## Lincoln Rifle Club/dba Lincoln Shooting Sports Center





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# SHOOTING RANGES IN THE CROSSHARS

Friday, February 21, was the bill introduction deadline in the California legislature. We anticipate the legislature will make another aggressive push at our Second Amendment Rights and hunting heritage in the Golden State. At this time, the full picture of what we can expect from the introduced bills is not clear because of placeholder/spot bills that are common ahead of the deadline. Your NRA-ILA will continue to keep you updated as the bills evolve, however, Lincoln Rifle Club (LRC) members should be particularly aware of AB 3071; an incredibly dangerous bill that, if passed, will potentially bring to an end THE SHOOTING SPORTS IN CALIFORNIA!!

<u>AB 3071</u>, sponsored by Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (D-22), **prohibits the use** of ammunition that has not been certified as lead free at sport shooting ranges and indoor ranges. It also prohibits shooting ranges from selling or giving away ammunition that has not been certified as lead free and requires signage that lead ammunition is prohibited for use at the facilities.

As you are aware, lead free ammunition is very costly, and cannot be fired by some firearms. Should this bill pass, essentially, we will not be able to continue to enjoy the pistol and rifle shooting matches currently sponsored by the LRC. Also, trap shooting will most likely be eliminated at our Range.

Make sure you are up to date with the progress and sponsorship of this piece of legislation and contact your representatives to voice your disapproval of this proposal. KEEP INFORMED AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD. If you remain silent and do nothing, nothing is what we will get regarding the continuation of the shooting sports in California!!

Also, keep your eye on AB 3058 regarding the storage of firearms in a vehicle. A brief summary follows: <u>AB 3058</u>, sponsored by Assembly Member Kansen Chu (D-25), is another attempt at expanding firearm vehicle storage requirements, similar to what he proposed in 2019 with AB 688. This legislation, expands the restrictions on firearms inside an unattended vehicle to require that any firearm be secured: (1) By locking the firearm in the vehicle's trunk and securing the firearm to the vehicle using a cable or chain and lock; (2) By locking the firearm in a locked container that is affixed to the vehicle by a cable or chain and lock in the trunk or elsewhere in the vehicle's interior that is not in plain view.; (3) By locking the firearm in a locked to the trunk or elsewhere in the vehicle's interior that is not in plain view.; (4) By locking the firearm in a locked toolbox or utility box that is affixed to the vehicle.

## **MULTI-GUN DIVISION MATCH REPORT**

#### Submitted by Jeff Boyes, Match Director

Interest in our monthly match continues to grow and we are starting to attract some new competitors. However, because the rules of our game are slightly different than UML or USPSA this has created some confusion for first time visitors. In the past, MGD competitors were all lumped into a single division and subject to the same equipment restrictions. We now have two divisions: MGD Open and PCC. Those two divisions also have a "Senior" category for shooters over 65. For people used to shooting USPSA rules, PCC Division meant that they only used a PCC (Pistol Caliber Carbine). In our Club match, the PCC division simply replaces the pistol with a pistol caliber carbine and the other firearms remain the same. For those who might be interested in joining us but are uncertain of the equipment requirements, here they are in brief:

**MGD Open**- The handgun may be a semi-auto or revolver: minimum caliber of 38 Special or 9mm Parabellum, which may be equipped with an optic. The shotgun must be a semi-auto or pump that is 20 gauge or larger, possibly equipped with iron sights or a red dot optic. The rifle must be a magazine fed semi-auto or other action type using a centerfire rifle cartridge .223/5.56 or larger. A pistol caliber may be used in lieu of rifle caliber, as long as it is 9mm or larger. Optics are allowed on rifles, but magnification may not exceed 4X. There is no limit on magazine capacities\* at this time. Legality of all equipment used by competitors is strictly their responsibility.

**PCC Division**- All of the restrictions listed above also apply to this division but a handgun is not utilized for any of the stages. Any stage that calls for the use of a handgun will be shot with the Pistol Caliber Carbine. If a stage called for the use of rifle and handgun, a shooter in the PCC Division would shoot rifle and PCC.

Senior categories for the above two divisions have the same equipment rules but you must be older than dirt. Lest you think that this is a gift for the oldsters so that they don't have to compete against the youngsters, two of the last six overall match winners have come from the Senior Open category.

