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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring has been unpredictable, following a peculiar winter. Makes no difference, as thanks to a very healthy response, we got a lot accomplished during the scheduled and non-scheduled work parties. My thanks goes out to all who support the club in its work parities and projects. I have heard from several folks that the reason they want to join CRI is that we have good ranges and our facility looks great. I am hoping we can make it look even better, and it will if all of us take the time to clean up after we're done shooting – take targets down, pick up brass, and always leave the place better than we find it. In my early days of shooting (no, we didn't wear butternut uniforms then) it was unspoken, but everyone took the personal responsibility of cleaning up the ranges before they left. I expect that all members do that. We have gone after some who think that they are better than the rest, but I truly would like to see all members accept the responsibility of range appearance – it kind of goes along with the concept that we are all

range officers. I think that the most egregious problems involve targets and brass. Brass left on the ground makes it appear that no one is taking care of the ranges, and the next step from there is that we aren't taking care of the environment – not a message I would like to leave for OSHA, DEP or EPA. So help the club, and leave the place better than you found it. Oh, and the club turned in brass recently and made about \$500 for the coffers.

Things are moving slowly on bringing the new range on line. The weather, to include the rain, just makes it tough in that range location to finish up the berm and leveling work. It's coming though!

The Executive Board has authorized two projects that are ongoing. First deals with an overall audit of the facility to locate wetlands. That is being undertaken by an outside firm and is necessary for planning any future range additions to our facility. That will probably be completed in July of this year. Secondly, we are planning to fence the Route 49 front on the east side, to provide us with

more security, and to hide the pistol, practical, and handgun plinking ranges from street view. Unfortunately, we are dealing with a small but not insignificant wetlands location in the area, and the addition of the fence will require state approval for a deviation to the buffer we are required by law to leave around any wetlands. In any case, we will be applying for this variance in a couple of months. Frankly, I don't see the fence under construction until late in September.

As you can see from the range condition, we never got our controlled burn from the State Forestry Service. Weather conditions were just never right. That means that, as summer progresses, we need to be extra vigilant in any activities that might cause a fire. We don't prohibit smoking, but we do ask that you make sure your smokes are out before you field strip them to insure safety. That also means no tracers or incendiary devices of any kind are to be brought onto the facility.

Our leagues are in full swing – there always is room

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for one more member at any and all of the leagues. Interested in joining some neat people? Making new shooting friends? Learning from folks who are expert in what they do? Then come out and join us! Monday is Benchrest, Tuesday is for High-power and Wednesday is for Pistol shooters.

After some haggling, and time, we now have complete control of our domain name and our website. We have a professional taking care of the site, so look for more rapid updates and postings.

A lot of information goes out on the email Blast System. If you are not receiving the emails from the club, please send me an email at:

Pauladamowski@Comcast.net and I will get you on the system.

Have a safe and sane shooting season – look for me on the range and say hello!



Paul Adamowski, President
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Competition is friendly and helpful on the Pistol League nights.

Matches

Poor weather has grossly affected our match operations. We have had to cancel a lot of the March, April, and May programs due to inclement weather. Accordingly, there is not a lot of activity to report. The CMP Garand Match was held in both March and April. April's match saw member Kevin Tunney set the range record for score in the Springfield category. Kevin won a gold achievement

medal and the match. Way to Go!

Not much activity to report on the national scene, as a lot of our shooters passed on the Regional Matches at Camp Butner. Those that did go won a lot of free clothes washing with the high winds and rainy weather. Maybe next year, guys. (Remember to take soap with you on the next trip!!)



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Keeping records. Maybe it goes back to my training in the biological sciences, (though some may contribute this habit to other "issues"), but I have kept records of every round fired through my personal guns, beginning with my Marlin 783 on Nov. 29, 1975. "Big deal, way to go, good for you" you say, right? Well, I have found this history not only interesting, but helpful, and a time saving resource.

In the note section of my data base, I can keep important information on the gun, loads, sight settings, and more, plus who was shooting with me when I had a friend or new shooter along. I no longer have to wonder if I tested that Savage .22 with this round or that round, saving me time and money. I have also saved myself the time and effort of testing 300 yard hand loads in an AR because I had forgotten that I had already tried that bullet/powder combination !

I now go back into my records for lots of information that otherwise would have been lost and forgotten. When was that great Snow Goose hunt with my son, the first round through that .44, how many rounds through that "shot out" barrel ? I can find out. When was the last time my brother shot with me ? Longer ago than I'd like.

It is obviously too late to start keeping records from day one for 99% of us, but it's never too late to start. The more information you keep, the better you can set the next goal for whatever type of shooting you like, from plinking to serious competition.

