

- 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.

KRRC Safety Rules Defined

There has recently been concern about the rules of KRRC regarding where to shoot, what to shoot and how to shoot and handle your firearms at the KRRC Range. To alleviate the confusion, here are some of the basic rules regarding shooting at the Range:

- ◆ Please clean up after yourself. Brass and cartridges need to be removed from the line and placed in the proper recycling bucket before leaving the line.
- ◆ When you need a COLD line, CLEAR your own firearms, make sure everyone is in agreement, and wait for everyone on the line to CLEAR their firearms before declaring the range COLD.
- ◆ Generally, only pistols can be used on the pistol line with the ONLY exception being rifles chambered in 22LR ammunition. Shotguns are no longer allowed on the pistol line.
- ◆ Remember muzzle control. A couple of our Range Officers have had the muzzle of a firearm pointed at them because the shooters were not paying attention to where their muzzle was directed. (See rule number two above under the Four Commandments of Firearms Safety above).
- ◆ Guests of a member, who have NEVER been to KRRC before, are allowed to shoot free of charge on their first visit only. After shooting at the range once, they will either need to become a member or pay \$10 per visit.
- ◆ Members may bring their spouse and any children/grandchildren who are under the age of 17 any time they like, at no charge.
- ◆ Typically Sundays and Mondays at the Range are reserved for members and their (first time) guests or family members only. The general public is not allowed to shoot on these days outside of scheduled events.
- ◆ Anyone who brings a guest to the Range is responsible for directly supervising them at all times when they are on the Range.
- ◆ No one is allowed to shoot exotic targets (steel, etc) at the range unless they receive prior approval by the Executive Officer.
- ◆ The only people who are allowed to shoot in the IPSC bays are KRRC members who have completed the USPSA Safety Course and received a KRRC-issued USPSA safety card.
- ◆ Everyone who shoots at the Range, unless they have a membership photo ID badge, needs to sign in prior to using the Range facilities.

These are a few of the basic policy and safety rules for the KRRC Range. Above all, every user must follow the Four Commandments of Firearms Safety without fail. These rules are in place, not to limit your shooting at the Range, but to enhance your experience by providing the safest, most orderly and efficient Range possible. The safety of our members and guests is our top priority at the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club!

May/June 2006 Range Calendar

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Wednesdays) Bulls-eye Summer League. 5:30pm-8pm.
 May 7 (Sunday) 2700 Bulls-eye Pistol Match (all day; range closed)
 May 10 & 24 (Wednesdays) Junior Small Bore Marksmanship practice. Call for times.
 May 11 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
 May 13 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
 May 19 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for USPSA match. Pistol range open.
 May 20 (Saturday) USPSA Multi-gun Match; 9am
 May 25 (Thursday) New Member Orientation course. 5pm-9pm.
 May 27 (Saturday) New Member Orientation course. 9pm-noon.

June 6, 13, 20, 27 (Tuesdays) USPSA practice. 11am-10pm.
 June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Wednesdays) Bulls-eye Summer League. 5pm-8pm.
 June 8 (Thursday) Club meeting; 7:30pm at the range
 June 10 (Saturday) Fun Steel Match; 9am
 June 10 (Saturday) Women's Defensive Handgun course. 9am-5pm. Call to register.
 June 14 & 28 (Wednesdays) Junior Small Bore Marksmanship practice. Call for times.
 June 16 (Friday) Rifle line closed at noon to set up for USPSA match. Pistol range open.
 June 17 (Saturday) USPSA Multi-gun Match; 9am
 June 22 (Thursday) New Member Orientation course. 5pm-9pm.
 June 24 (Saturday) New Member Orientation course. 9pm-noon

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.

*Also note: Some courses require pre-registration as there are a limited number of spaces available. Also, additional fees may apply. Pre-register by calling the Range at 360-373-1007 any time a Range Officer is on duty. Additionally, a limited number of scholarships are available for some of the listed courses on a case-by-case basis.



Public Shooting—KRRRC is Open to the Public

- ◆ When: Tuesdays through Friday from 11am to 7pm; Saturday 8am to 4pm
- ◆ Donation: \$10 per visit
- ◆ Who can shoot: adults over the age of 18; children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- ◆ Bring with you: your own firearms, ammunition, hearing protection, eye protection

Action Shooting Corner

By Earl Jull

This time we are going to talk about setting up your shotgun for USPSA shooting. The butt stock has three critical elements to it. We have the length of pull, the height and angle of the comb and the pitch or the angle of the recoil pad.

The length of pull needs to be short enough to clear your clothing, but long enough so that your nose and thumb don't come together. On your Open gun, mount the red dot to facilitate a wide field of view. Be sure the dot is easily seen and the sight is mounted very low to the bore. As the comb of your gun touches your cheek, your eyes should be placed in the middle of the sight every time. These things come together to make the open guns very fast in target-to-target acquisition.

Now lets take a look at a limited gun. With only a front sight on the gun, stock fit is very important. Your eye is actually your rear sight. On your limited gun the pupil of the eye should be level with the top of the rib – you should see the whole bead and nothing more. Close your eyes, throw the gun to your shoulder and open your eyes.

- Bead with rib under it [stock too high] = shot column will hit high.
- Partial bead showing [stock too low] shot column will hit low – possibly below where you can see. This is bad!

