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Muzzle loaders gathered at Harris March 6 for the **Willcocks Memorial Shoot**. Shown above are an unnamed shooter's rifles, basking in the Spring sun. The Gazette is growing in the number of articles and featured events-in fact we are promoting many of these on the Gopher website as well. Keep and use your events schedule that was included in the March mailing; the dates are firm. Enclosed in this issue is the first printing of the new **Range Rules**. They must be published three times for your review. **-Ed.**

**Red Shed Report**

**Information for *Waiting List* Members**

You have received a GRRC membership card in your March newsletter. This is noted by a W- followed by a two-digit number. Please take notice that GRRC membership cards all contain the phrase "is a member of the Gopher Rifle and Revolver Club, Inc. Dues paid to: December 31, 2010." That phrase DOES NOT apply to members on the Waiting List because you have not been offered a membership slot and you have NOT paid membership dues. You will receive an official GRRC membership card after you have been offered a membership slot and pay dues for that coming year.

Why is this card important to you? It provides two lines to document work day credits. Have the event chair or coordinator of any GRRC event sign off on one of these lines when you have completed a work day. As shown, you can only accumulate two work day credits.

Then, be sure to keep this card in a very secure place as you will need this card to prove up on work day credits when offered a membership slot and you pay dues for that coming year. Additionally, after you have received at least one hard copy of the Gazette, you may request the e-version. To do that, provide your e-mail address to the Secretary. Any questions, contact Laurie at [pekarik1911@q.com](mailto:pekarik1911@q.com) or 763-755-6302

We are excited to announce the next **Service Rifle Clinic**. This year we will be implementing a new teaching format. There will be a brief classroom session in the GRRC Red Shed. We will then proceed to the 200 yard line for the practical portion of the clinic. The Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 15th, 2010 with a 7:30 am roll call. The clinic should be completed around 4:00 pm. Contact Kurt Borlaug with questions. Details are on GRRC website.

**Greetings From GRRC's New Treasurer:**

Hello to all GRRC members, my name is **Rich "Ditto" Williams** and I have the privilege to be your new treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself by sharing some information about my shooting background and myself. First and foremost, it would be unjustified not to thank John Nelson for all his years of hard work and dedication as treasurer. John has been a valuable asset to the club and set a standard of excellence that will be hard to match.

I am primarily a black powder shooter since attending my first black powder shoot in 1977. For many years, I shot in both local and national competitions in pistol, rifle and shotgun. Unfortunately as other commitments grew, the time to shoot competitively dwindled and I haven't been able to shoot in competition for several years. Like any gun enthusiast worth his weight in lead, I am currently afflicted with the disease of "whatever gun is in my hand is my favorite" so it is likely you will see me at the range shooting the *gun du jour*.

I am a past president of the Twin Cities Muzzleloading Club, I was booster chairman of an 800-member hockey association and I own my own camera repair business. Although my duties as the treasurer are predominantly involved with discipline chairs, officers and board members, I want every member to feel that I am always open to questions or comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I sincerely look forward to serving GRRC and hope to meet all of you at the range.



