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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Happy almost spring to all of you!

This time of year with the cold, snowy, frozen, or simply wet & muddy weather it's easy to park it on the couch and wait it out. My suggestion is to get off the couch and get yourself, your discipline, and the Club ready for a great new year. This coming weekend the USPSA group will be working in the Bullseye parking area erecting a new Safety Area that will benefit all the pistol competitions held in the Pistol bays. This Safety Area will be for Match Use Only. In case you are not aware, at Steel Challenge, USPSA, and Steel matches, many competitors choose or are required to draw from a holster during the match. Safety Areas are the only areas these competitors can handle their firearm when not under the direct supervision of a Range Officer. In the Safety Area the handling of ammunition is forbidden and disqualifies competitors from the match. The most common uses for the Safety Area are when getting ready for a match, uncasing the firearm to holster it, maintenance or repair of firearms, necessities involving the comfort house, and unholstering to case the firearm at the end of the match. If you haven't

been out to SCSA or Steel Challenge matches yet you should check the calendar and get out there. Start with a .22 and when the fever hits you can always change it up.

We have had a couple of fairly significant ice events in the last 3 weeks. I'm proud of the club for getting the hill to the pistol pits clear as quickly as it happened. There was one member who was very kind and humble who drove his very nice vehicle to a spot just after a snow storm as the temperature was dropping. He made the wise choice to leave his vehicle overnight because of the ice that formed during his visit. While I hadn't planned on spending the next morning clearing the hill; I did, so that he could get to work and keep paying taxes the following week. This Member notified me of his decision to leave his vehicle and I think I fell in love with him because he started the email by stating he understood it was at your own risk. He took responsibility from the start, I will always go out of my way to help people like that and most of you have proven the same to me.

Your Board of Directors is a super solid set of people, I think 7 of the 9 compete in at least one discipline. We have 35 or 36 Match Directors that run the 38 or 39 matches and one part time employee. In a normal year 3 board members are elected by the Membership at the October Annual Meeting, if you have a love of the beauty, competitive nature, or history of the club and have been a member

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for 2 years; get involved to help keep MRPC moving forward. The only thing that makes this club and the matches happen is people that volunteer their time and skills. If you want to help but the only thing you can do is cut brush, we'll take your help and keep you as busy as you want. Maybe physical labor isn't your thing but organizationally you've got it nailed; sounds like a committee chairman to me. A past Vice President Membership proposed and started a program called Accelerated Waiting List, AWL, which moves people who help and or compete move up the waitlist. This program has been very successful at providing members who get involved and help in many and varied ways. AWL has been so successful at providing motivated, involved members, we have modified it to make it even easier for those who pursue it with a passion.

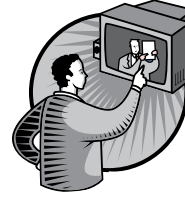
Not a whole lot to write about in February as president of an all outdoor club so I'll go back to the most important topic for every member of this club, The Rules. PLEASE DO AS YOU HAVE AGREED TO DO AND READ THE RULES. I have been involved in the last 2 or 3 revisions of the rules and am always happy to answer any questions about details or why a specific rule exists. We have plenty of rules, I don't want any more rules. The rules only exist to protect the Club. What causes some, most in my opinion, new rules is one person and their bad judgment. If you don't normally use the Benchrest range but you are going to take a neighbor or coworker out to try his new rifle, please do yourself and the Club the favor of reviewing the rules either before you arrive on the website or by reading the rules posted at the range. This will make your visit smoother and is much less likely to involve an invitation to a Board meeting to discuss the rules in person.

I hope you're using this winter to prepare for the nice warm, dry weather that is coming. I haven't got everything cleaned, several belts I haven't checked the hardware on yet. There is nothing more frustrating than coming out to that first match on a gorgeous day and the site falls off or one of the screws that attached your holster is missing. Now if you've already got your act together and are still looking for something to do; we need to talk.

President, John Smith

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NEWS AND REMINDERS

Trade Day, February 26, 2022

Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 9 AM there will be another Trade Day at MRPC. It will be held in and outside of the Club House. If you are interested in selling your firearms related items or wishing to spend some of that stimulus fund you received last winter, then this is a very good opportunity to do both this coming weekend.

Tables are limited so first come first served, so come early. The event officially starts at 9 AM and ends when ever the sellers decided to pack up, normally around 12 PM.

