

VOLUNTEER RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026 Newsletter

CLUB MEETINGS: Meetings are usually on the first **Thursday** of each month. The Board of Directors meets at 7:00. Membership meets at 7:30. Prospective members should be at the gate at 7:00 and wait until someone lets you in.

RANGE CLOSINGS: **Sept. 4-6; Oct. 2-4.** Ranges are closed for maintenance the first full weekend and the Friday before.

BENCH REST: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays 1pm-5:30pm; Saturdays 10am-5:30pm. Stand-up pistol range open with targets at 3, 5, 7 yards.

CLAY TARGET PROGRAMS:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4:30 p.m. Check in by 4:00.

Tuesdays To allow more time for shooting, club members may enter the range at 6:00 for maintenance and clean-up on the shotgun range. Shooting will start at 6:30. VRPC members only (no family or guests).

Thursdays: beginning at 6:30 VRPC RSOs-only program.

Directors: Dave Simmons and Rob Mitchell

Trap: Joe Pate, manager

Skeet: Dave Simmons manager.

5-Stand: Howard Buhl, manager.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS: Doug Estep plans a class to certify range safety officers, if there is enough interest. Contact Doug at 865-607-4099.

BULLS-EYE: Inactive. Contact Bert West at 603-682-3427 or Westmmc@gmail.com

ACTION PISTOL: Pistol range opens one Sunday afternoon each month, typically the third Sunday. Informal match begins at 1:00pm. Matches focus on various aspects of shooting. **Bring hearing/eye protection, a pistol, 100 rounds, a strong-side holster and extra magazines or speed-loaders.**

Beginning in September, the Action Pistol Program has been authorized to include .22LR rifles on the Pistol Range. This may include a transition drill starting the rifle then switching to pistol. The preferred rifle is a .22LR with a detachable magazine. **NO 5.56/223.** Details to be provided in future e-mails about upcoming events and stages. Contact James Wagner for details, 865-789-3178 or Smglshftf@gmail.com Let us know if you have suggestions for shooting events.

Sept. 20: Thinking While Shooting. Various drills and a stage set up with a shoot and no-shoot targets, designed to challenge your thinking, not just blasting everything that looks like it might be a target.

Oct. 25 (note it's the 4th Sunday) Zombie Shoot: Our traditional Halloween event, featuring a variety of undead targets.

Dates are subject to weather and TWRA closures for training. Details in upcoming emails. Matches typically cost \$8 cash, plus TWRA fee for non-members.

HIGH POWER PROGRAM: The High Power program is inactive at this time. Call John Little for information, 865-742-6839. Or check the club website, under News & Calendar.

For additions to the newsletter, contact James Wagner at Smglshftf@gmail.com or 865-789-3178 for information. Note new phone number and e-mail address.