

June

2011



# The Plinker



## *MISSION STATEMENT*

*The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting among residents of our community, with a view toward better knowledge on the part of citizens of our community of the safe handling and the proper care of firearms, and the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self discipline and self reliance that are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.*

## Beginner/Intermediate Action Pistol Match – May

Instead of a lot of rain, the May Beginner Match was blessed with sunshine and mild temperatures. Twenty four shooters enjoyed the day including three new shooters who came out for their first time. In addition, two other ladies came out for individual training but they did not shoot in the match.

The match was fairly easy and the scores showed it. As usual, Ron set it up to have 72 shots but somewhere along the line one station was omitted, leaving us with a 71 shot match. Stages 1 through 5 were all shot from the 12 yard line, with no time limits for any of the three classes. These stages were a mix of paper plates, steel targets, plate racks, and bowling pins and all were set up to be 11 shot stages.

Ron brought back the walk and shoot which included 16 shots. It was originally set for 17 shots but one was left out during set up. Shooters started in a chair with their gun and magazine on a table. On the buzzer, shooters moved through two stations shooting at paper and steel targets. At the third station, shooters holstered their own guns and shot three steel plates with a 45 long colt revolver that Ron brought for the match. Shooters then shot stations 4 and 5 with their own guns again. Targets ranged from about 10 yards out to about 25 yards. Shooters were timed and a hit factor calculated for each person.

Scores were exceptionally high because the match was easier than usual. Ron Lohman cleaned the match with a perfect 72 and won top honors for the advanced class. Dick Smith was the best of the intermediate shooters with a 68 while Burt Miller, a first time shooter, was best of the beginner class with a 61. It is certain that average scores will increase for June and a bunch of shooters will move up one class.

We are beginning to get interest from people who have had little or no experience shooting pistols. One or two had never shot a gun in their life while others had only been shooting once or twice with family or friends. Only rarely do any of these folks own their own gun. They found out about our match from gun stores, family, or friends and came out mostly to observe. After being offered some basic training, all accepted the offer and had lots of fun learning about stance, grip, sight alignment, and related shooting skills. We also spent time showing some of them how to match ammo with a specific gun and discussed which guns might be best for carry purposes vs. match shooting.

We encourage everyone who would like to learn about handguns to come out to our match. We have handguns and ammo available for training purposes and will be glad to provide lessons in basic gun handling.

**Mark your schedule for June 11 for the next Beginner Match and we will see you at the Action Pistol Range.** New shooters are welcome. Bring a center-fire handgun of 9mm or greater caliber, 100 rounds of ammunition, hip holster, eye and hearing protection. Cross draw holsters and shoulder holsters are not allowed. We

meet the second Saturday of every month, rain or shine. We ask that shooters show up at 8 AM to help set up targets for the match and stay and help tear down the targets after the match has been completed. Matches are usually completed around 1 PM.

To find the dates of all Beginner matches, go to the CCRP website at <http://ccrpclub.org/members/> and click on "calendars", and then click on "All Calendars" to find the list of monthly event calendars for the Club. Select the month you want to view in order to verify the date of our beginner match that month.

Ron has been holding an "invitation only" practice session for established participants who sign up in advance. This training is intended to help shooters improve their skills. Ron and Larry spend a lot of time making it challenging so plan to have a great time.

## **Beginner's Day on the Black Powder Range**

The informal Black Powder Match scheduled for Saturday June 4th, based on popular request will be staged as a Beginner's Day Event. The Range will be open for those interested in familiarization with their muzzle Loading rifles but needing a bit of advice and an opportunity to send some smoke down range. Participants need to furnish their own rifles and shooting components. Eye & ear protection is required but will be available. Volunteer Free Trappers will be on hand to provide guidance and guide the novices thru the process. Paper and reaction targets will be available. Match Fee for this event will be \$5 and those under 18 need parental sign off and supervision. Informal competition will be conducted probably for 10 rounds with rifles. Point of contact is either Range Director Tom Witt 360-273-0702 [twitt2124@msn.com](mailto:twitt2124@msn.com) or M.L. Match Director Bob Gietz at 360-273-7862 e-mail: [duckfreak@msn.com](mailto:duckfreak@msn.com). Contact with Bob will be limited until after vacation return at the end of May.

## **Black Hills Wins National Championship: A Cinderella Story.**

As Black Hills and Tumwater High Schools have just competed for the State and National Scholastic titles in rifle marksmanship for 2011 and are now awaiting the results, it is time to reflect upon the events that lead to the two schools (in one school district) finishing first and second in the State in the spring of 2010, as well as the 2010 National Scholastic Title won by Black Hills. How does a program that is discontinued get reinstated and win a National Championship in less than a year? It is a story with many heroes and no villains.

Black Hills High School and Tumwater High School are in the Tumwater School District. They both have rifle teams in which students learn safe firearm handling and compete in small-bore (.22 caliber) Olympic style marksmanship, within the Evergreen League that includes other schools such as Chehalis, Centralia, and Shelton. Hitting a pinprick from 50 feet away with open sights is a mental challenge and requires patience, determination, and consistency. They compete in three positions: prone, kneeling, and standing. At some matches, sitting is added as a fourth position.

