



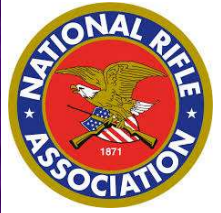
## Tallahassee Rifle & Pistol Club

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**Fourth Quarter October to December 2023**

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**NEXT WORKDAY IS SATURDAY, September 30, 2023,  
8:00 AM – 10:00 am**

**BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE & FUN SHOOT  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY,  
October 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM AT MYERS PARK**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**October 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.**  
**@ MYERS PARK**

**NEXT RANGE WORK**  
**September 30, 2023**  
**8:00am – 10:00**

# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

BSA Camporee and Fun Shoot will occur Friday October 6, through and Sunday October 8, 2023. All ranges will close at 4:00pm on Friday, and reopen Sunday, at 9:00am.

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

The scouts will arrive Friday afternoon and camp overnight at TRPC with their individual troops. The scouts will then participate in the Fun Shoot on Saturday along with any scouts arriving Saturday morning that didn't camp overnight with their troop. The Fun Shoot is scheduled to run from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Sometimes we run over due to enthusiastic shooters but the goal this year is to be wrapped up by 3pm. This year TRPC will also be providing a light lunch (drinks, chips, deli sandwiches) for all the scout participants and TRPC volunteers. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:30am.

The shooting disciplines this year will be cowboy action (participation is subject to BSA rules, not those of TRPC), muzzle loading, 22LR smallbore, 22LR silhouette, sporting clays, and trap. Members may contact the respective match chairs to volunteer, or you may contact me, and I will assign you Saturday morning where you are most needed after talking with the match chairman.

This is a great way to earn your work credit if you haven't attended a workday and it's a great way to help out the scouts, meet new members and help TRPC fulfill our mission of promoting and supporting the legitimate use of firearms for target shooting, hunting, self-defense and other lawful purposes; as well as educating and training citizens of good repute in the safe, proper and efficient handling of firearms.

Thanks to all volunteers in advance. TRPC has not held this event since before the pandemic and it is usually well attended and very popular with the Scouts, parents, and members. Its success is directly dependent upon the time and energy TRPC members donate to make the experience positive and enjoyable for everyone.

Aaron Cohen

TRPC President

Youth Match Chairman

# WORK DAY ITINERARY – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Greeting Members. Work Day is Saturday, September 30 from 0800 till 1000. We need to get the range ready for the Boy Scouts. The following list of action items needs to be accomplished. If you want to be a Team Leader please email me at [vicepresident@trpc.net](mailto:vicepresident@trpc.net). - Kevin Fleming

Pump House – Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Materials needed: paint brushes, rollers, buckets, trays. Note we will have a limited supply of paint brushes and rollers. Clean up supplies will be furnished (soap and water clean-up), string trimmer. Ladders

- Weed eat/mow perimeter of well house.
- Clean inside of house broom clean.
- Paint exterior of pump house.

All Ranges - Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Member materials needed :STRING TRIMMER/EDGER/LAWNMOWER/BLOWER

- Weed eat, edge, mow and blow concrete.
- Weed eat and trim vines and grass on berms.
- String trim edges, around target frames, etc.
- Empty trash cans
- Target Backer and frame maintenance

*Supplies in the storage shed / Scrap wood and chloroplast go in designated area*

Wooded area south of Range A2 and B - Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Materials needed: CHAIN SAWS, WEED EATER OR BRUSH CUTTER

- Cut all broken and dead trees. Cut to campfire length and leave for Scouts.
- Cut any remaining brush bushhog may have missed.
- Stake and identify camp areas (Scout leaders to assist)

Range E - Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Materials needed: Circular saw, saw horses, screw gun  
Repair stair railing  
Empty trash cans

Ranges B - Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Materials needed: paint brushes, rollers, buckets, trays. Note we will have a limited supply of paint brushes and rollers. Clean up supplies will be furnished (soap and water clean-up)  
Paint benches, shooting station surfaces, columns. Paint furnished.

