

In Sights

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SEPTEMBER 2010 • Next Member's Meetings: TUESDAY, SEPT 7 & OCT 5 @ 7:30 PM.

!!! ATTENTION MEMBERS !!!

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

We are currently working with the National Training Counselor, Program Coordinator from the NRA Training Department, to establish a **TRAINING COUNSELOR WORKSHOP** to be held here at **MANTECA SPORTSMEN, INC.**

The current plan is to hold a workshop in the spring of 2011. There is much to be done between now and then. We must provide the NRA with a complete package, which must include: area hotels/motels, maps, list of attendees, pictures of facilities and complete workshop organizational plan.

The workshop attendance is limited to current training counselors and qualified instructors. If you are not yet a qualified instructor, there may be time for you to complete the instructor's course. The absolute minimum experience allowed for attendance in the **TRAINING COUNSELOR WORKSHOP**, is five NRA-approved courses and 25 students. Between the Women's classes, the Junior programs, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts and Friday Night Kids classes, there should be ample opportunity to gain additional experience to meet these qualifications.

If you are interested in becoming a **TRAINING COUNSELOR** you must meet several requirements. Please complete the following and return to **LEN SIPE**, to be considered for the initial workshop. The NRA must approve each attendee. We will assist as much as possible to help you through the process. The first step is to complete and return the following information:

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I AM CURRENTLY: NRA TRAINING INSTRUCTOR NRA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

-- INDICATE INSTRUCTOR RATINGS HELD --

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RIFLE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUZZLELOADING RIFLE | <input type="checkbox"/> HOME FIREARM SAFETY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PISTOL | <input type="checkbox"/> MUZZLELOADING PISTOL | <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL PROTECTION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHOTGUN | <input type="checkbox"/> MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN | <input type="checkbox"/> RELOADING SHOTSHELL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RANGE SAFETY OFFICER | <input type="checkbox"/> CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICER | <input type="checkbox"/> RELOADING METALLIC |

NUMBER OF NRA BASIC FIREARM TRAINING COURSES HELD/STUDENTS TRAINED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

(Example: Two rifle courses totaling 17 students would be Rifle 2/17)

RIFLE: ___/___	MUZZLELOADING RIFLE: ___/___	HOME FIREARM SAFETY: ___/___
PISTOL: ___/___	MUZZLELOADING PISTOL: ___/___	PERSONAL PROTECTION: ___/___
SHOTGUN: ___/___	MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN: ___/___	RELOADING: ___/___
FIRST STEPS RIFLE: ___/___	FIRST STEPS PISTOL: ___/___	FIRST STEPS SHOTGUN: ___/___

WHERE YOU THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE? YES / NO

IF YES, HOW MANY? _____

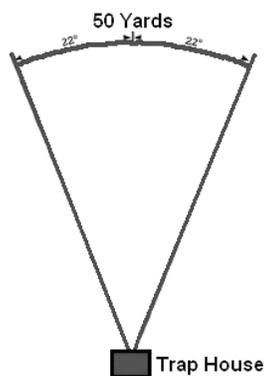
DATE OF THE LAST NRA BASIC FIREARM TRAINING COURSE YOU TAUGHT: _____

Please return this form to: Len Sipe • Manteca Sportsmen Club • 30261 South Airport Way, Manteca California 95336

If you any questions or need further information, you may call (209) 823-7919

Most everything you need to know about...

TRAP



Trap shooting, often called "American trap shooting" to distinguish it from other forms of trap shooting, is but one of many sports based on shooting small disks launched into the air. These disks are of various sizes. They are shaped somewhat like a Frisbee and fly in a nice arc through the air. They are made of various combinations of substances so that they break when hit. Well, sometimes they don't break, but they're supposed to break.

Trap is shot at the MSI trap range. A trap range has at least one, and perhaps many, trap fields, each of which has a little structure called the "trap house" that houses the machine that throws the birds into the air. This is called the "trap machine," and sometimes just the "trap." The trap machine throws the birds in a random pattern limited to a 44 degree horizontal arc, with the 'birds' exiting the house at about 47 miles per hour and traveling about 50 yards before hitting the ground. The trap range uses either a hand release run by the score keeper, or voice calls that respond to the shooters' voices to send an electric signal that causes the trap machine to launch a bird. A round of trap is 25 birds, 5 birds being shot from each station in rotation.



