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One look at the Schedule on page 2, and you will know that things are heating up at the ranges. This month has been the best ever for member-submitted articles. Many thanks from the Gazette staff. Keep the news and pictures coming. Shown above are the volunteers and shooters who participated in the **NRA Women on Target** event, hosted by GRRC and Chair Joyce Borchardt. See article, page 6. The May GMM is critical because of the important Old Business pending. A quorum is vital- the **meeting is the first of the year at the Red Shed**. Plan to be there and have your voice heard. See note in Red Shed Report below, and President's Notes. A very special event is scheduled at the range on July 14. The **M-1 for Vets** event will be hosted by Gopher- to support the CMP Adaptive Marksmanship Program for our vets. PLEASE read Tom Torborg's article on page 5, and plan to get involved. This is an incredible way to show support for our wounded warriors. The pictures say it all.

## Red Shed Report

From Kurt Borlaug: The **Highpower, CMP Games and Long-Range disciplines** are looking for help with statistics and paperwork on the following dates: **May 19 and 20, June 9 and 10, June 16, July 14, July 21 and 22.**

If you can add scores, keep score and want to watch some excellent marksmen at work please contact me via my phone #651-263-4576. Thanks.

If you are an e-version recipient, you will be receiving this issue almost two weeks ahead of paper publication- another bonus. There are many events that happen early in the month that do not get publicized due to the printing deadlines. You can receive the e-version by contacting the GCCR Contact Us button at [www.grrc.org](http://www.grrc.org).

The **May General Membership meeting will be at the Red Shed** and it is very important that we have a quorum because of the issues on the agenda. In addition to new member readings and voting on new members, appropriating the funds to purchase a tractor and the expulsion appeal from Mike Kaluza will be on the top of the old business agenda. Only current GRRC members will be allowed in the Red Shed during the expulsion appeal. It is imperative that members attending the expulsion appeal know that **any information from the appeal hearing can't be shared with any GRRC member not at the meeting, or any non-member.**

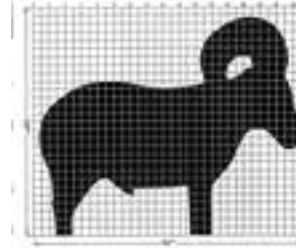
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**BP Warm up:** See page 2 for details  
 When: June 23, 2011 Saturday only  
 Where: Blackpowder Range  
 Shooting Hours: Saturday, June 23th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 For more information contact: Rut McGhee, [mcgheew@aol.com](mailto:mcgheew@aol.com) or (763) 670-9524

**Board of Directors Meeting**, unless otherwise scheduled, not until 10/2012  
**General Membership Meeting** Tues, 15 May 2012, 1900hrs, Red Shed, Harris.



