

# *In Sights*

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**NOVEMBER 2010** • Next Member's Meetings: **TUESDAY, NOV 2 & DEC 7 @ 7:30 PM.**

Elections will be held at the December 7th Meeting

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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.

### SHOTGUN CLINIC

November 20, 2010

Cost: \$50

Prerequisite: Shotgun 1 Class Completion OR

Good working knowledge of how YOUR shotgun works.

This is NOT a familiarization/beginners' class. You will need to pre-register for this class in person at the club. Space is limited to 20 participants so register today.

What to Bring: Your own shotgun (Spouses or family members may share).

50 rounds of low base bird shot/trap loads (#7-1/2 or #8 shot or similar).

25 rounds of 00buck shot and 10 slugs.

Eye and ear protection.

**These classes are open to men too!**

So bring your husbands, boyfriends, sons, fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.

### DEFENSIVE ACCURACY

Practical Defensive Firearms Instruction

Defensive Accuracy is a team of NRA certified instructors with years of firearms experience providing defensive firearms instruction. We welcome students of all skill levels from the experienced professional who is looking for a tune-up to the novice shooter who may not yet own a gun but who is interested in learning firearm skills for self defense or as an additional recreational endeavor. We stress a safe and professional learning environment.

#### UPCOMING CLASSES TO MANTECA SPORTSMEN CLUB

##### ☛ Utah and Florida Combined CCW Course • December 5th

A five hour course to prepare and qualify you for the sought-after Utah and Florida CCW Licenses. This course includes instruction by a certified Utah CCW License Instructor and a student text. Also included are the required photos for your Utah and Florida license applications. Fingerprinting will be completed for submission with your Utah CCW application however the Florida CCW application requires that you be fingerprinted by a law enforcement agency. The course fee is \$100.00

##### ☛ NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home • December 18 & 19

Defensive Accuracy presents a 16 hour personal protection handgun course which teaches the skills necessary to safely carry a concealed firearm in public and outside the home.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE CLASSES



# Pistol Fun Shoot

~Bill McElfresh~

September's Back to School Edition



If you help shooters study to improve their shooting skills, does that make you a Shooter Tutor? We had chalk boards, chalk, flash cards, rubber balls, lunch bags, apples, and room decorations to shoot at. Just like in a real classroom, you could hear some of the students complaining but it was good to see them splatter the chalk to smithereens. There must still be something special about lunch because they seemed to really like the lunch bag, big red apples, and the soda cans.



Here are the top students in each study group:

Mens rim fire: Steve Loken 409 1X, Phil Laverty 406 1X, Rick James 396 2X.

Womens rim fire: Rosie McElfresh 382, Jeanette Ledgere 270, Shannon Esenwein 202.

Mens center fire: Rick James 456 2X, Bill Kirk 402 1X, Steve Loken 398.

Womens center fire: Rosie McElfresh 202

Okay, everyone who scored over 400, you will automatically become 'Tutors' next month =8-) And, about scores, I'm trying to get all scores posted on our web site. Keep checking; it'll happen soon.



## October's Halloween Pistol Fun Shoot

The Halloween spirit was alive and well with George Ground showing up as Merlin, Gloria Schmidt as a pirate, Steve Loken arrived from the Renaissance period and Rick James looked like a real cowboy. Jeanette Ledgere commanded attention as a nun and Michael Ledgere was hard to see in his ghillie suit. Sue Fink was a baseball player and Roger Kuykendall was a lumberjack. Rosie McElfresh "clowned" around, LP was a

Thanksgiving turkey hatchling and yours truly was a prison convict.

Here's what one of our guests of honor, Count Dracula, had to say; "Velcome back, my friends, to the fun that *never* ends. Today, you vill be plunged into total darkness while you try to survive ghouls and lightning. Then shrunken heads, black crows and jack-o-lanterns vill test your nerves. I am sure ve vill all laugh about it later - /F- you survive..."

Those who perished are many. Screams of terror are still echoing throughout the valley. Bloodied but survived, the list is small. Scars abound on them but I suspect they will be back because these are the 22 caliber warriors:

Robert Ries 470 3x, Rick James 353 3x, Steve Loken 445 6x.

