

BRPC Newsletter

General (Harry Helfrich, club president, (BRPC13@aol.com))

o Annual dues for the BRPC will be \$75 for 2009. It's the first increase since 2003. I hope that members understand that it is direly needed for a myriad of improvements on the range. First-time fee will be \$125. Courtesy Range effective Nov. 1 will be \$10 for 2 hours.

o The capital improvements this year are overhead cover on all shooting bays and tables for each bay, and nearly 2,200 feet of asphalt that was laid in July. In 2009 we hope to asphalt the road from the initial entry to the range to the stop sign at the Range office. Other completed improvements are the classroom trailer with power behind Bay #1 and two 25-yard bays for instruction and bow/arrow use left of Bay #1.

o We want to thank Judy for turning her formal living room into the club office. It is a fulltime volunteer job for her to take care of 1000 members and tally the weekly Courtesy Range receipts.

Ken Vandall is converting o from requests for more 100-yd range, Pit #8. He's present every time that we have workdays since he's our tractor and truck operator. Ken services all the trashcans and hauls trash to the dump. We want to thank Ken for all the hours that he gives every week. A concrete bench rest will be installed in the new 100 yd Pit #8.

o We could use more RSOs (Range Safety Officers) on our roster. The cost of the NRA Range Safety course is \$50. If you pull duty 6 months, the club will refund the class fee. Also, RSOs get paid up to \$75 for RSO duty for a day. Last class this year is Sept. 20.

o We would like to purchase a pick-up style 4-wheel drive Quad with a bench seat and steering wheel; gas-operated. If you know of one for donation or for a reasonable price, contact me. We have a problem keeping the electric golf cart charged.

o We would like to encourage more members to let us know if they'd like to participate in matches in their disciplines. Informal matches would be a fun activity. Contact club office at 293-1885 or email brpc13@aol.com for help to set-up, schedule, etc.

o We have range clean-up and maintenance 6 times a year on the 4th Saturday on odd number months -- Jan., March, etc. It's from 8 a.m. to about 11. Many hands make light work. About 20 retirees contribute their time. We'd greatly appreciate younger folks to help. Many hands make lighter work, and it'll possibly reduce spending for contract work. It's not labor intensive; meet other guys, too. Contact me.

Range use issues (Bob Raider, Chief RSO, Club number 293-1885)

Safety is everybody's responsibility! Even on the Members Only range.

There have been several problems on that range, particularly ricochets that were caused by placing targets in the firing lanes in front of the shade structures. Targets must be placed on the rear berm between 2' and 7' high. Steel targets must be placed on the rear berm. 2' to 7' above ground level. Do not place targets, on the concrete key ways. Please police all your material that is shot before leaving.

Other reported concerns were unsafe gun handling procedures and guests with members. Only two guests per member, excluding immediate family members. To reduce potential club liability, a member's guests must also come to the Range Office to sign-in.

If a member observes or experiences items of concern, notify the Range Safety Officer at the Courtesy Range. In doing so, please include a vehicle license plate, name, or other info so we can follow-up. If no RSO is on duty call 293-1885 & leave a message.

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SASS (NANCARES@aol.com)

The Eldorado Cowboys will host the Ninth Annual Eldorado Single Action Shooting Society Nevada State Championships on Oct. 2-5 at the Courtesy Range. The main match is Oct. 3-4. About 150 shooters from 10 states, Canada and Germany will participate.

The Courtesy Range will be closed from Sept. 29 thru Oct. 4. It reopens for public and member use on Sunday, Oct. 5 after the facades and steel are removed.

Visitors are welcome to watch the main match; please bring eye and ear protection. A few ear protections items available at RSO office. There are really fast on the draw and accurate!

Monthly SASS shoots are held on the Member Range on: Sept. 6-7, Nov. 1-2, and Dec. 6-7. See www.nevadaacus.com and click Eldorado Cowboys.

Training (www.brpc1 or 293-1885)

A Tactical Carbine Class will be offered for the first time on Nov. 22-23. The class will teach practical and tactical principles to defend one self at short distances, which will normally be the circumstance around the home or a vehicle encounter. Prior certification in weapons familiarity, such as a C.C.W. permit; NRA Personal Protection certificate, or documentation to verify that the attendee had previous weapon familiarity is required.

The class includes 10 hours range instruction Saturday and about 8 more hours Sunday. The fee is \$300; \$50 discount for BRPC members. See www.brpc1.org for detailed info such as course of instruction, required equipment and basic load of ammo.