This month, however, youth had its way. Congratulations to **Anthony Duong** for his overall match win. **Jonathan Wiltshire** finished 2nd and Scott Stanfield 3rd.

Our MGD Introductory Course starts up again on March 4th at 3:30 pm at the Ormsby Range. This course is required if you do not have prior 3-Gun experience. Contact me @ jeffboyes1051@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this or subsequent classes. They will all be held the Wednesday prior to our matches. Matches are always on the first Saturday of the month.

\* If California's ban on magazines with capacity greater than 10 rounds goes into effect, we will likely limit all shooters to ten rounds in the interest of keeping a level playing field.

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## **CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM MATCH REPORT**

Submitted by Chuck Riglick, Match Director

We had our first CMP sanctioned match for the year 2020 on February 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 8 shooters firing mostly Garands with one Swedish Mauser entered in the vintage foreign military category. This time we had two winners who drove a long way to obtain their award pins. **Greg Crawford** drove from Tracy, CA and shot a score of 267-7x to earn a bronze Garand award pin. Our regular competitor from Salinas, **Chris Jen** shot a qualifying score to also earn a bronze pin. Our own **Cary Triplet** came very close to getting a Bronze pin in the vintage foreign military category using the Swedish Mauser. In the past, Cary has taken home a gold pin in the vintage foreign military category.

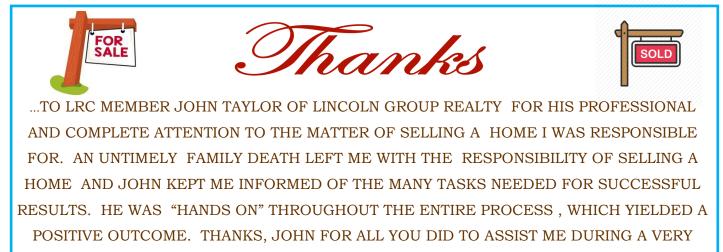
For our next match, scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, many of our regular competitors will be going to the CMP Western Games in Phoenix, Arizona (The Camp Perry of the West). Those local competitors who wish to shoot a sanctioned CMP here in Lincoln are in good hands. **Steve Micheli**, LRC Range Officer and CMP competitor, will be running the match in Lincoln on March 14th. Match



entries will be taken at 7:30 AM and shooting is set to begin at 8:00 AM. The match fee is \$15.00, and shooters should bring a minimum of 35 rounds of ammunition for the rifle you intend to use.

Our April match will be on Saturday, April 11th and all of the "regulars" will be back from Phoenix to share their experiences and, hopefully, with good news and high scores.

**SIDE NOTE:** Chuck Riglick, CMP match director, has received a certificate and flag (3' X 5'), honoring the Lincoln Rifle Club for 20 years of affiliation with the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Maybe we can fly another flag at our Range to commemorate this honor!!!!



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## LRC SPONSORED HIGH POWER MATCH REPORTS

Submitted by Daniel Campbell, NRA High Power Match Director

**NRA HIGH POWER** is a match, open to LRC members and the public. Shot at 200 yards, requiring at least 58 rounds, this match allows shooters to earn or upgrade an NRA shooting qualifica-

tion. The match is shot at a distance of 200 yards, using reduced targets for the 300 & 600 yard stages. The match fee is \$15.00 and no Club guns or ammunition are available. The NRA High Power match is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning of each month at the Dillman Range.



So far our matches have gone off unbothered by the weather every 3rd Saturday with Scott **Bonivert** as the winner every dang time since my last update. Scott's scores have been too high for a Master and have unofficially qualified him for his High Master classification. Pending NRA recording, congrats Scott. I have to mention **Cary Triplet** for his outstanding score of 477 with 11x a personal best, better than my score that day, giving him second in November.

In February we were all blown away by the performances of Jaime Bagtas, Bill Diamond, and Alan Tier. These guys are all Sharpshooters but they all shot expert scores. I think they might be pushing on each other's rear bumper, bump-drafting down the straight-aways or something. Either way, good job guys.



