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**THE MRPC, FBI
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**MATCH
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WEDNESDAY
AM STEEL**

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IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MATCH DIRECTORS

Match Director Meeting on January 27, 9:00am, Clubhouse

**NEW RULE ADDED TO SAFETY PROCEDURES
AND RANGE REGULATIONS**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Board of Directors is a super solid set of people. Most of us and some spouses just gathered at my house for dinner. Don't ever let me serve if you expect everyone to be fed. This was almost entirely a social evening with little "work talk" involved. Good people, I missed the ones who couldn't make it.



JOHN SMITH, PRESIDENT

We have 35 or 36 Match Directors that run the 38 or 39 matches every month from March through October, some

year-round. I want to remind the Match Directors about the Match Director Meeting on January 27, 9:00 am, at the Clubhouse. Last year, we tried not doing a face-to-face Match Director meeting. Some situations that popped up during the year proved that was not the best plan. Key points: Every non-member competitor must sign a Release of Liability form at every match they shoot. Just like any guest must sign the Release of Liability for every visit. USPSA has found that online registration simplifies this process because in order to register for the match, you must sign the form. The other BIG Match Director issue is paperwork. Match Directors are expected to complete their Match Report, deposit, and

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email both to their Vice-President within a week of their match. Part of this accounts for all the money collected, spent, and deposited. I want the Board of Directors to have a clear picture of each match's financials every time we meet. This is the year we resolve the very few issues we have and move forward.

The only thing that makes this club and the matches happen is people volunteering 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; it 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 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 that we have modified it to make it even easier for those who pursue it passionately.

We have plenty of rules, and I don't want any more. At the Annual Meeting, the Membership voted to add a rule: No use of Marijuana on club grounds. At the Annual Meeting, a member asked when you think that will come out in print. My answer was that I would guess that in 30 days, we could get the rule added to the text and, in another 30 days, get it in printed rules in the clubhouse.

The updated Safety Procedures and Range Regulations dated 12/03/2023 have been posted on the website since early December. A Rules Chairman has been selected, and the Board of Directors will review the rules again for possible updates before printing more trifold. 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. I haven't checked the hardware on several belts yet. There is nothing more frustrating than coming out to that first match on a gorgeous day, and the sight 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.



John Smith
President

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THE STORY BEHIND SATURDAY STEEL

By David Reichle

JUNIORS MATCH 2012: THE LATE BOB SAGO, A YOUNG JUNIORS MATCH COMPETITOR WITH HIS WINNINGS, AND DAVE REICHLER

The idea wasn't anything MRPC had up its sleeves but was inspired by a couple of fellows from out at Fairfield Sportsmen's Association – John Hunter and Brian Bathe. They started the whole thing around 24 years ago and were avid USPSA shooters. These two guys had opened the doors to many for getting into what I call “stepping over the threshold” to competitive shooting.

Many were invited from the Bowling Pin shooting gang that occurred every Thursday night at Target World. It was an event that happened whether there was a foot of snow on the ground outside or

not. In other words, it was a happening event and fun. I got my feet wet there.

After shooting Friday Night Steel for a few years and seeing it grow, I was approached by many folks who lived on the far reaches of the east side of Cincinnati, and the discussion began to start an event at MRPC. I said they were talking to the wrong guy because I wasn't of any caliber of shooter to get that started. In my mind, you had to be a Grand Master at something. After stirring the idea around and being pushed, I thought, what the heck?

All the information was compiled to approach the Board of Directors at MRPC. I had spoken to a few board members then and was given a negative desire. Getting someone to eat broccoli is always tricky until they try it. With a response as that, it was a general letdown. So, I sharpened my pencil and waited until the next regime to be voted into the Board of Directors, a couple of whom had shot Friday Night Steel. Ba Bing! I nervously attended a board meeting, hoping not to be made a fool of, and did my presentation, which didn't come out as I had practiced. The discussion went around, and the Board made a unanimous yes vote. I then asked if anyone had in mind who would be a good person to run the match, and they had all speculated that I was. Oh, what did I get myself into? I hadn't anticipated that at all. The learning curve has begun.

The first match consisted of 17 brave people, some who had shot the event at FNS and most who had

not. The match went off without a hiccup. There was so much to figure out to make it more streamlined because everyone felt that it would end up being something big as the word got around.

Over the years, the turnout kept getting bigger, and the concern (complaint) was that too much time was spent waiting for their turn. The thought of grilling some hot dogs and bratts for a time killer succeeded very well. Eventually, the fourth shooting stage was introduced, and the combination worked well. Shoot, eat, and shoot some more. A side match was also brought about. It consisted of a stage that combined several different guns: shotgun, handgun, or maybe even a pistol-caliber carbine.

Many people committed and stepped up to the plate to do specific jobs as they saw fit. That idea made for a well-tuned running machine.

Photos provided by Dave Reichle



**STAN & LAURA (BUNNENBERG) SHARPE,
LONG-TIME SATURDAY STEEL SUPPORTERS**



**SATURDAY STEEL, 2012: BEFORE THE
NEW PISTOL PITS WERE ADDED.**



**TOM SETA, "THE MAN" WHO HAS COLLECTED
THE MONEY FOR A LONG TIME**

Wednesday Morning Steel evolved for the group of folks needing a mid-week fix. It has become a twice-a-month event with a twist in its operation. The shooters are grouped, such as a cowboy posse in cowboy action shooting events, and the stages are changed as the shooters complete them in order. It's a smaller crowd but an excellent time for the retired or night shift folks to go out for some competition. You can also learn a great deal with smaller groups as well.

