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From the Editor

I WAS HAVING A CONVERSATION a while back with a fellow member of our Range, someone I respect and admire and who has done much over the years to make things better for the members of the Range. I was encouraged to identify what was important to me, personally about being a part of the Range. For me, that is the community that we have here. A community of like-minded people. People who share common interests and goals. I was challenged to try and develop that sense of community with all of the members and between ALL of the various disciplines that share this range is before us. The Clubhouse Café on Saturdays has become one great place to meet and get to know each other. The Café serves a simple home cooked breakfast and lunch between 8 AM and 1 PM. It's always a great time to catch up with friends and make new ones. Our Newsletter was also started with the hope of building community amongst all of its members. We want you all to be kept informed as to what is happening at the Range, and to learn a little more about some of the activities that we offer. We provide a current CALENDAR so you can plan out your use of the Range, and we hope that you find this CALENDAR on the inside front cover of each newsletter to be helpful as you make your own plans for your range time. While we try very hard to keep it as accurate as possible for you, we sometimes miss things. We are only human. It is also the nature of the beast that it is a bit fluid and may change. You may wish to double check the web site calendar as it can be updated with new information. The EVENT NEWS section is a place where you can learn a little bit more about our classes, the trainers, and events that are happening each month and news about the various activities of the Range. We hope to include some historical features; also some fun and light-hearted pieces like we had with the Annie Oakley section last month. So if you like to write, have a particular interest that you could share with others, let me know. We are looking for writers. We could also use some help with distribution. Each month, we are printing 300 copies and they need to go out to more outlets. Currently, the following businesses and veteran's organizations currently distribute the Newsletter: MONADNOCK FIREARMS; YBA MUFFLER AND BRAKE; GREATER KEENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; DAVIS OIL; ALSTEAD GUN SHOP; RAZOR'S EDGE BARBER SHOP; VETERAN'S HALLS; GOOD FORTUNE PAWN SHOP; and ATM.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

When you joined the membership of Ferry Brook Range, your intention may have been to practice shooting your pistol, shotgun, rifle or bow, or to compete in matches, take classes and even share a Saturday meal at the Clubhouse with other, like-minded people. This is all very good and we hope you have a happy and safe experience while at the Range! There is more however, that goes along with the membership of a Range, run by volunteers. With the exception of two part-time employees, the Range is run and maintained by its members and that includes YOU. We need your help to make this Range neat, clean and well run and so we invite you to consider how you might help. You may want to offer your assistance to help run practices for shotgun, high power, pistol matches, etc. There are numerous opportunities for you to participate. Just ask. If you see the trash emptied, clubhouse swept or mopped, weeds pulled, grass mowed and trimmed, RSOs helping to keep the Range a safe place to shoot, thank a volunteer. We have many wonderful people who when they see something that needs to be done, get it done. If you are willing to help, there are people who can help show you the way. Just offer. I'm sure Jack Commerford, with his "miles long list" of things to do would be happy to have the able help. The efforts of all those who volunteer make this Range a great place to come and shoot.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention and thank the many volunteers who helped to make the Women On Target shooting clinic a huge success! A HUGE Thank you to all of the following for all that they did: *Lascia Hodgkins and her daughter Emily Toth, Sean Robinson, Jack and Sarah Commerford, Marilyn Huston, Sharon Jenness, Jeff Nesbitt, Bob Bergevin, Chris and Jenny Sullivan, Jenifer Marchesi, Bill Stearns, Ron Hitchens, Edith Allyn-Page, James McEwan, Edson and Ginger DeAngelis, Al Giles, Konrad Sypko, Don Huntington, Joe Haynes, Nate Provost, Mike Bomba, Ron Avery, Pete DeSantis, Bill Fish, and Peter Crowell.* Because of you, 30 new women shooters had a fun, safe and wonderful learning experience.

