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# 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.*

## Indoor Air Gun Matches at CCR&P

There are two types of indoor air rifle matches at CCR&P.

There is Air Rifle Benchrest which is shot from a bench rest at targets 50 feet away. The course of fire is four targets of 25 record shots. Time for each target is 20 minutes. Match is a total of 100 record shots plus any sighters. Shooters compete in two classes; Air rifles that are spring powered (SPR) or by compressed air [precharged pneumatic (PCP) which includes single stroke pneumatic (SSP)].

The other Air Rifle match is a Field Target match which is also shot indoors at 50 feet. The targets are similar to silhouette shooting but have a hole varying in size in which the shooter has to shoot through to trigger a lever the causes the silhouette to fall. The match is 40 shots for score. The shooters shoot twice at 20 targets. There are two main classes; Open Field Target which is shot from a sitting position and Hunter Field Target where the shooter can use support sticks/cross sticks and sit on a stool.

These events are designed to give air rifle shooters the opportunity to test both the accuracy of their equipment and their individual skills in a friendly, competitive atmosphere away from the outside weather conditions. **These events are generally held once a month on Saturdays from October through March.** Check the Club's calendar and come on out and give it a try. For information about these events contract Harvey Gertson at [rabbit65@comcast.net](mailto:rabbit65@comcast.net) or 360-352-7669

## September's Lever-Gun Match

By Tom Witt

Our September lever gun match was held on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turn out with ten shooters on the Bob Gietz Black Powder Range at Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club. For anyone that has not been there the club is located near Littlerock Washington.



**Ashley Ritter fires an offhand shot at her turkey**

After registration and a brief safety meeting we started shooting at 9:30AM. This was an aggregate match, so we were shooting paper at 25, 50 and 75 yards. Our 25-yard target is shot offhand at our favorite turkey. An absentee shooter, Bob Delisle, had the high score with an 87-3X followed by "yours truly" with a score of 86-5X and Allen Cuniff took third with a score of 85-3X. Bob Delisle had a family thing on Saturday so he shot his targets the Wednesday before the match. The black buffalo target was shot at 50 yards from the sitting position while using cross-sticks. This is a little more challenging, in my opinion, than our other buffalo target that we frequently shoot at because there are mi-

nus points on this one if you hit the buffalo in the rump. Bragging rights for this target go to Jerry Mayo who shot a score of 87, and hot on Jerry's tail was Mike Nesbitt with a score of 86. Bob Delisle took third with a score of 84.

The gunner to watch on this target was our new (to lever guns) shooter Ashley Ritter! Also known as Mrs. Doc Ritter, Ashley put this buffalo in his place by shooting him, not once but twice in the parts that make him a bull. It's no wonder that Doc was on his best behavior that day ☐.

Our third target was a large bullseye target shot at 75 yards, again shot from the sitting position while using cross-sticks. Mike Nesbitt had an impressive score of 95-4X! Jerry Mayo also hit the 90s with a score of 92-3X followed by Mike Holeman with a score of 88. Mike Nesbitt was high shooter for the day, just two points ahead of Jerry Mayo.

The after-match for the day was shot with .22 revolvers. For a \$1 entry we shot a squirrel target at 12 paces. Allen Cuniff won the pot with a score of 72.

We have one more aggregate match in November. After that match we will toss each shooter's worst score from the season and the winners will be announced at our end of season Trail Camp in December. Only 5 aggregate scores will be used to determine the winners.

Next month will be a fun shoot, so we may be shooting gongs, novelty targets, maybe some rapid fire, who knows. Whatever we do, it will be a lot of Lever-Gun fun!

I want to thank everyone that helped with set up, scoring and clean up. A big thanks to Mike Nesbitt for handling the prizes through the Black River Buffalo Runners.

Here's hopin' to see you in October.

## Indoor .22 Rifle Shooting Starts in November

Beginning on the first Wednesday evening of November, we will have the Indoor Range open to CCRP Club members for .22 rifle shooting. It will be open each Wednesday evening through the end of March. The doors will be open at 6:00 PM, and shooting will start at 6:30 PM.

This activity is open to CCRP Club Members only, and there will be no charge for using the range. You will need your key card to get in the gate.