Wednesday Night Steel, a once-a-month event from May through September on the third Wednesday of each month, started up for the after-work stress relief crowd.

The Steel matches today have seen some upgrades to help involve everyone to be able to shoot whatever they may have in the arsenals. There is a class for everyone. The Lewis class pay-back system generally sends the top and subsequent shooters home with cash.

As our steel matches begin their 18th season, we can feel proud that they have brought about new and long-lasting friendships, which is what our club is about. If you are interested in Steel or any other event at the club, contact the match directors, who all work hard to make your involvement a pleasurable, safe, and excellent competition shooting experience.

Special thanks to Dave Reichle for sharing this abbreviated history of Saturday Steel. Not only did

he bring steel matches to MRPC, but he has been an active member since 1998. Also, he graciously served on the MRPC Board of Directors as Vice President, Pistol.



DID YOU KNOW?



The first Saturday Steel match took place on September 16, 2006. It had 23 cards turned in from 12 members and 5 non-members.



Dave ran Saturday Steel for ten years before handing the reigns over to Phil Didion, who continues to run it today.



Dave also started Wednesday PM Steel and ran that for ten years. Scott Galloway took it over and was it's MD until the end of last season. Dave Herzog takes the reigns in 2024.



John Kies started Wednesday AM Steel. He turned it over to Bob Saco whose wife, Mary, also ran it due to his illness.



John Kies came up with the idea for the initial canned food drive. Legend has it they needed two pickup trucks to deliver everything to St. Vincent de Paul the first year.



Bob Jones of Jenamy Guns was a significant contributor to Saturday Steel and a "Stand up" American Vietnam Veteran. He was given an Honorary Membership after his death.



Dave's nickname, "Grand Poobah," was added to his MRPC badge. It has been said to confuse people when meeting Dave for the first time.

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WEDNESDAY AM STEEL

Q&A WITH MATCH DIRECTOR STEVE BONE



WEDNESDAY AM STEEL SHOOTERS FROM THE LAST MATCH OF THE YEAR - DECEMBER 20, 2023

When did you take over this match? I started running the matches in 07/2020, but I wasn't officially named Match Director until 01/2021.

Who was the previous match director before you?
Betsy Mitchell

When does your season run? All year long. We only cancel for rain. Nobody wants to stand in the rain for hours and get their guns and gear wet. Other than that, we soldier on!!

What's the typical date of your matches? Our matches are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

How much ammo does a competitor need? Most of our Matches are 50 rounds if you have a perfect day and don't miss a target. I usually bring 100 rounds... :)

What "commonly owned" weapon can an average member grab from their safe and shoot at your match? Pretty much anything that shoots a pistol caliber cartridge. Our most common cartridges are 9mm and .22 LR, although 45 caliber, 10mm, etc, are OK to shoot. Certainly, no bottleneck cartridges are allowed because they could damage our steel targets. Semi-auto pistols are very common, as are some semi-auto rifles, such as .22LR and 9MM Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC). We have a few shooters who shoot revolvers and Lever Action Rifles.

What's one piece of advice for a member considering coming out to your match? Don't try to shoot as fast as you can. As the old saying goes, you can't miss fast enough to win. We are a very friendly group, and nobody will judge you on speed. Take your time, get your fundamentals down, and have fun. Speed will come later.

Do you offer an introductory match or a practice session for members to understand this discipline? We do not have a formal introductory match. We have a YouTube video on the MRPC web page and happily work with new shooters. If a shooter who is new to steel shooting shows up, we answer all their questions and encourage them to watch several established shooters before they step up to the shooting box. We tell them to inform the RO that this is their first time, and any RO at our match will be extra helpful to a new shooter.



STEVE BONE,
MATCH DIRECTOR, WEDNESDAY AM STEEL

What is one thing (technology, equipment, trends, etc.) that you've noticed or done that has been a game changer for your match? Honestly, nothing. Our matches have been pretty consistent for a long time.

Do you run or participate in any other matches outside of yours or outside of MRPC? Recreational rimfire match that meets on the first Sunday of the month. I have on occasion shot Bullseye, Bowling Pin, Saturday Steel, and Wednesday Evening Steel.

What's your favorite part of being the match director of this match? Looking around and seeing people having a good time socializing with each other.

What's one thing an average member needs to know about your match? We are fixated on safety. We don't care if you are a slow shooter or an inexperienced shooter, but you must be able to handle your firearm safely. Our match is not the place to learn how a gun works. You should be able to competently handle and operate your firearm when you arrive. Beyond that, we are happy to have anyone join us.

Why do you run this match? I started coming to the matches because I had retired and wanted to do things that I couldn't do when I was working. I continue to run Wed AM Steel because I have made several friends at the match, and we all have a good time together.

What else occupies your time? I am a musician (trumpet). I do martial arts twice a week and volunteer at a dog club that trains service dogs. I don't train the dogs. I do routine maintenance such as plumbing, fixing doors, fences, etc.