Trap shooters commonly shoot three events: singles, handicap and doubles. Singles are single birds shot from the closest distance, 16 yards from the trap house. Since the birds are usually about 15 to 25 yards out by the time the shooter fires, even the 16 yard singles are 31 to 41 yards away. Handicap is like singles, except it is shot from various distances, depending on one's ability, between 19 and 27 yards. These birds are 35 to 52 yards away, depending on one's handicap and reaction time. Since very few shooters with slow reaction times ever earn a 27 yard handicap, that 52 yard figure is an exaggeration. 27 yard shooters actually shoot their birds at 47 yards or less. As you might imagine, a little disk, 40+ yards away and flying at 40+ miles per hour can be a difficult target. Doubles are two birds launched simultaneously, shot from 16 yards. Doubles are even more difficult and are, by far, the most fun. A round of doubles at MSI is 15 pairs, or 30 birds.

You can use any shotgun gauge, up to 12 gauge. Using anything smaller than a 12 gauge entails a loss of hitting power. If you want to try trap shooting MSI, and, you really should. Come out Saturdays between 10 and 4, gather up the necessary equipment, and go. You will probably feel intimidated by the prospect of trying this sport, but if you'll just go and give it a try, you'll find that you will be welcomed by the participants. Practicing safe gun handling is the primary concern. Even though trap shooting is a game, there is absolutely no room for unsafe gun handling.

You'll need a shotgun, ammunition, hearing protection, eye protection and some money. Trap range fees for a round of trap can be found on page 5. Glasses, including sunglasses, will suffice for eye protection. Hearing protection consists of either ear muffs or those little foam thingies you stick in your ears. I could never get used to those, so I use ear muffs. Some trap shooters get high tech ear muffs with electronic circuits that allow normal hearing while blocking loud noises. Ammunition is limited to 1 1/8 ounce of shot. Wal*Mart sells 100 round value packs of target ammunition made by Remington, Federal and Winchester. These are excellent choices for beginning shooters. Many experienced shooters also use them.

Trap shooting has some simple, straightforward rules. Always practice safe gun handling. Only load your gun when it's your turn to shoot. Only load one shell unless you're shooting doubles. For doubles, you may load two. If, while you're on the trap field, the staff needs to tend to the trap house, to reload the machine or otherwise adjust the machine, unload your gun. In trap shooting, the gun's safety is ignored. Do not bother with it. Your gun is either loaded and ready to shoot, or unloaded. The only "safety" is an unloaded gun.

While shooting doubles, remember that you are only allowed one shot at each bird. If you miss your first bird, you must switch to the second bird and try to break it instead of shooting at the first bird again. Even though a round consists of 25 birds, and a round of doubles consists of 30 birds, you should carry some spare shells in addition to the 25 or 30 you expect to shoot for many reasons... shooting at broken birds, shooting out of turn, gun failure. All of which will allow you a reshoot.

"Lost birds" are birds you didn't break. "Dead birds" are the ones you did break. A dead bird means you definitely broke the bird. Knocking a little dust off it isn't enough. You must at least knock a chip out of the bird. Ordinarily, the score keeper announces the lost birds but not the dead birds. Among trap shooters, dead birds are the norm, and therefore not worthy of mention. On the other hand, lost birds are announced with great gusto. Hearing "lost" over and over again can get to be quite annoying, to say the very least. In doubles, the score keeper announces the results of every shot: "dead pair," "dead, lost," "lost, dead," or "lost pair." "Lost pair" is never a pleasant sound. Trap shooters welcome all "newbies" except the ones who don't practice gun safety. Parents or other responsible parties should accompany children. MSI usually has ammunition for sale and you'll find even more information regarding Trap on our website.

Hope to See you There!

HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH - AUGUST 1

NRA CLUB #: R0562

CMP CLUB #: 62254

MATCH DIRECTOR: MATT EWING



BENCH	COMPETITOR NAME	CLASS (HIGH MASTER, MASTER, EXPERT, SHARPSHOOTER, MARKSMAN, OR UNCLASSIFIED)	RELAY 1			PRONE 1	PRONE 2	"X"s	TOTAL
			OFF-HAND	SITTING G-R	PRONE R				
4	JOHN DECAMARA		72	57	68	57	86	1	340
5	GREG GOES		73	89	92	86	94	4	434
6	ROY MARTIN		85	93	99	95	96	8	468
7	CHUCK CASTLE	DE	78	85	71	87	91	3	412
8	BILL MCELFRISH		56	64	78	77	75		350
9	VERNE TAYLOR		86	95	74	90	90	6	435
10	WILL CASTLE		70	58	86	59	49	1	322
11	JOE KROEZE		76	60	26	43	58	2	263



Pistol Fun Shoot

~Bill McElfresh~

What do you get when you wanna shoot somethin',... and you wanna see it break... and you wanna see it splat... and you wanna have some fun... What do ya get ... ? You get out to the Pistol Fun Shoot and break, shatter, and pop some really cool targets!