This is an opportunity for club members to practice your rifle skills through the rainy winter months. This is a semi-formal range session. The firing line is controlled by an NRA certified Range Safety Officer. We will have four 10-minute firing sessions, with plenty of time between sessions to change targets, talk with friends, and warm up next to the wood stove.

You can use any .22 rifle that you want with either open sights, red dot, or scope. Scopes work best if they can focus down to 50 feet. Ammo must be .22 Short, Long, or Long Rifle. No .22 Magnum or any other rimfire calibers are allowed.

Those of us “regulars” usually shoot a 4-position course of fire consisting of:

Prone position – 10 shots in 10 minutes

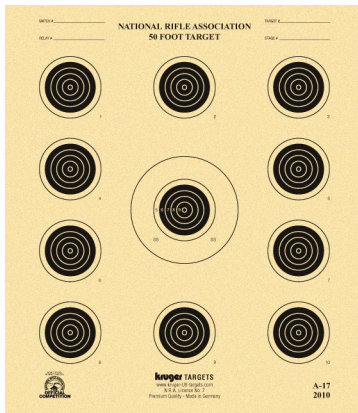
Sitting position – 10 shots in 10 minutes

Kneeling position – 10 shots in 10 minutes

Standing position – 10 shots in 15 minutes

You can shoot the “positions” with us, or you can shoot from any position you want for practice. You can also set up a table and shoot from the bench if you want. It’s all about coming out and having some fun.

Some of us also form a team and compete in a 4-position .22 Rifle League, where our scores are emailed to the league each week. You are welcome to join the league with us, or just come out and shoot for fun and practice. The NRA A-17 target shown below is provided for a nominal charge. You are also welcome to bring your own targets.



## Season Finale of the M1 Garand Match

By Gary Thorson

We had a beautiful Goldilocks day for the season finale of the M1 Garand Match. Not too hot, not too cold. just right. And with seven shooters on the line, we had a lot of fun.

Of the seven shooters on the line, we had four M1 Garand rifles, and three "other" rifles. If you don't have the particular type of rifle specified for a match, that's OK. Just bring what you have and shoot with us. So, with that in mind, I divided the scoring into two categories: the "M1 Garand Category", and the "Cheater Category".

In the M1 Garand Category, Jerry Johnson took high score in Standing Slow Fire and Prone Slow Fire and won the match with a score of 377-2X. Nicholas Parker took high score in Sitting Rapid Fire, and Tom Hay was high score in Prone Rapid Fire.

The "Top Cheater" of the day was Gary Thorson who was shooting a Springfield Armory M1A and posted a score of 457-6X. Close behind was John Cox shooting an AR-15 for 446-2X.

NAME	RIFLE TYPE	Stand- ing Slow Fire	Sit- ting Rapid Fire	Prone Rapid Fire	Prone Slow Fire	TOTAL	<i>Matc h Plac e</i>
	<b>M1 Garand Cate- gory</b>						
Jerry Johnson	U.S. Rifle Cal. .30 M1	60-1X	66	76-1X	175	377-2X	1
Tom Hay	U.S. Rifle Cal. .30 M1	34	75	78	129	316	2
Gary Baldwin	U.S. Rifle Cal. .30 M1	26	37	69	162- 1X	294-1X	3
Nicholas Par- ker	U.S. Rifle Cal. .30 M1	34	78	76	69	257	4
	<b>"Cheater" Cate- gory</b>						
Gary Thorson	M1A	79	90- 1X	96-2X	192- 3X	457-6X	1
John Cox	AR-15	77	89- 2X	89	191- 2X	446-2X	2
Jim Hunter	AR-15	34	55	83	162	334	3

After the main match, we had the Gong Challenge. John Cox took the pot, proving that you *can* miss fast enough to win. John had a time of 43 seconds with four misses for a total of 1:23. Gary Thorson only had two misses but was slower doing it. Jerry Johnson and Tom Hay shot the Gong Challenge for the first time and did it with a Winchester 1873 lever action chambered in .44-40 (black powder). That was fun to watch! And they both did good for their first time on the Challenge.