Website Code

The code to access the Members only pages on the WEB site have been updated with the 2022 code (on the back of your 2022 sticker). Late Renewal letters were sent to the Post Office on 2/8/2022.

New Downloadable Calendar Format Available

A new calendar format is available for download from the Calendar page on this web site. This format includes additional information not found on the compact format (which is still available). Additional fields included are:

End Time – so you'll know approximately when the match ends. This time is not absolute.

Contact – who to call if you'd like information on the match.

Range(s) Used – which range(s) are in use for the match/event.

MRPC Juniors at High Power Rifle at Nationals summer of 2021

Camp Perry for High Power Rifle shooters means Nationals. The MRPC Junior HP Rifle program which began in 2018 is now in its 4th year. Thanks to the club's support of this program it has grown, matured, and is now on a solid base. This year the club sent nine Juniors to Nationals: Jack Bender, Hugh Carey, Brandon Cole, Elliott Deighton, Cameron Farina, Nicholas Hill, Andrew Neff, Robbie Stevens, and Landen Taylor.

These Juniors competed individually and in the 6-Shooter team competition, National Trophy Rifle Team Match, and seven Juniors in the 2-Shooter team competition, National Trophy Junior Rifle Team Match.

- Monday – National Trophy Presidents Rifle Match (Individual match)
- Tuesday – National Trophy Individual Rifle Match (Individual match)
- Wednesday – National Trophy Junior Team Match (2-shooter team match)
- Thursday – National Trophy Rifle Team Match (6-shooter team match)

The whole season is pointed to Nationals with the match on Thursday, the climax of the year. And for the first time for our program MRPC had a full Junior Team for the 6-shooter National Trophy Rifle Team Match!



Left to right: Captain Charles Deighton, Hugh Carey, Andrew Neff, Landen Taylor, Brandon Cole, Elliott Deighton, Robbie Stevens, Coach John Grote.

Nationals High Power Rifle events are typically held the first week of August each year at Camp Perry (Port Clinton, OH). Nationals for Juniors begins Friday with the USMC Junior three-day clinic, or Saturday with the SAFS two-day clinic, or Sunday with a Squadded Practice. Next on Monday begins the week of National match competitions:

So, what does the week of competition look like for these Juniors? Well, start time is – 0 - dark-30! Role call for each event is typically is 6:30 AM. This means the competitor must be on his/her firing point at this set time or they forfeit shooting the day's match. Have you ever seen a Junior actually interested to get out of bed early enough to have breakfast, prepare their equipment, walk 1,000 yards to the 200 yard line to be present for a role call? Well, all I can say they do show up with varying degrees of enthusiasm. But this enthusiasm grows. Thinking of the day's competition, re-checking

Junior High Power Orientation Announcement

Hello to all who are interested in the MRPC Junior High Power Rifle program! There will be a Junior High Power Rifle Orientation for the 2022 season on:

- Day: Saturday, February 19, 2022
- Time: 9:00am
- Location: MRPC Clubhouse
- Duration: About an hour

This orientation is intended for Parents of Juniors (and Juniors) that may have interest in this program. At the orientation there will be an overview of the program and a high level presentation of what the HP Service Rifle sport is all about. The meeting presentation duration will be about an hour followed by an open Q&A period.

<http://miamirifle-pistol.org/disciplines/juniors/junior-high-power-rifle/>

The reason for the orientation in advance of the 2022 JRHP shooting season, which starts in April is to allow time for gathering equipment, particularly a rifle that qualifies for the sport.. This will be explained at the orientation.

If you have a Junior that may be interested simply come! A

Junior is a shooter who is a minimum age of 12 years at the start of the season a maximum age having their 20th birthday in 2022.