Date	Time	Location	Event
5/4/2012	1700-2000	Red Shed	Action Arms New Shooter Orientation
5/4/2012	1500-1700	MP	GRRRC Schuetzen Match Setup
5/5/2012	0900-1700	Pistol	USPSA Special Classifier AA
5/5/2012	0900-Dark	KD	CMP Games HP
5/5/2012	1200-close	Pistol	Bowling Pin League
5/5/2012	0900-1730	MP	GRRRC Schuetzen Match 200 yard
5/6/2012	0900-1730	Pistol	Action Arms Steel Challenge
5/6/2012	0900-1400	MP	GRRRC Schuetzen Match 200 yard
5/7/2012	1600-close	Pistol	IPSC League Start through 8/27
5/9/2012	1600-Dark	KD	High Power Practice
5/9/2012	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League
5/10/2012	1600-Dark	KD	F-Class League
5/10/2012	1800-close	MP	Junior Practice
5/11/2012	0900-1730	KD	Gong shoot set up, sight in & load testing
5/12/2012	0900-1730	KD 200-300	BPCR Gong Shoot (200-300yard)
5/13/2012	0900-1730	KD 600	BPCR Gong Shoot (500-600yard)
5/14/2012	1600-close	Pistol	IPSC League
5/15/2012	1900-adjrn	Red Shed	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
5/15/2012	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League
5/16/2012	1600-Dark	KD	High Power Practice
5/17/2012	1600-Dark	KD	F-Class League
5/17/2012	1800-close	MP	Junior Practice
5/17/2012	1800-Dark	MP	Junior Club Practice
5/19/2012	0900-Dark	KD 1000	Bob Hall Memorial Match
5/20/2012	0900-Dark	KD	Long Range Match
5/21/2012	1600-close	Pistol	IPSC League
5/23/2012	1600-Dark	KD	High Power Practice
5/23/2012	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League
5/24/2012	1600-Dark	KD	F-Class League
5/24/2012	1800-Dark	MP	Junior Club Practice
5/25/2012	1200-1700	KD 600	600 BR Practice & setup
5/26/2012	0900-1730	KD 600	600 BR Match 3
5/27/2012	0900-1730	KD 1000	1000YD BR Match 1&2
5/30/2012	1600-Dark	KD	High Power Practice
5/30/2012	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League
5/31/2012	1600-Dark	KD	F-Class League
5/31/2012	1800-Dark	MP	Junior Club Practice
6/1/2012	0900-1730	KD 8-9-1000	Al Lueck Memorial set-up
6/2/2012	0900-1730	KD 8-900	Al Lueck Memorial
6/3/2012	0900-1730	KD 1000	Al Lueck Memorial
6/4/2012	1600-close	Pistol	IPSC League
6/6/2012	1600-Dark	KD	High Power Practice
6/6/2012	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League
6/7/2012	1600-Dark	KD	F-Class League
6/7/2012	1800-Dark	MP	Junior Club Practice
6/9/2012	0900-Dark	KD	LR Match
6/10/2012	0900-1730	Pistol	Action Arms Steel Challenge
6/10/2012	0900-Dark	KD	LR Match
6/11/2012	1600-close	Pistol	IPSC League
6/13/2012	1600-Dark	KD	High Power Practice
6/13/2012	1700-Dark	Shotgun	Trap League
6/14/2012	1600-Dark	KD	F-Class League
6/14/2012	1800-Dark	MP	Junior Club Practice
6/16/2012	0900-Dark	KD	CMP Games
6/18/2012	1600-close	Pistol	IPSC League
6/19/2012	1900-Adjrn	Red Shed	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>



### 2012 Blackpowder Warm Up Shoot

Want to tune up your guns, sight in, practice on the same range as the MN Territorial? This is the shoot for you.

The intent of this event is to give both competitors and fun shooters a chance to practice before the main shooting season starts. This is not a competition; it is just an opportunity to practice on the same range, shoot the same Territorial Aggregate targets and with probably the same competitors you will face later. If you do not want to shoot the Territorial Targets, you are free to bring whatever targets you wish to shoot. Paper targets only!

\$5 registration and low target prices to simply cover our costs. Normal NMLRA and GRRRC range safety and conduct rules will be in effect. NMLRA or NRA membership not required. This should be a relaxing and inexpensive way to get ready, or just have some shooting fun with old and new friends

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**Where:** Blackpowder Range

**Shooting Hours:** Saturday, June 23th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## GRRRC GMM Meeting 4/17/12

President Dave Newell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm on April 17, 2012 at Kraus-Hartig VFW, Spring Lake Park, MN with 65 members and five guests present.

Vice-President Kim Frick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence to honor the departed members and those serving in the military.

The minutes from the March GMM as published in the April issue of the newsletter were accepted as printed with a motion from Dave Secord and second by Lance Wells. Carried.

**Executive Officer's Report** – Bruce reminded everyone that all rounds must impact the berms.

**Chief Instructor's Report** – No report.

**1st Readings** – Steve Daniels, North Branch and Russell Good, North Branch. **2nd Readings** - Fred Dewall, Craig Walters, Don Schoff, Jeff Johnson. Robb Peterson was excused as he is in Colorado with the Juniors. Sergeant at Arms, Kurt Nelson, led the applicants, guests and non-members from the room. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given was made by Lance Wells with second by Bruce Peglow. Carried. A motion to accept the Second Readings as a group was made by Jerry Sadowski. Second by Bruce Aune. Carried. A motion to accept the group as members of GRRRC was made by Dave Secord. Second by Lowell Rogers. The new members, and guests were led back into the room. The Vice President re-introduced

and welcomed five new members, with a reminder to see the Secretary following the meeting to pay the fees.