Name:	Time:	Misses X 10 second penalty:	Total Time:
John Cox	0:43	4 X 10 = 40	1:23
Jim Hunter	0:59	7 X 10 = 70	2:09
Nicholas Parker	1:02	6 X 10 = 60	2:02
Gary Thorson	1:08	2 X 10 = 20	1:28
Jerry Johnson	0:58	8 X 10 = 80	2:18

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Tom Hay

1:20

7 X 10 = 70

2:30

Four of us stayed around for the .22 Rimfire Rapid Fire Silhouette Match. John Cox won the match with the fastest time of 1:16 to knock down all 25 silhouettes. After last month, Jim Hunter did some work on his rifle, and installed a new scope, and then had a hard time hitting anything. So John tried Jim's rifle to verify whether it was "rifle" or "shooter". And in the meantime, John's lady friend (whose name I can't remember) shot one stage and did very well. But in all of this activity, I didn't get some of the times.

	<b>.22 Rapid Fire Silhouette</b>	<b>Rifle Type</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Fastest</b>	<b>Place</b>
	John Cox	Ruger 10/22	1:16	N/A	1:16	1
	Jim Hunter	Ruger 10/22	DNF	DNF	DNF	
	Nicholas Parker	Ruger 10/22	4:56	2:42	2:42	3
	Gary Thorson	Ruger 10/22	1:17	1:31	1:17	2

## Wood Cutting

Sixteen able bodied worker Bees showed up for the wood cutting. This included 5 of our youth 22 shooters. Mike Boerner is their coach. We are indebted to him for their presence. They also brought parents who were also great help. We filled the wood shed with extra. We now have a few piles that have yet to find a home. We ended up with 3 splitters humming. Rae Hansen showed up to feed us. He fixed some burgers. All were in attendance for that. We rented 2 splitters and Richard Vinciguerra brought his splitter along for number 3 splitter. Thom Martin was of great help and brought a new dump trailer which we used all day. I say all day. I arrived at home at 7:00 I bet Thom did too. Mark Davis came from Montesano so he was home after supper too. Mike was last out the gate too. We had a number worked till after 5:00. Thom and Cliff Reichel spent over and above time cutting our cold deck to firewood length. That totaled at least another 15 hours. Those I haven't previously mentioned are Brett Clark, Monica, Wesley and Maria Hansen, Hunter Griggs, Joshua Nunley, Audie Snyder, Tim Sampson and Dick Smith. We are set for one more winter. The club pretty well keeps the fires going every week night from October to May. Thanks again Ladies and Gentleman. You were awesome  
Will Ulry

## Old West Centerfires

By Jerry Mayo

This was the fifth of our six aggregate events for the year. With only the final event left, time is running out for making an impact on the aggregate score and as of now no one is running away with the title. That final event will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We do not hold an Old West Centerfires match in October.

The course of fire on this day was our standard aggregate setup which consists of ten shots at 100 yards at a single-bullseye target, then ten more shots at 200 yards at a larger single bullseye target. Those targets can be shot in the order the shooter chooses. Cartridges must be loaded with black powder and lead cast or swaged bullets. Shooting is done from the sitting position with cross-sticks supporting the rifle's barrel, just like they do it at Quigley. Our match is shot in thirty-minute relays in which all twenty scoring shots must be fired within that thirty-minute time frame. Fouling shots are allowed. So, let us look at how our Buffalo Runners did on this day. Here we go...

### Scores for this Match

Name	Rifle/Cartridge	100 yd.	200 yds.	Total	Aggregate
1 <sup>st</sup> Ken Kerfurst	'78 Sharps .45/90	100-5X	95-4X	195-9X	961-28X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Allen Cunniff	'74 Sharps .40/65	95-3X	95-X	190-4X	752-13X
3 <sup>rd</sup> Curt Lokovsek	'74 Sharps .45/90	92-X	97-2X	189-3X	956-21X
4 <sup>th</sup> Mike Nesbitt	'74 C. Sharps .45/90	92-X	95-X	187-2X	873-10X
5 <sup>th</sup> Jerry Johnson	Rolling Block .40/65	93-3X	88	181-3X	889-12X
6 <sup>th</sup> Bob DeLisle	1874 Pedersoli .45/70	86-X	93-X	179-2X	902-15X
7 <sup>th</sup> Phil Wiebe	'77 C. Sharps .40/65	89-2X	86	175-2X	812-4X
8 <sup>th</sup> Mike Moran	'74 C. Sharps .50/70	87-2X	86-X	173-3X	458-6X
9 <sup>th</sup> Mike Mueller	'77 C. Sharps .40/65	87-X	86	173-X	173-X
10 <sup>th</sup> Jeff "Loco" Ritter	Trapdoor .45/70	83	85	168	814-4X
11 <sup>th</sup> Mike Holeman	'74 C. Sharps .45/70	82	81-X	163-X	675-6X
12 <sup>th</sup> Jerry Mayo	'74 C. Sharps .45/70	81	79	160	616-5X
13 <sup>th</sup> Ryan Ritter	Martini Rifle .38/55	81	78-X	159-X	159-X
14 <sup>th</sup> Tom Witt	'74 C. Sharps .45/90	83-X	59	142-X	762-6X
15 <sup>th</sup> Dan Johnson	1885 Hghwall .44/40	63	53	116	328
16 <sup>th</sup> Jeff "Doc" Ritter	RB .45/90	39	69	108	587-3



