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Communications: Use of the pistol range, the pistol range designed with the NRA has changed over the years from how it was designed and intended to be used. As you know we had the NRA do an evaluation which brought about several recommendations. For instance, we changed the target frames back to the club's original design with the center of the target to be five and a half feet from the ground. The target is supposed to be placed in the center of the frame. We raised the berms on each side of the range and raised the berms in front of each target line to between three and four feet as originally designed. Obviously this brought some concern and even annoyance to some shooters who had long forgotten what the original design or intent was of the range or just never bothered to look. Several changes to the rules over the years led to misconceptions by some of the shooters and uneven enforcement. The last couple years we have been making range improvements and making everyone aware of the rules and policies concerning the use of this range. The range was designed as a target shooting range, not a defensive shooting range. The intent was that shooters would stand at the shooting windows and extend their arms forward with the weapon outside the window when firing. Since then we have made shelves at each shooting station and pushed the actual firing position back into the building. While this is comfortable and convenient to the shooters, it is misusing the range, adding to the amount of lead dust in the building, increases the chance of accidents such as windows shot out, holes in the roof and other possible incidents.

Since the range was originally designed, a seven yard target line was put in place a few years ago as a temporary measure to see how it worked out. While many shooters like the close shooting, it has brought several issues. Many shooters who shoot at the close seven yard line fire their weapons in a rapid fire (often as fast as they can pull the trigger), shooting the target frames to pieces and sending bullets and ricochets all over the range especially in the winter when the berms are frozen.

We do not have any requirements for members to be certified or tested in anyway before using the range. The level of experience and shooting ability is all over the lot from experts to folks who just got their first pistol. Many including long time members shoot without reviewing the range rules or determine they don't need to follow them because they have been shooting along time or just plain disagree with them. The rules are for everyone. They are reviewed and discussed every year by the board of directors and changed if necessary. We ask everyone to use the range as intended and to follow all range rules.

It is important to contain the bullets inside the range shooting area hitting the backstop rather than bouncing around and out of the range. The board is considering changes to the shelves in front of the window and whether to continue use of a seven yard target line.

We still intend to put some kind of no blue sky structure on the range to help insure the direction that folks can aim is safe and focused on the range backstop. When that is completed we expect to have a contractor put some kind of ventilation system in the shooting building to manage the lead dust better.

On another note, we do not have a current pistol chairman. As you may recall we have had probably three in the last couple of years after having none at all for some time. Much of the short term tenure of the chairman has been because they had difficulty coordinating with the board of directors or acted independent in changing the range or operation because they either disagreed with club rules or positions on the range. There is no chairman of any committee who acts independent of the board of directors. Nevertheless the position is vacant and the board is looking for a new chairman. If you are interested and want to know what the duties are contact the club president at Cladue@nycap.rr.com.

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Committee News:

Trap: Open trap and ATA Doubles League will continue on Sunday mornings at 9:00am until April 3rd. That day will be our last Sunday shoot until we go back to Sunday mornings in November. Our Tuesday evening shoots will start on April 12th. The start time on Tuesday's is 6:00pm but usually trap committee members are onsite by 5:00pm or so. We like to have all shooters signed up by 6:30pm. All are welcome to shoot trap, even if you have never shot trap before. Someone will be available to help out beginners if you want to give the sport a try. The cost is \$2.50 per round (25 targets).

The Duck's Unlimited Benefit Shoot, held on January 16th, was a great success and very well attended. We had 54 shooters all shooting 100 clays. There was great food, great raffle and door prizes and awards given out for winners in several shooting classifications. This is an event that we will most likely sponsor again in the future.

For any other questions about trap shooting at the club, contact either of the Trap Committee Co-Chairman: John Donahue, email: jdonahu2@nycap.rr.com, John Lee, email: jleesccp@nycap.rr.com

Shotgun Shell Reloading Quality Control by Mark Shalala

I read a great piece on the web last week concerning shotgun shell reloading. It was written by a technician who works in a laboratory that tests shotgun shells. Here are some of the high points:

- The height of the middle of the crimp is not important. The depth of the shoulder of the crimp is the critical measurement.
- The standard crimp depth of American made shot gun shells is .055 inches.
- A new dime is .055 in. If you grind down the edge of a new dime till it just fits inside your crimp, you will have a handy home made gauge to check the depth of crimp on your reloads. (Additional dime/reloading trivia: a new dime weights 35 grains. This can be a very handy tool for the reloading bench to do a fast weight check of your powder scale.)
- As crimp depths vary, so does the peak pressure produced in the load.
- A .010 in. change in crimp depth can produce 1000 PSI difference in pressure.

As pressure varies so does velocity.

A little more attention to the depth of crimp on your reloads can greatly improve the consistency your load performance and down range ballistics. And who knows, you may even break a few more birds along the way!

Rifle: With the March thaw will begin the spring cleanup and maintenance for the 200 and 300 yard ranges. This year it will include the installation of "No Blue Sky" and realignment of the target line to the firing line for the

200 range. The CMP range installation will also be finalized. This will necessitate closing both ranges for a period of time. Check the website frequently to ensure their availability. Anyone able to help, please let me know by e-mail. The more help the faster it gets done.

CMP: SCCP will host a CMP Match on SAT., MAY 21, 2011 at the Club. This is a fun shoot subsidized by the SCCP. We would like to see as many people participate as possible. CMP marksmanship certificates will be awarded to all participants together with prizes and awards.

Fire Arms: Any rifle with open sights - semi-auto, bolt, lever, or pump action.

Course of Fire: 1) 5 sighting shots – prone – 5 min; 2) 10 shots – standing – 10 min; 3) 10 shots – sitting/kneeling – 70 sec; 4) 10 shots – prone – 70 sec; 5) 20 shots – prone – 20 min. Total = 55 shots. Distance - 100 yards.

