



Jul/Aug 2021 Newsletter

Since 1956:

The Dade City Gun Club has been a family friendly shooting and social club since 1956. To promote the family friendly atmosphere all memberships are “family memberships” which means you, your spouse, your minor children, and even your minor grandchildren, all shoot under the one membership. No other range in the local area offers that for only \$120 dollars per year! Thank you for choosing the Dade City Gun Club as your family’s gun club!

****NEW** DCGC Website:**

The former website platform is no longer supported by the host and that is why changes were not, and could not, be updated. As of July, we now have a new Webmaster, Randy Smith, a new website, and a new look. Check out www.dadecitygunclub.com.

Life Membership: Congratulations are extended to Roy Rowland and Rob Stansberry, who have both been granted the honor of Life Memberships at the August meeting. Additionally, Chet Kucharsky was given a plaque to honor his years of service to the DCGC.



Range Operations:

The club is open six days a week (closed Thursdays) from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm. Shooting sessions average 20 minutes, and then there is a brief break to check and replace targets.

Eye and Ear Protection:

In an effort to return to normal operations, eye and ear protection is once again available as loaners. Disinfectant spray is available to clean them prior to use. Eyes and ears will no longer be sold on the range.

Help Wanted!

The DCGC is operated by all volunteers. In the next election the current Club Secretary will be stepping down after serving our club honorably for several years. Major duties include documenting the meeting minutes, maintaining a membership spreadsheet, and mailing our new/renewed membership cards. If you have some spare time each month, and would like to further support our club please contact Secretary Warren Magill at dcgc.secretary@gmail.com, or call President Billy Johnson at 352-834-4080.

Public Pistol Range - target positions at 15, 30, 50, and 75 feet. Pistol calibers only.

Public Rifle Range - target positions at 25, 50, 75, & 100 yards. No shotguns or 50 BMG.

National Rifle Association Membership Renewal: Save ten dollars off your membership renewal through our www.dadecitygunclub.com website. Just click on the NRA icon.

Range Etiquette: Don't be "that guy".

If you are a first time shooter, or a regular club member, there are some formal written rules and some informal social conventions, everyone visiting the range should be familiar with. Some are safety related but most are common sense to be a safe and courteous shooter.

- Buy a soft or hard case to protect and transport your firearms. It makes everyone nervous when an open gun is being carried down the stairs to the range. Don't be "that guy".
- Firearms are to taken out of, and placed back into, their gun case on the shooting benches only. Not behind the white line or on the sitting benches. Again, don't be "that guy".
- Listen for the two minute warning. Take your final shots, make your firearm safe, and step behind the white line. Don't be "that guy" who makes everyone wait.
- This is a family oriented and family friendly range. Please watch your behavior and language. Do not curse. Don't be "that guy".
- Don't yell on the range. Most regular shooters have electronic ear protection, which is surprisingly inexpensive and amplifies normal sounds while reducing gunshot sounds.
- Clean up your own brass during each break. Casings on the bench are a distraction and too many on the ground may be a trip hazard. Safety first!

Swap Meet: On the 2nd Saturday of each month a Swap Meet is scheduled in the Clubhouse from 6:30 am until vendors leave. Members only may bring firearms or firearm related items to be traded or sold in the clubhouse. Sellers and buyers are responsible for all items and transactions... "private seller to private buyer." The 2021 Swap Meet schedule is as follows:

August 14,
December 11.

September 11,
January 8, 2022

October 9,
February 12, 2022

November 13,
March 12, 2022

Pistol First Steps Shooting Class: This 4 hour course is for new shooters and adult students that plan to get their Florida Concealed Weapon License (CWL). This is an NRA certified training class taught by NRA certified instructors. For additional information, see the new website at www.dadecitygunclub.com or contact Michael Lopes at: mike@lopes.org.

Thursday Maintenance: Every Thursday volunteers get together to help keep the club safe, clean, and well maintained. If you have time, we would appreciate the assistance!

Club Board Meetings: Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month starting at 10:00 am. Minutes from the previous month's meeting can be read on the www.dadecitygunclub.com website. Members are welcome to attend. If you have a suggestion or topic you would like to see discussed contact Billy Johnson to have it added to the agenda.

Highlights from the July/Aug 2021 Board of Director meetings:

1. On July 13th, Club Vice president Chet Kurcharky resigned his position. His many years of dedicated service to the Club have been acknowledged and greatly appreciated!
2. Roger Smith, who has been in charge of Building and Grounds, has been approved by the Board of Directors to be the new Vice President. Former Director Robert Stein has been selected once again to a Director position.
3. After consulting with an accountant, an attorney, and the State of Florida, it has been confirmed, and reconfirmed, that Gun Clubs are exempt from paying State Sales Tax on daily shooter fees.