WEDNESDAY AM STEEL

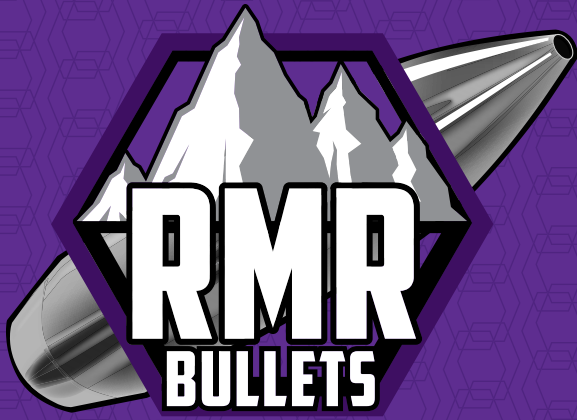
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2023

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45 CARD AVG. PER MATCH <small>(29 PER MATCH AVG. LAST YEAR)</small>	1.86 AVG. CARDS PER SHOOTER <small>(1.24 AVG. LAST YEAR)</small>	46 NEW SHOOTERS
		93 UNIQUE SHOOTERS

TOP 5 CLASSES BASED ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES

1 254 RIMFIRE PISTOL <small>(210 LAST YEAR)</small>	2 179 PCC <small>(63 LAST YEAR)</small>	3 172 UNLIMITED AUTO <small>(83 LAST YEAR)</small>	4 168 STOCK AUTO <small>(145 LAST YEAR)</small>	5 152 RIMFIRE RIFLE <small>(82 LAST YEAR)</small>
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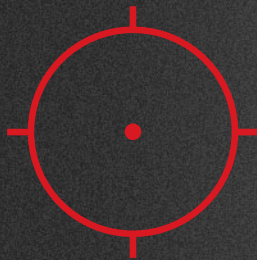


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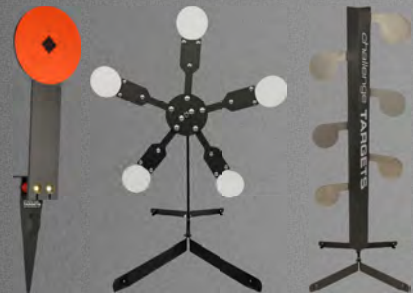
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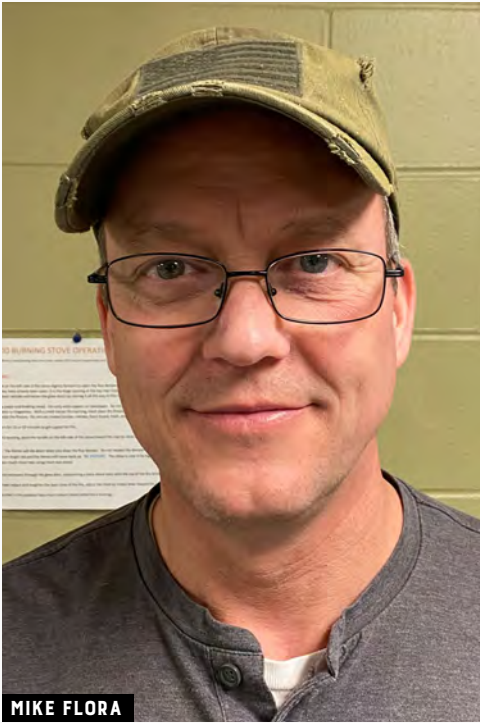
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NEW BOARD MEMBER

MIKE FLORA

VP IT & INVENTORY

- 🎯 **TITLE:** VP IT & Inventory
- 🎯 **PRECEDED BY:** Mike Keder
- 🎯 **MEMBER SINCE:** 2007
- 🎯 **NICKNAME:** ---
- 🎯 **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Gladiator
- 🎯 **OCCUPATION:** Ind. contractor (IT)

What is your role on the MRPC board?
VP of IT & Inventory

What are your responsibilities in that role?
Information Technology stuff: Website, Email, Networking, etc.

What made you want to be an MRPC board member? I am a firm believer that if you are involved in an organization, you should be willing to add to it and not just withdraw from it. Basically, I feel that if I am not willing to put an effort into the organization, I have no right to complain about how it functions.

Have you been on the board previously? No

Are you married/divorced? Married with two kids (29 year-old twins, boy and girl)

What's your favorite match to shoot at MRPC?
I like a few: Wednesday AM Steel, Rimfire Bench Rest, Sporter and Varmint

What other hobbies are you interested in?
SCUBA Diving, Snowboarding, Sporting Clays, Beer, Cycling (not much lately, though)

What is your favorite thing about MRPC?
Other than a great place to shoot several different disciplines, probably the people. The comradery with several other members that I would not have met if it were not for MRPC. How most people are friendly and honest.

What's your favorite food?
Ice Cream

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Anywhere warm, preferably near a warm/clear ocean, but I am stuck in Cincinnati (my wife won't go anywhere else)

What is your favorite book?
I read a book ONCE.

What's one piece of advice you would give to a new MRPC member? Even though the matches may be intimidating, go and start talking to people. Most people really like telling you about their stuff and will help you with the match.

What is one thing you will never do again?
Clear my pistol with a loaded magazine inserted.