OPEN HOUSE

August 10th, we will be having an all day Range-wide event, Open House, for the members and for the public to see what Ferry Brook Range is about. We plan to offer table space for those who want to be part of the "Swap-meet" and for Vendors (table space is available for a small fee), activities for young and old alike to participate in Archery, BB guns, air rifle, pistol, trap and more. Food will be available. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you would like to help with planning and help run the events please contact me (603) 499-3074 or the General Manager, Peter Crowell (603) 352-8563. ☞ cont'd on page 4

JULY 2019 — EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 2

BOD/Range Operations
6:30 to 8 PM Members welcome

Wednesday, July 3

Open Trap
Noon — open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice
3:30 to 7:30 PM
Walt (603) 499-0057

Junior Trap Practice
6 PM

Thursday, July 4

High-power 600 yd Practice
8 AM to noon & 4 PM to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS
NOON TO 4 PM

Saturday, July 6

RSO Jennifer Marchesi

Women's Shooting League
8:30 AM to 2 PM contact Sharon at
wsl@ccssecf.org for more information

Fundamentals of Concealed Carry
9 AM to 5 PM SHAMROCK DEFENSE

Defensive Pistol

9 AM to 5 PM
Brian Sayers 518 929-4818
3roperations@gmail.com

**10 AM Open Trap &
5 Stand Sporting Clays**
Trap practice open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice
2 PM

Sunday, July 7

RSO Jack Commerford

Defensive Pistol
9 AM to 5 PM
Brian Sayers, 3R Operations. 3roperations@gmail.com 518 929-4818

New Hampshire Bowmen

Tuesday, July 9

Law Enforcement Qualifications
9:30 AM to 3 PM PISTOL BAY 1

Wednesday, July 10

Open Trap
Noon — open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice
3:30 to 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice
6 PM

Thursday, July 11

High-power 600 yd Practice
8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS
12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, July 13

RSO Jeff Fifield

Action Pistol Match
7:30 AM to 1:30 PM Pistol bays 1 & 3
and competition bays
Walt Lewandowski 603 499-0057

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9 AM to 5 PM

**10 AM Open Trap &
5 Stand Sporting Clays**
Trap practice open to the public

Junior Trap Practice
2 PM

Sunday, July 14

RSO Pete DeSantis

600 yard Wind Reading Clinic
9 AM to 5 PM
Pete DeSantis 603 352-7720

Tuesday, July 16

Law Enforcement Qualifications
9:30 AM to 3 PM PISTOL BAY 1

Wednesday, July 17

Open Trap
Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice
3:30 to 7:30 PM
Walt (603) 499-0057

Junior Trap Practice
6 PM

Thursday, July 18

High-power 600 yard Practice
8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS
12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, July 20

RSO Conrad Sytko

**10 AM Open Trap &
5 Stand Sporting Clays**
Trap practice open to the public

Sunday, July 21

RSO Pete DeSantis

NH High Power League Match #5
8 AM to 1 PM

Wednesday, July 24

Open Trap
Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice
3:30 to 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, July 25

High-power 600 yd Practice
8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS
12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, July 27

RSO David Booth

Dynamic Defensive Handgun
2-day Course Shamrock Defense
9 AM to 5 PM

**Open Trap &
5 Stand Sporting Clays**
10 AM open to the public.

Everyday Pistol — Brian Sayers
Carbine bay 9 AM to 4 PM 2-DAY

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Sunday, July 28

RSO Peter Crowell

Dynamic Defensive Handgun
2-day Course 9 AM to 5 PM

Everyday Pistol — Brian Sayers
Carbine bay 9 AM to 4 PM 2-DAY

Tuesday, July 30

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver
4 to 7 PM

Wednesday, July 31

Open Trap
Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice
3:30 to 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, August 1

High-power 600 yd Practice
8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM
RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS
12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, August 3

Women's Shooting League
8:30 AM to 2 PM contact Sharon at
wsl@ccssecf.org for more information

**Women's Intro to Defensive
Handgun** 9 AM to 1 PM contact
Shamrock Defense (603)209-4095

**10 AM Open Trap &
5 Stand Sporting Clays**
Trap practice open to the public

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Saturday, August 10

OPEN HOUSE - ALL DAY

Open to members and their families and the general public. Watch or participate in a shooting activity that is new to you. Vendors space available for rent.

Contact Patrice Nesbitt
chestnutmare@myfairpoint.net
603 499-3074

Everyday Pistol—Brian Sayers
9 AM to 4 PM 2-DAY

Sunday, August 11

Everyday Pistol—Brian Sayers
9 AM to 4 PM 2-DAY

October 9

**Annual General Membership
Meeting** 6:30 PM RSVP please

October 27

Women On Target
8 AM to NOON Preregistration required

General Manager

Peter Crowell 603-352-8563
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Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10 AM to 3 PM

Clubhouse Café

Saturdays 8 AM to 1 PM
Breakfast & Lunch. Come on by and get to know fellow shooters. We serve gluten-free homecooked breakfast and lunches all for reasonable prices.