Other classes for 2008:

- o Sept. 20 NRA Range Safety Officer class.
- o Sept. 21 Nevada CCW renewal class.
- o Oct. 11-12 Nevada and Utah CCW class.
- o Nov. 1-2 Intermediate Pistol class.
- o Nov. 22-23 Tactical Carbine class.
- o Dec. 13-14 NRA Basic Pistol and Personal Protection in the Home Instructors class.

F Class (Nat Samonte, nat_samonte@yahoo.com)

There are more than 30 600-yard F-Class shooters; about 15 shooters attend each time. We've even attracted shooters from Arizona, Colorado, and even Texas and New Mexico..

The three match categories are Open, Target and 2-Man Team; each is official NRA approved. There is one female shooter; two more have expressed interest and are expected at the next match - Sept. 21. It's held the third Sunday each month.

Hi-Power (Gwyuen6508@cs.com)

The 2008 Southern Nevada Palma Championship is Nov. 7-9. This is rifle competition from the prone position at 800, 900, and 1000-yd distances using either iron sights or scopes. Download the match bulletin at www.brpc1.org.

Vintage military rifle silhouette (Joe Brennan, 453-4520)

Any military rifle WWII or older, from any country. Surplus ammo OK. Silhouettes and steel plate targets arrayed from 200 yds. to 850 yds. Held every 1st Sunday (except Jun thru Oct). Next is Nov. 2, 8 a.m.; fire 9 a.m.

3-Gun (Brett Freeman at BFREEE118@homtail.com)

The 3-Gun match that is held every third Saturday of the month will now cost \$10 per shooter. The third Sat. in September will be the last night shoot. Nov. they will start shooting on the 3rd Sat at 9:00 A.M.

Schedule

o Courtesy Range "open": Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun. and when Monday is a holiday.
It is "closed": Mon, Wed, Fri. o Range is also closed to everyone on the 4th Saturday of "odd" months (Jan, March, etc.) from 8-12 for range maintenance by club members.

Monthly Events

1st Wednesday - BRPC Board meeting at Mustang Sally's (board room)		7 p.m.
1st Saturday - Range orientation for new members		9 a.m.
1st Sunday - Vintage military rifle silhouette		8 a.m.
1st Sunday and the preceding Saturday - Eldorado Cowboy Shooters	Summer	8 a.m.
	Nov through May	Winter 9 a.m.
2nd Saturday - 3-Gun Shoot		9 a.m.
	June, July, August Sept	Summer 9 p.m.
2nd Sunday - High Power Palma 800/900/1000	Summer (March thru Nov)	7 a.m.
	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)	8 a.m.
4th Wednesday - 1000 yd practice (Member Range closed until noon)		7 a.m.
3rd Saturday - Junior Shooters (age 12-21)		8 a.m.
3rd Sunday - F-Class 600 yd shoot (Member Range closed until noon)		7 a.m.
4th Sunday - High Power 200/300/600 yd - iron sights only	Summer	7 a.m.
	Member Range closed until noon Dec, Jan, Feb.	Winter 8 a.m.
4th Sunday - ICORE Revolver match	Summer	8 a.m.
	Nov thru March	Winter 9 a.m.
5th Sunday - 1000 Yd match	Member Range closed until noon	7 a.m.

Events for 2008

Sept 13	Hunter Sight in		8 a.m. to noon
Sept 14	Hunter Sight in		Noon to 4 p.m.
Sept 20	CCW Concealed Carry Weapon Class(Renewal only)		9 a.m.
Sept. 21	RSO Range Safety Officer (classroom only)		9 a.m.
Sept 29 - Oct. 4	Eldorado Cowboy State Championships	Courtesy Range closed	8 a.m.
Oct 11	CCW Concealed Carry Weapon Class	Classroom	9 a.m.
Oct 12	CCW Concealed Carry Weapon Class	Range	12 p.m.
Nov 1-2	Intermediate Pistol Training Class		8 a.m.
Nov 7,8,9	Southern NV Palma Championship 800/900/1000 yds		7 a.m.
Nov 22-23	Tactical Rifle Class		8 a.m.
Nov 30	1000 Yd match (Member Range closed until 1 p.m.)		7 a.m.
Dec 13	NRA Basic Pistol and Protection Instructor Class	Classroom	8 a.m.
Dec 14	NRA Basic Pistol and Protection Instructor Class	Range	8 a.m.

Range maintenance is the 4th Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov.

We start at 8 a.m. and would appreciate your help. We're usually done by 11 a.m.

Please note these dates and help us CLEAN-UP and MAINTAIN OUR RANGE.

Phone 293-1885, email at brpc13@aol.com, or www.brpc1.org for Information, Maps and Applications.