GET TO KNOW

NEW BOARD MEMBER

DOUG HOFF

VP RANGE AND GROUNDS

🎯 **TITLE:** VP Range & Grounds

🎯 **PRECEDED BY:** Dan Ditullio

🎯 **MEMBER SINCE:** 2017

🎯 **NICKNAME:** ---

🎯 **FAVORITE MATCH:** USPSA

🎯 **OCCUPATION:** Small business owner



What is your role on the MRPC board?
VP Range & Grounds

What are your responsibilities in that role?
According to our Constitution, in the absence of the President and Vice President; shall act for the President. I shall under the direction of the President, attend to the operation and maintenance of the properties of the organization.

What made you want to be an MRPC board member? I was approached to help out, and I am glad to give back to the club.

Have you been on the board previously? No

Are you married/divorced?
Married with 4 grown children (all boys)

What other hobbies are you interested in?
Shooting and reloading take the vast majority of my time, but I enjoy cooking, collecting & drinking bourbon, and riding my Harley Davidson motorcycle with wife.

What is your favorite book?
Jack Carr "Only the Dead" Great Author and Storyteller. Former Navy Seal.

What is your favorite thing about MRPC? Range is never too crowded, so it is easy to come and practice. We offer a lot of matches, but should never stop looking at new matches and disciplines.

What's your favorite local shop for guns and gear?
No real favorite gun shop as I have bought many guns from many dealers. Shooter's Connection and AIM Surplus get a bunch of my money during the year.

What other disciplines would you like added to the club? Would like to improve our property to handle 2-gun type shooting as well as NRL.

What's one piece of advice you would give to a new MRPC member? Take the time to read and know the rules. Shoot any match you want and DON'T worry if you are good enough. It is the only way to get better and people will help you. It is what the shooting community does!

Are you related to anyone famous? I am the 7th Cousin to Former President Harry S Truman. I know a Democrat, but he dropped the big one!

What is one thing you will never do again?
Get married, I got lucky once so why tempt fate again



JOHN GROTE

GET TO KNOW

NEW BOARD MEMBER

JOHN GROTE

VP RIFLE

- 🎯 **TITLE:** VP Rifle
- 🎯 **PRECEDED BY:** Ross Bowman
- 🎯 **MEMBER SINCE:** 2006
- 🎯 **NICKNAME:** ---
- 🎯 **FAVORITE MATCHES:** High Power Service Rifle and Smallbore

What is your role on the MRPC board?
VP Rifle

What are your responsibilities in that role?
Coordinating with and assisting rifle Match Directors as needed and collecting and compiling match reports to submit at monthly BOD meetings.

Have you been on the board previously?
Yes. I stepped down from the Junior High Power Rifle (JRHP) program last year and again offered services to the club's board. I'm now serving my third term.

What's your favorite match to shoot at MRPC?
My competition focus is rifle, both High Power Service Rifle and Smallbore. I will also shoot an occasional IPDA Pistol match but there are only so many playtime hours so my focus is rifle.

What other hobbies are you interested in?
I enjoy precision shooting whether rifle, pistol, or archery. I also likes to shoot anything that goes bang and have a pretty good potato gun.

What's your favorite sign at MRPC?
The little blue one by the entrance door to the clubhouse.

What's something you're proud of? After reflecting on all the Junior rifle shooters running around and having fun at Camp Perry Nationals in 2017 I decided to approach the board to launch a Junior High Power Rifle program which is now in its seventh year. It was a pleasure to act as the JRHP program director.

What is your favorite thing about MRPC?
The fellowship with other competitors that enjoy shooting sports. MRPC is a volunteer club, and all club leadership is made up of volunteer members from Board Members, Match Directors, and those volunteers who simply like to contribute to one of the premiere rifle and pistol clubs in the US.

I also enjoy, along with about a dozen senior competitors and another dozen junior competitors, making an annual pilgrimage to Camp Perry for a week or two at the CMP Nationals Rifle Competitions along with another 1,000 or so competitors from around the US and abroad.

What is one thing you will never do again?
Shoot a skunk at night in the barn that just wiped out all the chickens while someone else is holding the flashlight then drops the flashlight and runs once the skunk decides to make itself known, pew.

GET TO KNOW

NEW BOARD MEMBER

KEVIN SANDERS

VP PISTOL

🎯 **TITLE:** VP Pistol

🎯 **PRECEDED BY:** John Goss

🎯 **MEMBER SINCE:** 2009

🎯 **NICKNAME:** Sarge

🎯 **FAVORITE MATCH:** USPSA

🎯 **OCCUPATION:** School Bus Driver



What is your role on the MRPC board?
VP Pistol

What are your responsibilities in that role?
Coordinating with and assisting pistol Match Directors as needed and collecting and compiling match reports to submit at monthly BOD meetings.

What made you want to be an MRPC board member? I wanted to serve on the BOD to hopefully make a difference. I truly enjoy coming to the range. It's a great facility, and I will gladly volunteer my time to see that it remains that way.

Have you been on the board previously? Yes, I was the VP Property. I had several other commitments at the time and chose not to continue as a Board member. Now that I have much more free time, I felt it was time to return.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?
My label would simply read, "I'm not impressed"

What's your favorite food?
My absolute favorite food is Goldstar Chili.