Good conversation is free.

Membership

Saturdays 10 AM to 1 PM at the
Clubhouse

EVENT NEWS

We would like to welcome Chris & Jenny Sullivan of Shamrock Personal Defense. A new addition to the Education and Training programs we offer at Cheshire County Shooting Sports Foundation & Education Center. Chris has been teaching the Defensive Firearms Coach program certified under the I.C.E Training Company for the last 2 years and has



recently passed the Intuitive Defensive Shooting Instructor Development Course

training under Rob Pincus in Reno, NV. Also holding Instructor Certifications from the USCCA and NRA he will be offering a wide spectrum of educational options. Jenny is an NRA Certified Range Safety Officer and is working towards Instructor Status. Jenny and Chris are a team on the range and bring a comfortable yet firm approach to student's development. The course schedule, registration and details can be found on the website at shamrockpersonaldefense.com and the training calendar on the Ferry Brook Range Newsletter and web page.

Upcoming Courses at Ferry Brook Range Fundamentals of Concealed Carry

7/6 9 AM TO 5 PM

Educates the student on the handguns best for self defense, how to carry them safely and how to deploy and use them efficiently in the context of a Dynamic Critical Incident.

Dynamic Defensive Handgun

7/27, 28 9 AM TO 5 PM

2 days of intense training and practice. It is not designed to make you the best shooter you can be on the range but to be more efficient in worst case scenario defensive shooting.

Women's Intro to Defensive Handgun


8/3 9 AM TO 1 PM

Introduction to Defensive Handgun is an entry level defensive pistol course for the student who wishes to learn the Concepts and Fundamentals of defensive shooting and handgun manipulation. Course fee is \$75 603-209-4095

What You Will Learn:

- Safety as a concept
- How to choose the best defensive handgun
- The Plausibility Principle and how it dictates our training
- Skill development cycle
- How target shooting differs from defensive accuracy
- Multiple defensive shooting drills to increase your efficiency with your defensive firearm
- How to use the body's natural reaction during a Dynamic Critical Incident.

What to bring—

- Your firearm and 150 rds of target or ball ammo
Rental available for \$25 does not include ammo
- Eye and ear protection (*electronic ears preferred*)
- Snacks and fluids to stay hydrated
- A positive learning attitude 



CCSSEF is proud to announce that we have a new outside firearms training company presenting classes here at Ferry Brook Range, 3R Operations Inc.

3R Operations Inc., lead by Brian A. Sayers, teaches the practical understanding of how to safely handle firearms for everyday life. The 3R stands for the three R's of training: Relevant, Realistic and Recent. Your training should be Relevant for what you want to learn. If you want to learn how to use pistols, take a pistol class; rifles, take a rifle class; shotguns, take a shotgun class. There are shooting schools and gunfighting schools. 3R Operations Inc. teaches you more than just how to shoot bullseyes. Students, no matter their level of experience, learn how to gunfight! Your training should be Realistic — students will never hear the word “administrative” during class and will never be instructed to do something on the range that they wouldn't do outside of the range. Instead, students will

learn non-diagnostic tactical gun handling, which is realistic for everyday life. Your training should be Recent. There is a reason why most law enforcement agencies qualify their officers at least once per year — so they have a documented record of their officers meeting a minimum standard. Students should strive to have recent training so they stay current with the most useful information possible. Training teaches students what and how to practice. After training, you will then know what you need to practice. One training class per year, from any competent instructor, could be considered recent.

The owner of 3R Operations Inc., Brian A. Sayers, is a 20-year veteran police officer, having served for both city and state agencies. Brian has completed multiple instructor development schools and continuously travels the country attending training classes (some prior training includes: Tactical Response: James Yeager; OPS: Andy Stanford; DTI: John Farnam; Thunder Ranch: Clint Smith; Vickers Tactical: Larry Vickers; AZTEC: Ken Hackathorn; I.C.E.: Rob Pincus). Brian is as much of a student as he is a teacher and possesses excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills — HE CAN'T FAKE PASSION. As a student, you will see that Brian genuinely enjoys teaching you, as he continuously reminds you to perform the drill as slow as you need to in order to get it perfect. If you're the last one done with a drill, you probably did it correctly. Brian makes learning about firearms caveman simple.