Range G - Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

- general cleanup and BMP work
- pick up wads
- empty trash cans

General - Clean up club house / Latrine duty, sweep, blow and clean up around pavilion.

## TRPC General Membership Meeting Motion (Develop Range H)

10/11/23 Meeting

### **Motion to develop the area behind Range B berm into an active shooting bay for pistol caliber ammunition. (Range H)**

This single, 60' X 60' existing bay has an impact berm of approximately 25' and side berms of approximately 15' (According to 2008 survey map).

The **purpose** for range H would be two-fold:

-Self-defense training with three portable target stands designed for 'close to berm' shooting. It is designed for individual shooters or a small group of shooters training together.

-Steel Challenge practice bay. Range H would give Steel Challenge shooters a dedicated practice bay that they could use at discretionary times during the month without any additional infringement on the shooters on the 200 and 300 yard ranges. All steel shooting on Range H would be under the supervision of the Steel Challenge Match Chairman or Assistant Match Chairman. The same safety protocols used during the First Friday Steel Challenge practice and Steel Challenge matches would be used on Range H steel training.

**Construction** Berms are already in place and Range H has already been mowed. A few more saplings may need to be removed, accomplished as a work day project with no costs.

**Access** The road next to the A-1 side berm would be maintained to give regular access to the area behind A-1, A-2 and B impact berms.

The road leading from Range S to the 200 yard range will be gated or barriered so people would not encroach on to the 200 yard range. Signage would indicate the restriction.

### **Estimated Cost: (budget only)**

Signage: Range H shooting rules - \$300

Do Not Enter (200 yard range) - \$200

Directional signs to range H - \$200

Gate cable and locks – No cost, already in inventory

Target stands and tables – Already in inventory

As we gain experience with this new range, modifications can be made to make it safer, more functional and more accessible.

## **DESK OF THE SECRETARY**

The renewal period for 2023 – 2024 has ended. Current membership stands at 401. We had 41 members that did not renew. Please keep those referrals coming and encourage your guest to think about joining. We have the Boy Scout Camporee & Fun Shoot coming up on October 6 – 8, 2023. Please come out and lend a hand. Even a couple of hours will greatly help. Work credits are awarded for participation, please remember to sign in. A workday will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 8:00am to 10:00am. We need to get the range looking great for the scouts. The new roof has been installed on the clubhouse. The squirrels decided to make a home in the attic space over the winter and ate the electrical wire sheathing adding \$1200 to the costs. All of the shooting line roofs have been pressure washed and special thanks to Heath Gebhart for the bush hog work. It pays to have friends with tractors.

Sporting Clays match will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

We again did not obtain a quorum for the July 2023, General Membership Meeting. It is impossible for the club to conduct business with less than 20 attendees. Please make an attempt to attend the October 11, 2023, @ 7:00pm meeting. TRPC will welcome a presentation by Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Deputy Dustin Brock on the practical and legal aspects of concealed carry and self-defense with a firearm. We will also be taking Nominations for the January elections.

Gary Rickard, Secretary

## **July 12, 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

- Quorum not obtained – 18 members present
- Minutes from January meeting read
- Treasurer's report presented to membership
- Secretary – renewal notices were mailed in May. Currently have approximately 280 renewals. Please contact me at [secretary@trpc.net](mailto:secretary@trpc.net) if you need another renewal form.
- Workday July 29, 2023, will be from 8:00 am to 10:00am.
- Turning target project is proceeding on A1
- Youth shoot is averaging 10 – 12 shooters, with 3 – 4 on the advanced stage
- NRA Match – averaging 12 shooters a month.
- Steel Challenge – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays – averaging 15 shooters. Also, Steel Challenge practice is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.
- Boy Scout Camporee & Fun Shoot will be October 6, - 8, 2023. All ranges will close on Friday at 4:00pm and reopen on Sunday at 9:00am.
- Meeting adjourn

# HIGH POWER RIFLE

The TRPC hosts several types of competitions using either rifle, pistol and shotgun with some including all three. High power rifle is one of them and usually fired on our 200 and or the 300 yard range.

