

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.

January/February 2006

80th Anniversary Club Tee Shirts on Sale Now

2006 will be a banner year for KRRC as it is officially the 80th year since the signing of our original charter. We have club tee shirts commemorating our 80th anniversary for sale at the range and will also have some for sale at our annual election and social meeting which will be held on January 12th. The price for the shirts is \$12 for small to extra large; XX and XXX sizes are \$15. We plan to have hats, jackets and other items to commemorate this landmark year for us and the county within the next month or so.



Examples of the front and back of the new club shirts are shown above.



Annual KRRC Meeting to be Held January 12th

Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club's Annual Election and Social Meeting will be held at the Sheridan Park Center building on Lebo Boulevard in East Bremerton on January 12, 2006 at 7:30pm. All members are welcome to attend and we look forward to having as many members as possible join us at this annual event.

January/February 2006 Range Calendar

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

January 12 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at Sheridan Park Center on Lebo Blvd in Bremerton

January 14 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am

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

January 21 (Saturday) IPSC Match; 9am

February 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

February 9 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range

February 11 (Saturday) Fun Steel 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.

Thank You!

A HUGE Thank You to the following folks for their service to your club during the very recent past!

- Ken Barnes for repair of the entrance brick work and constant maintenance and upgrading of our entrance lighting.
- John Casey of Casey Bail Bonds in Port Orchard for the donation of a NRA commemorative Smith & Wesson 22 pistol for our education and training programs.
- And thank you to our up and developing Range Officer crew, quickly becoming the best of any range around. Sharon, Bob, Travis, Daniel, Andy, Tim, Dick and Ed.

Get The Facts

Gun Facts is a wonderful website that publishes informational brochures, legislation updates and an 80 page text loaded with the real facts about gun control and firearms issues. Check out their site at www.gunfacts.info.

Attention Hunters

Do you enjoy hunting?

If you carry a firearm for self-defense, or you plan to hunt on **our** state lands, you'd better be aware of the pending modifications to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Currently, an area of "our" public land needs to be posted "No Hunting" if the Department of Natural Resource (DNR) doesn't want you to hunt on it. But, under the draft proposal, the reverse would be true. According to the draft WAC "*The following acts are prohibited at department*



developed recreation site or area: ... (b) Possessing a firearm with a cartridge in any portion of the mechanism or discharging a firearm, bow and arrow, spear, spear gun, harpoon, or air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal, or damaging or

destroying any public or private property, except where the department has authorized a special recreational activity...."

This move shows a dangerous trend to further restrict the freedoms you, your family, and your friends have fought two World Wars to preserve! Don't let that camel get his nose in this tent!

Contact the commissioner of public lands and let him know where you stand on this important issue! Doug Sutherland, the Commissioner of Public Lands, can be reached by emailing cpl@wadnr.gov. Let him know that we're watching him!

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Gate Update

The electronic gate which our members so generously donated to is on its way. While the Executive Board had previously decided to wait until after the rifle line was turned to install the gate, the process is taking longer than expected. It was determined at the last Board meeting to go ahead with the gate project and install the gate as soon as possible.

We have already received the bids for the gate and have decided on the contractor and the location for the installation. The process will be moving forward after the first of the year.

We want to thank all of our members who

have donated to the gate fund which now stands at \$6,202.61.

Once the gate is installed, all members will be contacted with their new gate code. It was determined that the code will stay the same as the combination currently on the gate for about a month until we have time to notify all members and give them their own individual gate code.

This new gate will be a huge improvement to our range and very welcome by our members who now have to stand in the rain and manually open the gate.

Range Briefs

By Marcus Carter

- **New Clay Pigeon/Trap machine.** All our old trap throwers have seen more than their share of use as we are spending more time repairing them than using them. We have just purchased an automatic, self feeding thrower to replace our aging equipment. Once we work out all the details, it will be available anytime a Range Officer is on duty, which minimally is Tuesday through Friday from 11am until 7pm and Saturdays from 8am until 4pm. To provide for maintenance, Western Flyer birds are required which we plan to buy by the pallet load and we will initially charge \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for non-members for 25 birds. We may work a deal in which a member provides his own birds and pays the club a fee of \$1 for each 50 birds he uses the club machine. The early reviews are showing that this will be a very welcome addition and should be fully usable by the first of the year, or shortly after.
- **The Golden Rule.** On this years renewal form, a new question was asked that, from many of the answers received, bears some discussion. The last question on the test was, "Which of the above is the "Golden Rule"? The overwhelming majority answered this as being "Treat all firearms as though they are loaded." This rule is first of the 4 Commandments on our list, for it is the first thing one should assume when approaching, handling, or watching someone else handle a firearm, however it is not the "golden rule". In short, if all other rules had either been violated, or a catastrophic mechanical failure occurs and a firearm discharges, it is the direction of the muzzle that immediately becomes the greatest concern. So remember, always keep your firearms pointed in the safest possible direction and "Never allow the muzzle to cover (point at) anything you are not willing to destroy"...this is the Golden Rule.
- **Guest Policy.** There needs to be a reminder of our guest policy as we have had a few members recently claim to not be entirely clear on the subject. First off, we encourage guests! Knowing that we need to win as many to the shooting sport, and to the support of our club as possible, we want you to bring guests to try the range and see what a safe and fun activity formal shooting can be. Whether you bring a guest or not, all members must remember their roll as a range supervisor anytime you use the facility. When you do bring a guest to the range, you specifically assume full responsibility for your guest's conduct. When your guest is shooting, YOU are supervising. We have no limit on the number of guests you can bring at any one time, but you can have only one guest shooting at a time while you supervise. If you have, or want to bring more than one guest to shoot at the same time, just contact a Range Officer and seek some assistance.
- **Cost.** A guest that has NEVER been to the range before, with anyone, can come the first time for free. After one trip, they would be expected to either join the range or make a \$10 donation per trip. A members spouse or children 17 and under can come with them anytime for no additional fee. We are preparing a sign-in sheet and collection station for those times when there is no Range Officer present and you bring a guest that has visited our facility before and needs to contribute to the maintenance of our facilities. If you have any questions, call the range or email for clarification.
- **Renewal Time!** We have renewal forms available as a part of this newsletter, at the range, and our annual election meeting this month. Renew now so that you don't miss a day of being able to use the range. Remember that KRRRC does not offer pro-rated memberships, so waiting will not be an advantage at all. If you put this off, like many others, you'll find yourself standing outside the gate wishing you had taken this advice.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

2006 KRRC Membership and/or Range Access Renewal Form

All members, including those who have gone through the Safety Briefing and Orientation and wish to have the gate combination for 2006 must completely fill out all of the following information and take the renewal test. Once completed, send in this page along with payment of any appropriate dues owed. Dues are \$60 for 2006. A three-year membership is currently available for \$150 and a five-year membership costs \$240. If you have been a member for five consecutive years, Life Membership is available for \$600.

Please 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 Please list how you can help-

Renewal Test

Fill in the Blanks

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

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