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MRPC Practical Pistol Matches are held on the fourth (4th) Sunday of each month from March through October. We set up the match the day before starting at 2:00 PM and appreciate your help with the set up and put away.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



great facility that so many people want to join.

As I am writing this the renewal period at MRPC is quickly coming to a close and we've had over 95% renew. This year went extremely well considering that it is the first year we did it online and John Grote VP Membership deserves the credit. I know it was a big change for some and somewhat of an inconvenience for others but in the long run it will be much better for the club. Another change you'll notice are that the stickers and schedules will be mailed out to all those that renewed at one time in early February, but the club schedule is on the website if you're wondering about upcoming events. With the temperatures in the teens its hard to imagine that the shooting season is just around the corner and MRPC does have a full schedule this year.

A few of the benefits of the new MMS system are that every club member has access to their profile so they can update the contact information right on line. You won't have to wonder if the club has your current email, home address, or phone number as you can check it online and change it if needed. Another benefit is that potential members on the wait list can see where they are in line on the list. I think it is a real testament to the club and our

As with most changes, the online renewal process has brought to light some other issues. One recurring issue was being able to contact the Board. The absolute best way to contact any board member is through their club email address listed on the website. Most if not all of the Board of Directors have regular full-time jobs and families to take care of in addition to volunteering their time to run the day to day business of the club, so an email allows them to respond when time is available. Another was a feeling that the Board was dictating changes to the members without taking their views into consideration. The Board meets the first Wednesday of every month and the meeting is open to any member to attend and bring forth any issue they may have for consideration. If you want to be involved with what's going on at the club the best way is to attend the Board Meetings.

I hope everyone is staying warm and reloading ammo for the coming season and I look forward to seeing you all out at the club.

Ben Laux
President - MRPC

PRACTICAL PISTOL MATCHES AND USPSA SANCTIONED MATCHES

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Sunday Morning Match Signup at the scoring shack on the Bullseye Range STARTS at 8:30 am and CLOSES promptly at 9:30 am so that we can start the match on time. Match fee is \$20.00 for club members and non-members. Shooters meeting in front of the scoring shack at approximately 9:50. Competition begins at 10:00 AM.

ALL NEW SHOOTERS SHALL ARRIVE BEFORE 8:45 AM SO THAT THEY CAN REGISTER FOR THE MATCH, THEN ATTEND THE NEW SHOOTERS SAFETY BRIEFING AT 9:20 AM IN BAY 4.

As soon as you arrive please register for the match at the Bullseye Range Scoring Shack.

At Registration

Pay \$20.00 to the Money Man; let them know if you are a MRPC Member.

The Great and Powerful Stats Wizard will then need to find/place you in our system, using your name, shooting class, division, etc, tell him if you are a new shooter. Pick a squad to spend the day with and sign up on that sheet, stats may have to squad you in some cases. Go help match staff finish setting up the match, if needed.

Once setup is complete, load magazines, go to a designated Safe Area (NO ammunition allowed) and put your unloaded & hammer down gun in your holster. Attend the Shooters Meeting in front of the Scoring

Shack at 9:45 AM.

If you have any questions just ask someone, very few of the hard-cases you see are really tough; most drive a minivan and have healthcare.

MRPC Practical Pistol Club Matches typically consist of 5 stages with a round count of approximately 120 (bring extra).

Proper Equipment Minimally Consists Of The Following:

- Eye protection is mandatory for all competitors and visitors.
- Hearing protection is mandatory for all competitors and visitors.
- A cap with a brim to keep brass off your face is recommended.
- A handgun, preferably a semi-automatic pistol with a few magazines. (Revolvers are welcome but this sport is not revolver friendly).
- A belt that passes through the belt loops on your pants and a holster that holds the pistol securely and covers the trigger guard.
- Magazine pouches, you can put magazines in your back pocket.

Remember that every accomplished shooter started with no experience! If you want to shoot with us and feel uncomfortable showing up on match day, please contact us. We will be happy to help you!

Read The Rules:

Handgun Rule Updates Of 2014 (PDF)

<https://uspsa.org/rules>

What should you bring to a USPSA match?