3R Operations Inc. initially offers three classes: Everyday Pistol, Everyday Rifle and Everyday Shotgun—which are all two-day classes. The number one most important topic stressed in classes is safety. During each class, students will learn through lecture and many live-fire drills how to correctly handle pistols, rifles and shotguns for everyday life. In order of importance, students will learn about mindset, tactics, skill and gear. By the end of each class, students will be taught how to have a survival level of proficiency with each respective firearm.

2019 SPECIAL: If you aren't already a member of the CCSSEF and you attend a 3R Operations Inc. class at regular price, 3R Operations Inc. will cover your \$75 initial sign-up cost to join CCSSEF— IF you join on the date of the class.

Upcoming classes are as follows:
Everyday Rifle - July 27 & 28, 2019
Everyday Pistol - August 10 & 11, 2019
Everyday Pistol - August 24 & 25, 2019
For information, contact:
Brian A. Sayers 3R Operations Inc.
(518)929-4818 (text is preferred)
3ROperations@gmail.com

600 YARD HIGH-POWER RIFLE WIND READING CLINIC


The High Power rifle season will soon be in full swing. I have been asked several times about putting on another wind reading clinic, so I'm planning a clinic on July 14th. The start time will be 9:00 am at the club house. Please arrive about a half an hour early to get signed in. I am going to request that you preregister so I know how many handouts and assistants to have available.

Firstly, we will spend about an hour discussing prone shooting. Topics to include: shooting disciplines, positions, equipment, ammo, reloading, wind reading, and shooting strategies. Wind reading and shooting strategies will dominate the discussion. Learning to cope with the wind, which is half science and half art, is the key to successful mid-range and long range shooting. Make the wind your friend.

I am also hoping to have help from a couple of F/TR High Master shooters to discuss and demonstrate F/Class shooting techniques. This should be great high level information for all of the F/Class shooters. We will then put some of these ideas to the test on the firing line.

To attend, you will need the following: A 600 yard "zero" for your rifle (elevation and no wind "0") and about 50 rounds of ammo - target quality if possible (69 grain or heavier bullet for .223/5.56), Spotting scope if you have one (I will have a few extras available), Which ever

shooting gear you feel comfortable with (bi-pod, rear bag, shooting mat, etc.) and most importantly lunch. I have a couple of loaner rifles for those without equipment. I can also provide match-grade ammo (.308) for \$10 per box of 20 rounds.

I will be available for you to get a 600 yard "zero" on Saturdays from 10:00 AM till Noon. Try to attend one of our practices on Thursdays at 9:00 AM till noon or 4:00 PM until finished. Clinic fee is \$20 to cover printing (the handout booklet is now almost 100 pages) and range supplies. 


Let me know in advance if you need a rifle and ammo.

With cooperation from the weather, I think we can have a very productive day. If you want to attend or have any questions, contact me at:
Peter De Santis 603-352-7720 (H)
603-721-1985 Cell
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Annual General Membership Meeting

There is to be held on October 9th, at 6:30 pm our annual **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**. (Article IV. Section 4.2 of the Bylaws). Board of Directors and officers shall be elected, discussion and decisions regarding future planning for the club; vacancies to be filled and any general business of the Range may be addressed at this meeting.

Please contact the General Manager with an RSVP so that we can plan for food and seating for the event. 

Peter Crowell, (603) 352-8563, gm@ccssec.org

MAKING EACH SHOT COUNT

Many years ago, while training Southeast Asian mercenaries, I'd challenge a student to assume his sexiest "assault" stance and riddle a nearby silhouette with full-auto fire. Glee-fully, he'd tuck his M16 or AK-47 beneath

his armpit and, "brt-t-t-t-t-t," 30 rounds would rip through the air—but go who knows where. The amazed students, upon examining the intact silhouette, could see that, despite sound and smoke, a lot of bullets carelessly sprayed will hit nothing. My point exactly.

In order to become a superb marksman, a rifleman must zoom in his consciousness from having had none while blasting at full-auto to having a bit of focused attention at semiautomatic to being able to concentrate keenly on each round fired as a marksman. Each round.