**Women's Shooting Camp**  
Saturday, April 25 at Harris  
Details on page 2.

Date	Time	Location	Event	Contact
4/17/2010	0700-Dark	All Ranges	GRRC Work Weekend ALL RANGES CLOSED	Rick Loye
4/18/2010	0700-Dark	All Ranges	GRRC Work Weekend ALL RANGES CLOSED	Rick Loye
4/19/2010	1700-close	Pistol	IPSC League start - no 5-31 & 7-5	Steve Shimek
4/20/2010	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	General Membership Meeting (& Board at 1800 hrs)	Rick Loye
4/22/2010	1800-2000	KD	F-Class Sight in Equipment Check	Jay Eller
4/22/2010	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
4/23/2010	0900-1730	KD	Gong shoot set up, sight in & load testing	Rik Rarick
4/23/2010	0900-1730	BP, MP	Blackpowder Salad Shoot Set Up	Bill Prock
4/24/2010	0900-1730	KD 200-300	BPCR Gong Shoot (200-300yard)	Rik Rarick
4/24/2010	0900-1100	KD	BPCR Lever Side Matches	Rik Rarick
4/24/2010	0900-1730	BP, MP	Blackpowder Salad Shoot	Bill Prock
4/24/2010	0900-1730	Pistol	NRA Women's Camp	Joyce Borchardt
4/25/2010	0900-1730	KD	BPCR Lever Gun Match	Rik Rarick
4/25/2010	0900-1730	KD 600	BPCR Gong Shoot (600yard)	Rik Rarick
4/26/2010	1700-close	Pistol	IPSC League	Steve Shimek
4/29/2010	1800-2000	KD	F-Class Sight in Equipment Check	Jay Eller
4/29/2010	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
5/1/2010	0900-1730	KD	F-Class Clinic	Jay Eller
5/1/2010	0900-1730	MP	GRRC Schuetzen Match 200 yard	Bruce Peglow
5/2/2010	0900-1730	Pistol	Action Arms Steel Challenge	Steve Shimek
5/2/2010	0900-1730	MP	GRRC Schutzen Match 200 yard	Bruce Peglow
5/3/2010	1700-close	Pistol	IPSC Clinic,League	Steve Shimek
5/3/2010	1600-Dark	MP	Small Bore Prone League	Mark Schoess
5/4/2010	1500-close	Pistol	Handgun Practice League	Mike Kaluza
5/5/2010	1600-Dark	KD 200	High Power League	Kurt Borlaug
5/5/2010	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League	Dave Secord
5/6/2010	1600-Dark	KD 300	F-Class League	Jay Eller
5/6/2010	1600-Dark	KD 300	High Power Prone League	Kurt Borlaug
5/6/2010	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
5/10/2010	1700-2000	Pistol	IPSC League	Steve Shimek
5/10/2010	1600-Dark	MP	Small Bore Prone League	Mark Schoess
5/11/2010	1500-close	Pistol	Handgun Practice League	Mike Kaluza
5/12/2010	1600-Dark	KD 600	High Power League	Kurt Borlaug
5/13/2010	1800-close	MP	Junior Practice	Joe Showalter
5/15/2010	0900-1730	KD	HP Clinic & M1 Match	Kurt Borlaug
5/15/2010	1300-finish	Pistol	Bowling Pin League	Ed Pekarik
5/15/2010	0900-1730	MP	Silhouette Match	Dave Cushing
5/16/2010	1600-Dark	KD 300	F-Class League	Jay Eller
5/16/2010	0900-1730	KD 1000	High Power OTC Leg Match	Kurt Borlaug
5/17/2010	1700-close	Pistol	IPSC League	Steve Shimek
5/17/2010	1600-Dark	MP	Small Bore Prone League	Mark Schoess
5/18/2010	1900-adjrn	Red Shed	General Membership Meeting	Rick Loye

## Women's Shooting Camp April 25 at Harris

The purposes of the women-only **NRA Instructional Shooting Clinic** include introducing various shooting sports to women, and teaching the NRA-approved methods of safe firearm handling. **Joyce Borchardt** organizes this annual event so women and girls over 14 can participate in pistol, black powder and shotgun (trap) disciplines. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Instruction begins at 9:00. The \$35 fee includes lunch and materials. Girls from 14-18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Camp size is limited. Register by April 18. Contact Joyce at joyce@northbranchbullseve.com. Registration form is available online at www.grrc.org

## F-Class Sight In & Equipment Check 4/22

If you are interested in shooting in the F-Class league this season, come on out for the first of three sight in and equipment checks. We will be shooting at 300 yds April 22, 600 yds April 29 and 1,000 yds on May 2. This will give you an opportunity to get your rifles, equipment and you ready for our F-Class League this summer. There will be experienced shooters available to help you establish a 100 yd zero, chronographs for velocity checks and computer programs to establish you scope settings at the various distances. Times are 1800-dark so come on out and have some fun. **Jay Eller** F-Class Chair. 952-933-6168

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present were: Rick Loye, Rik Rarick, Laurie Pekarik, Joe Showalter, Bruce Aune, Tom Torborg, Dave Secord, Dave Anderson, Ray Hoyt, Dave Newell, Ed Pekarik, Steve Shimek, Larry Sparks and Bill Prock. Absent: Treasurer. Guests: Morgan Prock, Joe Groshens, Jay Eller, Tom Burke and Richard Williams.

The Vice-President led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence for observed for departed members and those serving in the military.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Bill Prock with second by Dave Secord to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the March Gazette. Carried.

**Executive Officer's Report:** The 2010 Range Schedule was enclosed in the March Gazette. The next Range Rules Committee meeting is March 24 at 7p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurie provided a recap of the Treasurer's Report, e-mailed to her by John Nelson. Motion by Dave Secord with second by Joe Showalter to accept the e-mailed Treasurer's Report from John. Carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Hunting Range Rules Committee** was organized by Rick Loye following the March GMM. They held a meeting last week. Rick is putting an outline together and will present it at the Range Rules Committee meeting on March 24.

