his finger. He was very fortunate it wasn't worse. If you are having a problem with a firearm, it is a good idea to remember the acronym STOP. STOP stands for Stop, Think, Observe and Plan. If you are not absolutely sure how to remedy a problem, get some assistance. Even if there is no Range Officer present, ask around. There are some very knowledgeable folks at the range. Sometimes just having second opinion can quickly take care of a problem, just remember however that you are getting what you pay for with free advise. One of the best gunsmiths in the world is club member. Ed LaPour of La-Pour Gunsmithing is in Bremerton. Paying for professional help is a lot cheaper and less painful than the alternative.

2005 KRRC Membership and/or Range Access Renewal Form

All members who have gone through the Safety Briefing and Orientation wishing to have the gate combination for 2005 must completely fill out all the following information and take the test at the end. Once completed, send in this page along with payment of any appropriate dues owed. The current combination will be changed during the first week of January 2005. Dues are \$60 for 2005. A three year membership is available for \$150 and five years for \$240. If you have been a member for five consecutive years, Life Membership is available for \$600. **BONUS OFFER!** All members who renew for two or more years prior to January 1st, 2005 will receive a limited edition KRRC Patch.

Make all checks payable to "KRRC" or "Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club". This form and any applicable dues may be brought in to a range officer or mailed to KRRC; P.O. Box 134; Bremerton, WA 98337. All new members must fill out a new member form, available online at www.GunSafety.org or at the range. Questions? – Call 360-373-1007

KRRC MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am willing to help the club in the following areas:

General Work Parties Landscaping Fair Booth Courage Classic Family Fun Days
 Range Officer Eat Doughnuts Hunters Site-in Range coach for classes
 Hunter Education Other _____

Renewal Test

Fill in the Blanks

1. Treat all firearms as though they are always _____.
2. Never allow the _____ to cover (point at) anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your _____ off the _____ and out of the trigger guard until your _____ are on target and you are ready to _____.
4. Be sure you have an acceptable _____, know its _____ and what lies _____.
5. If you can handle firearms on the firing line, the line is considered _____.
6. If the range is _____, it means do not handle firearms at all.
7. If your firearms are all unloaded and secured, they are _____.
8. Emergency commands for everyone to stop firing and secure the firing line are _____! or _____ Fire!

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