

ORSA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

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The new logo will go here!
See contest below.

WANT TO BE A SLACKER?

We have created a new team messaging board for the Rifle and Pistol club on Slack. This is a great place (forum) to ask questions and get immediate feedback from the group or you can privately message another member. The winter indoor HP praticers have been utilizing the app for several months now to communicate about attendance, range closure updates and more! Email Tracey if you want an invite to the board!

GRAINS OR GRAMS?

By Mike Glasman

GRAMS and GRAINS are two distinct units of weight. All US reloading manuals I've seen state charge weights in GRAINS, so don't incidentally swap to grams. If you do, it's asking for probable imprecision, confusion, and trouble. Here's why - there is a factor of over 15x difference between the two units. Here's a link to a conversion constant and a look-up chart for Grams to Grains <http://www.asknumbers.com/GramsToGrains.aspx>.

I really like using a digital scale for measuring my powder charges. They are compact, reliable, and accurate (if properly calibrated). However, when using a digital scale, it is very important to make sure the correct unit of measurement has been selected. Many scales give the user the option of weighing in ounces, carats, grams and grains. For making ammo, the GRAINS unit needs to be selected and verified.

If GRAMS accidently gets selected (thinking a "g" is a grain), this could be trouble. Of course, it won't take long to figure out there is a unit problem when reloading rifle ammo, but when

loading pistol or shotshell rounds this may create a very deadly (to the shooter) situation. With case capacity and fill volume for some cases (45 Long Colt, 454 Casul, etc.), this may might make it possible to overfill a pistol case.

The bottom line is to stay out of trouble. *Always* verify the correct weight mode is being utilized. Many scales come with a 20 gram check weight (308.6 grains). Calibrate the scale before every loading session, by using those check weight(s).

04-MAR-2017 SERVICE RIFLE CLINIC

By Tracey Johnson

With perfect weather, we had a very successful turnout for the first 2017 clinic with 28 students and 20 coaches. I personally would like to thank all the coaches for your participation. We had positive feedback from all the participants. The April 1st clinic is



already half full, so if there is anyone you know that is wanting to attend, please have them contact Mike or me as soon as possible. We are hoping to make a couple of changes in the clinic format going forward. Those changes include:

- \$10 coupons for all coaches who sign up in advance to work the clinics
- advance coach assignments with designated times to arrive based on the assignment
- designated coaches shooting time after the clinic – 20 slow fire shots offhand and 2 rounds rapid fire sitting
- targets prepared in advance; pit set up
- streamlined classroom time – we are working on creating a 20-30 minute video the students can watch that will cover, sight picture, basic safety, basic rifle parts, and 3 positions
- shorter safety briefings at the beginning of each relay instead of in the classroom, which will parallel a short scoring training conducted for the students in the pits
- limiting the clinic to first time shooters

With these few changes, we think this will enable us to reduce the time needed to run the clinics, have all the coaches where they need to be when they are needed, and enable the coaches to know what their job assignment is in advance. Also when coaches let us know in advance about their attendance, they can also pick their task in advance (first come first serve). Those assigned positions include:

- student coach (15)
- pit crew (3)
- firing line crew (3)

Other tasks that volunteers will be needed for include (which parallels the above assignments):

- getting mats and rifles to firing line and returning them to the Indoor Range (2)
- distributing jackets and gloves (2)
- setting up targets, distributing pit cans/chalk boards (3 pit crew members + 3)

If you have any feedback or suggestions on this, please let us know. We continue to strive to improve the clinic experience and streamline your time investment. Thank you, again, for all who attended.

TWO UPCOMING SMALL BORE MATCHES

By Ed Foley

There are two upcoming small bore matches coming up this spring. We will have a 1600 match on April 15th, and the Tennessee State Prone Championship on April 29 & 30th. Links to the programs and entry forms for these matches can be found in the newsletter email.

ARTICLES NEEDED

We need your help. If you are having an event on the calendar or are attending one, please let us know how it went and submit an article for the newsletter. Try to include some pictures. Please send your write-ups to Tracey Johnson.

RP LOGO CONTEST

Did you realize we don't have a logo for Rifle and Pistol? We are recruiting your help in the design of the new logo. Please submit your design to Michael Glasman by March 15. Don't know where to start? Check out <https://logomakr.com>. You will find a 5-minute video on how to make logos, and the website is free to design your logo entry. The top three finishers will be picked by the RP board and will be provided to the members to vote for the winner. The top three finalist will receive a credit for their next match entry fees and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Gander Mountain.

