



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.

Women on Target to Men – Your Attention Please!

By Shirley Rheault

We held our Women on Target event the weekend of September 23 & 24, 2006 at Capitol City Rifle & Pistol Club again. Women on Target is a women's introduction to gun shooting and firearm safety event. And what a success it was! We had 102 students, with 57 participants being first-time shooters. That's 58% of our students who hadn't shot a gun before!

What was particularly fascinating was the range of ages of the first-time shooters. They ranged from between 9 years old to 70 years old. That's right; she was 70 years old and had never shot a gun before. We also had about a half dozen women who were in their mid-sixties who had never shot a gun before either.

You may marvel at the thought of someone trucking along through life and not having experienced the adventure of shooting a gun before the age of 65 to 70 years old. Well, if you haven't read any of my past articles, I'd like to introduce you an interesting concept about women. We do not tend to be mechanically minded. Since guns are very mechanical, women tend to avoid them, even into our more golden years. It's a pretty simple concept that women really understand, but too many guys out there just don't get it!

What does it matter if guys don't understand that women avoid firearms because they see them as a complicated piece of machinery? Everything if you want them to join you in the shooting world. I'll try to explain it so men can understand where most women are coming from.

How many of you remember the era before Microsoft Windows was introduced? Oh, the agony of trying to do anything on a computer if you weren't a MS-DOS speaking geek! The computer geeks had a language all of their own that they spoke to each other. Every little complicated kilobyte was exciting to them, and they could talk about each software program in meaningful detail. As for the majority of us if we had to depend on knowing DOS to get around on the computer, I'm sorry to say, we'd all let those stinkin' computers sit on the shelf instead.



First-time shooter Deb Boyce having a blast!

To illustrate the struggle most women have on the topic of guns let me replay the previous paragraph exchanging a few words:

“Oh, the agony of trying to do anything with a semi-automatic if you’re not a gun -DOS speaking geek! The gun geeks have a language all their own that they speak to each other. Every little complicated caliber is exciting to them, and they can talk about each firearm in meaningful detail. As for the majority of us women, if we had to depend on knowing gun-DOS to use a pistol, I’m sorry to say, we’d all let those stinkin’ guns sit on the shelf instead!”

Are you getting the picture? We know you’re enthusiastic about every aspect of guns (oh, how we know). The problem is so many guys think everyone, including their wife, girlfriend, or daughter, is just as excited about guns as they are and can speak gun-DOS. Where, in fact, we are MS Windows kind of gals, and are absolutely gun-DOS illiterate.

I have had women tell me time and again that either their husband or the gun store clerk (male) got them into a semi-auto handgun and they find it excruciatingly complicated! They just don’t like it, and so they leave the stinkin’ gun on the shelf! It’s not that we can’t learn gun-DOS, it’s just that there’s this huge monolithic learning curve on a topic that is totally foreign to our way of thinking.

Don’t lose hope. There are guns that speak MS Windows that women can use and really have a lot of enjoyment with. Those are revolvers! Basically, they have the point-and-click ease of a computer mouse. Simple! There’s no slide, no “tap, rack, and shoot,” no release, there’s not even a safety! Just point and shoot! The revolver can stay loaded for a long time and is ready to be used as soon as it’s picked up. Doesn’t that sound like a Windows kind of gun?

So if you can keep from thinking we’re gun geeks and refrain from talking gun-DOS to us you’ll have brownie points galore. And if you get your wife (daughter or girlfriend) a MS Windows gun (i.e. revolver) you’ll both have tremendous enjoyment when you go to the range.

Here are some closing suggestions to the guys: plan an evening to take your wife out to dinner followed by going to a gun range that lets you rent different pistols. Bull’s Eye in Tacoma and Marksman in Puyallup are just two of such kinds of ranges. Then rent her a variety of different caliber revolvers and have some fun together shooting!

Now here’s the part that will be particularly hard for you gun-DOS guys. While trying out different revolvers, give her information so she can make an informed choice on the gun she likes. It’s important to know how different calibers react, and how a small frame gun will cause the recoil to be absorbed into her hand, but let her decide what she likes!

Then be excited for her, even if she picked out a .22 revolver when you wanted her to have a .357. The fastest way to put an end to the whole process is to not give her ample encouragement. As her confidence and enjoyment goes up, so will the time on the shooting range increase. The more she becomes familiar with shooting the more she will understand the gun-DOS language. So try to remember, it’s not about what you want her to have, it’s about what she’s willing to start out with. Who knows, maybe in a year or two she’ll decide what she really wants is a .357!

