



WRPCNews

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[Shooting and Aging Eyesight](#)

As we get older our eyesight changes and most of us readily agree the change is not for the better. For those of us who still like to shoot with open sights we know the importance of not being able to clearly see our sights in order to hit what we aim at. Whether shooters wear prescription glasses or not and both your front & rear sights are looking a little fuzzy these days a Merit Optical Shooting Device might be just the thing to help you regain some lost clarity.

So how can a Merit Optical Shooting Device help? The Merit Optical Attachment sticks to your prescription and / or shooting glasses with a small suction cup. (See picture below)

It's amazing how this device helps to increase your eye's depth of field. As you look through the tiny aperture, you will be able to see both sights clearly, and the target may be clearly defined as well. The device simply uses the same principle that allowed the original Eastman Kodak box camera to work without a lens, and its pictures were in remarkably clear focus.

The Merit apertures are adjustable, allowing the shooter to change the setting based upon the lighting conditions and the distance of the target. Merit apertures are all iris shutter style; you turn the front clockwise to close it down and counter clockwise to open it up, and your point of impact does not change.

To learn more about the Merit Optical Shooting Device and other Merit products you can find them on the web at (www.meritcorporation.com) Their mailing address is PO Box 9044, Schenectady, NY 12309 or phone them at 518-346-1420.

Ok, so, what about your prescription glasses? Do your bifocals play havoc with your iron sights or blur the cross-hairs in your scoped guns?

Maybe you're ready to consider prescription shooting glasses?

If you are why not consider Morgan Optical.

(www.morganoptical.net) Their mailing address is:

912 West State
Olean, NY 14760
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Notes and Updates from the President's Desk:

Members Passing On: WRPC extends its condolences to the families of Bill Longo and David Curtis. David died unexpectedly at his home in Geneva last month where he was a well-respected dentist and community member. His activities at WRPC were limited to his own personal use of the facility, but we still feel his absence. David leaves behind a wife and daughter.

Bill died last month as well after a short, unexpected illness. Bill was as much a thread in the fabric of WRPC as one can be. He held an FFL and made his services available to all members. Bill was the reason we were able to run such successful raffles in the last two years. More than that, Bill was an active shooter in WRPC competitions. Anyone visiting the range is likely to have run into Bill with one of his newest "toys": its description always followed up by a chance to try it out. He distributed advice, opportunity and laughs by the handful. If the crowd at Bill's funeral service was any indication, he defined the "...life well lived".

Members On Target:



The board of directors would like to extend its thanks to **Carol Snook** for organizing the Fun Shoot last season. The 2009 season will be overseen by Alan Roher, and Alan's job is that much easier because of the groundbreaking work done by Carol. The Fun Shoot was the brain child of Lon Snook as an activity to keep shooters active. Once again, thanks to the Snooks for getting the ball rolling, and welcome to Alan Roher for taking it on.

The Board is also indebted to **Dick Eaton** for having the vision to bring Women On Target to WRPC. Dick will be stepping down from the program and turning his attention to, among other things, the veteran's program. Our club is very proud of our WOT program, and the response of our attendees has been positive and enthusiastic. One of the best ways to keep shooting alive and healthy in NY is to appeal to the half of the population which has traditionally been short sightedly ignored.



Get out and VOTE! No, not the federal election, the WRPC election! We are due to vote for our Board of Directors in January. There are two "At Large" positions uncontested for 2009, but you may run for ANY position shown in the left-hand side of the front page of this newsletter. An election committee will be developed at next month's general meeting. This committee will be responsible for making sure that those who want to be on the ballot will be. You should feel free to contact either Don Valerio or Lon Snook if you have any questions about how to run for a position or how to make your vote known.

Security Lanyards: We all share the common desire for a safe club and responsible shooting. The members and board have been considering a variety of ideas aimed at dealing with the problem of the reckless shooting and vandalism which occurred last summer. The most effective idea is to simply make the members aware of the problem and enlist their support in keeping an eye out for bad behavior. This seems to be working, as there have been no further incidents for a few months. An extension of this idea is to find a way to make it obvious to all that shooters using the range are actual members. To this end, a lanyard and plastic card holder are being provided to all members. Any member who wishes to do so (this is voluntary) can place their membership card in the holder and display it when using the club.

All members are required to have their card in their possession, either in their pocket or on a lanyard, while at the club. It is a rule of the club that if a member shows you their card and asks to see yours you are required to show it. Since not every member is personally acquainted with every other member, this is a simple and polite means of

verifying that only members are bringing firearms onto our property. Eventually the club will provide key number cards to go in the lanyards for the use of any member who wishes to wear it.

