# ORSA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

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### THE 2017 SEASON

We have a great season planned for 2017, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone come out and compete. Please let your friends know about the clinics and encourage them to come check it out. We are working on a lot of new logistics to get information out including this newsletter and an update to the ORSAHP website. If you are interested in submitting an article, please see contacts on next page. Stay tuned!



55 grain FMJ bullet missing lead core

#### THE BEST "WEIGH" TO CHECK AMMO

By Mike Glasman

I ran across a very unusual situation last week, where I had loaded 100 rounds of .223 ammo for offhand practice and general plinking with ordinary 55 FMJ bullets. As a normal exercise, I started weighing my loaded rounds and was surprised to find one particular round was far lighter than the others. Typically, a round is light if it does not receive the proper powder charge. To find out for sure, I disassembled the round and found the lead core of the projectile was missing.

I have never seen a manufacturing defect of this nature. There is no telling what that round would have sounded like or what would have happened had I pulled the trigger. See picture to left.

Weighing each round is the most important final quality control step in reloading that a shooter can perform, especially if the ammo is loaded on a progressive press. For the sake of time (but not the sake of accuracy), I typically weigh rounds two at-a-time. To keep track of what has been weighed, I swipe each case head with a red sharpie marker, after the rounds are weighed. I also take the opportunity to check for properly seated primers and case defects (such as neck splits or imminent case head separation). That will be covered in a future article

Even the most experienced hand loader can be distracted by the everyday disruptions of life. Taking the extra time to weigh each round, could save the shooter from not only a costly error during a match, but also any harm that could result from a misfire.

# MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER – TRACEY JOHNSON

Interview By Mike Glasman

M: How did you hear about ORSA and the HP Rifle club?

T: A colleague of mine is a member at ORSA. I asked him if he would sponsor me to be a member, because initially I was interested in competing in the IDPA matches. After I completed orientation, I wrote several emails to club contacts including action pistol, HP Rifle and LR Rifle. It just so happens, that you (Mike) replied to my email with information



Tracey Johnson

about the upcoming clinic in October, and I said, "Hey, why not!" All I can say is that I immediately fell in love with this sport, and IDPA competitions must take a back seat for now.

# M: Tell our members a little about yourself and your experience with shooting.

**T:** I have over 20 years of experience working in medical testing laboratories and the pharmaceutical industry. I am the quality director for my current employer and do consulting work on the side. I'm new to shooting in general. I had not shot a HP rifle prior to the clinic.

#### M: Any thoughts about becoming our new XO?

T: Well, I saw the email about the Annual Rifle and Pistol Meeting so, I attended. When the call for a volunteer to be XO was made, I thought why not try it, so you put it out there for a vote. I was unanimously elected! So, this position came about unexpectedly. I know I am new and have a lot to learn, but I can tell you I'm enthusiastic and looking forward to working with you and the club. I have a technical background and have volunteered with several organizations in the past in similar leadership roles. I am a hard worker and have a lot of zeal and ingenuity to offer to make the Rifle and Pistol club the best in class.

#### M: Is there anything else that you would like to share with our readers?

T: I'm looking forward to competing with such a fine group of individuals. Good luck to a great 2017 season!

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Jan-2017

07-JAN -> Air Rifle Sniper League; ID 10AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com

15-JAN -> Bullseye Pistol Match; ID 9AM – 2PM; Robert Carden, <a href="mailto:cardenre@aol.com">cardenre@aol.com</a>

28-JAN -> Air Rifle Sniper League; ID 10AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com

#### Feb-2017

04-FEB -> Air Rifle Sniper League; ID 10AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com

19-FEB -> Bullseye Pistol Match; ID 9AM - 2PM; Robert Carden cardenre@aol.com

25-FEB -> Air Rifle Sniper League; ID 10AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com

#### Mar-2017

04-MAR -> CMP Basic Rifle Clinic HP 200 & ID 7AM; Mike Glasman, orsatime@gmail.com

04-MAR -> Air Rifle Sniper League; ID 10AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com

05-MAR -> LR Rifle Clinic 8AM CH 1000 yds; Phil Hendra, phendra@tds.net

11-MAR -> NRA Prone 1000 yds HP 8AM; Larry Sparks, <a href="mailto:larrysparks@chartertn.net">larrysparks@chartertn.net</a>

12-MAR -> NRA Prone Match 1000 yds HP 8AM; Larry Sparks, larrysparks@chartertn.net

18-MAR -> NRA App HP Match 8AM CH & HP 600 yds; Gerald Bowers, coldfire70@comcast.net

19-MAR -> EIC Rifle Match CH & 600 yds 8AM; Gerald Bowers, coldfire70@comcast.net

19-MAR -> Bullseye Pistol Match; ID 9AM – 2PM; Robert Carden, <a href="mailto:cardenre@aol.com">cardenre@aol.com</a>

25-MAR -> Muzzle Loaders HP 1000 & 600 yds 8AM CH; Rick Weber, <u>rweber@cvs.com</u>