There are several variations of the competitions of high power rifle. First one is across the course that is fired in different positions like standing, sitting and prone. This is usually at 200, 300, and 600 yards. Of course we only use the 200 and 300 yard ranges. Then there are prone matches normally fired on 300, 500, 600, and 1000 yards. Again TRPC is limited to 300 yards. We use specific targets to simulate the different distances.

There are several categories of prone matches and types of rifles used. The first is service rifle with the rifle based on the modern AR-15 or the M14 now designated as M-1A. The competitor is limited to .223 or .308 ammunition. A sling needs to be used in this category for stability. Metallic sights or scope can be used. There are some restrictions.

(NRA match Rifle) is any rifle that can use a magazine with no less than 5 rounds. Your ammunition is any caliber up to .35 caliber. Again a sling is suggested for use for stability. Metallic sights and scopes are allowed.

(Any rifle) has very few restrictions except you are limited up to .35 caliber ammunition.

Some of the newest types of competitions are F-Class. This includes (f-Class open) allowing front and rear rest. Ammunition limited up to .35 caliber. There are weight limits. Another is (F-Class target). This rifle can have a front bi-pod and rear bag for stability. Ammunition is limited to .223 and .308 caliber.

The newest rifle category in the Mid-range (Prone) Tactical (AR). This is actually a rifle based on the modern AR-15 rifle using a Harris type bipod or front and rear bag for support. Limitations are caliber .223 up to .308. Maximum scope power of 15 can be used. This type of rifle is probably owned by most shooters today so you don't need a lot of equipment.

Across the course requires 88 rounds and the prone matches need 66 rounds to compete. Some kind of ground cloth or mat is recommended. Eye and ear protection is required.

We shoot every 3rd Saturday of the month. Cost is \$11.00. Any questions call me at 850-688-7340 or email [jimfowler223@gmail.com](mailto:jimfowler223@gmail.com). I highly recommend you download the current 2023 High Power Rifle rule book from the NRA site.

Jim Fowler

## **TURNING TARGET PROJECT ON A1**

The Chestney brothers have fabricated the six turning target stands (4 for the Practical; 2 for the Barricade) currently on the range. Last month was particularly hostile in terms of temperature and humidity and they strove to get the barricade targets working while leaving the four Practical turning targets for this month. The Barricade turning targets were used in last month's match.

Saturday, the Chestney brothers got the four turning targets for the Practical operating. This involved using some temporary piping for the air supply. The attached diagram displays the simple efficiency of sending a signal from the Timer Controller to an electrical relay that then opens a valve to allow air to flow to the cylinder on the target frame. The signal to the relay will cause air to be sent to either open or close the cylinder. When the cylinder moves, it is positioning the target either facing the shooter or facing away. Saturday involved installing the relays and cylinders. A number of small challenges were seen and overcome. However after all six target stands were verified as operational, an unexplained short appeared in the timer controller. This is teaching us to have a spare parts inventory handy. Next month should see all six operating. At that time, we hope to assemble a permanent air supply made out of 1 inch PVC.

Long term, we need to either bury or protect an air supply line of 1 inch PVC. Also for now we are using my personal air compressor. Though we could use just a supply tank, the presence of a compressor is what we want to use long term. For now, it would seem appropriate to store it in the conex when not in use versus leaving it to the elements during the month. We seek to minimize the exposure of the components so as to prolong their useful life. The timer controller, regulators, compressor along with connection wires and air lines would be stored. To set up for operation, it would involve

1. bringing the compressor and plugging into the power supply next to the mover motor
2. installing airlines with the regulator between the main PVC supply and the electro-pneumatic valve
3. hooking the timer/controller to the electrical connection on the electro-pneumatic valve.

The Chestneys are world class shooters and know a number of the high level competitors who have said they'd be interested in shooting our match. One thing that would help in that regard is to get the target stands leveled at the prescribed height. A concrete walkway to place the target stands on would go a long way towards that. The target stands are massive and with proper care should last for many years.