USPSA is an all-day activity for the most part. You should arrive about 1.5 hours before the advertised start time. Leaving the range by 2:00 pm is rare, usually it will be between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. You are going to be outside for the duration of the match bring plenty of clothes. Some clubs have indoor plumbing, plan on outhouses. You will need appropriate clothing for the weather, bug spray, sunblock, food, drinks. I've been so hungry at some matches I'd have traded a box of ammo for a bacon biscuit.

Contact Match Director: John Smith | practical_pistol@miamirifle-pistol.org

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MRPC Web Calendar

Feb 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9AM USPSA Practical Pistol	28	29	30	31	1 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30AM @	2 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30AM @ All Ranges Closed Until 1 PM for Work Day
3 Rifle - NRA 50rd Match -	4	5	6 Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday Morning Steel -	7	8 Blackpowder Cartridge - NRA Smallbore - 9AM @ Saturday Steel - 11AM @ Winter Varmint League -	9
10 Bowling Pin + Shotgun - Muzzle Loading Rifle	11	12	13	14	15 Match Director Meeting - Trade Day - 9AM @ Miami 	16
17 Bowling Pin - Cowboy - Rifle - Navy Match / 600	18	19	20 Wednesday Morning Steel -	21	22 NRA Smallbore - 9AM @ Wild Bunch Cowboy Action	23
24 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9AM USPSA Practical Pistol	25	26	27	28	1 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30AM @	2

MRPC Web Calendar

Mar 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9 AM USPSA Practical Pistol	25	26	27	28	1 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30 AM @ All Ranges Closed Until 1 PM for Work Day	2
3 Rifle - NRA 50rd Match -	4	5	6 Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday Morning Steel -	7	8 	9 Blackpowder Cartridge - NRA Smallbore - 9 AM @ OGCA Meeting - @ Miami Saturday Steel - 11 AM @ Winter Varmint League -
10 Bowling Pin - Shotgun - Muzzle Loading Rifle	11	12	13	14	15 	16 3P-Smallbore - 9 AM @ Alternate Match Director Rifle-600 Yard Qualification
17 Bowling Pin - Cowboy - Rifle - Navy Match / 600	18	19	20 Wednesday Morning Steel -	21	22 Pistol Range, Pits 3,4,5,6	23 Cowboy Action - 9 AM @ NRA Smallbore - 9 AM @ Pistol Range, Pits 3,4,5,6
24 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9 AM USPSA Practical Pistol -	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday Morning Steel -	4 Pistol League - 10 AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	5 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30 AM @	6



EVENTS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE MATCH DIRECTOR AND CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE LISTINGS.

Board of directors meetings are held on the first wednesday of every month.
Meeting starts approximately around 6:30 pm. Open to all members.

MRPC Web Calendar

May 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9AM USPSA Practical Pistol -	29	30	1 Board of Directors Meeting Highpower Rifle League Wednesday Morning Steel -	2 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	3	4 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30 AM @ All Ranges Closed Until 1 PM for Work Day
5 Centerfire Benchrest - Rifle - NRA 80RD XC - 9AM	6 Summer Varmint League -	7	8 Highpower Rifle League -	9 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	10 	11 Blackpowder Cartridge - NRA Smallbore-1600 Club OGCA Meeting - @ Miami Saturday Steel - 11AM @
12 Bowling Pin + Shotgun - Muzzle Loading Rifle	13 Rimfire Benchrest - 5:30PM	14	15 Highpower Rifle League Wednesday Morning Steel -	16 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	17	18 3P-Smallbore - 9AM @
19 Pistol Range, Pits 4,5,6 Precision Bullseye Pistol / Rifle - Navy Match / 600	20 Rimfire Benchrest - 5:30PM	21 CMP Junior Orientation - 	22 Highpower Rifle League - Wednesday Evening Steel -	23 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	24 Pistol Range, Pits 3,4,5,6	25 Cowboy Action - 9AM @ NRA Smallbore - 9AM @ Pistol Range, Pits 3,4,5,6 RIFLE 600 YD BENCHREST
26 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9AM USPSA Practical Pistol -	27 CMP Junior League - 7PM @	28	29 Highpower Rifle League	30 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	31	1 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Rifle - NRA 80RD XC - 9AM Work Day - 8:30 AM @