**Treasurer Appointment:** Per Article XII of the GRRC by-laws a Treasurer can be appointed mid-term due to a vacancy. After discussion, Richard Williams was appointed Treasurer, to fill the remainder of the vacated term for 2010. Motion by Joe Showalter with second by Ray Hoyt to affirm this appointment. Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Michael Svea has an airplane and has offered to take photos of the range property. BOD thanks Mike for the offer and will keep that in mind for future development.

Cabella's Retail Event coordinator, Steve Lonn, has requested receiving an e-version of the Gazette so he can pick which GRRC events to support. So moved by Tom Torborg with second by Ed Pekarik. Discussion supported this request with stipulation that e-version be sent to Cabella's corporate e-mail address. Carried.

Kraus-Hartig is having a Post Anniversary Party on April 10th. They are asking for a donation to be used for door prizes. Motion by Dave Secord with second by Rik Rarick to donate 2 - \$50 gift cards and 2 bottles of Maple syrup. Carried.

Morgan Prock proposed that GRRC have a Facebook page. Tom Torborg made the motion with second by Joe Showalter. After discussion it was decided to have a Facebook page but that it would have to be monitored. Carried.

Joe Groshens presented plans for a lottery-style drawing to award the opportunity for a spring season only - archery only - Turkey hunt for up to five GRRC club members. This would be a fund raiser for the Archery Range. Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Joe Showalter with second by Dave Secord. Carried.

Rick Loye presented the idea of putting on a Subgun Shoot and Show for GRRC members to experience shooting a fully automatic weapon. It will be the responsibility for the shooters to provide their own factory new ammo. Numbers of rounds shot would be restricted. Owners would have to show paperwork and tax stamp to be allowed on the range. GRRC members with rifle caliber full-auto's can bring them for display purposes only. The Range Safety Officer will control the line at all times. Date for such an event to be determined – perhaps the 4th of July. Motion made by Steve Shimek with second by Dave Secord to recommend such an event. Carried.

Joe Showalter said that the Junior's need four Daisy Sporter, model 888 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Motion by Joe with second by Tom Torborg. Discussion. Carried.

Larry Sparks made a motion, with second by Dave Secord, to leave the load of gravel that was dumped at the Shotgun Range where it is. After discussion, the motion failed.

#### Announcements

The membership phone list has been printed and by past BOD decision was only distributed to the BOD and Discipline Chairs. If members need a phone number, contact these individuals who are listed in the back of each newsletter.

Remember the gun show at the State Fair grounds. Volunteer to help staff the table. Also that Sugar Day at the range is on March 20 from 12-4 p.m. Call Dave Anderson with your reservation.

Rik Rarick talked briefly about his experience watching the Juniors match last weekend that 75 entrants attended. He has never seen so many Juniors perform to the standards that they demonstrated. Good job! Come out to watch; you will be impressed.

Adjournment Motion by Ray Hoyt with second by Dave Newell to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Carried.

### GRRC Disclaimer

**GRRC Disclaimer:** "The statements, comments or opinions expressed by article authors in the GRRC Gazette, the official publication of Gopher Rifle and Revolver Club and/or in its website, are those of the respective authors, who are solely responsible for them, and do not necessarily represent the views of GRRC."