What's your favorite movie?
That's tough. Any old WWII movie.

What is your favorite thing about MRPC?
Favorite thing about MRPC is the diversity of matches one can shoot if they so desire.

What's your favorite local shop for guns and gear?
I generally buy everything I need online. But for a quick stop I usually hit Cabela's.

What other hobbies are you interested in?
Hobbies include Reloading, old movies, anything gun related on the internet.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Maybe somewhere warmer like Arizona.

What is your favorite book?
Band of Brothers

What's one piece of advice you would give to a new MRPC member? Get involved with the club. Come and help with work days or help set up matches, etc. Give something back.

If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be? I imagine myself as a wise old owl. I love to just sit and observe.



THE MRPC, FBI AND AIR RIFLES

By Dennis Lengle



DENNIS ASSISTING A YOUNG SHOOTING DURING A CLUB PICNIC.

Photo provided by Glenn Miñano

Miami Rifle & Pistol Club raffled off ten Crosman RepeatAir 1077 CO₂ .177 Pellet Air Rifles at the October 21, 2023 annual meeting. The rifles were purchased by MRPC approximately twenty years ago. Used with the club's junior program and annual picnics, they provided fun for both young and old. Often, our significant others are barely knowledgeable of the shooting sport. Before purchase, former member Keith Zimmerman (deceased) and I organized firearm shooting games at each summer picnic. A lot of thought went into deciding when and where these games would occur. Questions like: Where was the pig

being roasted? Where could the appetizers be found? Where were people socializing? Who wanted to be topside, shooting .22 caliber rifles, considering the uphill walk and, yes, the noise? So, we decided to set up airgun shooting games on the bowling pin range! It's quiet and would draw shooters and spectators.

The range was converted to a shooting gallery, ornated with colored ribbons. It had the novelty of a carnival booth. It was said, "The range reflects the pageantry and spectacle of Rome." Soda pop cans (maybe 60) hung from a volleyball net, strung

between tables. Metal silhouette targets were positioned. A bell (long-range) clanged when hit. We had a dueling tree to pit shooter versus shooter. Also, a five-plate electronic speed rack displayed the shooter's time in split seconds, visible to everyone. Three seconds or less was good. There's nothing like missing a shot with hecklers behind you. High Power Rifle shooters were turned into "wimps," those married, often beaten by their wives or children. Competitive shooting is a mind game requiring great concentration. By nature, we want to win.

Artificial stress is deliberately introduced in law enforcement training. It results in self-assurance should a confrontation arise. A well-rounded firearms program using silhouette targets (for qualification firing), shoot/don't shoot drills, metal plates, and even bullseye targets have their place. Contrary to public opinion, most officers/agents, regardless of jurisdiction, are NOT gun-oriented people. Their interest and proficiency vary. However, when seriousness is coupled with some "laughter and amusement," training is easier to swallow, becoming more effectual.

Wearing a second collateral hat as Principal Firearms Instructor, Federal Bureau of Investigation

(FBI), Cincinnati Field Office (light years retired), I had latitude with my teaching. I contacted Bill Croce, the (deceased) founder of the American Dot Shooters Association, Holicong, Pennsylvania. Dot Shooting is a postal Pistol Shooting Competition with matches shot standing, unsupported at seven yards. I liked his "Dot" targets. Cincinnati FBI Agents shoot quarterly during the year (three outdoor and one indoor session). Added to the Indoor program, "Dot" winners cherished their

"bragging rights." Also, Bill Croce introduced me to "Airgun Shooting, Gallery Style" with the Crosman Model 1077. A little creativity "helped" justify the FBI's purchase of two rifles, CO₂ cartridges, pellets, etc.

Family pellet gun shooting at FBI summer

picnics became a winner (beating softball). The Hamilton County Park District was most gracious in allowing. Endeavoring public goodwill, the FBI conducts community outreach programs, which continue today. The Crosman rifle once served as a classroom prop for "show & tell" at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, with distribution of the National Rifle Association (NRA) Eddie Eagle Workbooks on gun safety. The Cincinnati FBI encouraged the Butler County Chiefs of Police Association in unison with the Oxford, Ohio Police



Photo provided by Glenn Minano

Department to purchase Crosman Model 1077s for its summer “Respect for Law Camp” aimed toward local youngsters. Rotating platoons, numbering upward of twenty kids each, received an FBI safety lecture followed by live fire. Lastly, adult graduates of the FBI National Academy have been exposed to the Crosman Model 1077. Members of the Ohio Chapter, comprised of law enforcement command officers, meet annually to discuss educational and networking opportunities at rotating

and generosity to me spearheaded the introduction of our club’s purchase of Crosman guns.



Ohio State Park Resort Lodges. They, too, enjoyed a combined “fun, BUT tactical version” of airgun shooting, testing their decisions and marksmanship. Cincinnati FBI Firearms Instructors, using some ingenuity, can quickly develop an interior, room-clearing combat course. With a 1077 semi-auto and three twelve-round magazines, the exercise is “action-packed.” As seen, Bill Croce’s friendship

Unfortunately, with declining membership involvement at club picnics, the MRPC Board of Directors chose to raffle the Crosman Model 1077 air rifles. Times have changed seemingly everywhere, and the decision was discussed and thought out well. Perhaps an “eye-opener” revelation, the MRPC and the FBI shared a similar goal: “FUN.” Undoubtedly, our Raffle winners will bring new life, enjoy, and have airgun fun. Asked to share, my recollections are those of one who has truly enjoyed “The Shooting Sport.” Oh, a surprise! Google the Crosman Internet webpage. Their recent addition, the “Crosman 1077 Tactical,” priced at \$129.99, offers a different stock but the same reliability. Kinda neat!