CLUB HIGH POWER will be starting its shooting season, Thurs. April 9 at 4:30 **PM** at the Dillman Range and will continue through mid October. This match is conducted like a practice or clinic for shooters wishing to learn how to shoot high power or improve on their current skills. At the Dillman Range, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from April through September, this two-part match offers new or long-

time shooters the opportunity to work with experienced high power shooters. The first part of the match is conducted on the 2nd Thursday and has shooters firing Standing Slow Fire & Rapid Prone, with the second part being conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, with shooters firing Slow Prone & Rapid Sitting. The complete match is fired on standard NRA 200 yd. targets. Club guns and ammunition are available. New CMP & NRA high power rules allow the use of scopes 4.5x. Entry is limited to LRC members at a cost of \$1.00 per event.



## JUNIOR DIVISION MATCH REPORT—HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE

#### Submitted by Steve Katsuyama

The beginning stage for new shooters (ages 8-20) is held on Monday nights at the indoor range at McBean Park. This is where shooters learn the basics of marksmanship and firearm safety. The Monday night shooters progress through the different stages of marksmanship eventually learning the different positions required for Precision Rifle competition. This is where all shooters begin their training, including the many Junior Olympians and National Champions Lincoln has produced over the years.

The beginning juniors are back at the indoor range, honing their skills as they progress through the NRA Marksmanship Program. Our team of volunteer coaches are doing an excellent job teaching them the skills needed to compete at the highest levels in the State.

The advanced team continues to excel this year! Since the last update, nine of the eleven athletes received invitations to attend the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in April. On the Men's side, **Logan Michael** qualified in Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle, while **Carleton Liden** and **Aaron Hoversten** qualified for Air Rifle. On the Women's side, **Lilly Polakovic**, **Morgan Vander Linden** and **Tori Watts** earned invitations in both Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle while **Rachel Brandt**, **Alex Watts** and **Dylan Tonel** received invitations for Air Rifle. Junior Olympics is the premier shooting competition for the Juniors where they will compete with the best Junior athletes in America. **This is the largest group of athletes in history that Lincoln will be sending to compete at Junior Olympics!** 

In addition to the Junior Olympic qualifications, the team has seen some outstanding performances in recent matches with Lincoln earning team titles in the last 3 matches-- NRA Open 3P air rifle sectional, NRA Open Standing air rifle sectional and the NRA Open Metric Smallbore sectional. In addition to the Local Team titles, **Tori Watts** had an outstanding match at the NRA Conventional Smallbore Sectional at Knights Landing, shooting an amazing 798-65 out of 800 possible points! Not only will this performance likely give her what could be her first National Championship Title, but the following National Records will be submitted for approval:

Intermediate Junior Sitting 200-19

Open Standing 200-16 (+11 10/x)

Women's Standing 200-16 (+11 10/x)

Intermediate Junior Standing 200-16 (+11 10/x)

Civilian Aggregate 798-65 (+11 10/x)

Intermediate Junior Aggregate 798 (+11 10/x)



The local indoor season will continue through the end of March at which time the focus will transition to training for the National match competitions in April and June. This is an exciting time for our Junior team as they continue to achieve success and National recognition for their efforts. The Junior team wants to thank the LRC members for all of the little things that you do-- from the coaches to the helpers that contribute their time and energy in helping out where help is needed. It truly takes our "village" to maintain the high level of performance and success that these young athletes are achieving!

## **HERE COME THE VARMINTS**

Submitted by Mark Porco, Match Director



The varmint match is ready to start in April. This is a fun shoot at various target distances with any rifle / scope / sights combination that you have. It is based on what you would use to shoot those pesky varmints that are ruining your acreage. We give 20 shots (5 shots each) at a varmint silhouette paper target at 100, 160, 200, 230 yards. Any position (prone, bench, standing) is allowed. Any front support is allowed, including bipods, sandbags, crossed sticks. Again, what you would use out in the field. No rear support is allowed, just your shoulder.

To help level the playing field and include as many shooters as possible, there will be two classes: Centerfire and Rimfire. The Centerfire will be split into two sub-classes: 1) open class designed for those custom-built, heavy rifles., 2) varmint class for those rifles that would actually be used hunting varmints (as opposed to the open class, which is basically a bench-rest rifle).

The Rimfire class will consist of two sub-classes: 1) .22lr and 2) .17hmr. The Rimfire class has the same rules as above, with reduced targets placed at 50 and 100 yards. Again, a total of 20 shots on 4 targets.