During the summer of 2009, the Superintendent's Office of the Tumwater School District not only eliminated the small amount of funding for the two rifle teams, but also decided it was a program that could not be run by volunteers. Students, parents, coaches from other schools, Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club, and others rallied to help restore the rifle teams at both Tumwater and Black Hills High Schools. Particularly involved were the parents of three friends: Zach Boardman, Dan Lowe, and Karl Vogel. Steve Carmick, coach of the Chehalis team and an attorney kept the group focused on the real issues at hand and avoided several potentially divisive issues. A nationwide NRA news program praised the Board of the Tumwater School District for their even-handed approach and for working with the parents. The School Board was very understanding and supportive through the whole process.

The success was due to a cooperative approach by many people. As Karl Vogel (2009-2010 Captain of the Rifle Team) said, "This was very important to us and we were glad the Board understood that rifle marksmanship is the safest of the high school and interscholastic sports". "I think the controversy may have been good for us. It added to the exposure of the program and helped us get new recruits, it forced our parents to become more organized, and it fostered cooperation between the two schools."

“Working with Coach Stines is fun, he has a great sense of humor under his seriousness” said Vogel. John Stines, Coach of the Black Hills team and Tumwater Police Chief, said the 2009-2010 season had a great squad of competitors who were very dedicated and committed. In fact, Coach Stines predicted in 2009 “Our team members are highly competent marksman and have a great work ethic. This Rifle team is the team to beat in the region.”

The support group represented both schools and helped develop cooperation in many ways such as seeking sponsors, grants, and other fundraising events. Both schools are provided with range facilities and other support by Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club. Friends of the NRA have supported the teams through grants for equipment. Transportation was provided by a number of parents and older students. Finally, Cabelas of Lacey provided sponsorship for both schools and support in the form of paintings, gift cards, and other items to be auctioned or raffled at fundraisers. Under Karl’s leadership, the rifle team at Black Hills took their own team pictures, and also developed their own yearbook page. A true sense of teamwork and self-sufficiency developed.

Captain Karl and Coach Stines worked well together with Karl taking on many duties such as registering the team for matches (such as the West Seattle match that would determine State Champions), and also providing for transportation of much of the team and equipment to away matches. He also helped in interfacing between Mr. Dale Reeves at Black Hills High School and Coach Stines. Experienced competitors also worked on technique with the less-experienced competitors. Coach Stines at Black Hills and Coach Mike Boerner at Tumwater donated their time to the programs.

Much of the Black Hills and Tumwater success over the years has been due to the efforts of Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club and another coach, John Crossman. Mr. Crossman coaches the CCRP Junior Rifle Team. Many of the better competitors at both schools have participated with his team. He is likely the reason that several of the competitors at both schools are nationally ranked.

Success was expected, but the fairytale ending was a bit unexpected. Black Hills finished the season by winning every match on raw score, and taking first in the league (which includes factoring in handicaps), first in aggregate raw score, first in the annual standing match, and Black Hills’ competitors collected 8 individual medals. Tumwater was nipping at Black Hills’ heels every step of the way with another excellent team and kept taking seconds behind Black Hills. Tumwater competitors received 7 individual medals. Together the two schools took 15 of the 21 league medals. League Secretary, Phil Lowe said “for Black Hills, the older records are not that detailed, but we suspect this is the best team ever! The scores at the varsity and JV levels this year were amazing.”

At the end of the 2009-2010 season, Black Hills went to West Seattle to compete in the 4-position competition. Black Hills narrowly beat Tumwater (just a few points separated them) and Black Hills took the State Championship. The ranking at the National level occurs as a result of those scores but takes time as clubs and schools around the country complete their respective state matches.

In the meantime, in June of 2010, Black Hills celebrated two State championships. One for the track team which was widely publicized, the other, less publicized, was for the rifle marksmanship team.

Only three seniors graduated from Black Hills team in 2010. Several of the current competitors also attend the Olympic Training Center several times a year and continue to compete at a high level outside of school -- so expectations at both schools are high.

As the 2010-2011 season commenced, the turnout at Black Hills was so strong it was “maximizing our available space and equipment” said Dan Lowe, who is now the 2010-2011 Captain. Interest as well as quality of competitors is extremely high. Dan has high expectations, hoping to repeat as National Scholastic Champions and perhaps scoring higher than the 2009-2010 mark of 1548 of 1600 possible points. Coach Stines said, “We don’t want to count our chickens before they hatch, but the 2010-2011 squad is again very strong”. As they await to see how their scores rank nationally and across the State, the teams at both schools continue to be grateful to their supporters and sponsors and to the School Board for being so willing to listen and accommodate them.

