VOLUNTEER RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026 Newsletter

CLUB MEETINGS: Meetings are usually on the first **Thursday** of each month. The Board of Directors meets at 7:00pm, Membership at 7:30pm. Prospective members should be at the gate at 7:00 and wait until someone lets you in. **Annual Meeting and Club Elections:** Dec. 3 at 7:30. All officers are up for reelection, as well as one director, Bill Kennedy.

RANGE CLOSINGS: Nov. 6-8, 26; Dec. 4-5, 21-31; Jan. 1-4. Reopens Jan. 5. Ranges are closed for maintenance the first full weekend and the Friday before.

BENCH REST: With Standard Time, bench rest will be closing earlier. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 1pm-4:30pm; Saturdays 10am-4:30pm. 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: The Benchrest Range is in desperate need of more RSOs. Deaths, ill-health, etc. have taken a toll on our RSOs. 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.**

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 Smglshtf@gmail.com Let us know if you have suggestions for shooting events.

Nov. 15: 1911/2011 Event. Celebrating the 1911 style pistol, although you can shoot any safe, reliable centerfire pistol. Classic stages: Bill Drill, El Presidente and precision..

Dec. 20: More defensive style shooting, Details in an upcoming e-mail.

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.

Coming soon: NRA's America's Rifle Challenge (ARC). We are working on a

version of the ARC for the 50 yd. LE range, behind the Pistol Range. The new, improved ARC is streamlined and more practical than the version we tried a few years ago. You'll shoot 100 rounds, 10-50 yards, standing, prone, sitting, kneeling, around a barricade and on the move.

You would expect to pay $$$ for a similar carbine course, but we expect a more reasonable price. I'll send an email with the date and details. The course and a short video (scroll down) can be found at http://arc.nra.org .

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