MRPC Web Calendar

Jun 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9AM USPSA Practical Pistol -	27	28 CMP Junior League - 7PM @	29 Highpower Rifle League	30 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	31	1 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Rifle - NRA 80RD XC - 9AM Work Day - 8:30AM @ All Ranges Closed Until 1 PM for Work Day
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9 Bowling Pin + Shotgun - Centerfire Benchrest - Muzzle Loading Rifle	10 Rimfire Benchrest - 5:30PM	11 CMP Junior League - 7PM @	12 Highpower Rifle League	13 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	14	15 3P- Smallbore - 9AM @
16 Pistol Range, Pits 4.5,6 Precision Bullseye Pistol / Rifle - Navy Match / 600	17	18 CMP Junior League - 7PM @	19 Highpower Rifle League - Wednesday Morning Steel -	20 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	21	22 NRA Smallbore - 9AM @ Pistol Range, Pits 3, 4, 5, 6 RIFLE 600 YD BENCHREST Wild Bunch Cowboy Action
23 Rifle - Sporter Match - 9AM USPSA Practical Pistol -	24 Rimfire Benchrest - 5:30PM	25 CMP Junior League - 7PM @	26 Highpower Rifle League Wednesday Evening Steel -	27 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	28	29
30 Springfield/Garand Match - Vintage / Modern Sniper	1	2 CMP Junior League "Fun" Summer Varmint League -	3 Board of Directors Meeting Highpower Rifle League - Wednesday Morning Steel -	4 Pistol League - 10AM @ Pistol League - 6:15PM @	5	6 ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL New Member Orientation - Work Day - 8:30AM @ All Ranges Closed Until 1 PM for Work Day



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TIPS FOR GUN SHOW SHOPPING

Savvy shopping means getting the most for your money. Sometimes that means paying full price for something that is just right.

Some people may shop at the mall to get their fix, but for me it's at the Gun Shows. Almost every month I've gone to a Gun Show here in town or out of state. I've picked up a few tips in my various trips.

Here are my tips that may be helpful to you before venturing out to shop.

What to Take with You:

- Maps and Directions
- A Large Tote/Book Bag
- Cash, Checkbook, Credit Card
- Your Wish List
- Pencil, Paper
- Cell Phone
- Shopping Bags



Maps, Directions, Phone numbers, and Hours

Assemble the information on your trip, especially if it's out of town, in another State and hours away from home. Call ahead to get tips on parking, admission fees, hours, and availability of food and drinks.

Information

Shop with a list; make your shopping experience worthwhile by having a plan. If you are not just browsing, having a list will focus your shopping.

Do your homework beforehand. Know how much an item cost or its history.

Know the firearms rules and regulations, for example out of state shoppers can't purchase handguns, but you may be able to arrange something with the seller and your local gun store for an extra fee. As far as I know you can purchase rifles out of state.



Prepare yourself

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Take a book bag or sack pack (a light nylon sack with cords to go over your shoulders like a book bag) so your hands are free. What's great about a sack pack is that it can be folded to fit in a large pocket and is super light. The down side when weighted down, the cords can dig into your shoulders (get the ones with thick cords).



Tools

Travel with a pencil, notepad and reference material like Shotgun News to compare prices. Take a cell phone to keep in contact with others about

your schedule (if traveling with a group) or about items you see that someone else may be looking for. Bring a pen light to inspect the bore.

Arrive Early for the Best Selection

Be the first to see that one of a kind item or the last item left in the convention. Go early and know what you're looking for.

Car

Take your biggest car, van, or a pickup if you decide in purchasing large items.

Be Prepared with Cash

Have cash with you -- lots of it, in small bills. Take a checkbook, credit card and proper ID, but some dealers may not accept them.