Remember to buy plenty of ammo for the gun you buy her. You might also offer to clean her gun for her (indefinitely). Then, with lots of non gun-DOS encouragement, start to enjoy a sport you both can share together.

With a very special “Thank You!”

First of all, thank you to **Jerry Rheault** for completely (and magnificently) managing the range side of the Women on Target event. And thanks to all the instructors and classroom helpers. There is no way we could have done it without you! You all have a teacher’s heart and you are just so great with the students! Thanks to:

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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.)

To join CCR&P, or any membership questions, please contact Rich Montecucco, at (360) 866-1880.

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.

CAPITOL CITY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****October 6, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Flag Salute: Shirley Rheault led the flag salute

Attendance: All board members present except: Bob Parr. Members excused were Bob Gietz, Bill Wright, Larry Lufkin, Jim Dotterer & Will Ulry.

Treasurer's Report: Darrell Gehlsen reported the following balances; Homestreet \$26,426.12, Certificates of Deposit \$81,519.50 and checking \$5,435.52. Darrell also reported that the club year to date net income is 18,231.67. We are still looking for an accountant experienced in working with non-profit organizations. Doug Simpson made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Steve Andrews seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Darrell reported that the club has 400+ members at the present time. Rich reported on the success of having a presence at local gun shows. Lots of contacts have been made and the public relations are invaluable. Greg S. suggested that applications for membership be made available at the shows. Applicants could also be given a schedule of orientation meetings when they picked up the application.

Old Business

Retiring Directors: A few of the current members of the Board will be completing their terms at the end of the year. Chris noted that we are still looking for candidates. It is a great way to give back to the club and it does count towards your yearly assessment.

Roof Bids: Work will begin at 10:00 AM on Monday the 9th of October. Bob Jamison will manage the project. Work should be completed by weeks end.

Timber Management: Chris reported that due to other permits that the club has applied for, the timber plan is currently in a state of flux. Existing Thurston County rules are forcing the club to re-apply for permits and perhaps will delay logging due to other work that has been done and work that is presently underway. Also, tax parcels do not match exactly what is actually on the ground. Long term planning and coordination will be necessary to avoid complications with the County planning department. Recreational parcels need to be revisited and redrawn to reflect what is actually being used. Rich M. has volunteered to work with Chris as liaison with the county regarding permits et.al.

Long Range Planning: Steve Andrews noted that the shooting shed at the Black Powder range needs to be replaced with a composition shingle roof. He also would like to raise the impact berm utilizing excavated material from other projects within the club property. No cost estimates have been developed yet. Rick Baldwin noted that there is a need for new signs on the High Power range that will instruct shooters of the **RANGE RULES**. Rick will check on cost estimates for this project and report back to the Board.

Women on Target: Shirley reported that the W.O.T. events had generated \$600.00 for the club. There were 102 shooters participating, with 47 first time shooters taking part in the events. Advertising for the events were in the NRA magazine, at local gun shows and in the Olympian. We should be seeing a write up in the Olympian soon. The Board would like to extend a very special "**THANK YOU**" to Shirley and Jerry for their extraordinary efforts in bringing the shooting sports to so many women in the area and for keeping the event in the public eye.

New Business

2007 Budget: All range directors need to develop their budgets for the upcoming year. If a budget is not developed, the Board will find other places to spend the money. In the words of Larry the Cable Guy, GIT-R-DONE.

Gate/Land Ownership: Still negotiating

Range Status: Ray Crisp reported that the Rhinehart archery event is tentatively scheduled for the 1st weekend in June.

Member Request: John Pycha presented gifts to Rich M. and Shirley R. for dedication to the club and for all the work they do that makes the club look good.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Darrell noted that the club had donated a membership last year for the R.M.E.F. annual banquet. He proposed we offer another membership this year. Ray C. made a motion to donate a membership, Doug S. seconded, motion carried.

Gun Safe: Chris suggested that the club look at purchasing a gun safe to store valuable papers in. There was discussion on the merits of a gun safe versus a fireproof document safe. Ray and Shirley were going to look into document fire safes. A safe deposit box may also be considered. More following.

