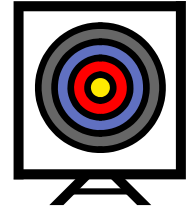




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The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms Shall Not Be Infringed

MRC NEWS

The Rifle range incidents.

#1, A safety flag has been added that is to be raised when members are going beyond the 50yd berm. We recently had 2 members go down to the 200 yd pits to pull targets, the other guys on the range lost track of them, thought they had left the facility, and reopened the range for live fire. When the 1st shot was fired at 100 yds, the 2 guys popped out from behind the 200 yd berm. Thankfully they were spotted immediately, and an emergency cease fire was called.

The bottom line is that if a member raises that safety flag at the 50 yd berm because they are going down range, only the shooter who raised it is to lower it. A cold line persists until that flag is lowered and the shooter returns to the firing line.

We will vote on a formal change to the rifle range SOP's at this month's membership meeting, if you desire details and want a vote in this decision come to the meeting on Monday 10/12.

#2, Members of MRC are reminded that they are fully responsible for the actions of guest(s) while on MRC grounds. It is very important that members supervise their guests and ensure that firearm safety measures are adhered to.

#3, The pistol range is open, including the 7 yd range. We have had to make target holders on specific dimensions to ensure bullet impact is into the steel traps. Members are advised that when shooting 7-yard targets that this is to be done from a standing position only – use of the benches when shooting at 7 yard targets and **sitting is not permitted**. We are trying to prevent bullet impacts into the elevated bullet traps.

A new MRC Safety Committee Chairman has been named.

Ron Renzoni has stepped forward to assist with facility safety oversight. Ron will not be a super cop / Range Safety Officer. Ron desires to focus on facility matters, first aid kits, fire extinguisher placement, etc. Don Olin will continue in his oversight of annual fire extinguisher certifications and building occupancy fire inspections.

Sincerely, Don Jones

NRA Class Information for October

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Class Sunday 11 Oct
0800-4:00 pm

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Class Saturday 24
Oct 0800-4:00pm

Open to adults and youths (ages 12 and up), this class emphasizes safe firearms handling, and teaches basic rifle marksmanship, including live fire, and cleaning, and rifle selection for recreation and personal protection. Sufficient range time, with individual coaching, is scheduled to help students have a successful experience. MRC supplies bolt action .22 rifles and the ammunition necessary to attain satisfactory proficiency. We also provide eye and ear protection, and a student hard cover handout. Register at <https://firearmtraining.nra.org/student-courses/>

THERE WILL BE NO LIVE AMMUNITION OR PERSONAL FIREARMS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.

Discount for MRC members and families. Youths require a parent for supervision but not instruction. Parents or MRC members may audit the class at no charge.

As per WA State mandate, social distancing and wearing of PPE masks will be required for NRA Instructors and students.

Students may bring and use their own .22 rifles and ammunition for qualification phase. Please check with the Instructor.

Snacks and a light lunch will be provided.

NRA Home Firearms Safety Class Saturday 17 Oct 0900-1:00pm

Open to adults and youths (ages 10 and up, or by permission of Instructor), this class emphasizes safe firearms handling, and simple procedures for unloading all the main types of firearms. THERE WILL BE NO LIVE AMMUNITION OR PERSONAL FIREARMS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM. The hands-on portion of the class requires examination and safe unloading practice for each firearm. Instruction is also given for children should they find an unsupervised firearm.

A hardcover Home Firearms Safety handbook will be given to each registered student.

There is a discount for MRC members and their families. Family discounts and audits may be prearranged. Youths require a parent for supervision but not instruction. Parents or MRC members may audit the class at no charge.

Register at <https://firearmtraining.nra.org/student-courses/> Look for Home Firearms Safety.

As per WA State mandate, social distancing and wearing of PPE masks will be required for NRA Instructors and students.

Snacks will be provided.

Intro to Forging Steel Sunday 31 Oct 1100-3:00pm

Hot steel is plastic. With a gas forge, anvil, hammer & tongs, move glowing steel into a new shape. A forging station will be set up outside for MRC members for practice shaping hot steel with hammer blows. All required materials will be provided. Bring leather gloves and eye protection. Please also bring your masks. (So, we can ask each other "Who was that masked man?")

If you are interested in attending: call Bill Gruner (360) 347-7081 or email wilhelm@nwinform.net

How to register for an NRA class:

In your browser, enter

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Jessie Harrison secured the High Overall Lady title at the 2020 World Speed Shooting Championship, held Sept. 23-25 at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park in Talladega, Ala. The captain of the Taurus shooting team, Harrison was competing in the Open division and finished the match with a final score of 94.59.

In addition, Harrison placed second in the Single-Stack division with a score of 107. Her best stage was Smoke & Hope, with a stage time of 9.18 seconds.

