



ORSA Rifle & Pistol Club

Precision Pistol, A.K.A. - Bullseye Pistol

by Joe Monroe

Do you have less “run” in your gun than you used too? Is it harder to go “prone” than it used to be? Does “Marksman”, “Sharpshooter” and “Expert” classifications still mean something? Do you want to improve your pistol marksmanship and compete with like minded individuals?

If so, than Precision Pistol (formerly know as Bullseye Pistol) is for you. The oldest form of pistol competition is still one of the most challenging. At ORSA, we are fortunate to have an active Precision Pistol league and monthly match.

Every Tuesday the league shoots at 5:00 PM, and on the third Sunday of the month there is an official NRA certified match.

If you have a Ruger Mark II, III or IV 22 long rifle pistol, Smith and Wesson Model 41, Victory, Browning Buckmark or High Standard (or anything similar), then you have what is needed to get started in this challenging sport. We invite you to come out on Tuesday night at the ORSA indoor range to meet the league shooters, ask questions and see how this sport can make you a competitive shooter and hone your pistol skills. Additionally, you will just enjoy shooting with like minded individuals.

Did You Know?

CMP High Power Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules, 22nd Edition – 2018, states:

3.6.8 Safety During Loading

Loading is defined as bringing a cartridge or magazine containing cartridges in contact with a rifle or pistol. Firearms may be loaded only when a competitor is on a firing point and only after the Range Officer gives the command LOAD. Any competitor who loads and fires a shot before the LOAD command shall be disqualified and may not continue firing in the competition.



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HIGH POWER RIFLE COMPETITION RANGE

The High Power (HP) Rifle Competition Range is used for organized ORSA-sponsored tournaments, leagues, and training clinics. When not scheduled for sanctioned events, the HP Rifle Competition Range may be used by qualified ORSA members for competition practice. Qualified members must hold a competitor classification card in at least one NRA rifle discipline, or must have a current CMP competitor number. Non-qualified ORSA members may use the HP Rifle Competition Range only when accompanied and supervised by a qualified ORSA Rifle and Pistol Club member. This HP Rifle Competition Range is widely recognized as one of the premier HP competition venues in the Nation. To protect ORSA's investment, and to prevent damage to this facility, **all other casual, non-competition shooting is strictly prohibited.**

Safety

SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY!

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OR USE OF ANY DRUG IMPAIRING JUDGEMENT (ANYWHERE ON THE HP RANGE COMPLEX) IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE RANGE AND REVOCATION OF ORSA MEMBERSHIP.

All range usage will be governed by current ORSA range safety regulations. All unsecured rifles must be on safe; have magazines removed, and bolts open with an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) inserted before they can be handled on the range.

It is mandatory that the Fishing Pond be inspected and cleared before firing. Shooting takes precedence over fishing. Firing may take place only from the numbered firing points on the marked firing lines at 200, 300, 600, 800, 900, and 1000 yards.

During live firing, the range road must be blocked by closing the red access control gate at the firing line currently in use. The red "range hot" flag must be run up the flag pole closest to the pit's access road on the 600-yard line.

When firing at ranges exceeding 600 yards, users must also close the red access control gate leading to and from the Action Pistol Range complex on the eastern side of the range.

During firing, pit personnel must remain between their target carrier and the pit wall at all times.

Rifles

Only centerfire rifles less than .50 caliber are authorized.

Ammunition

Armor piercing, tracer, or any incendiary round are prohibited.

NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY:

9:00AM - 2:00PM RANGE MAINTENANCE
2:00PM - DUSK 1000 YARDLINE ONLY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

MATCH EVENTS

TUESDAY - FRIDAY:

9:00AM - DUSK 200, 300, & 600 YARDLINES ONLY

Please check Rangefinder calendar for the most up-to-date schedule.

Targets

Only paper targets sanctioned for NRA or CMP competitions may be used. No other targets are authorized. Practice targets must be mounted on one of the 6' by 6' cardboard-backed target frames kept for practice firing under the shelter attached to the right side of the locked shed where competition targets and supplies are stored in the pits.