Thanks to Dennis Lengle for writing this origin of Miami Rifle & Pistol Club’s Crosman RepeatAir 1077 Co₂ .177 Pellet Air Rifles.





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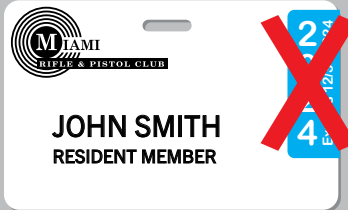
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RENEWAL STICKER

NOTICE:

In an effort to save money and streamline the membership renewal process, the Board has decided to end the practice of sending out yearly stickers.

Your badge will continue to operate the entrance gate as long as you are a member in good standing. The new Clubhouse Code will be listed in the email you receive after renewing your membership.



PHOTO REQUEST

Please take photos while at your favorite matches. Then, send them in so they can be used for future issues of Primer Pops. Send them to: editor@miamirifle-pistol.org

Also, we're looking at solutions to create and maintain a photo archive that can be accessed remotely. If you have thoughts and suggestions, please contact: vp_it_inventory@miamirifle-pistol.org

LATE RENEWAL WINDOW STILL OPEN!

If you renew late, between January 1st and January 31st there will be an additional required late payment of \$20.00.

No renewals are accepted after January 31st without Board of Directors approval. This means that if you do not renew before January 31st your status will be as a NON-member of MRPC.





SAFETY PROCEDURES AND RANGE REGULATIONS

12/03/2023

THIS SAFETY PLAN HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE WHO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE MIAMI RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE CLUB RULES MAY NOT COVER ALL POSSIBLE SAFETY SITUATIONS. COMMON SENSE MUST BE USED AT ALL TIMES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK A BOARD MEMBER OR MATCH DIRECTOR. DO NOT JUST GUESS AT SAFETY.

SECTION I: NRA SAFE GUN HANDLING RULES

1. Always keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.
2. Always keep finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until on target and ready to fire. Keep the firearm unloaded and the action open until the range has been cleared for live firing.
3. Make sure the gun is safe to operate, and know how to use the gun safely.
4. Make sure the firearm and ammunition are compatible. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
5. Know your target, and what is beyond/around it.
6. Wear eye and ear protection.
7. Never use alcohol or drugs before or during shooting. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is permitted only after shooting is completed for the day, and firearms are put away.
8. No use of marijuana on club grounds at any time.

SECTION II: GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. Know and obey all range commands (see Section V).
2. Know where others are on the range at all times.
3. Shooting is only permitted from permanent firing lines, or approved temporary firing points defined by Match Director or Board. Bullets must strike the impact area for that firing line. Temporary firing points and temporary impact areas may only be designated by a match director or board member, and only for the duration of a specific match or event.
4. Shoot only at paper targets, unless an alternate target is specifically approved by the range rules, match director, or board member.
5. Place all targets at a sufficient height, such that the bullet will go through the target and impact in the designated backstop.
6. All shots must be fired in an aimed and controlled manner so that the bullets strike in the backstop. Rifles must be shouldered. FIRING FROM THE HIP IS FORBIDDEN.

7. The entire club is a cold range. Concealed carry is not permitted anywhere on club property, even if you have a permit. Firearms are to be loaded at designated firing points only.

8. When more than one shooter is present, designate a range safety officer if none is present or assigned.

9. When a cease fire is declared, immediately unload, open the action, remove magazine, clear, and ground or bench all firearms. Do not handle a firearm during a cease fire.

10. During a cease fire, Do Not handle any firearm while others are downrange.

11. The following are PROHIBITED and MAY NOT be fired on club property: Armor Piercing or Tracer ammunition of any caliber, Calibers of .50BMG, 14.5mm anti-tank rounds, 20mm or larger, cannon, rockets, mortars, grenades, explosives, and similar firearms

12. Hunting on Club property is prohibited.

13. Grounds maintenance, scheduled clinics and matches will take precedence over recreational use of the range.

14. Any exception to these range rules may be authorized by the Board for Match or Clinic use and only for the duration of a specific match or event.

SECTION III: SPECIFIC RANGE RULES: BULLSEYE PISTOL RANGE INCLUDING ALL PISTOL PITS

1. Authorized Targets:

1a. Bullseye Pistol Range – Only paper targets mounted in the provided target frames, or paper targets mounted in their own target holder but MUST comply with General Range Rule 5.

1b. Pistol Pits - Paper targets mounted in their own target holder, reactive steel targets, clay shotgun target, clay pigeon.

1c. FORBIDDEN TARGETS: Cans, bottles, fruit, glass, electronics, batteries, pressure vessels, explosive targets, etc.