Have a plan

Some people like to make a quick circle of everything, and then go back to what interests them. Others start in one corner and proceed slowly through each booth. Whatever your strategy, have a list of your favorite items so you can stay focused.

Shop with an Eye

When shopping it's easy to get caught up in a buying frenzy. Yet you may have better results if you can step back and look at potential purchases with a discerning eye.

Don't be afraid to negotiate

Money talks. If you have enough cash, always ask, "What's your best price for cash?" or "Would you take \$___ cash right now?" Cash will save the vendor from a trip to the bank and from worries about bad checks. Be civil, leave the "take it or leave it attitude at home". We're here to have fun and make friends.

Enjoy Yourself

You may not find something wonderful on every shopping trip, or you may buy something and later decide it isn't so perfect after all, yet it is often the thrill of the hunt that we remember fondly.

- Arrive early for the best selection
- Shop with a list if you tend to feel overwhelmed
- Take plenty of cash
- Take supplies like a pen, paper and bags
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Negotiate with sellers
- Have Fun!

Wherever and whenever you go to the gun show -- it's all part of the fun!

Glenn Miñano, Editor



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NEWS AND REMINDERS

2019 STICKERS – THESE WILL BE SENT OUT THE 1ST WEEK OF FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL PERIOD THAT ENDS JAN 31ST

Please keep in mind your official renewal status is the "Expiration Date" shown in your online personal profile.

2019 Stickers are planned to be mailed out in a single batch once the renewal season is complete on January 31st. The mailing is planned to go out the first week of February 2019. As a reminder, stickers have no function for your membership badge to operate the gate. The magnetic strip inside the badge opens the front gate. The stickers simply indicate an active member and show the clubhouse door pass code. Both the old and new pass codes are active through February. An email will go out to renewing members with the passcode at that same time.

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS ONLINE – THE STANDARD RENEWAL PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31ST . LATE RENEWAL GRACE PERIOD EXPIRES JANUARY 31ST

Renewals processed on or after January 1st are subject to a \$20.00 late fee and the member is considered delinquent. If the member is still delinquent as of February 1st, said member will have to reapply as a new member and be approved by the Board of Directors. (By-Laws paragraph 403)

To renew click on the renewal link in the renewal email. The email will show that it's from "MRPC – Membership Chairman" or "mrpc@memberclicks-mail.net" in your inbox. Check your email and your "junk" or "spam" email directory. I have reports from some members that this email landed in their "junk" or "spam" directory.

Once you click on the renewal link you will need to Logon to the MMS system. If you have not done this previously you will need your Username which was sent to you by email on 11/1/2018 and is shown again in each Renewal email notice. You will also need your Password. The first time you Logon to the MMS you will need to create your own personal Password.

Where do I get my Username to log onto the MMS?

In the Renewal reminder emails you have received from the MMS system provides your Username. By the way there is also a "Link" in these reminder emails which will

direct you straight away to the renewal form. This is the simplest way to complete your renewal.

How to create your MMS Password:

- Go to the MMS westsite – <https://mrpc.memberclicks.net/>
- On the MMS website click on the Member Logon icon.
- Enter your Username (this was provided in the 11/1/2018 Announcement email and again in each Renewal notice email)
- Click on the "Forgot your password" under the Login button. You will need to enter your Email Address. Then click on the Submit button.
- You will then receive an email from the MMS. This may take a few minutes for you to receive it. In that email click the "Reset Password" link. A webpage from the MMS will appear. Enter your personal Password in each of the two boxes which will verify your password (write down and save your Password). Then click the Submit button.
- Next the MMS homepage will appear. Click the "Member Login" icon. Enter your Username and Password. You will then be logged into the MMS system.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Knowing you chose the right club

Some times in your life you have an epiphany moment. Mine was during a Board of Directors Meeting several years ago.