**Committee Reports:** Committees not otherwise listed had no report.

**Action Arms,** Steven Shimek: PPS match this Saturday, which is similar to IPSC but is in miniature format. Time is 9:30 – 4:00pm. May 4th is the orientation for IPSC, with the USPSA classifier on Sat, May 5. Sunday, May 6 is the steel challenge. Monday, May 7 starts the USPSA Pistol League which ends in August.

**All Around Match,** Rich Williams: Kick-off for the 2012 Match Season is open to only GRRRC members. There will be Open Sight and Hunter Classes. Everyone is on their own for scoring. Turn in your targets by 31Dec2012. Encouraged average shooters to enter. There will be an Open Shoot at the range on June 30.

**Black Powder:** Salad Shoot is 4/28 and 4/29.

**BP Cartridge:** The first Gong Match will be on 5/12 and 5/13 at the 200 and 300 yard ranges. May 11 is set-up day. Come to find out what a buffalo hunt in the 1870's would have been like using animal silhouettes.

**Forestry Management:** Mike Connors and Lowell Rogers want to discuss details for the reforestation of the range property and the proposal for a Skeet Range behind the MP range. NAT. Deferred to BOD.

**Juniors:** Indoor shooting has finished. Adult volunteers will be doing an inventory and repairs before rimfire starts at Harris. Samantha Peterson, age 13, finished as a Silver Medalist in small bore in Colorado. Watch for more details in the newsletter.



## President's Notes: Dave Newell

**Newsletter:** Dave will be sending out a second copy of the newsletter to members with membership numbers over 1000, due to a printing error. Be sure to sign up for the e-version.

**Pistol:** Steve reported for Bob that 12 bench rests were replaced, along with organization of the storage shed during the Spring Workday at the range. Also, cleaned up illegal brass - .223 are not allowed.

**Schutz:** The first match will be May 5 and 6, with circa 1870's to WWI firearms.

**Shotgun:** May 2 starts the Wednesday Night Trap League. They will meet on Tuesdays when the GMM is held at the Red Shed. Discovered that the man building on the Trap Range was not locked securely. Also, reminder to police the area before you leave.

**1000-yard Bench Rest:** They will be shooting at the 600-yard range on 4/28 and 4/29. For those attending the Women on Target camp, come on over to see what it is like to shoot at 600 yards.

**Website:** Dave said the website is up and running. There are continued increases on hits. Questions received via the website are forwarded to the respective Discipline Chairs.

**Women's Camp:** Joyce reported that there are still 10 – 15 openings for this year's camp on 4/28. Those attending will have a program on gun safety, followed by the opportunity to shoot shotgun, black powder and .22 long rifle. Dave is cooking. Volunteers are needed to help, sign up on the sign-up sheet.

**Good & Welfare/Correspondence:** Laurie reminded members to contact her with information regarding those that need to be remembered.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Spring Workday Weekend:** Kim said that there were 32 signed in on Saturday and 10 on Sunday. Picnic tables were worked on. The Pistol Range got a lot of work done. The woodshed is full. If you need firewood for club activities, take what you need from the stacks outside the shed. Thanked everyone for their help – job well done! By the way, there is a new sign on the front gate.

**Tuesday Night Practice League** has been discontinued for the 2012-2013 season.

**Tractor update:** Steve Shimek and Steve Marden presented information regarding the ongoing project. After more discussion, a motion was made by Steve Shimek, with second by Dave Secord that GRRC authorizes the Tractor Committee to purchase a new or used tractor with low hours at a cost of no more than \$15,000. If the cost was higher, the BOD can authorize up to \$3,000 more. More discussion about additional pieces of equipment to come in the future, if there is a need. Dave Anderson commented that GRRC already owns several pieces of equipment that will attach to a 3-point hitch and PTO. This motion will be printed in the May Gazette for a second vote by the membership. Bruce Peglow called for the question to end discussion. Second by Curt Johnson. With no more discussion, the vote on calling the question carried, as well as the vote on the original motion.

