Lincoln Rifle Club/dba Lincoln Shooting Sports Center





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Welcome to the "HOLIDAY SEASON" when we are all so busy with family and friends that we sometimes forget to take care of our own needs. Below you will find listed information regarding our Range, Holiday hours, and a very special opportunity to learn more about handgun shooting and competition!

NEW RANGE HOURS

Effective **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**, the new Dillman Range hours will be **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM—2:00 PM ALL OTHER DAYS 8:00 AM—4:00 PM**; keeping in line with Daylight Savings.

If you have questions regarding Range hours, you can call the Range Information Number at 916-543-2874 OR Club Headquarters at 916-434-0308.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS: NOVEMBER 24—26 IN CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING DECEMBER 23 & 24 IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 31 IN CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR

CONVENTIONAL PISTOL CLINIC



You Need to Know

Scott Olin is holding a conventional pistol clinic on NOVEMBER 11, beginning at 6:00 PM at our Indoor Range, located in McBean Park. This clinic is for anyone interested in learning more about the Conventional Pistol matches, handling a handgun in competition, or just interested in learning more about the Lincoln Rifle Club. This will be an informal and friendly opportunity to all shooters at all levels of expertise. We look forward to answering any questions you may have about the Conventional Pistol matches, handguns, or Club involvement.

CAST BULLET MATCH REPORT

Submitted by Mike Davis, Match Director

The November match will mark the end of the cast bullet 2021 shooting season. We will return in March, next year.

A unique tradition to the cast bullet match is that all year participants pay an additional one dollar to shoot the match. This money is accumulated throughout the shooting season and then used to do a thanksgiving feast after the November match. Turkey with all the fixin's to go with it. People usually always bring their favorite pie or dessert to go along with the meal. This year we have a promise of some of Josie's pies; we are surely looking forward to that.

Come join us next year starting the last Monday of March, thru November.



A complete handgun class is being offered to all ladies interested in learning more about handguns. Have you ever asked yourself what is the difference between bullets and ammunition, or what does single/double action mean, or how do I safely handle a firearm and get the best results. Well, you are in luck. A 6 hour class covering everything you need to know about handguns is now being developed!

NRA certified instructor, **Barbara Webster** and long-time shooter **Margaret Moore** will be conducting classes in the near future to any lady wanting to learn about handguns. The class will offer classroom instruction, training materials, on the line shooting, all firearms and ammunition, eye and ear protection and a guaranteed smile on your face.

Cost and dates are yet to be identified, but notification of all classes will be circulated SOON!! If you think you would be interested in attending such a class, please contact Margaret Moore at 916-704-6609 or Club Headquarters at 916-434-0308.



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"Annie Get Your Gun" shooting clinic was held October 3

The weather was perfect. It seemed a perfect day for an introduction to a variety of pistols, shotguns, and rifles. This event was promoted and sponsored by the Lincoln Rifle Club's Multi Gun Division (MGD) and the Lincoln Shooting Sports Foundation (LSSF) whose mission includes promoting and preserving the shooting sport.

Our staff of coaches, safety officers, cooks, and smiling faces were excited and honored to have over 70 ladies show up ready to learn new skills, or renew some old skills.

The MGD trainers and coaches took one student at a time and coached them into suc-



cess. No better feeling than hitting your first steel target and watching it swing.

Lunch was served by **Kathy Zick**. She prepared and served sandwiches and a variety of flavorful drinks. This is when the stories begin. Everyone had a story about their hits and misses. The targets were left up in case

anyone wanted to shoot some more. One real benefit is the sharing with each other and looking forward to another event.

To support ladies shooting the Lincoln Rifle Club runs a "Ladies Night" two times each month. Please call Club Headquarters at (916) 434-0308 for additional information. In addition, handgun training is offered to ladies individually or in small groups. Contact **Barbara Webster** at 916-295-4282 for more information.

LRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING ARE BACK!!!

The LRC Board of Directors is happy to announce the return of our regularly scheduled monthly membership meetings. The meetings have always given our members a chance to get together to discuss firearms, friends, family and the most recent news effecting the shooting sports and our Club. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 3rd.** Meetings will continue to convene on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise stated. Meetings are held at the **Pavilion building located in McBean Park** beginning at



7:30 pm. If you plan to attend, we could use your help to setup & cleanup, so come early!!! It will be good to see all of you again—IN PERSON!!!



Ladies Night has a new face!! Office Manager, **Christina Mays** will be assuming the match director duties associated with running Ladies Night, beginning Wednesday, November 3rd. The match runs the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Doors open at 4:00 and relays begin at 5:00. All the fun is held at the Indoor Range, located in McBean Park. The Indoor Range is limited to .22 caliber firearms only and is open to any female shooter 18 years of age or older and male Lincoln Rifle Club members on a space available basis. The cost to participate is \$1 for non-Club members while Club members shoot for free. Instruction is available

and we have 2 handguns to loan with new shooters given priority. In addition, we have a limited supply of ammunition for sale to female shooters, with a limit of one box per shooter.



CONVENTIONAL PISTOL

Yahoo, Conventional Pistol is scheduled to begin Wednesday, December 8!! Matches will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, through April. Conventional Pis-



tol is a .22 caliber handgun match consisting of seven courses of fire using 65 rounds. It is open to LRC members only. Doors will open at 4:00, with the first relay beginning at 5:00, or as soon as 9 shooters are at the

line and ready to go. The second relay will follow at 6:15 or when 9 shooters are at the line. The third relay (if needed), will start at 7:30. Please arrive at lest fifteen minutes prior to your relay, to complete signing in and firearm preparation. Cost to participate is

\$10 for your initial registration (helps cover cost of awards) then \$5 per match. Ammunition is available for \$5, with a limit if three boxes per month. If You have any questions contact **Scotty Olin**, match director at 916-953-3688. This is a friendly competition, open to shooters at all levels of expertise and we hope to see you there!!







Weekend Trap Match shooters have been very busy in October!! The Lincoln Shooting Sports Foundation sponsored a team to participate in the Shoot for the Cure match, held on Sunday, October 10th, at Coon Creek. The Lincoln Rifle Club managed to put together two teams for this event, with the second team called the Killer "Bs". The match had

over 100 shooters competing and the Killer "Bs" team had two shooters post a score of 47/50, taking home second place for the day. LRC winners included **Anita Marquez**, **Ray Ramsey** and each were awarded a box of ammo for their efforts. On the LSSFsponsored team, **Ken Harvey** claimed his box of ammo with a 47/50 also. It was a very fun and successful event raising funds for breast cancer research and treatment.



On the previous day, October 9th, the American Legion held their 6th annual fundraiser at our Dillman Range. Again, the Weekend Trap match shooters put together two teams to compete, but this time the LSSF-sponsored team came out on top taking home the Top Team award. **Brian Talabis** took home the top male award and **Dana Covert** was the top female. The LSSF donated the clays for the day and the LRC donated several logo items to the raffle. It was a successful day for the Legion and we look forward to hosting their event again next year.

On November 27th, Coon Creek will be hosting its annual Toys for Tots shoot to support local children in the Lincoln area. Cost to register for participation will be reduced with the donation of a new \$10 toy! This is a fun event and it is always heartwarming to see the number of toys donated at this event ensuring a fun Christmas for local children. Shooters at all levels are welcome and lunch is available during this event. Come on out and support our local families during the holiday season.. LRC trap shooters will be there, that's for sure!!



October's match was lightly but energetically attended and we enjoyed excellent weather for the competition.

In previous articles, we have talked about how tight the competition can be. In September, **Tom Lee** finished second to **Zack Kostic** by about one second. He came back this month looking for redemption. He might have gotten it as he was the dominant competitor by a fair margin. Revenge will have to wait, as Zack was unable to attend this month.