We had balloons, clay birds, tennis balls, soda cans and more. Twenty venturous shooters tested their fun meter capacities and their skill. While all enjoyed safe outdoor fun, some of the shooters scores reflected their enthusiasm and others had less than impressive totals. I think one of the scores was more of imagination than reality as LP was recorded with a score of 444,444 and 4X's. Hmmm, I can hear it now, "Honest, the pencil stuttered!" So, discounting that one, here are the scores:

LADIES RIMFIRE		LADIES CENTER FIRE	
ROSIE MCELFRISH	369 3X	TRINA ANDERSON	174
TRINA ANDERSON	337 1X	NIKKI BARSTOW (HONORABLE MENTION)	
SUE FINK	309		
JEANETTE LEDGERE	290		
MEN'S RIMFIRE		MEN'S CENTER FIRE	
RICK JAMES	440 6X	RICK JAMES	460 2X
ROBERT RIES	428 3X	ROBERT RIES	420 5X
AARON EWING	420 4X	PHIL LAVERTY	420 2X
ROGER		ROGER	
KUYKENDALL	409 3X	KUYKENDALL	390

Thanks to our new shooters Chris Sordello and Aaron & Nikki Barstow for coming out and trying our event. We all hope you had a good time. Thanks to Jason Hill, Robert Ries, Phil Laverty, Steve Loken and everyone who helped set up and take down. Thanks to Rosie McElfresh and Sue & Dallas Fink, Phil Laverty, and Steve Greenberg for keeping us supplied with balloons.

The next Pistol Fun Shoot will be on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Sign up begins around 08:45 Orientation and shooting starts at 9 AM. We'll see you there!

TWO RIVERS POSSE
"DOWN BY THE RIVER"
SHENANDOAH

July 25 • Durham Ferry — It was a cloud free sky and some hot shootin' at Durham Ferry. There were ten categories represented in the top fourteen places from Cowboy to Silver Senior. Six of the top dozen were sixty plus years old. It's that old age and cunning thing. It was a good day for the portsiders with **Lefty Eastman** and **Lefty Vaquero** finishing one and two and topping the Duelist and Wrangler categories winning three stages each. **Sierra Rider** grabbed the third brass ring while **Nate Clayton** (Wrangler) squeaked by **Wobblin' Bob** (Senior) for fourth and fifth place. **Gus Ashcroft** visited the top ten with a consistent match and a win in the Senior Dualist category. **Southpaw Gringo** is sneaky fast and continues to be up in the

hunt with increasing regularity. **Sierra Rider**, **Jessie's Brother Frank**, **Whiskey Rivers**, **Cherokee Doll** and **Captain Law** completed the shoot without a miss or penalty. That's how it was Down By The River.

Top Guns

	Men	Ladies
1 st 49er	Blaz N Bill	Cherokee Doll
1 st Senior	Sierra Rider	Brandy Rose
1 st Cowboy	Ricky D	
1 st Senior Duelist	Gus Ashcroft	
1 st Silver Senior	Jessie's Brother Frank	
1 st Elder Statesman	Dirty Pete	
1 st Buckaroo	Deadeye Slim	
1 st Gunfighter	Dragon	
1 st Duelist	Lefty Eastman	
1 st Frontier Cartridge	JW Trader	
1 st Frontier Cartridge Dualist	German Jim	
1 st B-Western	Diamond Back Kid	



The Cowboy Way: Before you let anybody measure you for the big wooden overcoat, make sure you've wrung all the life out of your livin'.