## **PROPOSED RANGE RULES: GOPHER RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB 4/10/2010**

*Changed/new wording is indicated by use of italics.*

### **SECTION 1 - GENERAL RANGE RULES:**

1. All members shall lock the gate, signing in and out, each time they enter or leave the range.
2. No person using the range property shall pass a "road closed" sign with any motorized vehicle.
3. Shooting hours are from 9:00am to sunset except for hunting purposes.
4. Any member giving a range key or lock combination to a non-member shall lose range privileges or be expelled, at the discretion of the Board of Directors per Article IX of the GRRC by-laws.
5. The driving of metal objects into any tree is prohibited.
6. Membership cards must be carried and shown upon request.
7. All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
8. All pets must be kept off the range unless they are on a leash.
9. Each member can bring direct family members (defined as parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, spouses and significant others regardless of age and/or residence) plus two non-member guests; however, only TWO can be shooting at any given time.
10. Guest(s) must sign in and out and will NOT be given the gate combination. Member is responsible for the conduct of the guest(s) and will accompany the guest(s) at all times.
11. During approved matches on all outdoor ranges, members and guests shall be under the supervision of the range officer or his/her appointee.
12. *Except while hunting during a regular hunting season, no shooting is permitted except over the regular, designated ranges.*
13. All firearm safety precautions and all specific range rules shall be observed.
14. Eye and ear protection should be used whenever shooting is taking place.
15. There shall be no operating of the club equipment, or handling or shooting of firearms while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
16. No improvised targets such as cans or bottles are permitted.
17. When using clay targets, it is the shooter's responsibility to police the target area, removing the clay target fragments – with the exception of the shotgun range.
18. Return all targets and target frames, if used, to their proper storage location.
19. When finished shooting, each shooter shall police his/her firing point and leave the surrounding area clean.
20. Grass, trash or brush fires shall not be started without authorization of a Club Officer and NOT without a burning permit when required.
21. Twirling of loaded or unloaded firearm(s) is NOT permitted.
22. Digging, driving, or climbing on backstops and front stops and/or berms is prohibited, unless for approved maintenance.
23. Tracer ammunition prohibited on all range facilities.
24. The use of mechanical device(s) to rapidly pull the trigger of a semi-automatic firearm to increase its rate of fire is prohibited. Holding a semi-automatic firearm in such a manner as to increase its rate of fire (aka Bump Firing) is prohibited.
25. Cutting living trees without the authorization of the Board of Directors is prohibited.
26. Unauthorized use of vehicles off established roadways is prohibited.
27. ANY member violating any range rule may lose range privileges or be expelled, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
28. Using firing lines as backstops is prohibited. All rounds fired must hit impact area.
29. Handling of firearms on the firing line while person(s) are downrange is prohibited.

## **SECTION 2 - SPECIFIC KD RANGE RULES:**

1. *When using the KD range be sure to raise the wind flag located nearest to the yard line you will be using.*
2. *When using the 800, 900 or 1,000 yard lines, you must do the following:*
  - a. *Raise the flags at the 1,000 and 600 yard lines*
  - b. *Close and lock the gates to the road behind the 600 yard line*
  - c. *Close and lock the gates leading to the back of the pits*
  - d. *Place the barricade at the cross roads intersection in the road that leads to the 200, 300 yard lines and the pits.*

*The steps listed above will ensure that the 10 degree "safety zone" of the KD range will be secure.*

3. **DO NOT CROSS THROUGH A CLOSED GATE.** When the gates are closed, all areas within the 10 degree "safety zone" are strictly off limits.
4. Targets are not to be placed in front of the pits and no firing is permitted from the pits.
5. Eye protection is mandatory and ear protection is recommended for all personnel working in the pits.
6. Spectators are to be supervised and not allowed on the firing line until all shooting is complete and the line is declared safe.
7. Driving on the firing lines is prohibited.
8. *All rounds fired on the KD range must hit the impact zone. Using any of the firing lines as a backstop is prohibited.*
9. *All members may use the NRA style targets that are labeled "PRACTICE". All other NRA targets are for match and league use only.*
10. *Paste all bullet holes in NRA targets with the proper color paster so that the target is in a like new, useable condition and return it to the target shed.*
11. *Do not tape, staple or stick self adhering type targets to the NRA targets. The white corrugated plastic blank targets on firing points 19 & 20 are to be utilized for taping, sticking or applying self adhering type targets.*
12. *The white corrugated plastic blank targets are to remain outside in the carriers on firing points 19 and 20. Remove all tape, staples and or self adhering targets from corrugated plastic targets when finished.*

## **SECTION 3 - SPECIFIC PISTOL RANGE RULES:**

1. Eye and ear protection required on firing line – no exceptions – includes spectators.
2. All firearms will be either cased or holstered uprange of the firing line. "The firing line is the area forward or downrange of the center berms".
3. *Practice draws and working on firearms is only allowed in the safety area facing a berm. No ammo is allowed in the designated safety area.*
4. No loaded weapons up-range (south) of the firing line.
5. No un-authorized metallic or frangible targets on the range.
6. Any targets placed on the range must be situated so that fired rounds impact the backstop.
7. Remove all brass, including rimfire, used targets and garbage upon leaving the range.
8. Rifle fire is prohibited, with the exception of rimfire or straight walled pistol cases, unless authorized during approved events.
9. **KEEP ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT AUTHORIZED RANGE MAINTENANCE VEHICLES OFF OF THE BRIDGE.**

## **SECTION 4 - SPECIFIC MULTI-PURPOSE RANGE RULES:**

1. *Use existing target frames. Do not place targets near the outside edges of the target frames.*
2. *If you use club-owned targets, they must be returned to the proper storage location when finished shooting.*
3. *Park all vehicles behind the fence posts.*
4. **DO NOT DRIVE** on the range or on the firing line.