While there is always a battle at the top for bragging rights, most of us are competing with ourselves to have clean runs with good accuracy and no mental errors. It goes without saying that 70 year old wheels are just not going to be as quick as the younger shooters....ahh, those pesky 40 and 50 year old's.

The beauty of the shooting sports is that they truly are for all ages. If you don't come and try shooting this year, you will just be a year older when you do take the plunge.

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If you are interested in giving shooting a try, the MGD introductory course is held on the Wednesday prior to our matches. Matches are always held on the first Saturday of the month; rain or shine. Shooters will need one each of a rifle, handgun, and shotgun. Minimum caliber for handgun is 9mm (.38 if you like wheel guns), .223 for your rifle, and at least a 20 gauge for your shotgun. A pistol caliber carbine 9mm or larger may be used in place of the rifle or it may be used in lieu of a pistol for those that elect to shoot the PCC division. Rules for the matches can be viewed on the LRC website.

We are always happy to welcome new shooters, so we hope to see you at the Range soon.

Audaces, Fortuna, Juvat (Fortune favors the brave, if your Latin is rusty)



CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM MATCH

Well, here's good news for shooters of older (vintage) and modern military firearms who enjoy being in a national competition. The LRC range committee has approved twelve matches for the year 2022. They take place on the SECOND SATURDAY of every month in year 2022! The paperwork has been sent to the CMP for its official sanction and materials needed for the match (namely more award pins, because our shooters have been earning the required scores every month). The match fee for all shooters will remain at \$15.00 for the 35- shot tournament. What a deal! I can remember match fees of \$15.00 for a National Match Course matches held at Camp Pendleton in the mid-70's, almost 50 years ago!

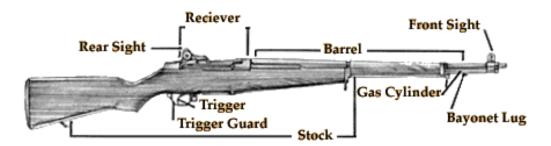
Getting to our last match held on October 9th, **John Mercurio** broke into the Gold Pin category with a score of 283-5X / 300 using his As-Issue Garand. The score needed to capture a very nice looking, shiny gold Garand pin. **Jaime Bagtas** shot an impressive 290-11X! Jaime was shooting his scoped AR in the VERY competitive Unlimited Modern Military class, the 290/300 score earns a silver award pin in that category.

In the Vintage Foreign Military class, our member **Cary Triplet** shot a 277-7X using his K-31 Swiss rifle (made like a Swiss watch) to earn a Silver VFM award pin. In the category of good ole "personal best" George Hinman shot a 250/300 using his as-issue M-1 no pin but a big smile on his face.





We did miss two of our "regulars," **Chris Jen**, from Salinas and member **Alan Tier**. We hope to see you at our next match on November 13. Remember to change your clocks and "fall back" on Sunday, November 7, as "daylight saving time ends."



Range Commands You Need To Know

In order to feel at home on the range, everyone should know safety commands like the back of their hand!

by HEIDI LYN RAO posted on October 5, 2021 NEWS, FIREARMS, CONCEALED CARRY

As the days become shorter and daytime temps get cooler, you start to see a noticeable increase in the number of shooters at the local gun range. Fall is in the air and sportsmen and women are getting ready for the upcoming hunting season. Handgun owners, both old and new, increase their range time due to the mild temperatures. It becomes increasingly difficult to find an open bench at the rifle range.

Safety should be the number one priority at every gun range. It does not matter if you are a first-time shooter or an experienced marksman, range safety is everyone's responsibility. Most ranges have a Range Safety Officer (RSO) on duty anytime there are shooters on the line.