2. Authorized Ammunition: Pistol Caliber Ammunition only. - Having a Maximum Velocity of 1800 FPS - Having a bullet diameter of .50 or smaller, No bottle neck rifle cartridges allowed, even in pistols. Bottle neck pistol cartridges in pistols are allowed. such as: 44/40, .32/20, .357 Sig

3. Authorized Firearms:

3a. Rifles chambered in .22LR or straight wall pistol cartridges are permitted.

3b. Shotguns may be fired on Pistol Range with paper targets in their own target holder fired from the designated firing points. Shotguns may be fired in any pistol pit but NOT at any club provided target holder.

3c. Muzzle Loaders are permitted on pistol range.

4. Pistol pit # 7 is reserved for match use only.

5. Parking of vehicles is not permitted in any pistol pit.

6. In pistol pits all shots must be fired from a forward position between the side berms of the pits.

7. Loaded firearms may NOT be carried in the pit access area.

8. Do not shoot at side berms except during match use.

9. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.

HIGH POWER RIFLE RANGE

1. Authorized Targets: Paper targets mounted on target carriers only. Exceptions by board approval or Match Director for match use only.

2. Recreational shooting from the 500/600 yd. line may only be done by members who hold a MRPC 500/600 YD

certification as indicated on their MRPC membership badge.

2. Only rifles capable of remaining supersonic at 600 yards are permitted from the 500/600 yard lines.

3. Black Powder long guns are permitted to 600 yards.

4. Firing from the 500/600 yard lines may not exceed 30 minutes in a match, or 15 minutes in practice, and must use the flashing lights, barrier arm, and stop sign to block traffic on the road.

5. At 500/600, if you are not on paper in 3 shots, you may be asked to leave the line.

6. No modern caliber larger than .35 cal is permitted.

7. No vehicles are permitted at the 200 yd line, except with Match Director permission.

8. Practice from the 500/600 yd line is not permitted before or during New Member orientation.

SMALL BORE RANGE

1. Authorized Targets: Paper targets mounted in target holders or paper targets mounted in their own target holder but MUST comply with General Range Rule 5. Exceptions by board approval or Match Director for match use only.

2. RIMFIRE RIFLES ONLY (NO PISTOLS), in calibers .22WRM, or smaller. CENTERFIRE OF ANY KIND IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

3. All firing is to be done from the concrete firing points. Alternate firing points may only be approved by the board or a Match Director.

4. Archery practice is permitted on the Small Bore Range as long as it does not interfere with shooters. Bring and take home your own targets. Firearms practice and Match use has priority.

BOWLING PIN RANGE

1. Range is match use only.

2. Tables #1 and #2 are reserved for rimfire and shotgun only.

3. When bowling pin range is in use, the pistol range and access road are closed.

4. Firearms may not be handled behind the firing line.

MULTIPURPOSE RANGE BAY 1 (FARTHEST FROM CLUBHOUSE)

1. All firearms and calibers allowed, except rifle calibers larger than .35 cal.

2. Legal full automatic weapons, binary triggers, slide fire may be fired in BAY 1 ONLY.

3. TARGETS: Paper targets mounted in their own target holder and clay pigeons thrown into the berm (see rule 11 below). All other types of targets are forbidden.

4. TARGET PLACEMENT: Ensure placement of target holders and shooter position does not result in shots passing through the target and impacting the wall

5. Shotguns may not be fired at club provided targets or stands.

6. No shooter provided steel targets.

7. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.

8. Firearms may be discharged only from the firing line behind the benches only. Firing in front of the benches between bench and targets is prohibited.

9. Cease fire must be requested and granted for target placement and cleanup.

10. Yellow chain should remain in place except during cease fire.

11. Never proceed beyond marked target line.

MULTIPURPOSE RANGE BAY 2 (THE MIDDLE BAY)

1. Pistol or pistol calibers only. No bottleneck cartridges allowed.
2. Maximum magnum cartridge is .40 caliber.
3. Maximum cartridge size is .45 cal.
4. Maximum bullet weight is 230 grain.
5. Armor piercing rounds of any type are prohibited.
6. Shotguns and shotshell are prohibited.
7. Plinking is prohibited. Club provided steel targets only. No plastic bottles, fruit, glass, electronics, batteries, cans, pressure vessels, explosive targets, no clay targets.
8. Only Club provided steel targets, No shooter provided steel targets.
9. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.
10. Moving or relocating steel targets is prohibited. Steel targets must remain at marked target line.
11. Firearms may be discharged only from the firing line.
12. Ceasefire must be requested and granted for cleanup.
13. Yellow chain should remain in place except during cease fire.
14. Never proceed beyond marked target line.

MULTIPURPOSE RANGE BAY 3 (CLOSEST TO CLUBHOUSE)

1. Pistol or pistol calibers only. No bottleneck cartridges allowed.
2. Shotguns and shotshell are prohibited.
3. Plinking is prohibited. No plastic bottles, fruit, glass, electronics, batteries, cans, pressure vessels, explosive targets, no clays.
4. Club provided steel targets are for .22 LR ONLY, pistol or rifle. Only Club provided steel targets, No shooter provided steel.
5. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.
6. Moving or relocating steel targets is prohibited.
7. Paper target holders may be moved up/down range, but not in front of .22 LR steel targets.
8. Firearms may be discharged only from the firing line.
9. Ceasefire must be requested and granted for cleanup.
10. Yellow chain should remain in place except during cease fire.
11. Never proceed beyond marked target line.

