



WRPCNews

Summer:
August 2008

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WRPC Youth Shooting Program: From Struggle to Success

Despite a dismal beginning and a near misfire in the final weeks, the 2008 Youth Shoot proved to be a greater success than the 2007 program. We had more youngsters for each of the two shooting weekends and very few no-shows.

A planning oversight in the spring scheduled the first Saturday shoot on the same day as the raffle picnic – oops!! We changed the June 7th date to the 28th that fell on the first Saturday after schools let out. Unfortunately too few youngsters signed up necessitating cancellation of the 3rd week.

Original plans were to partner with a countywide youth organization to provide the shooters. Although initial enthusiasm appeared high in February, progress gradually ground to near standstill in May. We quickly printed and distributed more posters in six nearby communities, made phone calls and mailed brochures to all the 2007 shooters.

The single greatest boost came from the “Remingtons” 4-H club headed by Deb Vanni. She brought six girls and boys over the two weeks and would have had two more for the final week. Club members brought grandchildren; posters and word of mouth attracted more for a total sign-up nearly equal to last year.

The first week's program was the same as last year. The venue was the Tactical Range set up with additional covered firing stations. Following a 30- minute lesson in gun safety, familiarization with the bolt-action rifle, sight picture and trigger control the youngsters were divided into four squads to correspond with the number of shooting stations. Each squad was sub-divided into three relays; an ideal arrangement that minimized each youngster's waiting time.

An instructor under the control of the Chief Range Officer managed each shooting station. Most youngsters were seated and fired with the rifle supported on blocks or by the shooter's arm. Some shooters were sufficiently skilled to shoot off-hand. Targets were variously shaped steel disks and squares plus rifle sized silhouette chickens. The targets proved to be too easy for some shooters who were allowed to fire at coins or other small objects. Each relay consisted of five rounds for a total of 25 or 30 shots. Shooters and instructors reset targets. (**Continued on back page**)

Outdoor Silhouette Shoots Underway!

The 2008 Outdoor Silhouette season is underway. Attendance has been light due to weather and competing weekend events, but Ron Pesta and his crew are making sure everything runs smoothly for those who do attend.

Top Shooters in May with 34 Entries:

- **Unlimited Heavy Rifle:** A Pluretti-AAA; E D'Angio-A
- **Light Rifle:** A Pluretti-AA
- **Open Sights Rifle:** K Whiteleather-B
- **Club Rifle:** B Dadson-M; C Ward-AAA; J Cuson-AA; K Irland-A
- **Hunter Pistol RF Scope:** E D'Angio-M; L Snook-AAA; C Ward-AA; W Gillette-A; T Headley-B;
- **Hunter Pistol RF OpSight:** E D'Angio-AAA; L Snook-AA
- **Hunter Pistol CF Scope:** L Snook-AAA; H Headley-A; T Headley-B

Top Shooters in June with 27 Entries:

- **Light Rifle:** A Pluretti-AA
- **Club Rifle:** A Pluretti-M; C Ward-AAA; B Dadson-AA; C Irland-A; J Prebis-B
- **Hunter Pistol RF Scope:** L Snook-AAA; C Ward-AA; D Bowen-A; H Headley-B
- **Hunter Pistol RF OpSight:** L Snook-AA
- **Hunter Pistol CF Scope:** L Snook-AAA; H Headley-A

Top Shooters in July with 22 Entries:

- **Club Rifle:** A Pluretti-M; T Stratten-AAA
- **Hunter Pistol RF Scope:** E D'Angio-M; L Snook-AAA; J Williams-AA; Dan Bowen-A; H Headley-B
- **Hunter Pistol RF OpSight:** M Bowen-B
- **Hunter Pistol CF Scope:** E D'Angio-M; L Snook-AAA; J Williams-AA; W Gillette-A; T Headley-B

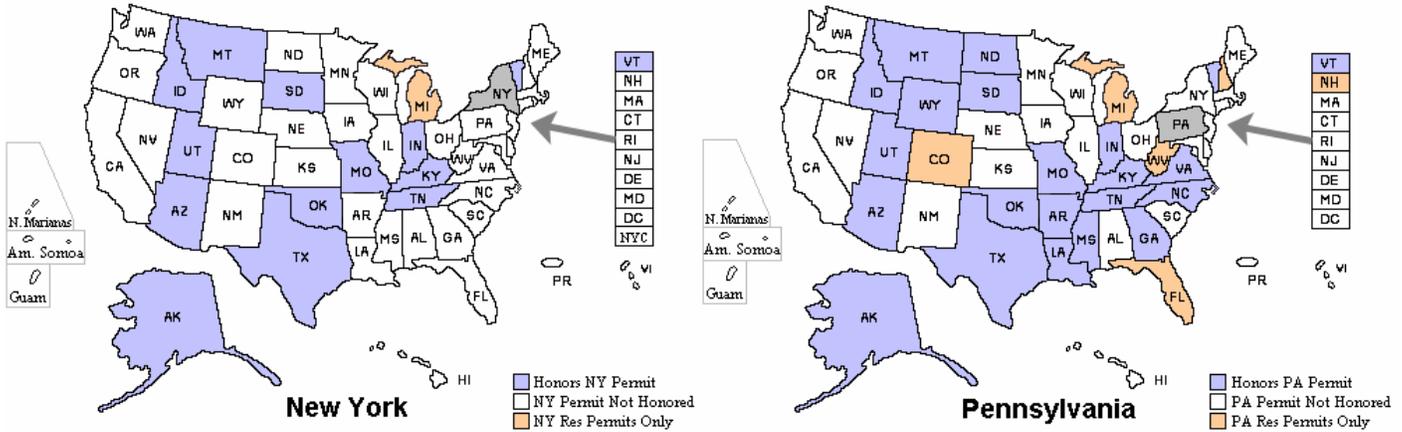
From the Director, Ron Pesta:

“Outdoor Silhouette shoots have been averaging only 14 shooters. Although hot & sticky (and upon occasion - wet), I thought the members of this club were SHOOTERS? Maybe the targets are just too far away for ya. Plus you're missing out on some great chow.

Hope to see ya at the last two shoots August 17th and September 21st.”

Out of State Pistol Permits: Expanding Your Carry Coverage

Member **Dan McGowan** put me on the trail of a non-resident permit for handgun carry from the state of Pennsylvania (PA). According to the current laws, your NY State permit allows you to carry your handgun concealed as long as you have a “carry concealed weapon” (CCW) rider for NY, or are traveling to another state that honors your NY CCW. Currently 14 other states honor the NY CCW. (See the map below)



By acquiring a non-resident, PA CCW, I have broadened my 2nd amendment right to 22 states. I find it fascinating that constitutional rights have boundaries...but there you have it. NY appears to be so offensive that, with the exception of VT (which has no restrictions at all), none of the NE or SE states, and only a few of the mid-Atlantic states, recognize a NY State CCW.

Acquisition of a PA CCW is easy and convenient. I received my PA pistol permit in May after paying \$26 and waiting 3 days (the time for the mail to travel between states). Comparing that to the \$120 and 6 month wait for a NY permit points up the major failing of the Empire State: bureaucracy. Crime rates in PA are lower per capita than NY (US Bureau of Crime Statistics) even though NY licenses both the person and the hardware while PA is only interested in issuing a license for the person. My *application* said I wanted a PA permit for “hunting, target shooting” (to avoid the raised eyebrows of CCW for protection), yet the *license* came with a boldly stated “Self-Defense” tag. Looks like PA is more liberal with its permitting than NY State.

You can acquire your PA permit by starting here: http://www.co.centre.pa.us/sheriff/license_application.asp or call Sherrif Denny Nau at: (814) 355-6803.

--Kris Whiteleather

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Ongoing Shoots

Outdoor Silhouette: Third Sunday of each month until September from 9:00-1:00. Handguns and rimfire rifles are welcome. For more information: *Contact Ron Pesta 315-781-1782*

Tactical Action Shoot: First Sunday of each month until November from 9:00 to 1:00. Handguns and rimfire carbines are welcome. For more information: *Contact Dale Swarts 315-539-0147*

Tactical Season in Full Swing

Dale Swarts and his crew have been running the action shooting competition fast and furious in 2008. Dale hit the ground running in this, his first season as director. Some results are below.

Top shooters for May were:

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| • Rimfire Auto Optical Sights: | Jim Cramer |
| • Rimfire Auto Open Sights: | Art Pluretti |
| • Rimfire Carbine Optical Sights: | Lon Snook |
| • Centerfire Auto Open Sights: | Art Pluretti |
| • Centerfire Auto Optical Sights: | Lon Snook |
| • Centerfire Revolver Optical Sights: | Art Pluretti |
| • Centerfire Revolver Open Sights: | Art Pluretti |

Top shooters for June were:

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| • Rimfire Auto Optical Sights: | Lon Snook |
| • Rimfire Auto Open Sights: | Art Pluretti |
| • Rimfire Carbine Optical Sights: | Lon Snook |
| • Rimfire Carbine Open Sights: | Kris Whiteleather |
| • Centerfire Auto Open Sights: | Jim Cramer |
| • Centerfire Auto Optical Sights: | Chuck DiSalvo |
| • Centerfire Revolver Open Sights: | Art Pluretti |
| • Centerfire Revolver Optical Sights: | Chuck DiSalvo |



The next shoot dates are:

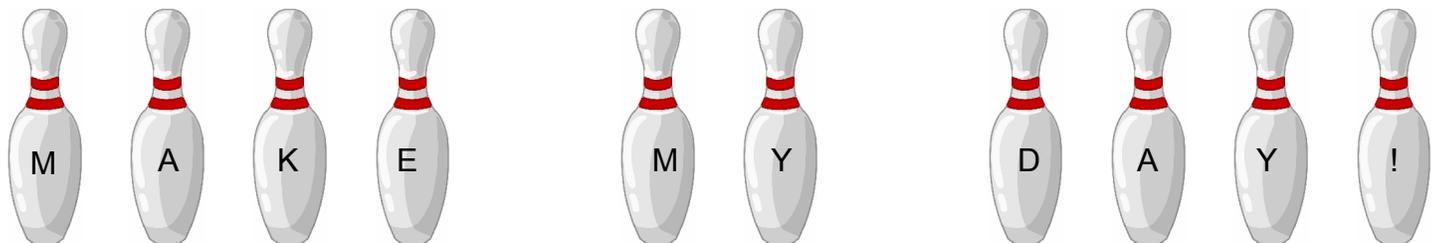
September 07

October 05

November 02

As usual, registration time is between 9:00 and 1:00. We can find a class for any combination of your rimfire carbine, rimfire or centerfire pistol, scopes or sights, single action, revolver, or auto-loading what not. The only restrictions are NO MAGNUMS (over 1500 fps), no shotguns, no centerfire rifle calibers even if fired from a pistol.

Come on down to the tactical range to compete or just watch how it's done. For complete details contact Dale Swarts at 315-539-0147 or dswarts@rochester.rr.com.



Raffle Results!

Shannon Cleere (R) holds one of two rifles she won in WRPC's July Raffle. Shannon's father in law (member John Cleere) entered three tickets with Shannon's name on them. Defying the odds, her name was drawn for the H&R Sportster in .17 HMR AND the Stag Arms AR-15 in .223! A dental hygienist in Seneca Falls, Shannon has recently received her pistol permit but has no previous shooting experience. Her husband, Jim Cleere, is excited at the prospect of shooting the AR-15...but he has to ask permission first. Congratulations, Shannon, and we hope to see you on the range!



The guns were drawn at the picnic in Seneca Falls with somewhere around 150 attendees at any given moment. The weather cooperated with a stiff breeze to blow away the oppressive heat, and the food and beer were moving out at a brisk pace. Member Andy Fegley called the winners for the 12 guns and dozens of door prizes.

The griddle was manned by (L-R below) Alan Roher, Tom Hearn, Dave Eanetta, Vince Carnevale. I give them great credit for standing up the whole day in the hotspot and keeping the plates filled. Everywhere I turned WRPC members were working to keep things moving smoothly and efficiently. A big "Thank You" goes out to:



John Christensen, Mark DeRuyter, David Gadoury, Chuck and Kathy Irland, Bill Longo, Deb Najjar, Lloyd Northrup, Cody Pesta, Ron Pesta, Brad Reynolds, Lisa Reynolds, Zach Reynolds, Sandy Schulman, Lon and Carol Snook, Don Valerio and Charlie Ward.

The raffle is our most effective fundraiser, and a successful picnic with excellent turnout assures that we will have repeat sales next year.

---Kris Whiteleather

| COMPLETE LIST OF RAFFLE WINNERS | |
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| #1 Stag Arms AR-15: Shannon Cleere | #7 Charles Daly 12 ga Auto, Ron Putnam |
| #2 Weatherby Pkg..243: Betty Dezen | #8 CZ Amer. 552: Charles Davis |
| #3 Remington 7600, .270: James Knapp | #9 Henry Youth, .22lr: Aaron Smith |
| #4 Rem. Express: Dennis DeRuyter | #10 H&R, .17HMR: Shannon Cleere |
| #5 Marlin 336. 30-30: James Bannatyne Jr. | #11 T/C Omega. .50 cal, Pkg.: John Perry |
| #6 Savage 110, 22-250 Pkg.: Maurice D. Coit | #12 Gamo Nitro, .177: Denise De Stefano |

WRPC Youth Shooting...cont.

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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.

The second week began as a repeat of the first: instruction plus shooting in relays. During the morning break the youngsters received instruction and practice in loading 10-round magazines for the Ruger 10-22 carbine. Don Valerio then explained the operating controls of the semi-automatic rifle followed by an actual firing demonstration. Each shooter then had an opportunity to fire 10 rounds each at steel plates, bowling pins and a moving target. Many of the youngsters declared the "mover" as the highpoint of the morning

The one-on-one relationship between shooter and instructor is the core of this program; therefore requiring a lot of member participation. **Curtis "Doc" Watson, John Prebis, Tim Baxter, Vicki Porter, Charlie Ward, Ron Pesta, Bill Dadson and Lew Barbi** all did stints as instructors; **Don Valerio** was chief range officer; **Bob Stevens** was safety instructor and backup. **Kris Whiteleather** composed and designed a colored brochure that may have as many as nine lives.

Those members certainly accomplished the program's goal of introducing youngsters to the pleasure of rifle marksmanship, teaching them how to do it safely and providing a safe venue for making it happen.

----Bob Stevens



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