**Range Tour document:** Lowell Rogers brought up that the current document used for the Range Tours is outdated and needs revision. Bruce Aune stated that the Range Rules are specific to each range. Suggestion to post a Range Closed sign at the front gate when the range is officially closed and not open for any type of shooting.

### NEW BUSINESS none

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Gun Fair** is this weekend near Little Falls. Good place to try before you decide to purchase.

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Motion to adjourn made by Rick Repovsch, with second by Joyce Borchartd at 8:33pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie A. Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

**In accordance with Article IX of the GRRC By-Laws, the Board of Directors expelled Mike Kaluza on March 31, 2012. Mike contacted GRRC and requested an appeal of the expulsion. His appeal will be heard at the May 15, 2012 General Membership meeting, to be held at the Red Shed.**

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After receiving many reports about shooting on all ranges, we must remember that safety at Harris is everyone's responsibility. Some of the current judgment errors include: shooting rifles at the pistol range, driving down the MP range to change targets, and shooting improvised targets placed on the ground and not in front of the backstops. Additional reminders include removing your trash, picking up your spent brass, and if you decide to kill a raccoon on the MP range- take the carcass with you. Please exercise plain good judgment. If something doesn't seem to be 100% safe, DON'T DO IT. When I see many of the shooting shows on TV, I always cringe in fear thinking that someone will try that at our range. It would be a shame for someone to lose their membership because of a stupid decision.

Rut McGhee, Rich Williams, Ron Rozeske, Tom Torborg, Kurt Borlaug, and Kim Frick all contributed to the newsletter this month. Rich and Tom did two articles each. Member input is the name of the game. With images from the work weekend and the NRA Women's Camp, May might be our best newsletter ever. Thanks to all who contributed.

We always eat everything Dave Anderson puts in front of us and sometimes we forget to thank him and his crew of helpers for all they do. Thank you Dave. To all the GRRC members that are internet- active, please keep watching the Gopher Facebook page for all the reminders that Morgan Prock keeps up with.

The NRA Woman on Target event was a wonderful event. Our family's experience turned into great day. My wife, daughter, and granddaughter all attended together. Sunday night, when comparing bruises where they didn't hold the shotgun correctly, everyone felt great about the day and would do it again. The GRRC members that came out to help were terrific. Enough members came out to have one-on-one instruction with the women shooters. Thank you to Joyce and all the volunteer workers. Pictures are on pp.6-7

## All Around Match: Rich Williams

The results are in and the prizes have been awarded for the 2011 **All Around Match**. Scores ranged from 741 to 499 out of 900 possible points. The two members that proved they can do it all were **Kurt Nelson** and **Terry Maroney**. Kurt won the ANY SIGHT match with a score of 741 while Terry cleaned up the OPEN SIGHT match with a score of 628. Congratulations to both of them on their fine shooting.

Our first year was successful and now we are ready to start the 2012 match. This year's match will be much like last years with some minor rule changes. First there will not be a "Match Open Class" just the two "Hunter Classes". Secondly, a member may shoot their targets by themselves at the range. You no longer need to have another member there to verify your scores. Having a second member present was difficult for several members last year so we are just going to rely on the **Honor System**.

The third big event, though not a rule change, is that on June 30th we are going to have an **ALL AROUND MATCH DAY**. There will be some practice targets and you will be able to shoot as much or little of the match as you like including shotgun. Details for that day will be posted as it gets closer.

Target packages will go on sale at the April meeting and all subsequent meetings for the year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

-Rich Williams, Match Director 763-257-3653



## Spring Work Days: VP Kim Frick



The spring work days which were April 14 & 15 were well attended and many projects were started and completed over the weekend. Saturday started with the traditional Dave Anderson breakfast of sausages and pancakes with this year's limited maple syrup, and then the work teams split up and got to tasks.