I'm particularly grateful to Kevin Fleming for painting the stands.

Mike DeGuire, NRA Match Chairman



# FOURTH QUARTER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	RANGE	DATES	TIME	CONTACT
General Membership Meeting MYERS PARK PAVILION	N/A	October 11, 2023, January 10, April 10, July 10, 2024	7:00pm	Aaron Cohen, President (850) 766-9349 <a href="mailto:president@trpc.net">president@trpc.net</a>
Range & Environmental Best Management Practices WORKDAY /ALL RANGES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30am	ALL RANGES	5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, September 30, December 30, 2023, March 30, June 29, 2024	8:00am to 10:00am	Kevin Fleming 850 509-9569 <a href="mailto:vicepresident@trpc.net">vicepresident@trpc.net</a>
New Member Orientation		BY APPOINTMENT ONLY		Gary Rickard, <a href="mailto:secretary@trpc.net">secretary@trpc.net</a> 850 212-6445
ATA Trap	TRAP	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday –October 1, November 5, December 3, 2023, January 7, 2024	9:00am	Gary Rickard <a href="mailto:atatrap@trpc.net">atatrap@trpc.net</a> 850 212-6445
Boy Scout Fun Shoot & Camporee (Volunteer help needed)	ALL RANGES	Friday, October 6, through Sunday, October 8, 2023	4:00pm	Aaron Cohen 850-766-9349 <a href="mailto:youth@trpc.net">youth@trpc.net</a>
Cowboy Action Shoot (SASS)	A1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday - October 21, November 18, December 16, 2023, January 20, 2024	9:00am	Doug Boline - 850 510-7044 <a href="mailto:SASS@trpc.net">SASS@trpc.net</a>
High Power Rifle	E & F	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday - October 21, November 18, December 16, 2023, January 20, 2024	9:00am	George Klisiewicz 850 528-9559 <a href="mailto:highpower@trpc.net">highpower@trpc.net</a>
NRA Action Pistol	A1, A2, & B	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, October 28, November 25, December 23, 2023, January 27, 2024	9:00am	Mike DeGuire 850 694-6930 <a href="mailto:nraactionpistol@trpc.net">nraactionpistol@trpc.net</a>
.22 Rimfire Silhouette	C	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday – November 4, December 2, 2023, January 6, 2024	9am Rifle 11am Pistol	Andy Randall 850 320-0524 <a href="mailto:silhouette@trpc.net">silhouette@trpc.net</a>
Trap & Wobble Trap	TRAP	Saturdays & Sundays (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday is ATA registered targets)	9:00am	Gary Rickard 850 212-6445 <a href="mailto:atatrap@trpc.net">atatrap@trpc.net</a>
Youth Program Rifle/Shotgun (All Youth Under 18 Welcome)	A1 & A2 TRAP	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday - October 14, November 11, December 9, 2023, January 13, 2024	8:30am	Aaron Cohen 850-766-9349 <a href="mailto:youth@trpc.net">youth@trpc.net</a>
Black Powder Muzzleloaders (Flint, Percussion – Rifle & Revolver/Pistol)	A2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – October 15, November 19, December 17, 2023, January 21, 2024	12:00pm	Ron Gablehouse (850) 591-1577 <a href="mailto:nmlra@trpc.net">nmlra@trpc.net</a>
Steel Challenge Scholastic Steel Challenge	E & F	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday - October 14, November 11, December 9, 2023, January 13, 2024	9:00am	John Burns - <a href="mailto:steelchallenge@trpc.net">steelchallenge@trpc.net</a> 850 274-5347
Steel Challenge Pactice	E & F	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday – October 6, November 3, December 1, 2023, January 5, 2024	9:30am	John Burns <a href="mailto:steelchallenge@trpc.net">steelchallenge@trpc.net</a> 850 274-5347
Sporting Clays	E & F	December 2, 2023	9:00am	Kevin Fleming 850 509-9569

**SCHEDULED EVENTS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER SHOOTING ACTIVITIES**

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