Shooting is a very satisfying sport, and information is power. So take some time to keep some good records of your activity, and you'll be surprised how much you'll also appreciate the memories.

Additionally, if your next few trips to the range can include a

friend, relation, or neighbor, you may just convince a potential voter to join us in preserving our gun rights. It seems so trite to say, of so many elections in the past, that "this election is the most crucial in my lifetime". However, this November election may actually qualify as that most crucial one. By the time you receive the next newsletter, the elections will be over. Let's pray that none of us say that we wished we had done more.

Rob McKenzie
Editor



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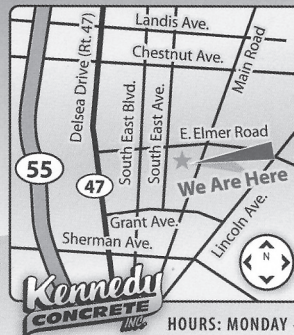


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Bob Warzbok

Our thanks to the Club Steward for all his work in keeping the place clean, functional, and safe! In addition to acting as a Range Officer, Bob cleans and disinfects the toilet facility on a weekly basis. He also cleans up behind some of our challenged members who leave a mess behind. Please do the right thing and clean up before you leave. He is also the fellow who, every week, dumps the range trash into the dumpster, and who attends all work parties, being the first in and last out. He also does a good job in keeping the President in line. If you run across Bob on the range, please take a moment and thank him for his efforts on our collective behalves. Better still, take a moment and help him lift that trash barrel or do a better job in cleaning up after yourself.

Elections

There is no ballot in this newsletter and there will not be an election, as the incumbents have stated their desire to run, and there were no names submitted to run against them as called for in the last newsletter. The incumbents (President and Secretary) will retain their seats for another two-year term.

Gate Cards

We believe we have the gate problem solved. If you can remember, we had some difficulties with old and new cards being rejected by the computer due to a lightning strike in the area, affecting the computer soft and hardware. It took a lot of work and baby-sitting, but the problem has been resolved thanks to the efforts of VP Frank Hignutt. It took three trips by the vendor, and shipping our computer to the Canadian company who makes the software and hardware, to resolve the problem, but the gate is now working. Report any card problems to Paul at 609-390-3941.

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June 2016 BPTR Mid-Range Report

The first BPTR mid-range match of the 2016 season was held on Saturday due to the early date for Easter this year. The day started off cold (34F) and clear with a mild breeze of 8-10 mph out of the north. With the sun below the tree line, it felt pretty cool!

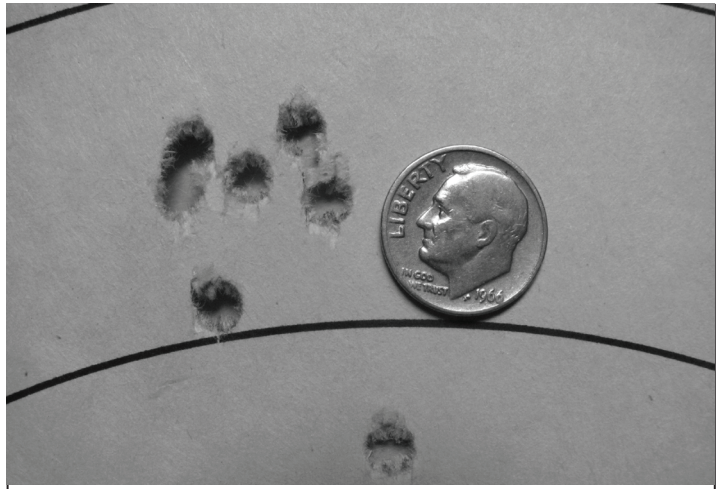
Ten stalwart shooters showed up for the match. After the requisite safety briefing we were able to start promptly at 9:00 o'clock. We had two new shooters, Kathy and Doug Chapman from northern NJ. Neither had shot at any distance longer than 200 yds, so we all pitched in and helped them get a handle on sight settings, pulling targets, etc.

Shortly after we set up at the 200 yd line the sun rose above the trees and we warmed up quickly. The breeze remained mild, at 8-10mph out of the north, so there was some attention paid to its affects. Carl Leisinger showed us "the way home" with a fine 98-2X, followed by Doug Chapman's 97-4X (way to go, new shooter !!).

By the time we had moved to 300 yd, we had all warmed up

nically in the pleasant sunshine. Dave Harrison was the top scorer with a nice 93-1X, followed by another fine effort by Carl with a 92-1X.