Required Equipment: Ground pad/cardboard; eye and ear protection; long sleeve shirt, pants, cap (protection from hot brass), ammunition, pen, staple gun.

Cost: \$25 **DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM FROM SCCP WEBSITE or PICK ONE UP AT THE CMP BULLETIN BOARD**

Contact Jim King at jk060850@nycap.rr.com if you have any questions or wish to volunteer for range setup, safety, scoring, or registration.

Archery:

The first 3-D archery shoot for this year is Sunday 1 May . All ranges at the club will be closed on this day.

Pistol: The NRA Basic Pistol course was a success, with everyone having a safe and enjoyable time. We'd like to thank the students for their participation, and especially thank the members and guests who served as support instructors for the live-fire exercises. We are planning on scheduling another class sometime in May, so watch the next newsletter for details, or contact Dick Reed at richard_h_reed@hotmail.com to get on the registration list.

The spring .22 caliber league will be getting started soon. The league will shoot on Monday evenings at 7 PM.

Dates are April 11,18,25

May 2,9,16,23

June 6,13,20,27

Ten Weeks of matches and the Hi Lo at the end. Open to anyone with a Pistol License and a .22 pistol (need minimum of two magazines). \$20 fee for targets and target stand replacement. Contact Tony Wells to sign up at E-mail:adwjc@hotmail.com.

Projects/improvements for the pistol range as a result of the NRA range evaluations Phase 2 that were funded for 2011 are underway. The range flag and bulb protectors have been installed. We need to design a no blue sky shooting shelter to influence the direction shooters are aiming. If you are interested in helping with the design and or construction contact Gary Ladue at cladue@nycap.rr.com

Some shooters are using targets that extend beyond the size of the target frames. This is unsafe and not acceptable. Targets should be placed in the middle of the target frame, not on the bottom or sides. Nor should several targets be on one frame.

Plinking Range: The area in and around this range is very icy and even when it melts it will be a muddy mess, so be careful using this range.

Kitchen: Our new chairman will be serving food at our meetings so come and enjoy the food and support

your club. The kitchen is in need of some repairs and looking for volunteers. We need new faucets installed in the kitchen sink and the commercial grade Vulcan gas stove needs servicing. If you would like to volunteer please contact Bill Adamson at 257-0431

Grounds: The club is accepting bids to cut grass around the club house, front gate, etc. Interested parties should contact Jerry Smith at 877-5961 or Gary LaDue at 383-0637.

House: There are a number of chairs and some tables missing from the club house. If you know of there where a bouts or borrowed them, please contact Tom Herzog.

Old Business: Change in status to be exempt from state sales tax is progressing.

Legislative Committee Report

Here we go again! Recently, insanity has been defined as doing something over and over and expecting a different result each time. Although recent Zogby Polls have clearly shown that over 70% of Americans favor less gun control, New York Legislators continue to think they know better. Two bills were introduced into the State Legislature last month that clearly show that politicians just don't care what most voters think. These schemes are reintroductions of bills submitted repeatedly that do nothing but try to garner votes and detract from the real issues that are plaguing New York..

Gun Registration and Ownership Tax Introduced in the New York Senate A bill has been introduced in the New York Senate that would require gun owners to register all of their firearms. Senate Bill 2994 has been referred to the Senate Codes Committee, but currently no hearing date has been set. Sponsored by state Senator Eric Adams (D-20), (New York City) S. 2994 would require firearms to be registered with a \$15 per gun fee. An additional \$10 would be charged annually for renewal. "SUCH APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH FIREARM TO BE REGISTERED, INCLUDING ANY SERIAL NUMBER THEREON, THE OWNER'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, AND THE LOCATION WHERE THE FIREARM IS TO BE LOCATED WHEN NOT IN USE. WITH RESPECT TO A NEWLY ACQUIRED FIREARM, THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE WHERE AND HOW SUCH FIREARM WAS ACQUIRED." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Haynes v. U.S.* (309 U.S. 85 (1968)) that since felons are prohibited from owning firearms, compelling them to register their guns would violate their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination. This is just another money maker for the state political leeches and won't result in one illegal firearm being removed from the streets.

New York: Micro-stamping Legislation Introduced Again in Albany For the fourth year in a row, anti-gun legislators have introduced micro-stamping legislation. Senate Bill 675 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Codes. This legislation, introduced by state Senator Jose Peralta (D-13), (New York City) would make micro-stamping mandatory on all new semi-automatic pistols sold after January 1, 2013. S675 would require all semi-automatic pistols delivered to any licensed firearms dealer in New York to mechanically stamp an alpha-numeric or geometric code that would identify the make, model and serial number onto the cartridge case when the gun is discharged. This bill would require models currently available to be redesigned by their manufacturers to have a micro-stamping component, which would vastly increase the cost of these firearms. Micro-stamping is an unproven technology that is easily defeated with common household tools and the replacement of a few small parts. Please contact the Senate Codes Committee and respectfully ask them to oppose S. 2994 and S 675.

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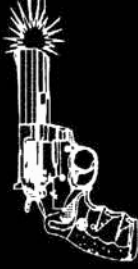
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2011

Date	Event
3	trap
10	bass-masters meeting
11	bullseye pistol league
12	trap
14	membership meeting
18	bullseye pistol league
19	trap
25	bullseye pistol league
26	trap
28	directors meeting

May 2011

Date	Event
1	archery 3D all ranges closed
2	bullseye pistol league
3	trap
8	bass-masters meeting
9	bullseye pistol league
10	trap
12	membership meeting
16	bullseye pistol league
17	trap
23	bullseye pistol league
24	trap
26	directors meeting
29	private party club house
31	trap