The following Ranges Rules apply unless an exception has been specifically granted by the GRRC Board of Directors.

5. Fire only from the designated firing lines.
6. Cross-firing from one yard line to another is prohibited.
7. Distances at the M-P Range are set up in *meters* not yard measurements.

#### **SECTION 5 - SPECIFIC BLACKPOWDER RANGE RULES:**

1. No smoking at the loading benches or on the firing line.
2. Fire only from the firing line.
3. For Muzzleloaders – do not cap percussion weapons or prime flintlock weapons until you have reached the firing line and are prepared to shoot. For Modern Firearms = all firearms are to have the action open and the safety in the “on” position when not being fired.
4. DO NOT DRIVE forward of the firing line.
5. When shooting less than 100 yards, be sure your targets are mounted sufficiently high enough to guarantee that the bullet will strike the impact area. When shooting silhouette targets, use the existing silhouette rails and backstops only – no improvised placement of silhouette targets is permitted.
6. Modern firearms may be used on this range.

#### **SECTION 6 - SPECIFIC SHOTGUN RANGE RULES**

1. No firearms other than shotguns or pistols firing shot shells are to be fired on the shotgun range.
2. Firing should be done using trap loads only.
3. No shot larger than 7-1/2 lead is to be used on the shotgun range. Larger shot may only be used on the patterning board.
4. No firearms shall be fired from inside of the trap house.
5. All shotguns are to have the action open, the safety is the “on” position (Muzzleloaders are not to be capped or primed) and are to be pointed downrange when not being fired.
6. Throwers or other equipment shall not be used unless the member has been approved by the shotgun chairperson or his/her authorized representative.

#### **SECTION 7 - SPECIFIC ARCHERY RANGE RULES**

1. *No firearms are to be discharged on the Archery Range, except for hunting purposes.*
2. *No Broadheads shall be shot into range targets.*
3. *Vehicles shall not be driving on the range or trails. Maintenance vehicles only!*
4. *No range targets are to be removed from the Archery Range.*
5. *No shots shall be fired outside of personal proficiency range, except for sight-in range.*
6. *No horseplay or standing on rails of elevated shooting platforms.*
7. *No shots shall be cross fired on shooting lanes.*
8. *Stay in designated shooting lane. No cutting across lanes.*
9. *No unauthorized shooting platforms shall be constructed or used.*
10. *Archery tackle that has been altered or tampered with, which discharges a projectile in an unsafe or illegal manner may not be used on the Archery Range.*
11. *Arrows shall only be fired at targets.*
12. *No shooting of animals on the Archery Range, except during legally open hunting seasons.*
13. *No “sky drawing”. All bows must be drawn down range.*
14. *Do not knock arrows until at the line and everyone else is behind the line.*
15. *All firearms safety rules will be followed. Treat Archery tackle with the same respect as firearms.*
16. *Clean up after yourself and take your trash home.*
17. *Leave bows on the holder while down range, so others will know that you are down range.*

Please direct all questions regarding the range rules to the appropriate chair person, your sponsor or any club officer listed in the club newsletter.

The following Ranges Rules apply unless an exception has been specifically granted by the GRRC Board of Directors.

#### *SECTION 8 - SPECIFIC HUNTING RANGE RULES*

1. *Safety is always first.*
2. *All MN DNR hunting rules will be observed and practiced by member except when superseded by specific GRRC hunting rules.*
3. *Range use always takes precedence over hunting.*
4. *Types of hunting allowed on the range:*
  - a. *Deer hunting (archery, rifle and muzzleloader).*
  - b. *Small game hunting (squirrel, rabbit and varmints).*
  - c. *Crow.*
  - d. *Turkey by special lottery archery hunt ONLY!*
5. *No other bird hunting is allowed.*
6. *Bear hunting is not allowed.*
7. *Hunting on the range property is restricted to the member and no more than two family members as defined under Item 9 – General Range Rules.*
8. *All hunters must be properly licensed.*
9. *During the Minnesota firearms DEER season, the legal DNR blaze orange requirements will be observed by all people using the range property.*
10. *A “blaze orange use” sign will be posted by the entrance for the entire firearm deer season.*
11. *No tree stand use is allowed.*
12. *All ground blinds must have a visible piece of blaze orange attached to it.*
13. *All bullets must impact on club property.*
14. *Any violation of GRRC or DNR hunting rules may result in the loss of hunting privileges as determined by the Board of Directors.*

ADOPTED 1/23/073

REVISED 1/21/75, 6/5/79, 6/6/81, 8/21/90, 1/9/96, July 2010



## GRRC General Membership Meeting 3/16/2010 Kraus-Hartig VFW

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Vice-President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed to honor absent companions and those serving in the military.