A marksman does not fire patterns or groups or average shots. He fires one shot over and over and over, and develops certain one-shot habits during practice fire that will carry over to real-world shooting.


The marksman conditions himself to regard each round fired in practice as a single, final event with an exact beginning, a definite end, and a precisely measured result.

During range fire, he removes each round individually from its box, loads it individually, fires it as a single event, calls it to his spotter, observes the results of that on shot with a spotting scope, then records its exact point of impact in his record book.

He analyzes the results of each shot so even the slightest inaccuracy is correctly attributed to a bit of wind, breathing, trigger control, and so on. Ego has no impact; the marksman and spotter honestly and objectively diagnose the shot. The the shooter plans his next shot and applies what he has just learned to improve the results.

It also may be useful to dry-fire between each live-fire shot, a habit that has helped me a lot.

No more than five rounds should be fired into a single impact point to better focus the shooter's concentration. This also prevents confusion about which hole resulted from which shot.

Finally, during any practice session don't let yourself slide into mindless "banging away," even if you have plenty of ammo available. Indeed, most law enforcement marksmen I know fire no more than 20 rounds per monthly training session—but each shot is a quality shot. 

[extract from **The Ultimate Sniper** by Major John L Plaster, USAR (Ret.)



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ACTION PISTOL

BY WALT LEWANDOWSKI

Imagine that you just returned from vacation and the phone rings. It's the kennel where your pooch is being kept. It is being attacked by an international ring of dog-nappers and the kennel needs your help.

You collect your gear and head over there. You enter the building, grab your dog Fluffy and proceed to engage the armed dog thieves.

You run from room to room, holding your dog under one arm while using your gun in the other, fending off the bad guys until everyone is safe.

Sounds pretty silly, doesn't it? Yup, however if you attended the June Action Pistol Match, you would have seen just that. At the audible start signal, you would have seen shooters grab and stow magazines, load a firearm on the move and yes, grab Fluffy while fighting off the attackers while carrying the dog.

DISCLOSURE: No stuffed animals were harmed.

Is this a likely scenario? Probably not but what is likely is the fact you may have to someday use your firearm with one hand while using the other hand for something else. Maybe not tending to Fluffy but rather keeping a family member safe or closing a door.

The stuffed dog in this case was meant to be a distraction as you focused on the business at hand and safely carried a firearm. You had to properly use cover, in this case walls, while you proceeded through the course. Some of the targets were stationary, some were moving. Some were partially hidden behind non-threats, others were out in the open.


While these matches are fun, they are also teaching you a serious lesson. Safely handling a firearm in situations that may arise in real life. You may have to reload while moving as well as shoot using either hand. Assessing the situation will become second nature, looking for innocent non-threats and knowing when not to shoot.

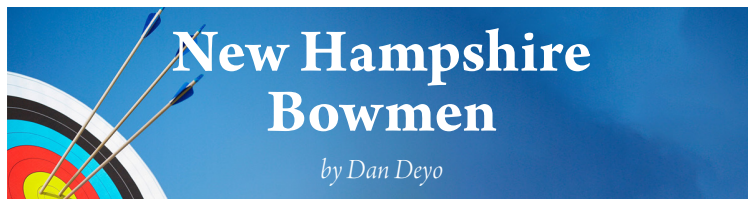
Some, ok most, of the scenarios are indeed contrived. Yes, we have had Zombies and Vampires, but the underlying intentions are all the same. You are encouraged to look at the whole picture, think and work out the best strategy using the limited resources you have.



Action Pistol is not meant to be a defensive pistol course. We never were and never will be but rather an activity where safely handling a firearm under dynamic conditions are stressed. If you want to compete in IDPA (International Defensive Pistol

Association) competitions then Action Pistol will help prepare you since our matches follow IDPA rules.

We have practice sessions every Wednesday from approx. 3:30 until dusk. Arrive anytime, stay as long as you like or just stop by and watch. 



New Hampshire Bowmen

by Dan Deyo

Archery is held at two locations at Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Foundation our outdoor range is located at 268 Ferry Brook Rd in Sullivan NH, approximately a half mile past the rifle range and on the opposite side of the road. Indoors we host shoots, have open practice, and run a youth program from December to April at the Keene Parks and Recreation Center, 312 Washington Street, Keene, NH.