WEDNESDAY HP PRACTICES

By Tracey Johnson

Outdoor HP practices will start on 15-Mar from 5 PM - dark. We will be running the following schedule:

- 1st and 4th Wednesdays – 200 yd
- 2nd Wednesdays – 300 yd
- 3rd Wednesdays – 600 yd

If there is a 5th Wednesday in a month, then there will be an extra 600 yd practice. Communication for attendance will be through the SLACK app (see first page of newsletter).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar-2017

11-MAR -> NRA Prone 1000 yds HP 8 AM; Larry Sparks, larrysparks@chartertn.net
12-MAR -> NRA Prone Match 1000 yds HP 8 AM; Larry Sparks, larrysparks@chartertn.net
18-MAR -> NRA App HP Match 8 AM CH & HP 600 yds; Gerald Bowers, coldfire70@comcast.net
19-MAR -> EIC Rifle Match CH & 600 yds 8 AM; Gerald Bowers, coldfire70@comcast.net
19-MAR -> Bullseye Pistol Match; ID 9 AM – 2 PM; Robert Carden, cardenre@aol.com
25-MAR -> Muzzle Loaders HP 1000 & 600 yds 8 AM CH; Rick Weber, rweber@cvs.com
25-MAR -> Air Rifle Sniper League; ID 10 AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com
26-MAR -> Muzzle Loaders (rain date) HP 1000 & 600 yds 9 AM – 4 PM CH; Rick Weber, rweber@cvs.com

Apr-2017

01-APR -> CMP Basic Rifle Clinic HP 200 & ID 7 AM; Mike Glasman, orsatime@gmail.com
02-APR -> CMP M1 Garand 50 rd HP 200 and CH 8 AM; Kyle Kirschenman kkmann64@gmail.com
08-APR -> NRA LR Prone Match 1000 yds 8 AM HP ID 12-4 PM; Larry Sparks, larrysparks@chartertn.net
09-APR -> NRA LR Prone Match 1000 yds 8 AM HP; Larry Sparks, larrysparks@chartertn.net
15-APR -> Smallbore Prone 8 AM CR & ID; Ed Foley, edf@fohcinc.com
16-APR -> NRA 3x600 Match CH & HP 600 8 AM; Gerald Bowers, coldfire70@comcast.net
16-APR -> Mini Palma 8 AM ID and CR; Thomas Colyer, precisionwelding01@comcast.net
22-APR -> M1A Match HP 300 Ch 8 AM; Mike Glasman, orsatime@gmail.com
22-APR -> Air Rifle Sniper League ID 10 AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com
27-30-APR -> SJH HP Tournament 7 AM CH & 600 yds; Mike Glasman, orsatime@gmail.com
29-30-APR -> Smallbore State Championship ID & CR 7 AM - 5 PM; Ed Foley, edf@fohcinc.com
30-APR -> SJH EIC Rifle Match CH & 600 yd line 8 AM; Mike Glasman, orsatime@gmail.com

May-2017

06-MAY -> CMP GSM Games HP 200 & CH 8 AM; Kyle Kirschenman kkmann64@gmail.com
06-MAY -> Air Rifle Sniper League ID 10 AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com
07-MAY -> CMP M1 Carbine HP 300 & CH 8 AM; Kyle Kirschenman kkmann64@gmail.com
13-14-MAY -> NRA Prone Match HP 1000 yds 8 AM; Larry Sparks, larrysparks@chartertn.net
20-MAY -> NRA APP HP Match HP and CH 8 AM; Gerald Bowers, coldfire70@comcast.net
21-MAY -> CMP Vintage Sniper Team HP 600 & CH 8 AM; Kyle Kirschenman kkmann64@gmail.com
21-MAY -> Bullseye Pistol Match; ID 9 AM – 2 PM; Robert Carden, cardenre@aol.com
27-MAY -> Air Rifle Sniper League ID 10 AM; Dave Arney, bigarney@gmail.com
28-MAY -> LR Team Training 8 AM 1000 yds; Phil Hendra, phendra@tds.net

KUDOS

A special thank you goes out this month to Alan Strachn, Randy Booker, and Rhonda Booker for organizing the targets in the target shed to prepare us for the March 4th Clinic and our Spring Matches. They worked hard to pull all our targets out and sort them by usability for practice, matches, and clinics. Thanks for stepping up!