Event Applications: Steve A. noted that all events must complete a full application for the 2007 calendar year. Even if yours is a re-occurring event, the application must be completely updated. No exceptions.

I-933: Raul & Alisa DeLeon gave a short report on I-933. Raul was one of the co-authors of the initiative. They also asked for names of potential donors and had yard signs for anyone that was interested.

Motion to Adjourn: Rich M. made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Ron L. seconded. Motion carried.

Planning the 2007 Calendar

The Event, Match, and Range Directors 2007 Calendar meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2006 from 1900 to 2100 hours in our Clubhouse. Any events or matches not scheduled by that meeting will have to be scheduled around any thing already on the calendar.

Thank you for your help on this.

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Beginner/Intermediate Shoot

October 14, 2006

Top 5 Scores For New Shooters:

1 st	Maxine Kirkwood	63	Congratulations!
2 nd	Cathy Garcia	60	
3 rd	Theresa Dec	58	
4 th	Karen Hansen	46	
4 th	Wayne Shilling	46	Tie for 4 th Place
5 th	Charles Wright	41	

Congratulations Maxine! You bring such a positive happy attitude to the shoot we love you. Congratulations to everyone thank you for all your help. This is the funniest match I have been involved in. Everyone is so helpful and nice. The shoot was great. We had one new shooter Susan she did excellent. The gong rang a few times mainly by me (Tina). We had the star, bowling pins, plate racks, and some plates. Everyone shot very well.

We hope to see everyone next month 11-11-06 at 8:00am.

Tina

Safety Issue

I have a report by a member that spent a good share of a day on the High Power Range. He says that several times during the day shooters were handling firearms while other shooters were down range. This is completely unacceptable. Myself and our present Training Officer Bob Geitz carefully outline this to new members. The only way you can handle firearms is cased. This means no moving, adjusting, or touching and that is real clear. There shouldn't be a remote question on this subject. Bob reported at the last meeting that he has "Trained" 200 new members since he started as Training Officer. This means at least half of the current membership has been told. You need to be vocal on this subject. Remind violators of the rule. If there is shooting going on when you arrive shooters expect that fellow members will be handling firearms. When the line has been secured and members are down range they should expect a safe environment. Many of us that have done Hunters Sight In know firearms show up loaded with actual rounds chambered. Everybody doesn't do this but why take a chance. Obey the range rules. "BE SAFE".

Safety Officer Will Ulry

November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice	2 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (C,I)1700-2030 CCJR Practice	3 (C)1900-2100 BOD Mtg	4 (C)1900-2130 New Mbr Orient. (C,I)0700-1700 WA St Indoor Int'l Rifle Champs.
5 (C,I)0700-1700 WA St Indoor Int'l Rifle Champs. (T)0800-1400 Speed Steel	6 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (I)1830-2100 Mon. Nite Pistol	7 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (C,I)1700-2030 CCJR Practice	8 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice	9 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (C,I)1700-2030 CCJR Practice	10	11 (T)0800-1200 Beginner/Intermediate Pistol League
12 Turn in 2007 Event Apps. to Safety Officer	13 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (I)1830-2100 Mon. Nite Pistol	14 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (C,I)1700-2030 CCJR Practice	15 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice	16 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (C,I)1700-2030 CCJR Practice	17	18 (T)1300-2200 Action Pistol Setup
19 (B)0900-1400 Black Powder Shoot (T)0800-1500 Action Pistol	20 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (I)1830-2100 Mon. Nite Pistol	21 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice (C,I)1700-2030 CCJR Practice	22 (C,I)1400-1700 Tumwater Practice	23 Thanksgiving	24 (T)1400-2000 CAS Match Setup	25 (T)0800-1700 CAS Match
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RANGE KEY: A=Archery; B=Black Powder; C=Clubhouse; H=Hi-Power; I=Indoor; M=Multipurpose; T=Action Pistol

Work Credits Bulletin Board

HERE'S A LIST OF UP-COMING EVENTS TO EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS:

- ☺ **CCRP MEMBERSHIP TABLE**. Get a year's assessment working one day **at a Gun Show** at the CCRP Membership table. Location: Puyallup and Centralia. Does that sound easy, or what? Call Rich Montecucco @ 360-866-1880 if you're interested.

2006 GUN SHOW DATES: Centralia Gun Shows: Puyallup Gun Shows:
November 11 – 12 November 4 – 5
December 2 – 3 December 9 – 10

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