Tom Bourke had camped with the Boy Scouts on Friday night and they were hungry when morning came around, so after breakfast they policed the road from the gate up to the highway. Bob Linder and Steve Shimik had a large crew on the pistol range building new shooting benches and cleaning up the ranges for another season. Kurt Borlag had a small crew on the KD range repairing the number boards that had blown down in the storm last year, and were continuing to clear debris from the range. Later, when the scouts had finished with the road cleanup, they also helped out on the range. Rut McGhee was surveying the damage to the north fence and making a list of the number of new posts needed and any other damage that needed to be repaired.

Dick Schaff had a crew painting and staining under the Black Powder cover and also helped in the construction of a small berm at the 40 yard line to set their targets on. Larry Sparks and his crew were hard at work on the shotgun range clearing branches and repairing damage also done by the storm. There is still a lot of wood down on the sides of the roads and piled everywhere from the storm damage. Rich Williams and a diehard crew of chain saw and wood splitters filled the wood shed and began a pile next to it barely making a dent in all the downed trees.

The concrete bench tops were moved from the rendezvous area to ranges where they could be utilized. The storage shed behind the 150yd line on MP range was excavated by Tom and his wonderful John Deere utility tractor (with bucket and backhoe) to help prepare for repair of that building. Of course the project I was glad to see get done was the new sign at the front gate. There has been some discussion about the need for such a sign, but the neighbors already know we are there, and if we have another emergency situation where the responders need to know our address, they will be able to find the property now.

There were many other things that got done on Saturday, as it was a beautiful day in the mid 60s and a perfect day to see what still worked and what needed to be repaired. Sunday turned wet and colder and the number of volunteers dropped to about a third of Saturday's group. It was a wet morning for the scouts. Most of the projects were completed on Saturday so the remaining group mainly congregated around the wood splitter which ran continuously for the two days.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to help out on these projects and help keep up the range. It is a big place and needs constant maintenance. Special thanks to Tom with the tractor (who is on the waiting list) and Keith Goenner who helped me build a wood rack at the red shed and to all who lent a hand and completed a project.

## Cutting the Range: Ron Rozeske

Grass cutting started at GRRRC the first week in May. I thought I'd describe the process and the time frames for you in order to minimize any inconvenience in your use of the ranges.

Weather permitting we will cut the grass on Thursday of each week. If we get rained out on Thursday, we will cut on Friday. Our goal is to get the ranges cut first and then the associated parking areas and multi-use areas such as the "Park", campground and the area around the Red Shed.

We usually start around 0800 hrs but may start earlier unless the grass is really wet, in which case the start time will be later. The Multi-Purpose range is always cut first, followed by the Black Powder range. Each range is closed while it is being cut. Each of these two ranges takes about an hour to cut; thus, the MP range is usually available right around 0900 hrs with the BP range finished around 1000 hrs. I want to stress the word "usually" in the above sentence.

Once the MP and BP ranges are complete, we will cut the three bays on the pistol range. These usually take no more than 30 minutes for all three, so they should be done around 1100 or 1130 hrs. We can usually work around people shooting in the pistol bays as long as you are willing to quit shooting for 10 minutes while we cut the bay. If we can't work around you, we'll catch the bay later.

The KD range comes next starting around 1145 or 1200 hrs. We start at the pit and work back to the 600 yard area cutting the space around the number boards and the top of the pit, each berm and their associated walkways, and the parking area around the island shed. Normally, in addition to the 600 yard area, we also cut the "Park" and the parking area for the Pistol range while we are at the 600 yard berm. Once these are done, we move back to the KD range starting at the 800 yard berm and cut the 800 and 900 yard berms and walkways toward the Red Shed and the 1000 yard benches. The KD range and the areas leading up to it are usually finished between 1500 and 1600 hrs.

Lastly, we cut the campground, the parking area around the Red Shed and then finally the parking area for the MP and BP ranges if it has not already been cut. A special note regarding the campground: since it is somewhat of an unique area, we do not cut close to the campers. We will cut within six or eight feet of each camper if we can and then the open spaces near the picnic shelter and the shower and sauna.

So to summarize, we plan:

- . to cut the MP range from 0800 to 0900 hrs.
- . to cut the BP range from 0900 to 1000 hrs.
- . to cut the Pistol bays from 1030 to 1100 hrs.
- . to cut the KD range from 1130 to 1500 hrs.