**Secretary's Report:** The President entertained a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the March Gazette. Motion by Ed Pekarik with second by Dave Secord. Motion carried.

**Executive Officer's Report:** No report

**Chief Instructor's Report:** No report

**1st Readings:** Allen Finderson, Arden Hills and Benjamin Pena, Minneapolis.

**2nd Readings:** George Minerich, Fr., Darryl Dobesh, Jim Jones, Michael Connor, Mark Lichty, Robert Allee, John McFarling, Sam Wolverton and Henry Daniels. Jason Carnes and Karsten Nelson were excused due to employment. The Sergeant at Arms led the guests and non-members from the room. There was no Treasurer's Report. The President entertained a motion to accept the Second Readings as a group. So moved by Jody Showalter, with second by Dave Newell. Carried. The President entertained a motion to accept the group as members of GRRC. So moved by Dave Secord, with second by Kurt Borlaug. Carried. The Sergeant at Arms brought everyone back in. The Vice President introduced and welcomed the nine new GRRC members who will be added to the Waiting List. Remember to see the Secretary after the meeting to pay your fees.

**Committee Reports:** Due to the shortened meeting tonight for the Juniors' Auction, only necessary reports were given by the following:

- Action Arms, Steven Shimek is setting up at 10 a.m. on 3/20 for the 5-stage Tactical Shotgun Match on Sunday, 3/21. IPSC will start on 4/19 with a warm-up at 5 p.m.
- Black Powder: The Willcocks Shoot was a success with a beautiful day for shooting.
- BP Cartridge: The first Gong Shoot will be on 4/24 and 4/25. Come to help set up on and join in with practice on the morning of 4/23.
- NRA Women's Camp – The 2010 Camp will be on Saturday, 4/24, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Registration is limited to 30, so sign up early. Help is needed to coach. Sign up on the sheet here tonight. Earn a Work Day Credit. Call Joyce Borchardt.

### OLD BUSINESS

Spring Workdays will be Saturday April 17 and Sunday April 18. Breakfast served only on Saturday from 7-9 a.m. There are plenty of jobs to go around. To come prepared for any detail, clean out your garage and get your motorized equipment tuned up. Report to the Red Shed for work assignments. See you there!

The call went out for members to help staff the GRRC table at the MN Weapons Collectors Show at the MN State Fair Grounds from 8-5 p.m. on 3/20 and 9-3 p.m. on 3/21.

The next General Membership Meeting is, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 7p.m., Kraus-Hartig VFW

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Adjournment: Motion by Jody Showalter with second by Tom Torborg to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie A. Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

## Handgun/22 RF Rifle Starts May 4 at Harris

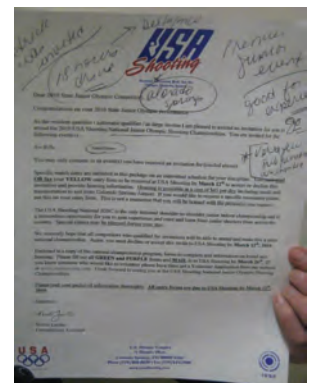
The Handgun and 22 RF Rifle Practice Sessions are officially designated as a league in the GRRC Master Schedule. This is true only to the extent that it is a reoccurring weekly event during the summer months.

The practice sessions are actually rather informal and shooters may come to as many or as few sessions as they like. We'll get together on the pistol range starting May 4th for a total of 17 Tuesday afternoons/evenings over the course of the summer.

Individual shooters keep track of their scores or group sizes as they wish. There is no set course of fire. Paper targets are available at no cost with bulls eyes ranging from 1.5 to 15 inches in diameter. Other "novelty" paper targets are also available at no charge. Several shooting benches are available on the pistol range. There is no entry fee for the event as it is a very low budget get-together. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

Around 5:30 or 6:00pm we have a little barbeque and some of the shooters will often show up with a bag of chips or jar of pickles etc. to share. The practice sessions are held rain or shine noon until dusk. Bring your handguns or 22 RF Rifles up to the range on summer Tuesdays for some great fun plinking (or just show up for the barbeque). More information is available on the GRRC website, at the meetings, or by calling Mike at 763-537-4924.