For the match, Harrison used two Taurus 1911 pistols chambered in 9mm—including a custom gun for the Open division win. Harrison gave credit to her guns for her performance.

"The Steel Challenge has always been one of my favorite matches, testing a shooter's ability to stand and perform," said Harrison. "My Taurus 1911s continue to perform at the level I demand of them, which is key to my success."

As if all this was not enough, Harrison also performed admirably at the 2020 USPSA Georgia State Championship, held Sept. 26 in Dawsonville, Ga.

Learn more about the World Speed Shooting Championship. And follow Jessie Harrison on Instagram.

Our Guide To Starting In Steel Challenge

by Chris Christian, Field Editor - Monday, October 5, 2020

Among all the action-shooting sports, Steel Challenge has experienced one of the largest participation increases in recent years. Looking at the match itself, it's not hard to see why.

Steel Challenge consists of eight different stages that always remain the same. Each stage features five white metal plates—either 18x24-inch rectangles, or 10- to 12-inch round plates. One plate is marked with a red post as the Stop Plate and must be hit last. They're set in various arrays at distances of seven to 35 yards and require a lot of lateral gun movement to engage. There are no scoring rings. Any hit on a plate scores.

Targets are engaged from a marked shooting box with a Range Officer (RO) standing next to the shooter and timing the string. Six of the stages are shot from a single box. One stage, Showdown, has a shooter fire two or three strings from one box, and then move "off the clock" to a shooting box on the other side of the array to shoot their remaining strings.

These stages require the shooter to make five individually timed runs through the plates (25 rounds minimum for the stage) with the best four runs being scored. The shooter's score is the combined seconds (measured to 0.01) of each scored string, plus any penalties incurred. The exception is Outer Limits. Shooters will engage two targets from the starting box and then—with the timer running—move about six feet to a second box to engage the remaining three plates. Only four runs are required here, with the best three scored. For shooters with physical impairments, there are procedures that allow them to shoot their Outer Limits stages from the first box.

The allowable firearms selection is large, with 13 different divisions. Rimfire pistols and rifles (.22 LR only) have divisions for iron or optical sights. Pistol caliber carbines (PCC) and revolvers (six or eight shot guns are allowed) have the same iron or optical sight divisions. The remaining divisions are straight out of the USPSA Production rules, Single-Stack, Carry Optics and Open. The minimum caliber for

semi-automatic centerfire guns is 9mm, and the minimum caliber for revolvers is .38 Spl. The chances are excellent that any shooter reading this has a suitable gun to compete. Specific equipment rules, as well as matches in your area may be found on the Steel Challenge website.

Matches may be six stages (150-round minimum) or eight stages with 200 rounds minimum. Misses do happen, so having an extra 50 to 75 rounds is recommended.

While the gun selection is vast, the actual match procedures are simple and rigid. Steel Challenge ranges are cold ranges. No loaded firearms may be handled anywhere but in the shooting box under the direct supervision of the RO. If a shooter needs to make adjustments to their firearm, safe handling areas are provided. Guns may be handled there, but not ammunition.

Rimfire rifles and PCCs are brought to the firing line in a hard case, soft bag or scabbard. They must have a chamber flag installed. Rimfire and centerfire handguns may be in a holster or case. Handguns do not require a chamber flag.

When a shooter is called to the firing line for their turn there will be a table to their left. They may place their gear on the table, lay out their magazines, but not handle their firearm or step into the shooting box until the RO gives the "Make Ready" command. Once that is given, they will enter the box and have two minutes to dig out their firearm, take a sight picture, swing through the targets, adjust foot position, and then load and take their starting position.

Rimfire pistols, rifles and PCCs start from the Low Ready position with the firearm pointing to a sign or cone about 10 feet directly in front of the shooter. Centerfire handguns start from the holster, with the shooter's hands held with wrists above their shoulders in what is commonly called the "Surrender Position."

Once the shooter assumes their starting position the RO will ask, "Is the Shooter Ready?" If the shooter isn't ready, they should say so. If they say "Ready" or say nothing, while remaining in their start position, the RO will then say "Standby." A couple seconds later comes the BEEP and the shooter engages the five targets. After one string the shooter will reload (if needed) on their own, assume the Start Position, and the process will repeat until they complete the stage.

The RO will then confirm the gun is unloaded and properly bagged or holstered before calling the range clear to allow re-painting the targets for the next shooter.

Squad members are required to participate in the re-painting of the targets. The only exception is the “On Deck” (next shooter) and when they finish their runs, in order to allow them to reload their magazines or speed loaders.

The limited physical movement appeals to older shooters. They don’t have to run—just shoot quickly and accurately. That combined with the allowance of rimfire guns—and the close supervision—also makes it an excellent way to safely introduce younger shooters to the action games. It’s not surprising that Steel Challenge has increased in popularity.

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