Outdoor Ranges—We have two outdoor archery ranges at the club. Thirty McKenzie 3-D targets are put out on our course in early summer on a well-marked trail and the ranges vary from novice to challenging. The 3D trail will take you around the hill above the parking area and wraps back around onto itself back to the parking lot. A part of our field archery course is seen as you enter the archery driveway the well-marked trail will take you through the 14 target range and the last target drops you back out on Ferry Brook Rd. These well defined trails have marked distances from 20 feet to 80 yards. Below are sketched maps of our two ranges.

We hold several outdoor competitive field archery shoots each year. We have open practice on Tuesday evenings and all are welcome. Not a member? We allow non-members to shoot the course for \$5 anytime we are at the range for a scheduled shoot or practice.

We host several indoor NH Bowmen sanctioned shoots each season although these are sanctioned shoots all are welcome. Many of the competitors travel to other locations to compete in state and regional events at all levels. To be considered for an award in these events one must only join the National Field Archery Association and state organization.

Several certified instructors are able to assist in every level of archery. Whether you are a novice or an experienced archer, whether you hunt or just want to shoot targets the club is nonjudgmental and will help everyone.

The 3d targets are out and the range is ready. We have a scheduled NFAA hunter round and a 3D shoot scheduled for July 7th we will be continuing to post any changes to open shooting on North Branch Bowmen's Facebook page due to weather or scheduling conflicts. Otherwise we will meet at the range on Tuesday evenings—all are welcome.

We had a great day at North Branch Bowmen today and couldn't have asked for better weather. Fourteen archers total and several shooters from 4 different states.

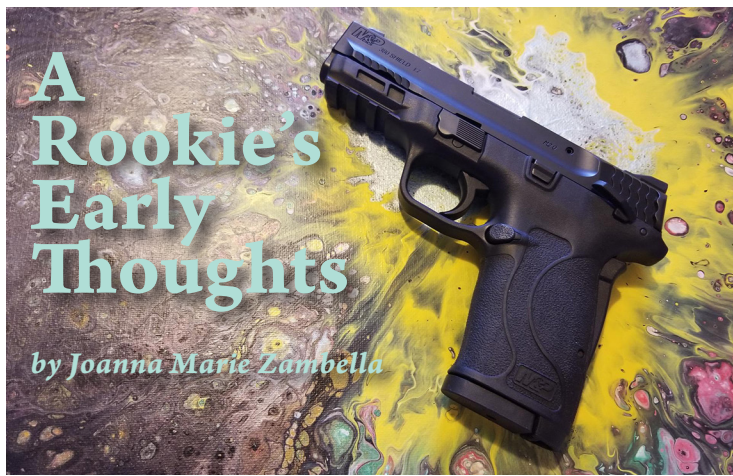
2019 New Hampshire Bowmen Outdoor Schedule

DATE	ROUND	CLUB
July 7	Hunter 7 3D	North Branch Bowmen
July 13	900	Pioneer Sportsmen
August 17 & 18	State Championship	North Branch Bowmen
August 24	60 Arrow Marked 3D	Pioneer Sportsmen

Reminders will be sent out prior to each shoot. Dates and rounds subject to change and will be communicated via email or FB post.

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Firearms is a whole new endeavor for me. What the Ferry Brook Range has been providing has really helped make the development of this new skill lots of fun – effective fun. Patrice and Jeff offered a warm welcome and lots of great advice as I became a member. They shared thoughts on different pistols and sent me to Rob Jones of Monadnock Firearms who I trusted right away. It sounds funny to say but, I love my gun. Okay...that's a bit hyperbolic. I really like my gun.

The training has been helpful too. Jeff provided my initial instruction and has shared his own training materials. A couple of private lessons with Jack really got me going and is where I found my recent practice routine. How satisfying is it when those little steel plates go 'ping!' and fall over?

Most recently, I had a blast at the Women on Target program. It's basically an experiential introduction to the safety and firing of pistols, rifles, and shotguns. We had a packed house of 30 or so women who had a little to no experience with firearms. We broke into 3 groups and rotated through the options. At the pistol and rifle range we had an individual guide and, with the shotgun, there were two instructors for five of us. Jenny and the pistols (that sounds like a very cool band) pointed out some key things to help improve my aim. The rifles were a bit fascinating because of the stillness that went with the focus. Then that shotgun! Have to say, when that clay pigeon EXPLODED — I laughed out loud.