The target frame must be mounted only in the target carrier numbered the same as the firing point in use. Cross firing is prohibited.

Targets may not be placed on the ground between firing lines or on the pit safety berm. Targets may not be attached to target number boards, flag poles, range control gates, or any range structure.

Vehicles

VEHICLES MAY NOT BE DRIVEN ON OR ACROSS THE GRASS FIRING LINES OR BEHIND THE TARGET PITS.

Vehicles must be parked in the gravelled parking areas behind the 300 and 600-yard lines. Competitors may unload their equipment at the 200-yard line so long as they remain off of the firing line.

Questions

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New HP Range Rules Sign Installed

By Bill Phelps

If you have not already seen it, a new HP range rules sign has been installed just off of the northeast side of the 600-yard line. Please take a few minutes to stop and read it. I want to highlight a few points.

The first paragraph on the sign highlights a new fact that the HP range is a restricted range. Meaning, the only personnel authorized to use the range are qualified ORSA competitive high power and long-range club members. "Casual" shooting on the HP range is prohibited. This rule brings the HP range to the same status as the ORSA Action Pistol and Skeet - Trap ranges.

The sign highlights the prohibition against drinking alcohol or being under the influence of mind fogging drugs anywhere on the 1000-yard HP shooting complex. This includes the pits and parking lots. This rule is nested with NRA, CMP and ORSA rules.

Closing cattle gates and raising the red range flag are mandatory during live fire activities.

Special thanks to Alan Strachn for his assistance in this project. It was fun.

President's Corner

Hello Wind Dogs. Upfront, in this edition of *The President's Corner*, I want to thank all of you who volunteer your time and skills to make our programs successful. We would not be able to do what we do without your help.

Over the past several months, every one of our shooting venues have received renovations or upgrades. Visit any of the six range facilities falling under Rifle and Pistol Club oversight to see and enjoy what volunteer members have accomplished for you - our respective club(s) members. Thank you.

Our premier shooting events of the year; the NRA High Power Regional Match, and the NRA Regional Long-Range Championship, are just around the corner. The HP Regional Match will occur 1-3 June beginning with a 50-shot (with sighters) practice match on Friday, 1 June. This will also be a "mentor match" for those of you interested in pairing up and firing with a member of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU). We are honored to have Sergeant First Class Craig and 16 of his team members joining us this year. The Regional Match will be conducted on Saturday, 2 June. Following the match, Famous Dave's BBQ will cater a tasty meal. Beef brisket, pork BBQ and all the fixings are on the menu. Finally, our regional weekend will culminate on Sunday, 3 June with a CMP EIC match. This is going to be a great weekend of shooting, so we hope you have it on your calendars to join us. The respective match bulletins are posted on our website.

Our Long-Range Club will host the NRA Regional Long-Range Championship 8-10 June. The Rifle and Pistol Club hosting back to back Regional Matches is a testament to the quality of our programs and serves to recognize ORSA as the host organization of one of the finest 1000-yard ranges in the United States. I want to wish all competitors the best. It is very possible for us to witness new national records being set.

Our preparation for the Camp Perry National Matches continues at a brisk pace. Under the leadership of Team Coach, Alan Strachn; and Team Captain, Rhonda Booker; the team fielded to shoot at Camp Perry will be the best prepared ORSA team ever. Our rattle battle team is in it to win it. All training is being conducted exactly as it will be executed in the matches at Camp Perry. And thousands of rounds (literally) will have been fired in preparation. Those of us in training are immensely appreciative of the effort and dedication of Alan and Rhonda.

I want to close where I started by thanking all of you for what you do to make our clubs the first-class organizations they are.

I look forward to seeing you on the range.

Bill Phelps

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Schedules:

HP events - www.orsarandp.com/hp-events
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Other events - www.orsarandp.com/other-rifle-events