In addition to bragging rights, there are 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place aggregate awards and high match awards distributed at the LRC annual potluck/awards dinner. You must shoot a minimum of 4 matches to qualify for trophy consideration. (exception, single high match score).

Matches are held at the Dillman outdoor range on the last Friday of the month, beginning in April and continuing through October. The first relay starts at 5pm, with additional relays following the completion of the first relay. You may shoot multiple relays at a single match, in multiple classes, if you want. Cost to participate is \$5 entry fee per relay. This match is open to both LRC members and the public.



## CAST BULLET MATCH REPORT

#### Submitted by Mike Davis, Match Director

The cast bullet match is held on the last Monday of the month, beginning at 8:00 AM, running from April through November. Assembly is at 7:30 am, set-up is at 8 am. This is a fun match run as an informal game. Everyone is invited to come and give it a try, or just come watch the targets fall!

A match consists of 60 rounds fired as follows:

10 with .22 rifle at 50 yds, small silhouette pig and turkey targets

10 with pistol at 50 yds chicken silhouette targets

10 with center fire rifle at 50 yds, knock down plates

10 with center fire rifle at 100 yds, pig silhouette targets

10 with center fire rifle at 150 yds, turkey silhouette targets

10 with center fire rifle at 200meters, ram silhouette targets

Targets must be knocked down to be considered a hit. Any center fire rifle may be used, scoped or iron sights, (different category for each), firing a cast lead bullet, at @1700fps. Multiple rifles may be used. Targets may be engaged unsupported (off hand) or using a rest, such as a bipod, tripod, or the support beams of the range cover. Most popular calibers are usually in the 7mm-.30 caliber range. Bullet weight and mass are needed to consistently knock over the rams (they weigh 70 lbs!). Velocity is STRONGLY encouraged not to exceed 1800fps, to keep the competition "sporting" and not cause damage to the targets. Firearms or ammunition that crater the targets will result in disqualification of the shooter.

On March 30, we are having a .22 only match. We will be shooting both rifle and pistol at reduced targets, at closer range,. Details are not being disclosed, but you should know where your rifle hits, at least to 100 yds, and maybe more. This would be a great opportunity to give it a try, everyone has a .22!

## WHAT IS A "CAST BULLET?"

A cast bullet is made by allowing molten metal to solidify in a mold. Most cast bullets are made of lead alloyed with tin and antimony; but zinc alloys have been used when lead is scarce, and may be used again in response to concerns about lead toxicity. Rounds can be individually "cast" or purchased. Come talk to an expert to get all the skinny on "cast bullets."

## WEEKEND TRAP MATCH REPORT

#### Submitted by Margaret Moore, Match Director

Weekend trap continues to grow and grow. During the month of January, we held our very first "skeet" instructional clinic!! As shotgun shooters go, we wanted to learn more sports involving our shotguns. We contacted John Kissam, local shotgun sports coach, and asked him to help us out. He conducted a 3 hour clinic covering the basics of shooting skeet and the best ammo/equipment to use for success. Attendees left with a better understanding of the sport and we WILL be having a follow-up clinic. If you missed the first one, keep your eye on the Club calendar for our next offering.



The annual awards potluck banquet was well attended by the Weekend trap shooters, with our top shooters proudly accepting their awards. **Conrad Guiang** was the TOP TRAP SHOOTER for the 2019 shooting year and **Anita Marquez** was our TOP SUB-GAUGE SHOOTER. Both took home a beautifully designed belt buckle (traditional award for trap shooters).

We are looking forward to a full year of shooting with our regular matches continuing on the first Sunday and second/fourth Saturday of each month. Beginning in April, our starting time will be 8:00 AM. Cost is \$5 per round for LRC members and \$5 per round plus \$18 range fees for all non-members. It seems like every week we meet new shooters and look forward to meeting you as well. If you have not come out to shoot with us, we would like to meet you. We welcome shooters of all levels and ages and have shooters on hand to help you out or answer any of your questions.