Allen Cunniff with his '75 in .22 LR

For our after-match we used a standard pistol target posted at 50 yards. Then we brought out the .22 single shot rifles and to add to the challenge we fired 10 shots from the offhand position. Eight of our Buffalo Runners took their chances and, in the end, Allen Cunniff posted a 90 and no one else could touch it. He did his very good shooting with his new Model 1875 Sharps in .22 Long Rifle caliber. Congratulations to Allen. Our next Old West Centerfires event is on 15 November 2025. That will be the final match for our yearly aggregate championship. Keep an eye on the Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club calendar (CCRPClub.org) for upcoming black powder events as well as other shooting opportunities.



## Multi State CPL Class

The class will cover everything you need for a CPL permit in Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Arizona. The Utah permit gets you reciprocity in 34 other states in addition to your Washington CPL. The Arizona permit gets you reciprocity in 35 states in addition to your Washington CPL. The fee includes everything you need to submit your application to any of the states. Included in the cost of the class is the information for each states' laws, fingerprint card (with fingerprints), copy of your driver's license, and passport quality picture.

### **It does not include additional state fees.**

The instructor of the class is Shaun Curtain, the NRA Region-4 Training Counsellor (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, & Montana). He has been an NRA counsellor for over 32 years.

The cost of the course will be between \$100.00 and \$120.00 per person. Depending on the number of people for the class. There will be a deposit of \$50.00 to secure your spot.

If you are interested or have any questions and want to join the class please contact me, Gene White Jr. at my email [gene@genewhitjr.com](mailto:gene@genewhitjr.com) or by phone, Home 360.819.4741 Cell 360.701.3763 and we will get your questions answered and sign you up.

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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 (taxes are additional)**, collected at the time of the orientation classes are:

Annual dues **\$80.00** for the first member of each household and **\$45.00** 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**.

**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.)



# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	3	4 Hunter Sight-In (HP)  Black Powder Monthly Shoots (BP)  Air Rifle Indoor Field Target (IR)
5 Hunter Sight-In (HP)	6 Monday Night .22 Pistol League (IR, CH)	7 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	8 New Member Orientation (CH)	9 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	10 Beginner/ Intermediate Pistol Match Set Up (AP)  Air Rifle Bench Rest – Practice (IR)	11 Beginner/ Intermediate Pistol Match (AP)  Lever Gun Match (BP)
12 Multi Purpose Range Orienta- tion (MP)	13 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)  Monday Night .22 Pistol League (IR, CH)	14 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	15 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)	16 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	17 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)	18 Air Rifle Bench Rest (IR)
19	20 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)  Monday Night .22 Pistol League (IR, CH)	21 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)  Board of Direc- tors Meeting (CH)	22 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)	23 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	24 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)	25
26 Old Soldier Rifle Match (HP)	27 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)  Monday Night .22 Pistol League (IR, CH)	28 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	29 Open Trail (BP)  Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)	30 2025 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	31 Black Hills Rifle Team Practice and Matches (IR,CH)	
			RANGE KEY: A=Archery; AP=Action Pistol; BP=Black Powder; CG=Campground; CH=Club House; HP=High Power; IR=Indoor Range; K=Kitchen; MP=Multi Purpose; SP=Pistol Side Bay			