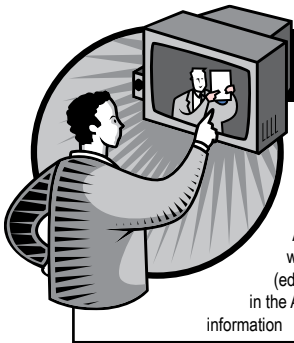
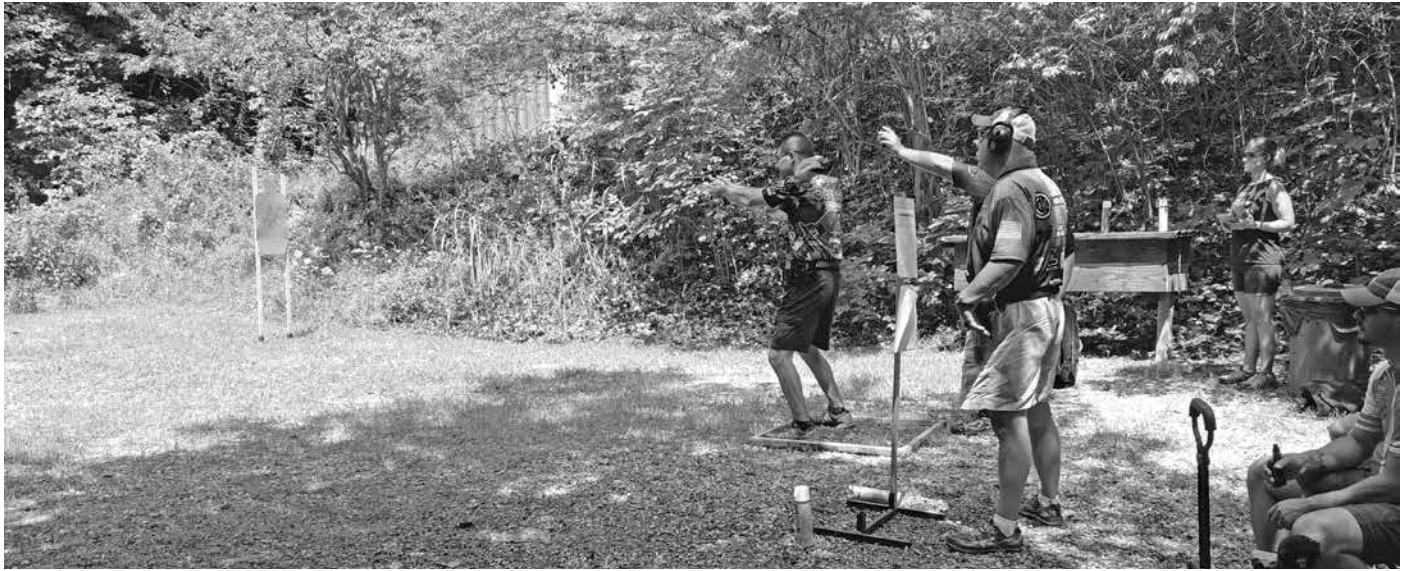
As the meeting dragged on, I was standing next to a former Treasurer Director of the club. I was fidgetting with my EDC knife. The Treasurer saw my knife and motioned to take a look at it. I let him handle it and he tested the sharpness of the blade on a piece of paper. Embarrassingly my knife didn't perform that well cutting the paper.

Red-faced and a bit perturbed I pulled out my multi-tool and handed it to him, with the internal knife extended. He again tested it out on the piece of paper and it performed perfectly. Regaining the honor of it's owner.

All of this didn't go un-noticed, several of the Board of Directors saw the knife sharpness test and began to take out their own knives and multi-tools. A competition of "here test mine" erupted.

This was my epiphany moment, my illuminating discovery, my realization that the members of this club not only love to shoot the rifle and pistol, but more than likely would have the same likes and dislikes that relates to the survivalists and outdoors experience. This is my club.

-Glenn Miñano, Primer Pops Editor



DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for ads, articles, letters and photos is:

April 10th, 2019

Any ads, articles, letters or photos turned in after the date above will be scheduled to appear on a latter issue. Send via email (editor@miamirifle-pistol.org) type "ads, articles, letters or photos" in the Attention line (see editor's address, page 2). Provide contact information

Jenamy Gun Shop Closing

Bob Jones of Jenamy gun shop is retiring this year. Thanks Bob for all your years of support to the club.



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