## Junior Carmen Fry to Attend Jr. Olympics



Shown above is Carmen Fry with her .22 Anshultz rifle that she used to qualify for Colorado Springs Junior Olympic Matches and her invitation from USA shooting. Details of her match will follow in May Newsletter and GRRC website. Congratulations, Carmen!



## President's Notes: Rick Loye



Another busy month has gone by! Seems like it was just a blur of meetings, emails, phone calls, and then more meetings, emails and phone calls. But, we got a lot accomplished. Let me fill you in on the major points.

We had the junior auction. If you have never participated in this event, you need to give it a try. Not only is it fun, you can come away with some great deals. I scored an Outers Foul Out Electrochemical gun cleaning kit for \$4 (they are about \$75 new), SKS stripper clips for 10 cents apiece (they are about a quarter a piece at gun shows) and a Ultrasonic Parts cleaner for \$100 (Brownells sells them for \$400). There were deals to be had, you just had to show up!

The new range rules were completed. I would like to thank Joe Groshens, Rich Williams and Mark Wienhold for helping out with the Hunting Range Rules portion of it. Also thanks to everyone who was on the Range Rules committee for all their work and dedication for getting this project done.

On March 30th, we presented two \$50 Cabela's gift certificates, along with two bottles of Les Eckhardt's all natural maple syrup to Kraus-Hartig VFW. These will be used as door prizes for their upcoming April 10th anniversary bash.

Speaking of Cabela's, I met again with Steve Lonn (Retail Events Coordinator) of Cabela's. We discussed the upcoming GRC schedule and what possibly Cabela's could do to help sponsor one of our events. Steve said Cabela's could not help out with a cash donation (his budget has also taken a hit because of the economy), but what he could help out with was gift cards and Cabela's merchandise for one event. Cabela's would like to get the most exposure they can from this event. So I need input from you discipline chairs as to why your event would give us the most bang for the buck. I eagerly await your replies. That's all for now.

Get out there and enjoy your guns! Rick

## Legislative Report: Steve Marden

At the Minnesota Legislature, a dangerous bill continues to pass through committees. House File 1396 includes a provision that would allow a court that issues a domestic abuse protective order to prohibit the respondent from having any contact with a PET OR COMPANION ANIMAL OWNED, POSSESSED, OR KEPT by a party protected in the order. This new provision could have serious consequences for Minnesotans who exercise their right to keep and bear arms.

Under Minnesota law, a person who is convicted of violating an order of protection may not possess a pistol for three years from the date of conviction. However, if the court finds the person "used" a firearm in any way during the commission of the violation, the court may prohibit the person from possessing any firearm for ANY period longer than three years or for the remainder of the person's life. In the latter case, the court shall also order that the firearm be summarily forfeited. Because this bill would allow a court to order the respondent to have no contact with the pet or companion animal, such an order could be violated merely by inadvertent contact with a "protected" pet. Thus, depending on the circumstances of the contact, a person could be subject to these firearms prohibitions for contacting the pet or companion animal, whether or not the contact resulted in injury or trauma to the animal.

Please follow this bill if it progresses and urge the decision makers in each committee to stop this bill.

## New Brush Cutter Makes Debut at Harris



In the 2010 budget GRC planned buying a DR brush mower. After getting bids from Twin City dealers we chose Beiswengers because of their most competitive price and their reputation for service. They advertise delivered **ready to work** and they did just that.

XO Bruce Aune picked up the mower and within two hours he was laying waste to the overgrown areas around the 800 and 900 yard parking area. Within an hour he had reclaimed 6-8 parking spots. If any member is interested in operating the new machine, please contact Bruce for the needed operating instructions.



Shown above is Kurt Borlaug and some of the new signage that made its debut at the Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Spring sale and show. The service rifle banner was designed by Tom Torborg.

## Start 'Em Out Right: Spring Break at the Range



Families introduce the shooting sports is differently. I decided that with my granddaughters, I would wait until there was a definite interest. During spring break, my three granddaughters asked to be taken to the range. We talked about firearms and decided to start with a 22rf rifle. A trip to Gander Mountain was a learning experience in purchasing ammunition, shooting glasses, and hearing protection.



The girls learned what it takes to get started in the sport. Time spent at the range was rewarding. Understanding that range safety is very important, and after posted range rules were reviewed, the fun of shooting started. In my experience, whenever three sisters do anything together, the only guarantee is that each will have a

different approach to the activity. One liked the idea of using a shooting rest to achieve small groups, another liked to shoot off the bench, while the third enjoyed shooting off hand best.