The pitch or angle of the recoil pad is critical to keeping the entire rear surface of the pad against your shoulder. If the angle is too low or too high, you will only get a single point of contact. You can shoulder it faster if you wrap the butt stock with electrical tape to make it slide up against your clothing. Get these three elements dialed in and you will consistently put your eye behind the sight and the gun to your shoulder to control it during the entire course of fire.

Put this all-together, go to Sportsman's, grab a few boxes of Estate 7 1/2's, head to the range and go through a shot sequence. The butt stock starts against the belt. The muzzle is placed directly between the eyes and the target. On the

start signal the support hand moves towards the target and the strong hand brings the sight directly to the eye. A lot of newer shooters will tend to shoulder the gun first and then bring the muzzle on the target. This is less efficient and wastes precious time.

Check with the duty RO and try this on the plate rack. If you can use a timer, in just a few runs you will be able to lower the par time to clear the rack. Cool huh?!

See Ya out there, Earl

Photos from a recent USPSA Competition at the Range.



Range Report

By Marcus Carter

Thanks to the Range Officers that have stepped up to help out, we now will have random Range Officer coverage 7 days per week. New Range Officers having completed their training hours are: Tony Jones, Casey Samplowski, and John Mills.

A special **Thank You** to the following companies for stepping up and helping your club with the labor and/or materials for some key projects. Support the businesses that support your club! Visit their web site, patronize their businesses, and let them know you appreciate the effort they have made on your behalf!

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A Letter from a Concerned Club Member

“To my fellow members and to our guests of my rifle club I have an issue to discuss. I have enjoyed membership at KRRC since 1989. I have been to ranges and gravel pits on four continents, several countries and quite a few States. So I think I have enough experience to recognize when a club’s stewardship by its members is declining. I usually shoot early on Monday or Tuesday before the public hours, so I know the people I see are members and guests. Now recently for several weeks when I arrive I find brass, shot shell hulls and several hastily erected target stands all over an area of the pistol range. These target stands are especially bothersome because they are shot literally to shreds and the pieces are blowing around the grounds. It’s a poor example we make when I arrive and a crippled old fat guy has to clean up the range BEFORE he can shoot on it.

Now here is where I get angry and decided to write this. Last Monday I arrived to find three young men shooting on the pistol range. They were courteous and mindful of my old butt when I arrived, as it should be. But when all of us were breaking down, they swept brass and picked up their gear, and when I returned to the bench from retrieving my target they were driving out. I looked at the stations they were at and said several things aloud that my preacher would scowl at me for during the next sermon. It did no good to holler though as they were outbound while the range was littered with spent 12 ga. hulls, 45 auto brass and two target sheets with several shoot-n-C stickers shredded and blowing around the range. I cleaned it up again.

This subject has been touted before and humans being the rather uncivilized species they are will require more future reminders. But Stewardship is our (MEMBERS AND GUESTS) responsibility. I will remind of you that next time I see you trashing my shooting range. I choose not to shoot in a gravel pit. And I support the elected officers of the club to set rules we can live by. But I (MEMBER) set the standards that my range is operated to. And so does every other member. So straighten your back out, stick out your hand and shake mine or at least pick up your trash. Just don’t cram them into your pockets and walk away. I would only expect that from a no count, Brady-bill activist.” Thanks, Todd Loihle

Follow Up from the Executive Board

Mr Loihle makes an excellent point in his letter. At the last few Club meetings, one of the main topics of concern has been the care (or lack thereof) of the Range by our members and guests.

KRRC is a member-supported range run by a group of dedicated volunteers. It is our (meaning all of the members) Range and it is our (again, meaning all of the members) duty to make sure that everyone does their part in keeping the range a safe, clean, well-kept facility.

Range dues are only \$60 per year. When you compare that amount to the \$300+ membership fee per year at many other gun clubs, you can see why 1) we can’t afford to hire janitorial staff and 24/7 supervisors for the Range, and 2) it is the responsibility of all members to treat the range with the utmost care in order to leave it as nice—or better—than the way you found it.

We rely on every member who uses the Range facilities to make sure they clean up after themselves. We also rely on all of our members to act as supervisors when they are at the Range. That means asking to see a Badge if another shooter does not have one visible. That also means speaking up if you see unsafe and/or irresponsible actions by another shooter at the Range. It’s understandable that people feel uncomfortable confronting someone they don’t know and we really don’t want valid concerns to be

seen as confrontational. As we see it, you are providing education to other shooters and the safety information you convey to them may very well save their life one day.

Please make the effort next time you are at the Range to note all of the improvements that are continually being made at the Range and do your part to help ensure that our facility is the best that it can be.

As an update, the Club spent over \$1,000 to buy a plate rack for target shooting that everyone just loves. What can be better than instantly seeing your target being hit and then simply having to pull a rope to reset your targets without having to go down range to reset them? Unfortunately, someone using a high-powered firearm shot up the plate rack so as to make it unusable. Also, the ground in front of both the pistol and rifle lines was shot up...not only is this an eyesore, it is also dangerous for the person shooting and anyone else in the vicinity as ricochet shots could cause serious injury.

The Executive Board is looking at various ways to make our facility more secure. This is unfortunate as for years our club has worked on the honor system, not needing to have a frustrated drill sergeant standing guard. We will endeavor to balance the freedom our members have become accustomed to while maintaining a safe, clean and secure facility.

—The Executive Board

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