We are normally finished by 1800 hrs.

Those of you that use the KD range, if the grass on the berms is too long or too short- let me know. We will start out cutting it the same height as last year. If there are any questions I can be reached at 651-746-9503.

-Ron Rozeske





## M-1 For Vets Event at GRRC July 14

This July 14th the Highpower boys will be putting on benefit rifle matches and barbecue for the M1 for Vets Program. The **M1 for Vets Project** is a Non-Profit Organization which is dedicated to providing Combat Injured Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and the Global War on Terror (GWT) the opportunity to compete in National, Regional and Local marksmanship competitions and training.

To accomplish this, the Project provides logistical and financial support to complete this mission. The **Adaptive Marksmanship Program** is a core part of the M1 for Vets Project; it provides the opportunity and skill development for combat-injured vets to compete in National, Regional and Local marksmanship competitions and training venues. This Project includes a high level of training, competition, camaraderie, and healing for these competitors, allowing them to recover mentally and physically from their injuries, helping them to re-integrate back into society.



Sgt Steve Kiernan being coached by CWO4 Dwayne Ledford at the National Matches, August 2010

Some have asked specifically how we are able to have our veterans, many with severe physical disabilities, shoot at competitive events and get scores that are competitive with some of the best shooters in the world at Camp Perry. The answer is the **dedication, drive, and the level of commitment** these veterans show to achieving their goals of recovery, marksmanship, and the desire to not let their disabilities hold them back from their goals. To help these veterans further, M1 for Vets petitioned for the below rule modification to allow those veterans who are physically unable to handle the positional changes of three position high-power competitive shooting.

The following rule change was implemented in 2010, prior to this rule change, these Veteran shooters scores would not be considered due to the fact that they did not "stand" to sit or lay back down in the rapid fire stages of these matches:

### **CMP RULE 8.1.6 Enacted January 2010**

**Special Exception: In recognition of their extreme sacrifice to our country, military or former military members who were awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat that resulted in partial or complete loss (or replacement) of lower extremities, will be allowed to remain in position for rapid fire stages, and still be eligible to earn EIC points and win National Trophies.**

**Competitors who start rapid-fire stages in position must load on command. They may not shoulder the rifle until the targets rise and they may not fire a shot until after a shooter who was standing fires the first shot.**

From the M-1 for Vets website: [www.m1forvets.com/](http://www.m1forvets.com/)

**M1 for Vets Mission** The goal is to give transitioning combat wounded veterans an opportunity to get back on the rifle range to participate in shooting competitions. M1 for Vets will make logistical and equipment arrangements and work with them to make the adjustments that are necessary to achieve a stable firing position. These are tough young men and women that quickly adapt and are able to compete on the firing line at National, Regional and local rifle and pistol matches.



Cpl. Neil Frustaglio, President's 100, the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, 2011

**M1 for Vets Motto:** *Id Victoriam adversae* (victory regardless of adversity)

**M1 for Vets History:** Nonprofit Organizations are started by truly dedicated people. Not all non-profits survive the years of difficult work to become a great organization. The greatest ones are started by people who feel the passion from their hearts and are able to direct and focus that passion and turn it into a great organization. M1 for Vets strives in every way possible to give back to the Veterans of America and Thank them for their sacrifice of mind and body to defend our freedom. Without them this would all not be possible.

The idea for **M1 for Vets** came forth from a conversation JJ O'Shea and fellow friends had a while back about how they wanted to give back to America's Combat Wounded Heroes. This conversation coming deep from within their hearts spawned the drive to stand up, face the wall, and start getting things going. The push necessary to accomplish this massive feat began and continues to this day. Standing firm on the Mission statement **M1 for Vets** began with, Founder JJ O'Shea continues to give back to the veterans when ever possible.

Since 2005, the volunteer staff and close knit friends have worked tirelessly. **M1 for Vets** has provided equipment, training, and high quality range time to over 500 Combat Wounded Heroes. The efforts of JJ and his staff to overcome any and all obstructions is an on going process. But due to the support of fellow Americans who want to stand up along side JJ and assist with the efforts, M1 for Vets continues to grow. This growth has hinged on the continued support of local level shooting clubs all over the United States as well many fine Americans all over.