Now I'm looking forward to working with rifles and shotguns someday. In the meantime, you may see me in the middle of the week at the range for an hour of practice between sales calls. ☞

The WOMEN ON TARGET EXPERIENCE

by Lascia Hodgkins

In case you missed it, **WOMEN ON TARGET** took place on Father's Day this year. Thirty nervous, excited women joined us for a morning of safety, education, and practice on pistols, shotguns, and rifles. Most of the



women had never picked up a firearm! During the safety brief, you could see the hesitation on most of their faces, knowing what would follow just a little while later, on the three ranges.



The women were organized into three groups of 10, one group was sent to the pistol bay, one to the rifle range, and the final group to the shotgun trap range. When the first group entered the rifle range where I was coaching, the tension was almost palpable. They

received a quick safety brief on that particular firearm and picked their coach, one of the many wonderful volunteers who sacrificed time on Father's Day to help introduce these women to their personal passion in a safe, fun manner.

The women were then instructed by their coach on how to load the magazine and safely operate the firearm. Once the range was ordered "Hot", the women were guided through the process of operating the firearm, using the MAT safety guidelines [Muzzle-Action-Trigger].



Most of the women were hitting the paper targets right off the bat! And by the end of the second session of shooting, almost all had reached a spread of 6 inches!! The best part of it all was the excitement that replaced the hesitation on their faces!

At the end of the program when the women had tried all the different disciplines and were back in the clubhouse, the mood of the



whole group had changed completely from hesitation and nervousness to a newly found confidence and joy in their new abilities. It is a wonderful thing to watch the evolution in just a matter of a few hours.



This clinic will also be offered October 27th for anyone who missed the first one! Volunteers are also needed, so please share a few hours of your time to help!! ☞



FERRY BROOK JUNIOR SHOOTERS


by Lillian Prigge



From April 13th to the 15th, I got the chance to participate in the 2019 National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Championships. It was both an incredible honor and an invaluable learning experience. I can't thank the supporters of the Ferry Brook Junior Shooters enough for getting me there. I have never competed against so many incredibly talented shooters in my life.

When I first started shooting it was merely something I was messing around with—I never would have imagined I would someday be carrying my rifle through the Olympic Training Center. The terrific coaching and continued support provided by the club set my sights on that goal and gave me the skills necessary to reach it.

Although my scores were not what I had hoped for, I learned volumes about match strategy, technique, the rules, mental training and more. I also got the opportunity to meet coaches, competitors, and merchants from around the nation. I gained a whole new appreciation for the sport and left determined to train even harder. Next year I hope to qualify again, and I'll use what I learned this year to perform even better when that time comes.

A sincere thank-you to the club for this invaluable experience. 



FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK

CHOICES

Two weekends ago, June 15th and 16th, the Ferry Brook Range was hoping! In some of the finest weather we have seen in a while, Saturday was filled with: two, advanced, defensive pistol classes; an Action Pistol match; a good sized group of Trap and Five Stand Shooters; a Junior Trap Team practice; and some center fire rifle shooters sorting out their gear and getting some good zeros for their rifles.

In the midst of all of this fun, at noon, we called a cease fire across all of the ranges to give one of our neighbors a quiet period as they were hosting a wedding at their home. We took the opportunity to have a hot dog and hamburger grill fest for all during the hour long cease fire.


What a great blend of shooting sports and shooters of all ages were represented and... *they were hungry.*

Sunday was an equally busy day as the club hosted one of its annual Women On Target events. Thirty women and more than thirty volunteer instructors, organizers, and helpers worked with this group of mostly new shooters as they experienced pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Then on to a fine lunch, some presentations of the range facilities, and some fun "door" prizes. The two defensive pistol classes also continued to chug away.

All in all, a very busy and fun weekend.

The following weekend although blessed with equally great weather the range was quite sparsely attended which brings me to the title of this article, **Choices.**

There are so many wonderful activities in the Monadnock Region that our members have lots of choices of things to do on a fine early summer day. I certainly understand the pull of a great afternoon on the lake in my kayak, but I wonder what might we do at the range to help our members and curious non members better understand enjoy the shooting sports?

If you have any ideas or just want to discuss some possibilities, give me a call or email. We would enjoy looking at any ideas that would make the range more useful and appealing to you. 

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