



MOUNTAIN VALLEY SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

Message from the President
Steve Freeman

With the month of March comes **MVSA's annual officer elections**. This year, since all officers are running unopposed, we are taking a dive into the technology age by having the membership that has access to computers vote online. This will save the club a tidy sum on postage, and is in line with the board's efforts to be more fiscally responsible with the club's resources. Members can vote in this year's election by clicking on the following link:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/mvsavote Those members who do not have an e-mail account on file with the club will still be mailed a ballot.

Looking ahead, I want to encourage all members to join us at **our next general meeting** on Thursday, April 15th, at 6:30pm, at the Elks Lodge (located at 132 Abbott Place in Hot Springs). At that time the board will be presenting its budget for the coming year, as well as its projects goals for 2010. Come out and learn more about the exciting things going on at MVSA!

Till next month, remember to always shoot straight.

--Steve--

Hopefully warmer weather is just around the corner! Despite the unusually cool weather we have had good numbers of shooters on days that were tolerable. We anticipate that more of you will come out as the target shooting season gets in to full swing. We have youth shooters from the Fountain Lake Cobras coming each Saturday afternoon to practice and a good number of faithful volunteers to help them with the shoots. We have other youth teams that are coming out to practice, and we will try to accommodate them without impacting our member's shooting time. Thanks again to all of you who volunteer to open and close the range, and especially those who help with the youth. See you at the range.

IDPA Happenings

By Steve Freeman

2010 is off to a great start! The IDPA Venue is well into preparing for their annual **MVSA Regional Championship Match**, scheduled for **March 27, 2010**. This year's theme is "natural and unnatural disasters." We will have stages involving hurricanes, tornados, floods, earthquakes, blizzards, and more (yes we will have snow in March). One stage that has generated a lot of humorous discussion among the S.O.'s is called "Victory to the Pot." This stage deals with a potential natural disaster of a human kind. The pot in the case is in the bathroom, and you are on a mission to use that pot in the midst of a burglary gone wrong. It is fair to say the Powell Design Team (of Larry, Kim, Jessica, and Lane) has put together what is shaping up to be another challenging and entertaining match for all involved. In addition to great

stages **all competitors will be entered in a drawing for a Springfield 1911 pistol.**

Okay so your interest is peaked and you want to know how to sign up. **Information on signing up for the match** can be found on the club website at

<http://www.mvsaonline.com/2010Regional/2010Regional.htm>. Since this is a sanctioned match you must be a member of IDPA and have gone through the classifier to compete.

We have several **projects going on in preparation for this match.** Larry Powell is coordinating our regional preparation efforts. Some projects will be at the range, while others are take home projects. Anyone willing to help with any of these need to contact Larry at ldpowell@wildblue.net for information and details. For final match set up and preparation, the IDPA range will be closed from Sunday, March 21st, through Saturday, March 27th.

With all this attention on our regional match you might think that is all we are doing in March. Nothing could be further from the truth. We will be shooting our **regular matches** on the Sunday after the first Saturday at 1pm (March 7th), and the third Saturday at 9am (March 20th).

In closing I'd like to invite any of our members interested in practicing their defensive handgun skills (while solving challenging and exciting real world defensive shooting problems) to join us on the IDPA range in 2010. See the club Calendar of Events (<http://www.mvsaonline.com/webcalendar/month.php?date=20100301>) for times and dates.

By Steve Freeman

"Blessed is he who, when faced with danger, thinks only of the front sight."

Col. Jeff Cooper
1920-2006

THE COWBOY WAY

By Bulldog McGraw / Glen Irvin

Despite the cooler weather we had a good turn out for Saturdays shoot. We had 53 shooters show up for what turned out to be a rather decent day of shooting. It started off a little on the cool side but warmed up a little in the afternoon with the sun peeking out a couple of times. Dogtown Dave you are a little rusty on the weather dance you need to break out the rattle and do some more practicing before March. Ozark Outlaw also mentioned that even though there were no specific rule changes this year that SASS has put out a new shooters handbook. I did go look and there is also a new RO1 and RO2 handbooks. I made a brief look through and it looks like they have done what Ozark thought they had done and that is to make some clarifications on certain issues in the book. I will try to look a little closer at the difference between last years and this years books talk with Ozark and see about getting something in next months newsletter.

Cowboy Long Range Rifle

It has been about a year since we have had a Cowboy Long Range Rifle shoot, so blow the cobwebs out of them there barrels and get ready. We will have a shoot the third weekend in March which would be March 20, 2010.

CMP Rifle Match

By Don Buck



We had a great morning for the monthly match. Lee Floyd conducted the match in his usual professional manner. The turnout was a bit better this month with 8 competitors. I believe this was true due to interest in the follow-up pistol match.