The last activity at the range was something that they hadn't previously thought about. Reading the posted range rules, they soon understood cleaning up after themselves was very important. They literally swept the range, using a broom from the range shack. After lunch in Harris at the Cafe Stuga (including homemade pie), three sisters did agree that the day was a success.

**-Dave Newell**



## Tactical Shotgun Match at Harris Held March 21

The sixth annual Tactical Shotgun Match at Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club was held on a beautiful Sunday, March 21. For the first time in many years the match was held without snow on the ground, which made for a good turn out as well a great time.

24 shotgunners were challenged by five stages of fire encompassing shooting at IPSC paper targets, steel poppers, plates, bowling pins, and clay pigeons. Shooters used birdshot, double 00 buckshot, and slugs to penetrate the paper and the double 00 and birdshot to knock over the poppers, plates, bowling pins, and break the stationary clays. Double 00 is used in the one stage encompassing bowling pins to eliminate pellets from bouncing back to the rear. All stages were fired on the pistol range with three stages in the morning. Lunch was served at the Red Shed by Ed and Laurie Pekarik. The last two stages were fired in the afternoon. After the dust settled, the top 10 finishers included three GRRRC members.

1st Bob Mills,	OPEN	Time 142.40
2nd Brian Payne,	Standard	Time 152.39
3rd Kurt Nelson,	Standard	Time 183.10
4th John Gal,	Pump	Time 194.46
5th Eric Brown,	Standard	Time 219.87
6th Tim Ploog,	Standard	Time 231.95
7th Lee Wirtheimer	Standard	Time 235.04
8th Steve Shimek	Standard	Time 235.59
9th Randy Harrison	Standard	Time 243.61
10th Mark Peters	Pump	Time 246.49

**- Steve Shimek**

## Obituary: Robert Sandager Has Left the Range



Robert (Sandy) Sandager March 25 at age 95. Sandy was a long time member of the Minneapolis Rifle Club, a great patron of our sport, a great shooter and an all-around great guy to everyone who knew him. Sandy was a 300 m. shooter who shot on the Olympic team in

1952. He was instrumental in promoting, funding and building the 300 m. Minneapolis Rifle Club, one of only two electronic target 300 m. ranges in the US. He promoted 300 m. shooting right to the end and was always ready to coach interested shooters such as myself. He also served as a officer in the US Army during WW2 and was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, Dec- Jan 1945, a bloody battle that saw more than 19,000 US soldiers killed in action. Rest in peace, Sandy. We are diminish ed.

**-Jim Evenson**



## GCCR EIC Rifle Leg Match at Harris 5/16



Sunday May 16th. Firing begins at 12 pm. Pits seal at 11:45 am. Registration opens at 8 am, closes at 11:30.

**Rules:** Current CMP/NRA rules apply. Service rifles only allowed (NRA rules 3.1, 3.1.1, or 3.1.2. M1 Garand, M1-A or AR-15) All triggers will be weighed prior to firing.

All competitors must furnish their own ammo. All competitors will pull targets and score as their relay dictates. Please be aware of new Rapid-Fire loading procedures. We will address this during safety briefing prior to live fire.

**Eligibility:** Competition is open to all. Juniors under eighteen years old must have an adult on the range at all times. Affidavit must be on file. Notary will be available on match day. \$2 fee for notarizing on-site.

**Entries:** Limited to sixty shooters. Entry fee is \$20 (\$10 goes to CMP and remainder is subject to Mn. Sales tax).

### Course of Fire:

- 10 shots slow-fire standing 200 yards, ten minute time limit.
- 10 shots sitting rapid-fire, 200 yards, 60 second time limit
- 10 shots prone rapid-fire, 300 yards, 70 second time limit
- 20 shots prone slow-fire, 20 minute time limit.

**Targets:** 200 yards-SR Target. 300 yards-SR3 target. 600 yards MR-1 target.

**Awards:** This match is run for the purpose of attaining EIC "Leg" points for the Distinguished Rifleman Award. There will be a two-man warm-up "Hearst" match beginning at 9 a.m. \$5 per team donation requested. Awards will be determined by participation.

### Advance entries can be sent to:

Kurt Borlaug. 14903 Furman St NE., Forest Lake, Mn.55025  
e-mail to [kubeborlaug@msn.com](mailto:kubeborlaug@msn.com)

## Sugar Saturday Was a Resounding Success



The first Sugar Saturday was a resounding success on a beautiful March 20. 25 guests joined the Harris Sugarmeisters to learn the aspects of making maple syrup from range trees. Many thanks to the sugar daddies of GRRC and our visitors.

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