100 yard range: Here's a shooting tip. If you are using the hundred yard backstop early in the day the sun can shine through a thin paper target from the back. The shadow pattern cast by the plastic snow fencing can obscure the bullseye. If you drape an old blanket or tarp over the back of the target frame it will block the sun from shining through the target from the back and eliminate the problem; and the bullet holes in the cloth won't be big enough to admit light.

In addition, remember that hunting season is here. Local hunters will be in the woods beyond WRPC property at the back of Tactical and Silhouette ranges. When shooting on either of these ranges be sure to use designated target areas. This will keep the chance of a stray round leaving the property to a minimum. Safety always extends beyond your target.

New Shooting Event: Member **Sandy Shulman** has let his passion for IDPA and IPSC defensive shooting spill over to WRPC. Over the summer season Sandy developed and delivered an introductory version of defensive pistol style competition. We hope that Sandy will continue to develop this practical, tactical drill system and make it part of the shoot calendar in the spring.

Indoor range: Currently the board is exploring two options for installing a floor to ceiling backstop on the indoor range. 1) Procure an unused range from the old army depot, disassemble it, transport to the club, reassemble it, and fabricate an extension to it which would bring it to the 32 foot width we need. 2) Buy all new steel, have it



delivered to the club, and install according to a design used by the Syracuse Pistol Club which has been made available to us.

Either way this will be a major project and a major expense. However it will also represent a major enhancement to the club, it will help attract new members, and retain existing members. It will require the shutting down of the indoor range for a time next summer. All members need to be aware of this issue, and when the proposal is ready, it will be voted on at the annual meeting in January.

Parking Lot: The new parking lot is finished. Deloss Stuck, who remodeled the tactical range and created the new pistol range, did the job. First he scraped off several

inches of topsoil which remains in a pile at the end of the lot. This will be available for berm building projects in the future. Then he laid down 4 inches of shale. The shale was provided free to the club and we only paid for the trucking. This created a savings of about \$2000. The lot was finished with 2 inches of crusher run gravel and rolled. As time goes on and we all drive over it, the surface should pack down nicely. Deloss has a lot of experience with this kind of project and he hasn't steered us wrong yet.



The best way to use the lot is to pull cars up to the **outside** edges **side by side**. We should be able to get about 25 cars out there. If there is room we will place some kind of barrier in the middle up to which more cars can be placed. Just remember not to park in a way that blocks the driveway.

Raffle 2009: The gun list for the raffle is shaping up and we are looking for input from members. Most suggestions so far are for specific gun models. We expanded the selection from 10 guns in 2007 to 12 guns in 2008. I don't know if there is any limit on how many we can offer, other than carrying too much overhead.



One WRPC member suggested that we add a progressive reloading press, re-bluing service, and other non-gun items for those folks who have enough firearms in their safes already.



Jerry Pagano, from Seneca Falls, has agreed to step in to provide FFL service for Raffle 2009 selections. We still need someone to arrange for food, drinks, and supplies for the raffle picnic. If you can help, call Don Valerio for specs on estimated head count and food selection.

Feel free to contact Don Valerio with any suggestions you have to make 2009 another successful raffle year.



(All photos are from Raffle 2008)

WRPC Shooters Take Gold Medals

Two participants in the WRPC Veterans air rifle program won gold medals at a national competition held in Indianapolis this August. Steve Bruce (pictured below, left), known to all as “Bruce” and Clint Stevens (pictured below, right) came out on top by out shooting a field of over 500 competitors



The Golden Age Games are an annual national sports tournament for US veterans over the age of 55. Events range from bowling to golf to swimming to shooting. Veterans compete in 5 year age brackets.

The shooting portion is with air rifles. Competitors fire from a seated position with elbows on the bench at bullseye targets at a distance of 10m (~33 feet). A perfect score is 50.

Bruce scored a 49 winning not only the gold medal in his age bracket, but he

won the “WHOLE SHOOTIN’ MATCH”! The next best score was a 46. Clint Stevens shot a 40 and took first place in the 65-69 bracket.

The WRPC veterans program started this spring. One of our members, **Hank Reigle**, is director of occupational therapy at the Canandaigua VA. He proposed program to the club. The VA delivers 8-10 veterans to the club every Tuesday morning for air rifle practice. The vets enjoy the program and enthusiasm is high.

Bruce says the regular practice at WRPC was key to his success, and is very appreciative of the effort the WRPC members have made on behalf of the program.



Regular volunteers for the program include **Ron Pesta, Chuck Irland, Bill Dadson, Don Valerio, and Dick Eaton**. Dick more or less runs the program and has hopes of taking matters to a higher level by increasing the scope and variety of shooting. If he can cut through enough red tape there may be a veterans sporterifle team someday.

---Don Valerio

Outdoor Silhouette Shoots Finished!