As is usually the case, when we moved back to the 600 yd line, the breeze decided it had been too predictable and we suffered with total 180 degree shifts and gusts of 15mph+. The match was won at the "long line" with the overall match winner, Vince D'Alessandro, shooting a fine 89-5X, which included hitting those 5X's in a row. Reading the tricky wind conditions, and taking good advantage of them, is something we



It's still early. Get rid of those flyers now!

need to learn from Vince.

As mentioned, Vince D'Alessandro was the overall match winner with a 264-5X. Not only was his 600 yd performance most impressive in the conditions, but he was the only one of the 10-competitors who shot position and humbled us prone shooters. Congratulations to Vince on his fine effort. Nipping at Vince's heels was Dave Harrison with a 263-2X, followed by Dave Eccles with a 262.

After the match we gathered at the picnic tables for sandwiches, sodas, and some socializing. It was great to have two new shooters join us, and we look forward to seeing Kathy and Doug at future matches.

The Eastern Regional and NJ State Championship matches will be held on June 10/11. In addition, we have received the NJ State Champion Position and Prone medals for 2015 from the ANJRPC for Vince D'Alessandro and Ernie Bennett, to be presented at a future match.

Glenn Davis

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Bullseye Pistol League 2016

Spring has finally sprung, and the Bullseye Pistol League year began with a "Clinic" the last Wednesday in March, and runs every Wednesday evening starting at 6:00 PM, through the end of September. Last night, May 18th, was the first Wednesday night that it actually felt like Spring. We had a group of 15 shooters made up of seasoned competitors and some shooters new to the sport.

For our new shooters, several who are women, there has been a lot of coaching by our NRA instructors and scores go up a little every week. The intention of members of the Pistol Committee is provide a safe program that allows the shooters to learn and improve their marksmanship skills.

Bullseye Pistol shooting teaches the BASICS of marksmanship. Born in the early 1900s, at a time when the Cavalry still used horses, it was vital to be able to shoot the pistol, one handed. Times

have changed, but, until recently, the Police also used the Bullseye course for qualification. The truth is, if you expect to do well in other Pistol shooting disciplines, you will need to have a firm grip on the BASICS. Bullseye is where you get that skill.

The League is open to non-members as well, and families are encouraged. Equipment is any handgun, rimfire or center fire, though no magnum ammo is allowed. Many prefer .22 caliber, as it is easy on the hand and the wallet! We shoot 90 rounds per evening, but bring 100 rounds in case of an alibi, and include ear and eye protection. Cost is \$2.00 to cover the cost of targets. We try to have the gate open at 5:00PM and the first round down range at 6:00 PM SHARP.

The Pistol Committee is made

up of shooters who have extensive experience as competitors, military and civilian, most with NRA instructor ratings. Come join the fun, we still have room for a few more shooters.

Tom Boyle

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Dues are to be paid by the end of June. Please don't wait until the last minute. Save yourself, and the club, a lot of difficulties by paying your dues on time, as our waiting list is now over 90 names!

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The 2016 Cumberland Rifle-men small-bore season got off to a fantastic start, with a full line, and more, for our first match of the year. With twelve shooters from four states preregistered, we were looking to run two relays to accommodate everyone. Patricia Zerfas, who made the drive from Maryland, described the match as one on the most “user friendly” events she had ever shot. Pat took fourth overall, and first in the combined expert / sharpshooter class. Frank Wasco made the trek from Pennsylvania, and promptly showed everyone he had done his homework over the winter, by winning overall with a 1592-95X. Our own Scott Rhodes took 2nd overall from Bill Neff from Parsippany, NJ. Both shooting 1589 with Scott

besting him on the X count: 108 to 97. Mike Powers drove up from Delaware to take the Marksman class with a 1537-44X. Ron Maxwell called and supervised the firing line, as well registering competitors for the tournament.

Our traveling team is looking forward to another good year, traveling to other ranges, competing, and representing Cumberland Riflemen, as we work to expand our presence in the small-bore community. Steve and Ralph both got new rifles at the end of last season, and are looking to up their game with the new hardware. I shot well enough last season to earn my NRA small-bore conventional prone Master ranking. Master in this classification requires a 99.5% average.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite our membership to join us. As Patty Zerfas said, our matches are very “user friendly”. We offer a big match feel without the big match pressure. We help the newcomer get through, learn the ropes, and still let the experienced shooter have a great shoot as well. All you need is a .22LR single shot, bolt action rifle (we will allow magazine fed but you must single feed it) with iron sights, spotting scope, sling, and the desire to have some fun. We shoot the last Sunday of the month, so mark your calendar for those dates and join us for some 22LR fun !!

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