Ambush at Durham Ferry
"DOWN BY THE RIVER"
SHENANDOAH

PRODUCED BY **TWO RIVERS POSSE • September 2 - 5, 2010**

12 MAIN STAGES / LONG RANGE RIFLE EVENTS / SIDE MATCHES / COWBOY TRAP / 2-STAGE PLAINSMEN EVENT / 2-STAGE WILD BUNCH EVENT / TEAM EVENTS / TOP GUN SHOOT OFF

SASS MEMBERS ONLY • DRY CAMPING • SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET (\$25.00)
NO FIRST TIME SHOOTERS

I WILL BE SHOOTING THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY: Male/Female

BUCKAROO (13-)	SILVER SENIOR (65+)	CLASSIC COWBOY
YOUNG GUN (14-16)	ELDER STATESMEN (70+)	B-WESTERN
COWBOY (17+)	CATTLE BARON (75+)	GUNFIGHTER
WRANGLER (36+)	DUELIST	
49'ER (49+)	FRONTIER CARTRIDGE	
SENIOR (60+)	FRONTIER CART. DUELIST	
SENIOR DUELIST (60+)	FRONTIERSMAN	

MAIN MATCH: \$70. SPOUSE: \$60. YOUNG GUN: \$ 15. PLAINSMEN: \$10. BUCKAROO: FREE. COWBOY TRAP: \$5. PRACTICE STAGE: \$10 ALL DAY. WILD BUNCH: \$10 (Must have 3 entries for each category)

SASS ALIAS:	SASS #
NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	STATE ZIP
PHONE: ()	EMAIL:
CAMPING?	RV SIZE
POSSE WITH:	
BANQUET ATTENDEES @ \$25.00 (EA)	(Steak or Chicken)
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **M.S.I.** AND MAIL TO **M.S.I., 30261 S. AIRPORT WAY, MANTECA, CA 95361** (No refunds) FOR INFORMATION E-MAIL sass749@sbcglobal or call 209-477-1117

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 2010

			1 Trap 6pm	2 Ambush @ Durham Ferry	3 Ambush @ Durham Ferry Kids Shoot 6pm	4 Trap 10-4 Ambush @ Durham Ferry
5 Ambush @ Durham Ferry Hi Power Rifle 9am	6 Trap 9am	7 Club Member Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Trap 6pm	9	10	11 Trap 10-4 Hunter Ed 7am-5pm
12 Pistol Fun Shoot 9am	13 Trap 9am	14	15 Trap 6pm	16	17	18 Trap 10-4 Women's Pistol Class Hunter Ed Class
19	20 Trap 9am	21 Board Meeting 7pm	22 Trap 6pm	23	24	25 Trap 10-4
26 Cowboy Shoot	27 Trap 9am	28	29 Trap 6pm	30		

OCTOBER 2010

					1 Kids Shoot 6pm	2 Trap 10-4 Cowboy Shoot
3 Hi Power Rifle 9am	4 Trap 9am	5 Club Member Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Trap 6pm	7	8	9 Trap 10-4 Hunter Ed 7am-5pm
10 Pistol Fun Shoot 9am	11 Trap 9am	12	13 Trap 6pm	14	15	16 Trap 10-4 Women's Pistol Class
17	18 Trap 9am	19 Board Meeting 7pm	20 Trap 6pm	21	22	23 Trap 10-4
24 Cowboy Shoot	25 Trap 9am	26	27 Trap 6pm	28	29	30 Trap 10-4
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PUBLIC RANGE INFORMATION *Must be U.S. Citizens or legal resident, must not be prohibited from access to firearms (e.g. felon, or under court order) and under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. 18 and over must present valid ID with photo. All local, state and federal laws apply.*

HOURS Open 7 days a week! •Daily Open 8am to *Sunset (*check in office*) •Tuesdays Open 10am
(*Ranges closed/restricted for Club events*)

PUBLIC FEES (*Daily except Trap*) Adults \$15 • Children \$8 • Archery \$8 • Trap \$4.50 per Round

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Ladies Firearms Training

Manteca Sportsmen is again offering a series of classes especially designed for Women. These classes are taught by NRA certified instructors who make the class fun and friendly so bring your friends and do something just for yourself. All safety equipment, all guns, and all ammunition provided free. You may bring your own firearm if you wish. See the calendar on page 5 for the next class date. Be sure to call or check the website for additional information!

Cost

Pistol I Class: Free*
Pistol II Class: \$10
Pistol III Class: \$10
Rifle I Class: Free*
Shotgun I: Free*

*For 1st time or limited experience shooters.

EDITORS NOTE: THE AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER DID NOT MEET THE PRINT DEADLINE FOR MAILING. HOWEVER, YOU MAY VIEW THAT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.MANTECASPORTSMEN.ORG.