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## June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> (M) 1700-2000 Summer Solstice Bullseye Pistol League	<b>3</b> (C)1900-2100 BOD Mtg	<b>4</b> (B)0900-1500 Informal Black Powder Shoot (M)0700-1600 Rimfire Benchrest Assoc. (T)0800-1300 Beginner Pistol Training		
<b>5</b> (M)0700-1600 Rimfire Benchrest Assoc.	<b>6</b> (I)1900-2100 Introduction to Position Silhouette	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> (M) 1700-2000 Summer Solstice Bullseye Pistol League	<b>10</b> (T) 1200-1500 Beginner/Intermediate Pistol League Setup	<b>11</b> (T)0800-1500 Beginner/Intermediate Pistol League
<b>12</b> (H) 0800-1300 M1 Garand Match	<b>13</b> (I)1900-2100 Introduction to Position Silhouette	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> (M) 1700-2000 Summer Solstice Bullseye Pistol League	<b>17</b> (C,M,B) 0800 on Boy Scout Troop 226 Camp out / Hunter's ED.	<b>18</b> (T)1300-2000 Action Pistol Setup (C,M,B) 0600-2000 Boy Scout Troop 226 Camp out / Hunter's ED.
<b>19</b> FATHER'S DAY (M)0700-1600 Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Match (T)0800-1500 Action Pistol Match	<b>20</b> (I)1900-2100 Introduction to Position Silhouette	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> (M) 1700-2000 Summer Solstice Bullseye Pistol League	<b>24</b> (T) 1400-2000 CAS setup	<b>25</b> (T) 0800-1700 CAS Match (C) 1000-1300 New Mbr Orient. (M)0700-1600 Rimfire Benchrest USRA IR 50/50
<b>26</b> (T) 0800-1300 CAS Orient. Bay 2 (H) 0800-1600 Old Soldier Match	<b>27</b> (I)1900-2100 Introduction to Position Silhouette	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> ALL RANGES CLOSED FOR: (A,B,C,H,I,M,T) 0800-1900 Rinehart 100 3-D work party	<b>30</b> (M) 1700-2000 Summer Solstice Bullseye Pistol League ALL RANGES CLOSED FOR: (A,B,C,H,I,M,T)0800-1900 Rinehart 100 3-D work party		

RANGE KEY: A=Archery; B=Black Powder; C=Clubhouse; H=Hi-Power; I=Indoor; M=Multipurpose; T=Action Pistol

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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES**

***Dues and Renewal policies are effective September 1, 2003***

Members will receive a statement 45 days before their membership expires. (Your renewal month is found on your mailing label.) The dues renewal date is the last day of the month in which members' "annual date" falls. Members' gate card will automatically "lock out" on their renewal date if they have not renewed, and their membership will be considered "inactive" for 30-days, during which time they may still pay their dues. After 30-days on "inactive" status the membership will be terminated. Should they wish to rejoin CCR&P past the 30-days "inactive" status, they must reapply as a new member and attend the Orientation class. **Membership fees**, collected at the time of the orientation classes are:

Annual dues **\$70.00** for the first member of each household and **\$35.00** for each additional eligible member of the household.

Initiation fee (one time) **\$80.00** for each household and a refundable gate card deposit fee of **\$10.00** for each member.

In addition, each member is expected to devote 8 hours of volunteer service annually or recruit two new members or pay an assessment of **\$80.00**.

**NRA membership (required)**

**Orientation class (required)**

**(GUESTS:** Members may bring their spouses and children under the age of 18 years old **as guests** as often as they'd like. Non-immediate family member guests are limited to two visits annually. Members **MUST** accompany their guests at all times, including spouses and children, and are responsible for the conduct of their guests.)

### **NRA CLUB AFFILIATE BENEFITS**

Free listing of events on NRA website; discount on range technician team & service; attorney referral service; non-legal advice for legal problems; NRA attorneys pro bono for national concern issues; eligible to apply for \$5,000 grant annually; \$10 reimburse for each new NRA member; \$5 reimburse for each returning member; "Club Connection" quarterly magazine; eligible for NRA firearms insurance.

## First M1 Garand Match a Success

CCR&P's first M1 Garand Match of this season had eight shooters show up in spite of missing Mother's Day morning on the home front. Six shooters brought out their M1's with the Baldwin brothers defying the trend and using a couple foreign bolt guns. We had a few light showers, but all in all, a pretty good morning of weather and shooting. Tony Minard won the Prone Slow Fire and the Off-Hand Stages, with Fran Huntington winning both the Prone and Sitting Rapid Fire Stages. Overall Match win went to Tony Minard with a 473 – 8x score. I offered to load some rounds for Tony to use on the next match, but of course he declined my offer. 😊

### Individual Match Scores;

Tony Minard	473 –8x	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rick Baldwin	455 –4x	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gary Thorson	451 –7x	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fran Huntington	450 –5x	4 <sup>th</sup>
Ken Horton	436 –2x	5 <sup>th</sup>
Gary Baldwin	429 –4x	6 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Stull	394 –2x	7 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Kozor	383 –3x	8 <sup>th</sup>

We sure got off to a good start on Mother's Day, I hope you can come out and join us for the next match on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Should you need any encouragement, feel free to contact Fran Huntington at [fran huntington@comcast.net](mailto:fran huntington@comcast.net). We look forward to seeing for the next one.

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