Gloria Schmidt 395 4x, Rosie McElfresh 363 2x, Jeanette Ledgere 315.

The more fear you have, the bigger the gun you use, right? Center fire self-preservationist monster killers include:

Robert Ries 439 4x, Ed Brown 349 4x, Phil Laverty 339 4x,  
and the sole female big gun Fright Fighter, Gloria Schmidt 387 3x.

All this Halloween fun couldn't have taken place without the forced slave labor of Robert Ries, Mike Maciel, Phil Laverty, Steve Loken, Sue Fink, Rosie McElfresh, George Ground, Deauna Cawley, Evy Chavarria, LP and other unfortunate souls.

The next Pistol Fun Shoot will be on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. We'll be outside if no rain and inside if it's wet outside. Bill sez: "We'll see you there!"



# Ambush at Durham Ferry

"DOWN BY THE RIVER"

SHENANDOAH

September 2 — 5 • Durham Ferry — We've concluded our big four day showcase shoot of the year on a beautiful early fall weekend. The covered wagons drifted in throughout most of the day on Wednesday and settled in for the duration. Folks circled their wagons in social groups and shared some social beverages and social conversation through the evening. A camp had formed. Thursday brought on the Plainsmen event, long range rifle and the speed matches for trophies and bragging rights. Conestogas continued to arrive and slip in among their friends to share in the bounties of the camp. The evening activities now included gun cleaning along with the "how I shot" conversations and the social beverages. First thing Friday morning was the

shooters safety meeting to reinforce the standing rules and conventions and to assure that everyone understood the special circumstances associated with our Durham Ferry. Then, it was off to the first six stages of the main match. There was a fine mix of firm but fair scenarios to challenge the best and the rest of us. Everyone shot well. Some were just a mite faster. Folks were enjoying the finest of shooting games from the Durham Ferry dock to the marshal's office. When the gunfire stopped, a delicious barbecue of tube steaks, ground cow and some slim slivers of potato sated the pangs of hunger for those that didn't have their own grub and for some who did. It's amazing how the aroma of sizzling meat can turn folk's heads. Following that repast, many folks moseyed over to the trap range for an afternoon round of cowboy trap. The evening provided another opportunity for the camaraderie of camp life. Saturday morning we went right to shooting the other six main match stages. There were some bloodshot eyes here and there but it didn't seem to alter with the competition. Shooters were beginning to speculate where they were in their categories but they didn't really know until the awards ceremony after the banquet. The afternoon was spent resting up, cleaning up and dressing up for the evening banquet and awards. The meal was a gastronomic extravaganza including steaks like a Kansas City Steak House, chicken, beans, salad and all of the fixins and dessert. No one left hungry. The meal is a highlight of Ambush. Gary and his crew outdid themselves again. The awards ceremony followed dinner. Wildroot came all of the way from Greenwood in the Sierra foothills to post the quickest overall time for the shoot and the Gunfighter championship. He was accompanied by his usual grace and style. El Lazo topped six of the twelve stages and finished just a mite behind the Gunfighter to be the 49er champion. Sutter Lawman was just a tick or so away and took the Senior championship followed closely by Lefty Vaquero, the Wrangler champ. Other stage winners were Taggart on stage two, Lefty Vaquero on stages three and eleven, Wildroot on stages eight and ten and Badmann Bob on stage twelve. All of the category champions follow and they have good cause to be proud of their endeavor. Seven sharp eyed shooters had a clean match. They are Wildroot, Wobblin' Bob, Sutter Lawman, Dirty Pete, Sintree Tulait, Pa Burwood and Hangin' Hank. The evening was topped off with the presentation of an amazing array of shooters prizes from frivolities to firearms to everyone in attendance. Sunday brought an enigmatic team shoot and shoot off that was determined primarily by the pure thoughts and clean living of the contenders. Bragging rights were determined. Camps were broken down, goodbyes were said and planning began immediately for Ambush at Durham Ferry 2011. That's how it was Down By The River.