BENCH REST RANGE

1. Upon first entering the range, immediately verify that no one is downrange prior to handling firearms.
2. Authorized Targets: Club provided steel targets, paper targets mounted on club provided plywood backer boards so that all rounds go into the designated backstop. Targets are to be mounted so rounds DO NOT GO THROUGH the frame supports. Exceptions by Board approval or Match Director for match use only.
3. No parking in handicap slot, unless you have a tag, or are loading/unloading only.
4. Limited to one bench per shooter.
5. When a cease fire is declared, immediately unload, open the action, remove the magazine, insert empty chamber indicator, safety on, bench all firearms and step behind the yellow line, handling of any firearms during a cease fire is prohibited.

6. Never proceed downrange unless all ceasefire conditions are met.
7. Full automatic, Binary triggers, bump stocks or similar devices are prohibited.
8. Armor piercing or tracer ammunition is prohibited.
9. Shotguns firing sabots or slugs are permitted.
10. Ceasefire must be requested and granted for target placement and cleanup.

SECTION IV: OPERATING REGULATIONS

1. Range Hours are 9:00am until sunset on Sundays, and 8:00am until sunset on other days. Part or all of the range may be closed on any day. Official Sunset time is determined from www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/usa/cincinnati
2. Guests are welcome to visit the club with a member in good standing. Members are limited to two (2) guests per visit. Exceptions are made for immediate family members. All guests must sign a liability release every time they visit. Blank liability releases are kept in the clubhouse, and must be returned to the designated tray when completed. Guests must wear the printed Guest Label while on club property. The member is responsible for the actions of their guests and the member must always accompany the guest while on club property. Members have priority for firing positions before guests, including family. Exceptions would be match participation.
3. The caretaker has the authority to close any range for maintenance. Maintenance will be scheduled around range use. Extended closures will be announced on the web site, however this is not always possible. In these cases, the caretaker's activity supersedes all other activities.
4. A current MEMBERSHIP BADGE with the member's name MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES (match & safety exceptions) while on club premises.
5. Overnight camping on club property is permitted. All camping must have Board approval.
6. Children (minors) must **AT ALL TIMES** be under the direct supervision of a parent or the responsible adult while on club property.
7. Destroying or defacing club property is forbidden. Members are requested to report all instances of destructive or unsafe behavior to the Board of Trustees.
8. Members and guests must comply with all federal, state, and local laws at all times. In addition, the MRPC will hold members responsible for themselves and their guests.
9. Members and Guests are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsman-like manner at all times. Any person who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner may be asked to leave the property at the direction of a Board Member or Match Director. There will be no refund of match fees for this violation.

Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include:

Cheating: intentionally altering a target prior to the target being scored to gain advantage or avoid a penalty or altering or falsifying score sheets.

Abusive behavior: threatening or assaulting behavior towards other persons; the use of obscene, vulgar, or offensive language; disruptive behavior likely to disturb, distract or coach other participants while they are shooting.

Negligence: willfully disregarding the instructions of any official as it pertains to the safe conduct or peaceful atmosphere of the event.

10. A member is prohibited from using the club property, organization name, or website for commercial gain. (Example: A member may not use the range for CCW qualification testing.)

SECTION V: RANGE COMMANDS

The following is an abbreviated set of range commands to be used for informal shooting activities:

1. **CEASE FIRING:** Immediately discontinue shooting. Open action, remove all cartridges, magazines, and percussion caps. Place firearm on bench, ground, in a rack, or holster. If a cease fire is called for an emergency, the cease fire condition shall apply to all ranges at MRPC until the emergency is resolved.
2. **THE LINE IS SAFE:** This command should be given only after it is certain that it is safe to go forward of the firing line.
3. **ALL CLEAR:** This command should be given after it is certain that everyone is behind the firing line.
4. **COMMENCE FIRING:** Resume shooting activities. Firearms may now be handled, loaded, and fired.

SECTION VI: PENALTIES

The penalties for failure to comply with the club rules and regulations are in accordance with the bylaws, and include action up to and including suspension and expulsion from the club.

SECTION VII: FIRST AID / EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. Scene Safety and Ceasefire: ensure area is safe for the victim and the rescuer.
2. Assess the Situation: Assess what is wrong to determine the need for additional help and appropriate course of treatment.
3. Contact 911 if necessary: Once assessment has determined the need for help call 911 as soon as possible.
 - 3a. Club Street Address: 5462 Stonelick-Williams Corner
 - 3b. Club Phone Number: 513-718-2855
 - 3c. Club GPS Coordinates: N39°8.83416, W084°10.70826
- 3d. Send a runner to front gate to open and wait to guide first responders.
4. Provide Treatment as needed and as possible: Utilize Match Director First Aid Kit.
5. Delegate others to help, if needed and if possible:
 - 5a. Have one person call 911
 - 5b. One person treat victim
 - 5c. One person informs all ranges to ceasefire until emergency is over.
 - 5d. If club match is in progress almost all Match Directors have received First Aid Training and have First Aid Kits.
 - 5e. Contact someone on the board of directors and inform them of the situation. 513-718-2855 or BOD@miamirifle-pistol.org

