

KITTITAS VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

SPRING 2017

Greetings to all members of the KVR&PC. Now that the indoor shooting season is coming to an end it is time for reflections about this years range activities. The KVR&PC continues to offer several organized shooting activities for the membership. We also host organized activities by the local 4H club, NRA certified Basic Pistol classes and hunter safety instructor training sessions by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife training officer. The KVR&PC will continue to make its range facility available to local groups that support the shooting sports. A small fee is charged for the use of the KVR&PC facility to help defray costs of operation.

This year we have experienced some financial challenges due to reduced membership and increasing cost of range operation. It is very important for all of our members to remember to promote our shooting activities and serve as ambassadors for the KVR&PC to attract new members. The only way the KVR&PC will survive is through a strong active and dedicated membership. It takes all of us promoting our activities to make a success of the KVR&PC.

A year-end review of our organized shooting activities.

Target Rifle, Tuesday evenings

This season our Target Rifle shooters had the opportunity to shoot for the Yakima league, the Inland Empire League or both.

The Yakima league competition was won by the KVR&PC shooting team. This is a series of sixteen matches fired over the winter season from the first week of December to mid March. There are five teams that participate in the Yakima league series of matches. Throughout the season the KVR&PC Target Rifle shooters showed increasingly high scores for each match. The Inland Empire league has a series of ten matches beginning the first week of January until mid March. The Inland Empire has teams from all western states including Alaska. The competition in this league is very vigorous. This season the KVR&PC Target Rifle shooters maintained their position in the A class. This is an improvement over prior years performance.

All Target Rifle shooting is done postal with the shooting being done on the KVR&PC range and the scores transferred electronically. No travel is required of our shooters. Next year we will again offer both league shooting opportunities for Target Rifle competition.

Bulls-Eye Pistol, Wednesday evenings

This season our Bulls-Eye pistol shooters competed in the Inland Empire league. A marked improvement in pistol shooting by all participants led to improved placement in the league results. The KVR&PC was able to field a minimum of three Bulls-Eye pistol teams for each of the ten matches. Our shooters consistently placed well against shooters from all over the western states. Erich Mietenkorte placed 1st, Tony Carollo 9th, and Bret Hollar 50th out of 324 registered shooters in the entire league. Next year we will again offer Bulls-Eye pistol shooting for the Inland Empire league to our membership. The Bulls-Eye pistol shooting is the KVR&PC's best-attended shooting opportunity. Next season we plan to add a steel challenge event to our pistol shooting.

Light Rifle, Thursday evenings

This shooting evening is growing slowly. The point of this opportunity is to make the range available for families and for people that want to shoot but not in any type of competitive event. We have members that bring their young kids out to shoot balloons with their BB guns. Some bring out youngsters to improve their shooting skills with the desire to eventually join the competitions we offer. Some just come out to enjoy shooting their way or to try out a new rifle or pistol. The point is to make an evening available for the membership to get together and enjoy each other's company while shooting.

NRA Basic Pistol classes

One Saturday a month during the fall, winter and spring months. Our NRA certified pistol Instructor furnishes Basic Pistol classes to those individuals wishing to acquire instruction in the safe handling and shooting of pistols. These classes have been attended by people from all over Washington and Oregon. Each participant that completes the class receives a Basic Pistol certificate.

If any member of the KVR&PC has an idea that would help the club please speak with one of the directors. The Directors are: Hal Mason, Marilyn Mason, Erich Mietenkorte, Bret Hollar and Jerry McCullough.

Once again it has been my great pleasure to be in the company of good people that enjoy participating in the shooting sports.

I hope we all have a safe and productive fun filled summer. See you all next season.

Hal