Range Safety Officers are responsible for making sure that all safety rules and rangespecific rules are followed. Every range should have a written Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) with all the rules clearly defined that guides the RSO in his or her duties. Range Safety Officers keep shooters safe, the range operating efficiently and protect range owners from liability.

Even though RSOs' main focus is safety, it does not alleviate shooters from being safe, and in some instances, assisting the Range Safety Officer in his or her duties. At minimum, every shooter needs to know the common range commands that are used by the RSO to keep the range safe. Failing to follow range commands can put everyone, shooters and the RSO alike, at risk of serious bodily injury or worse. Every shooter needs to become familiar with the common range commands used to ensure a range runs safely and efficiently.

Cease Fire

"Cease fire" is probably the most important command given at the range. This is the only command that can be called by *anyone*, *anywhere* and at *any time*.. If anyone, RSO, other shooters or even a spectator, sees something unsafe or that could become a hazard, they can call a "cease fire." At that point the RSO can decide what follow-up instructions are needed. "Cease fire" means to stop shooting, freeze in position, keep your firearm pointed downrange and wait for further instructions.

When a "cease fire" is called, *freeze*! Do not move. Do not unload your firearm to make safe. Do not turn around to find the person who called "Cease Fire." Just freeze and stop what you are doing. Await further instruction from the Range Safety Officer. Many believe, incorrectly, that upon hearing the command "cease fire," they are supposed to unload their firearm. When you hear this command, just freeze. This command could be called to change out targets, which would be followed up with the instruction to "unload." A "cease fire" could also be called if the RSO sees someone being unsafe. If this is the case, the RSO could quickly correct the unsafe actions verbally, then tell everyone to resume shooting. No other command is to be used in place of "cease fire."

Range is Cold

The command "range is cold" is almost always preceded by "cease fire" and the instructions to unload, display a safe firearm (open action, remove bolt, place firearm in a gun rack, etc.), and step away from the shooting table or bench. When this command is called, no one should handle firearms or ammunition. Everyone needs to stay behind a line, usually marked behind the shooting benches, or move well behind the shooting area away from the shooting benches. After a "range is cold" command, all shooters need to wait for further instructions from the RSO

Down Range

The command "down range" is called to let all shooters and spectators know that one or more people are going down range in the shooting lanes. This command can be called for individuals to retrieve or put up new targets. It is important for everyone to be vigilant during this time. If anyone approaches the shooting benches or handles firearms during this time, anyone seeing this should immediately let others, including the RSO, know.

Ready on the Right

The command "ready on the right" is called before the shooters are told to start shooting. When this command is called, the RSO looks down the right side of the shooting line to make sure everyone is ready. At this point, any shooter on the right side of the shooting line that is not ready to resume shooting should let the RSO know.

Ready on the Left

The command "ready on the left" is called before the shooters are told to start shooting. When this command is called, the RSO looks down the left side of the shooting line to make sure everyone is ready. At this point, any shooter on the left side of the shooting line that is not ready to resume shooting should let the RSO know.

Ready on the Firing Line

The command "ready on the firing line" is called after all shooters on the right and left side of the firing line acknowledge they are ready to start shooting. This command is the last check that everyone is ready to start shooting before the shooters are told to commence firing. When this command is called, the RSO looks down both the right and the left side of the shooting line to make sure everyone is ready. At this point, any shooter on the shooting line that is not ready to resume shooting should let the RSO know.

Range is Hot

The command "range is hot" means that all shooters can begin firing. After the command "range is hot" is called, the only command that can follow is "cease fire." This means that if any safety violation or hazard occurs after the shooting has started, then a "cease fire" must be called. As stated before, the RSO or anyone else can call the "cease fire."

On the range it is very important to listen to the RSO for commands to stay safe. Often, shooters loudly repeat, down the line, the commands—cease fire, range is cold, down range and range is hot. This ensures that everyone hears the commands. Shooting is fun and one of the safest sports to engage in. It is up to everyone to make sure that it stays that way.