Results follow:

Competitor	Rifle	Score	10-Xs
Ross Rumore	Garand	279	5
Calvin Roach	Garand	267	1
John Archer	Garand	253	1
Mark Woodfield	Garand	217	
Glenn Baker	Garand	214	
Jimmy Ballew	AR-15	256	2
Ted Smethers	AR-15	253	4
Tom Powers	AR-15	225	1

Pistol Target Match

By Don Buck

The February Pistol Target match was wonderful. I certainly hadn't anticipated the response that we had to the 3-gun match. The match only cost \$2 to enter, which just covers the expense of targets. I've owned a PPK-S for about 3 years and just recently thought about the novelty of holding a 15 yard .380 match in addition to our regular .22 and 1911 .45 matches.

The response was almost overwhelming. Fourteen shooters showed up. If it hadn't been for the help from Ted Smethers, it would have been chaos. Actually, a couple of guys showed up with the wrong calibers and we let them shoot just for fun but not for score. I'm sure it was fun for them to shoot with the group just to see how they measured up.

We shot 10 rounds twice with the .22s at 25 yards and the same with the .45s, and added the two best scores from each caliber for an aggregate score for competition. The .380 match was just 10 rounds. There was enough chaos that I didn't get the scores for the .380 match.

Scores are as follow:

Competitor	.22 Score	.45 Score	Aggregate
Mark Woodfield	100 5X	96 3X	196 8X
Jack Cates	96 3X	96 2X	192 5X

Glenn Baker	96 1X	94 3X	190 3X
Ted Smethers	93 3X	95 2X	188 5X
John Archer	93	90 1X	183 1X
Calvin Roach	95 3X	86 2X	181 5X
Ross Rumore	89 4X	91 1X	180 5X
Don Buck	90	85	175
Dennis Moser	91 3X	82 1X	174 1X
Martin Jiranek	85	88 1X	173 1X
Tom Powers	61	70 1X	130 1X

Three other people shot only round or another caliber. We hope they will come back next month and try it again. They were Jerry Kalkck, Bill Kasdorf and Rich Alan.

Then there was the .380 match. There were some pretty good scores in this match. For instance, Jack Cates shot 100. We didn't log the rest of the scores. Sorry about that.

We'll do this again next month. Come out and shoot with on the 4th Saturday, which is March 27. We'll start around 10:30. If Lee is there, running the Military Rifle Match, I may be able to get away and start the pistol matches a little early.
Don



What's Wrong With This Picture?

Saturday morning when we arrived at the rifle range for the Military Rifle Match, we found this cardboard box out at about 25 yards in front of the firing line. Someone had been shooting at the targets on the ground. This is a strict violation of range rules.

Our property is only about 440 yards deep from south to north. To the north of us, the property is leased to hunters. If bullets glance off of the ground and leave the property, the shooter puts hunters at risk of injury and makes the club liable for a lawsuit. This careless practice puts the entire range at risk of being shut down.

I'm asking every member to help police the rifle and pistol ranges for this type of violation. Please get the perpetrator's name and / or license plate number. We want him out of the club.

Don Buck---Rifle Range Venue Chairman

POWER BEHIND THE THRONE!

Don Buck from the rifle range came over to the cowboy range recently to take some photos. As he went in to the schoolhouse to take photos, he made the comment that he wanted to take pictures of the ladies who were the "power behind the throne." They all had a laugh because the "thrones" are just on the other side of the wall, so behind the throne took on a double meaning.

Be sure and let the ladies that make up this powerful force know how much we appreciate their help!



VENUE SPOTLIGHT

As was announced we plan to feature an article about each venue that makes up MVSA. This month the spotlight was to shine on the rifle range but Don asked for a reprieve until next month so the article could be "just right".

See Events Calendar on last page

Calendar of Events

Tuesday 3/2 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Thursday 3/4 MVSA Board Meeting 6:30

Saturday 3/6 Cowboy Action:

9:45am Safety meeting Shoot 10:00 am

Sunday 3/7 Cowboy Action: 9 am

IDPA 1 pm

Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday 3/9 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00 pm

Saturday 3/13 Trap and Skeet: 9am – Noon

Sunday 3/14 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday 3/16 Trap and Skeet 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 3/20 Trap and Skeet 9:00am – Noon

IDPA 9 am

Cowboy Long Range 10 am

Sunday 3/21 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday 3/23 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 3/27 Trap and Skeet 9:00am – Noon

CMP Rifle Match: 9:00am

MVSA Regional Championship Match

Sunday 3/28 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday 3/30 Trap and Skeet: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

All shooting schedules are “Weather Permitting”

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