## 2010 Champions of Durham Ferry

1<sup>st</sup> Cowboy  
1<sup>st</sup> Wrangler  
1<sup>st</sup> 49er  
1<sup>st</sup> Senior  
1<sup>st</sup> Silver Senior  
1<sup>st</sup> Elder Statesman  
1<sup>st</sup> Cattle Baron  
1<sup>st</sup> Buckeroo  
1<sup>st</sup> Gunfighter  
1<sup>st</sup> Duelist  
1<sup>st</sup> Frontier Cartridge  
1<sup>st</sup> Classic Cowboy

Gents	Ladies
Tracy Kid	
Lefty Vaquero	
El Lazo	
Sutter Lawman	Jessie Lynn
Badmann Bob	Danville Dove
De Sabla Don	
River City Bob	
Deadeye Slim	
Wildroot	
Quicksilver Slim	
Sweet Tooth Kelly	
Topeka Bull Durham	



*The Cowboy Way: When things don't please you, the best medicine is to swallow a little tincture of time.*



## Kid Shoot By Lee Williams

Hard to believe, but September has come and gone. We had 33 kids out on Friday the 3rd ranging in ages from 6-17 years old and boy did they tear up those targets! It is truly gratifying not only to watch the improvement these youngsters make each month, but they come back bringing friends and family to share their joy in shooting. As a result of the influx of new shooters we're trying something new to help out with the waiting. At the club's counter you'll find a sign up sheet with two time frames of 6 and 8 P.M.. We know it's hard to wait when you show up at 5:30 but don't get to shoot until after 8. So now you'll be able to reserve a start time ahead. We've started this October 1st and we'll tweak it to work as we go along. Anyone is welcome, kid's must be past their 6th birthday up to 17 years old. Parents or guardians must be on sight. We provide everything you'll need for the evening but feel welcome to bring your own equipment. Rifles must be .22LR only and in good, safe working order. Our staff of dedicated coaches is eager to make this a safe and fun introduction to what we hope will be a life long progression with shooting. As always we stress safety and personal responsibility first, fun second. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to all those who helped out in making this program a success last month. Including but not limited to Bill & Rosie McElfresh, Dallas Fink, Harold

## Sporting Rifle Match October 30 2010

NRA Club #: R0562 CMP Club #: 62254

Bench	Competitor Name	Class (High Master, Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, Marksman, or Unclassified)	Off-Hand	Sitting-R	Prone-R	Prone 1	Prone 2	"X"s	Total
Relay 1									
3	TROY THORSON	0	76	55	61	72	20		284
5	STEVE FENTRES	0	76	69	75	79	30	11	340
7	AARON EWING	0	74	64	71	74	0	3	283
8	BILL MCELFRESH	10	63	61	64	68	0		266
9	VERNE TAYLOR	20	80	70	76	79	30	11	355
10	GREG GORES	20	50	39	67	80	30	10	286

Match Director: Aaron Ewing

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# NOVEMBER 2010

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

# DECEMBER 2010

			1 Trap 6pm	2	3 Kids Shoot 6pm	4 Trap 10-4 Cowboy Shoot
5 Hi Power Rifle 9am Defensive Accuracy Course	6 Trap 9am	7 Club Member Meeting/Elections 7:30 pm	8 Trap 6pm	9	10	11 Trap 10-4
12 Pistol Fun Shoot 9am	13 Trap 9am	14	15 Trap 6pm	16	17	18 Trap 10-4 NRA Personal Protection Class Women's Pistol Class
19 NRA Personal Protection Class	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	31	

**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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## MSI YOUTH PROGRAMS

Manteca Sportsmen has a number of programs designed specifically for the youth. These include activities for 4-H, Sea Cadets, Junior ROTC, Scouts, religious groups, and our own open activity for youth under 18.

Our most popular program is our Kid's Shoot. This is a no cost safety and shooting activity for all youth under the age of 18 years. The Kids Shoot is held on the first Friday of every month beginning at 6:00 PM. Youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and will learn gun safety and how to safely shoot .22 rifles on the club indoor range.

Those affiliated with youth programs interested in offering their group an activity related to the shooting sports are encouraged to contact the club and set up a date and time. Nearly all these youth activities are at no cost and may use MSI club equipment.