This year the Lincoln Shooting Foundation will continue to sponsor our Weekend Trap shooting team at local fundraising events. Our top 7 shooters qualify to fill these positions each year and for the 2020 shooting season, LSSF will be represented by **Conrad Guiang, Wayne Crum, Brian Talabis, Mike Davis, Garry Emond, Ken Harvey,** and **Anita Marquez**. In some instances we have so much interest that we field a second team (non-sponsored); the Killer "B's" who constantly try to unseat our LSSF team. The result is fun for all and you too could be a part of the action. If you have any questions regarding shooting trap, feel free to contact me directly at moorem2@sbcglobal.net and I will try to get you breakin those clays.



**REMEMBER:** The LRC trap house is available for use by reservation simply by contacting me or Club headquarters at 916-434-0308. We always do our best to accommodate your requests.

## **CONVENTIONAL PISTOL MATCH REPORT**

#### Submitted by Scott Olin, Match Director

We've just reached the half way point in this year's season. There are enough matches remaining if someone would like to shoot and qualify for an award this year. The majority of shooters are now shooting "F" class (two hands), with a few of us traditionalist

shooting standard class (one hand). We shoot the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Indoor range located in McBean Park. Registration starts at 4:00, relays are at 5:00 and 6:30. There is a \$10 registration fee and \$5 per





match. It is a fine group of male/female shooters and a relaxed atmosphere to hone one's pistol skills. Remember, it's not too late for this year!

### LADIES NIGHT MATCH REPORT

#### Submitted by Scott Olin, Match Director

Wow have we been busy. The last several weeks the line has been full while we're running basic shooting classes concurrently in the inner room. It has been wonderful to see several married couples coming out to shoot together in addition to the eight new female

shooters. A huge thank you to **Bob Radtke** for running the line each night while I conduct class. Also, thanks to **Chuck Barsdale** and **Mike Coad** for helping keep an eye on the line and lending pistols. We do run a little short on pistols as the Club has only two to lend. I have a limited personal supply and many of our new shooters do not yet own their own firearm. On the line, our priorities are, new lady shooters, and lady shooters. Wives and husbands can share a lane and then we welcome men on the line on a space available basis. If we have overflow we will rotate as necessary. Ladies Night is held at 6:00 - 8:00 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month; matches run through May.

### SPORTING RIFLE MATCH REPORT

Conducted on Tuesday evenings at the Dillman Range, April through June, this match is for LRC members only. Sign-ups are at 5:00 pm with rounds going down range at 5:30pm. If your rifle weights less than 9.5 lbs., has iron sights or a scope, you can shoot this match consisting of 32 rounds at 100 yards. Course of fire is 8 rounds/prone (8 mins.), 8 rounds/standing (8 mins,), 4 rounds/sitting (30 sec, twice), and 4 rounds prone (30 sec, twice). A sling, glove, and shooting mat are the only support equipment allowed. No shooting jackets or shooting mitts are allowed. Cost to participate is a one-time \$10.00 registration fee, with a \$5 match fee for each match. If you have any questions, contact Mike Coad, Match Director at keyluke@hotmail.com.

# **RECALL NOTICE** ACCURATE POWDERS

General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Canada Valleyfield, Inc (GD-OTS), has determined a potential defect relating to certain lots of Accurate 2495, 4064 and 4350 propellants manufactured for Western Powders, Inc. prior to October 1, 2016 and packaged under the Accurate brand name in 1 lb. and 8 lb. canisters, may be defective.

The use or storage of this product may result in combustion, fire damage and/or possible serious injury or property damage. Some signs of degradation include, but are not limited to, container lid deformation, discoloration of the containers in the lid area, presence of red fumes when the container lid is opened, or the presence of a strong acidic odor.

GD-OTS and Western Powders, Inc. are recalling the following powders packaged under the Accurate brand in 1 lb. and 8 lb. containers:



Lot No. is located either on the back of the label OR as a sticker on the bottom of the container.

## What you should do:

1) Immediately fill the container with water, which will render the product inert and safe for disposal.

2) Notify Western Powders, Inc. and 406-234-0422, or customerservice@westernpowders.com. We will provide you with instructions to photograph the bottle showing the lot number and provide refund information.

3) DO NOT load ammunition with affected powder.

**NOTE:** This recall does not extend to loaded ammunition. Performance of ammunition with propellant showing no signs of degradation will not be altered, provided recommended storage conditions are followed. It is recommended that loaded ammunition be checked regularly for deterioration. If you have any questions regarding this recall, contact us at: 406-234-0422.