Please put **July 14** on your calendar. Even if you are not going to compete in the matches please come on out the range for the barbecue. The club is picking up the tab for the food. Dave Anderson has agreed to be Grill Master so you know it's going to be good. Hope to see everyone on July 14th.

-Tom Torborg

## Treasurer's Note: Match Reports

Just a reminder to match directors that you need to turn in your match reports with in 30 days of the match. Do not hold them till the end of the season. League reports are due with in 30 days of the last league event. Also along with your match report we now need a competitors list. For sales tax I need to be able to verify that your number of shooters we are paying tax on equals the number shooters at the match. You may include a score sheet, registration sheet, or even a hand written list of shooters. Match report forms are down loadable from the web site; I can fax you one or you can get one from me at a meeting. This is not rocket science. If you hold a match you fill out a match report and turn it in to me with in 30 days. If you have any questions feel free to call me.

Rich Williams Treasurer 763-257-3653



## High Power Clinic at GRRC 4/21: Tom Torborg



On Saturday April 21st the high power boys held their annual **High Power Clinic**. We had a full class of 21 shooters from across the state. One student came all the way from Pequot Lakes and another from Atwater. Those cities are over two-hour drives one way from the range so they had to leave pretty early to make the 8:00 am start time.

We had to limit the class size to 21 because of the availability of qualified coaches. We had to turn a couple of people away who wanted to sign up simply because we didn't have the coaches for them. We also had to turn away some club members who just showed up without prior notice- again because of the lack of coaches. As an FYI to all members, if a class, clinic or camp is listed on the schedule, do not assume you can just show up and participate. You should always contact the person listed as the in the schedule to check on availability. These events are not included in your club membership.

This year's focus was shifted from the traditional *Across the Course* NRA style matches to the more popular *CMP Games* events. This style offers more leeway in the type of rifle that is allowed. Basically any vintage military rifle in "as-issued" condition can be used. All firing is done from the 200 yard line. There is also a modern military class so there is something for everyone.

Most people taking the clinic used M1 rifles. We had a father and son use a Mosin-Nagant and another student used a Swedish Mauser. The high score of the day was 267 out of a possible 300, fired by a student with an AR-15. There were several M1 shooters nipping at his heels but his offhand score put him over the top. This allowed the students to learn firsthand that a match is won in the slow fire stage and lost in the offhand (unsupported) stage. You have to be able to hold it together for the entire match.

The rain threatened all morning. It started with a mist that wasn't that big of a deal. Then it progressed to a drizzle that would come and go. Towards the last stages the drizzle became more consistent. By the end it was downright raining but all students were able to finish the entire match.

We finished the day back at the red shed where the usual "If I had only" and "What I should have done" stories were traded back and forth. All in all a good day at the range.

If you are interested in trying your hand at one of these CMP Games events the next one is on May 5th. Or if you are looking for a work day we are always looking for help to run the matches. Just email me at [tjtorborg@aol.com](mailto:tjtorborg@aol.com) to let me know. Favor Center, Tom Torborg

## NRA Women on Target Event Held at GRRC April 24



GRRC hosted another very successful NRA **Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinic** Saturday, April 24. **Joyce Borchardt** and her crew of over 20 Gopher volunteers helped 20 women become safe shooters.

The purpose of the NRA sponsored events is to create more opportunities for women to learn all about firearms, and to gain confidence in newly-acquired shooting skills. The focus was on safety in handling a variety of firearms, and the practice in three disciplines gave the women a chance to apply these skills in a hands-on, well supervised way.

Shotguns, Black Powder Muzzle Loaders and .22 Rifles were available with one-on-one coaches to assure that each woman had a chance to learn about the guns and to load and fire in the safest possible manner. The HP shooters invited the women to come and watch them shoot in a match that was going on during the WOT event. Enthusiasm was high, and the pictures that follow show examples of the coaching and care each shooter received. Thanks to all for their time and patience.

- Karen Newell







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