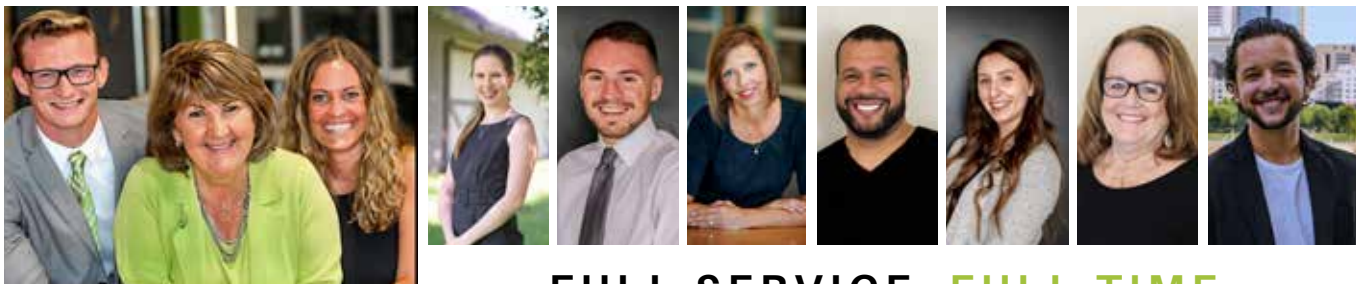
Overview: This program centers on the “Service Rifle” H-P Rifle discipline which is governed by Civilian Marksmanship Program, CMP, rules. This discipline is position shooting (Offhand/Standing, Sitting, and Prone) in “Across the Course” events commonly referred to XC Matches.

The Junior HP Rifle program goals for 2022 is Nationals, the first week of August:

- USMC Jr. HP Clinic
- President’s 100 Rifle Match
- National Trophy Individual Match
- National Trophy Junior Team Match
- National Trophy Team Match
- National Trophy Infantry Team Match (Rattle Battle)

For questions contact John Grote at: jrhp@miamirifle-pistol.org

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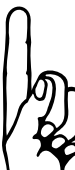
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MRPC Juniors at High Power Rifle





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8:30am - HP 50rd Practice 9am - Bowling Pin + Shot			9am - Wed AM Steel @			9am - Junior HP Rifle -
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9am - Sporter Rifle @ 600			9am - Wed AM Steel @ 6:30pm - Board of			8:30am - Work Day @ 600 12:30pm - New Member

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equipment, having your 200 yard zero on your rifle, magazines are loaded, etc. Then ... at 6:45 AM you can almost hear a pin drop with over 1,000 competitors on the line, all facing the American Flag. Then at 6:45 AM, the cannon fires, all active and veteran military personal at salute, civilians with hand over heart, and the live bugle is heard sounding Reveille. This is a very special few minutes that happens each competition morning. Right after this the first competition shots commence fire at 7:00 am. The day's competition is on!

Huts, what are these? Home away from home for the week. A limited number of Huts are available for on-base housing during Nationals. Each Hut is a square structure with four single beds having showers and latrines very close by. There are a limited number of Huts that may be reserved and a preference is given to Junior teams. The community that develops in the Hut area is unique and fun.

The culture of High Power Rifle across this country is generally one of comradery and support. This is especially evident during Nationals. There is always interest to see that Juniors have a great experience. Also keep in mind there are one or two (or many more) active military individuals that may take a special interest in a Junior at Nationals. After all these Juniors are some of the very best up and coming marksmen in the county. That is also true of the Juniors from MRPC.

At Nationals there are shooters and teams from all over the country. In this environment of comradery, with a quick word of mouth and a few text messages, our 7th MRPC Junior shooter was paired with a Junior from the Arizona group to shoot the upcoming Wednesday 2-shooter competition. This type of support happens almost as easily as simply saying "Hi" to another competitor.

This article would be incomplete without making a special note to recognize the Parents and Coaches of our Juniors. The MRPC Junior High Power program doesn't just happen, build, and improve like this one has without these adults. Parents and coaches are key! Without these engaged parents and coaches this program would not exist. Seasoned shooters coach the Juniors every week during Wednesday league night. And what are the parents doing while the coaches coach the Juniors? The parents are pulling targets in the pits to allow the coaches to coach. This recipe has led to fully engaged parents at league and at home. This approach has also allowed high quality individualized coaching from very accomplished

and seasoned rifle shooters.

If you have a Junior ages 12 years to 20 years in 2022 that may be interested in this very unique program feel free to reach out to me at jrhp@miamirifle-pistol.org. You can also learn more about this program at <http://miamirifle-pistol.org/disciplines/juniors/junior-high-power-rifle/>. See you, or your Junior, on the range!

MRPC PHOTO GALLERY



Saturday Steel Match



DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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

April 13th, 2022

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Trade Day

Saturday, February 26, 2022

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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