

KITTITAS VALLEY RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB NEWS

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Greetings to all returning members of the KVR&PC and to all good citizens who would like to join us.

We would like to welcome you back or if new welcome you to another year's participation with the KITTITAS VALLEY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB. We offer three different scheduled shooting opportunities to the membership. As in the past you can choose which scheduled activity you would like to participate in. If you are a full participating member you also can choose not to participate in a scheduled shooting activity and use the range during non-scheduled shooting times for your own enjoyment. The choice is up to you.

The following are descriptions of the scheduled activities the KVR&PC offers to its members.

TARGET RIFLE;

Tuesday evenings are the KVR&PC target rifle matches. This year we offer the opportunity to participate in the Yakima rifle league and the Inland Empire league. Both organizations sponsor indoor competitive target rifle shooting. However there are some differences.

The Yakima league only uses the top five scores posted by the shooting team to determine a match total number for the team. At that point a handicap figure is added or subtracted to the teams score to place the teams score against the opposing teams score being fired against for that match. Based on the handicap figure the high score for the evening may or may not win the match. If your shooting ability is not up to the level of the range of the top five shooters on the team then your efforts will not be counted for the evening. Due to the irregular scoring system the Yakima league chooses to use you will not be awarded an NRA classification at the end of the season for your shooting efforts.

For the Inland Empire you shoot the same Indoor position course of fire as you would for the Yakima league. That is the end of the similarity however. All shooters that choose to participate in the Inland Empire league will have their scores included in the results for the match. Your scores will be posted online and you will be included in the IERPA match results for that weeks match. The results include teams of shooters from Alaska to Arizona and Wyoming to the Pacific coast. All teams and shooters follow the NRA indoor rifle shooting rules and scoring procedures. No handicap numbers are added or subtracted to your score and all shooters scores count. Your match participation is rewarded at the conclusion of the season with an official NRA classification score and a placement in the shooter classification system. If you should choose to further your shooting efforts by participating in indoor matches other than ours an NRA classification is vital to that effort. It is also nice to have your efforts and participation formally recognized by placement in the official NRA recognized match registry of the Inland Empire Rifle and Pistol Association.

Both of the above Target Rifle shooting options have additional costs associated with them. Last year the Yakima league charged \$15.00 to participate while the IERPA charged \$10.00 to participate. We expect this season to be about the same.

BULLSEYE PISTOL;

Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00pm KVR&PC offers the opportunity to participate in the Inland Empire Rifle and Pistol Association's Bullseye Pistol league. Pistol shooters can choose to have their scores included or not in the weekly match submissions to the IERPA. As in IERPA Target Rifle your scores are compared against a wide array of shooters in the western USA. If you choose to participate in the IERPA Bullseye matches all of your efforts will count towards an NRA pistol classification at the end of the year. The KVR&PC follows the official NRA Bullseye Pistol shooting rules. Each shooters effort for each match will result in a placement within the IERPA scoring system. The IERPA scoring system divides shooters into teams of four that include all shooters from

each local organization and place each team into categories within the IERPA scoring system. Team placement is then compared to a wide array of teams in the western USA. For the last several years the KVR&PC has had teams of Bullseye pistol shooters steadily advance into the ratings of the top ranked shooters in the western USA. The Bullseye Pistol shooting program has become our most popular shooting discipline that the KVR&PC offers to its membership.

LIGHT RIFLE;

Light rifle is Thursday evening. This is the evening we set aside for range users to come out for an evenings shooting of doing it your way. We do not set a formal program for shooters. We let participants do their own thing while maintaining safety for everyone. Attendance is slowly increasing with several regular shooters that realize what a good time it is to just be able to come to a warm and safe environment and shoot with no match pressure involved. Want a little camaraderie while shooting then this is the evening. Want to brush up your shooting skills then this is your evening. Having some trouble with a shooting position and would like some help then this is your evening. Want to bring a family member or friend out to see what we do then this is your evening. If you have a new .22 rifle, pistol or airgun and want to see how it shoots then this is your evening. We start Light Rifle at 6:00pm each Thursday during the shooting season. Give it a try; I think you'll enjoy the shooting opportunity.

A few notes from the Board of Directors of the KVR&PC.

Shooting is one of the safest sports a person can participate in. The KVR&PC follows very strict safety procedures that all shooters adhere to. These procedures are for the safety and benefit of all our membership. At the beginning of each year each member, new or returning, must complete and sign a Range Operation and Safety Review sheet. Because we are an NRA GOLD MEDAL club full members that have year round unscheduled access to the KVR&PC range must maintain their NRA membership.

Shooting is one of the few sports where men and women compete shoulder to shoulder. The KVR&PC will always encourage any person who wishes to participate with us to give us an opportunity to welcome you to our club and share our shooting opportunities with you. Whether you are old or young, female or male, experienced or not you will find a place with us to learn about and enjoy the shooting sports.

While most shooters try their best to shoot well and put up a high score in their chosen shooting discipline the KVR&PC will always emphasize participation over winning. Each and every member of the KVR&PC is just as important to the club as any other person. The person just beginning and struggling to improve their shooting skills provides an opportunity to the experienced shooter to share their skills with the new shooter. No matter your shooting skill level you will be welcome at the KVR&PC.

The KVR&PC owns the shooting facility we use. We are an incorporated non-profit organization. We choose to share the facility with organizations within Kittitas County that want to have access to an indoor facility to promote their shooting activities. At this time the local 4-H shooting club, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and an NRA certified pistol instructor are making use of our facility. The organizations that use the KVR&PC range pay a small per person daily fee. We will continue to welcome their use.

For additional information and to review the KVR&PC BYLAWS we would like to direct you to our website, KVR&PC.org.

Thank you all for choosing to participate in the KVR&PC shooting activities, it is a pleasure to be in the company of people who enjoy the indoor shooting sport.

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