The 2008 Outdoor Silhouette season is packed away for another year. Competing events and poor weather kept shooter turnout low, but Ron Pesta did an outstanding job of staffing and presenting the program. Thanks to Ron and all his workers for keeping the program running like clockwork.

Top Shooters in August with 31 Entries:

- **Light Rifle:** L Morse-AAA; A Pluretti-AA; E Wertz-A
- **Club Rifle:** C Morrison-M; D Valerio- AAA; K Irland-A
- **Hunter Pistol RF Scope:** E D'Angio-M; L Snook-AAA; J Williams-AA; W Gillette-A; H Headley-B;
- **Hunter Pistol RF OpSight:** E D'Angio-AAA; L Snook-AA
- **Hunter Pistol CF Scope:** L Snook-AAA; J Williams-AA; D Bowen-A; T Headley-B

Top Shooters in September with 23 Entries:

- **Unlimited Heavy:** E Wertz-AAA
- **Light Rifle:** A Pluretti-AA
- **Open Sights Rifle:** E Wertz-AA
- **Club Rifle:** J Breese-M; D Valerio-AAA; K Irland-A
- **Hunter Pistol RF Scope:** J Breese-AAA; J Williams-AA; W Gillette-A; H Headley-B
- **Hunter Pistol CF Scope:** L Snook-AAA; J Williams-AA; H Headley-A; T Headley-B



JOIN THE NRA TODAY!

Help the sport and help the club! WRPC will receive a financial reward for each *new* or *renewed* NRA membership that comes through our official recruiter.

Contact Art Pluretti for more information at:
Free2glock@yahoo.com

Ongoing Shoots

Indoor Fun Shoot: Sundays of Jan-4, Feb-1, Mar-1, Apr-5 from 9:00-1:00. Handguns and rimfire rifles are welcome. Contact Alan Roher at (585)261-9378 or alan.roher@co.ontario.ny.us

Indoor Silhouette: Third Sunday of each month. Contact Marty Walther at (607) 869-3733.

Bullseye Pistol: Shot Thursday nights at 7:00. Contact Bob Stevens at (315) 539-2819

Spporterifle: Shot Tuesday and Friday nights. Registration closes and shooting begins at 7:15. Contact David Gadoury at (315) 789-8112

WRPC Logo-Wear Now Available!

Ron Pesta is taking orders for hats, shirts, sweats and fleece jackets embroidered with the WRPC Logo. A portion of the cost for each item is donated back to the club. Show your support for the sport and the club by placing your order today. Price structure and selections are below.

Polo shirts: 50% cotton/50% poly blend or 100% cotton. Colors - white, ash, black, for. green, maize, maroon, navy, red, and royal blue.

S - XL \$21.00 2XL & 3XL \$23.00

Sweatshirts: 90% cotton/10% poly blend. Colors - ash, black, for. green, navy, and royal blue.

S - XL \$22.50 2XL & 3XL \$25.50

Hooded Sweatshirts: 90% cotton/10% poly blend. Colors - ash, black, for. green, navy, & royal blue.

S - XL \$28.00 2XL & 3XL \$30.00

1/4 zip Fleece Pull-over: 100% poly.

S - XL \$31.00 2XL-\$32.00 3XL-\$34.00 4XL-\$35.00

Colors - black, forest green, navy, carolina blue, charcoal, grey, orange, red, royal blue

Full zip Fleece: 100% poly.

S - XL-\$32.00 2XL-\$35.00 3XL-\$36.00 4XL-\$37.00

Colors - black, forest green, navy, charcoal, grey, red

Ball Caps: Coming Soon!

You can place your order on the sheet at the clubhouse, or you can contact Ron Pesta directly at: rpesta@rochester.rr.com or 315-781-1782. In either case, he will collect orders until he has a minimum of 12 items.



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Mission Statement:

The WRPC is a members-only organization dedicated to the shooting sports.

Our goal is to provide a safe, friendly atmosphere for the promotion and support of firearms use for experienced and emerging shooters.

Merit Adjustable Aperture...cont.

Morgan Optical manufactures prescription lenses for shooting. They can also help guide you in getting the correct prescription from your eye doctor.

If you do need bifocals to read you will still need them in your shooting glasses. You'll want to be able to read headstamps, caliber markings, etc. You might find invisible line bifocals helpful and their positioning can be discussed with your eye doctor.

Submitted by:
Lon Snook
WRPC VP & Safety Director

Editor's note: Thanks, Lon! I will admit to having some trouble with headstamps.

Also wanted to note that MidwayUSA sells the **Merit** Aperture for \$56. There is a **Lyman** version available from MidwayUSA (Hawkeye Shooter's Eyeglass Diopter) for \$19.

The Lyman version does not have an adjustable aperture, but it is a relatively inexpensive way to find out if an eyeglass attachment will help.



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