Seen at the Range! This section is getting more popular every month! From these beautiful classic Winchesters to the eye-catching CZ-75 there are a lot of interesting guns at our range. Introduce yourself to the shooter at the next bench. You might be surprised what you can learn and maybe make a new friend!



Winchester 1873 in 44-40



Winchester 1903 & 63



CZ 75 in 40 cal.

Thank you!

Ken Orlando poured a concrete base to the Public Range stairs to improve the safety of the area. Thanks Ken!



Youth Training: The DCGC sponsors the Dade City Precision Rifle Team which is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to *promote Firearms Safety and Marksmanship Training with an emphasis on youth*. The team meets for practice on the third Thursday of every month, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Parents of interested youth should contact Larry Shrewsbury at LShrews1@aol.com.

Practice was held on July 15th, 2021 – the third Thursday of the month, as scheduled. We had nine participants in attendance and some of them added to their Marksmanship Qualification scores! At the end of the day we had our very first NRA Distinguished Expert – Emily Lanning!

Emily qualified as a Distinguished Expert, rimfire rifle, and she accomplished this through the Standing course of fire (as compared to benchrest or prone). Emily, some of you may remember, was the winner of our first Top Shot competition where she competed against teammates and walked away with a new 29" flat screen television.

Certificates were awarded to:

Distinguished Expert
Expert
Sharpshooter

Emily Lanning (Rimfire Rifle, Standing)
Hannah Lanning (Rimfire Rifle, Standing)
Noah Spegal (Rimfire Rifle, Benchrest)



Training classes:

There will be no class offered by the Club in August or September 2021. Starting on the 3rd Saturday in October 2021, and every month until further notice, there will be a "NRA First Steps Pistol" class offered. Additional information available at www.dadecitygunclub.com.

Monthly Shooting Matches: Test your skills in a friendly match. Compete against yourself or others. Come out and have fun. The cost for members is \$2 per match. Non-members pay a \$20 range fee, plus \$2 per match.

** Due to the shortage in center fire ammo, rim fire ammo guns may be used in any of the center fire matches. Shooters must have an appropriate holster for their center fire handgun.

Aug 14	Starts 8 am.	CCW, 5X5 & THREE TARGETS SILHOUETTE
Sep 4	Starts 8 am.	STOP THE THREAT & BALLOONS
Sep 11	Starts 8 am.	C.C.W. & THREE TARGET SILHOUETTE
Oct 2	Starts 9 am.	P.P.C. & BALLOONS
Oct 9	Starts 9 am.	L.E.O. & THREE TARGET SILHOUETTE
Nov 6	Starts 9 am.	P.P.C, 5X5 & BALLOONS
Nov 13	Starts 9 am.	C.C.W. & THREE TARGET SILHOUETTE
Dec 4	Starts 9 am.	STOP THE THREAT & BALLOONS
Dec 11	Starts 9 am.	P.P.C. & THREE TARGET SILHOUETTE

5 x 5 Match – Using a five-inch bulls eye target, shooters will fire 5 rounds, from 5 yards, multiple times for a total of 25 rounds. Participants must have a center fire pistol or revolver with at least a 5-round capacity. Three magazines or speed loaders are required. Only side carry holsters are permitted for this match.

Balloon Match – Using balloons as targets, shooters will fire until 5 balloons are broken. The match is conducted from 10 yards using rim fire handguns, and from 25 yards using rim fire rifles. This is repeated 3 times. Scoring is based on the average time in seconds and the number of shots fired to break all 5 balloons.

Concealed Carry Match – Using a B-27 target, shooters will draw from a side carry holster and fire 10 shots from the 3-, 7-, and 10-yard lines, then repeat for a total of 60 rounds. Participants must have a center fire pistol or revolver, with 4 magazines or 3 speed loaders, are required.

Stop the Threat Match – Using a silhouette target, shooters will fire 2 rounds to the "body" and 1 round to the "head" multiple times from the 3-, 5-, 7-, and 10-yard lines for a total of 48 rounds. Participants must have a center fire pistol or revolver with at least a 6-round capacity. Four magazines or 3 speed loaders are required.

Three Target Silhouette Match – Using B-34 target, shooters will draw from a side carry holster and fire two handed from 10 yards, one handed strong side from 7 yards, and one-handed weak side from 5 yards, multiple times for a total of 54 rounds. Participants must have a center fire pistol or revolver with a 6 round capacity and 3 magazines or 2 speed loaders.

Recognition: Would you like to recognize one of our volunteer Range Safety Officers? Do you have a suggestion to improve OUR club? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please email any of the DCGC Board of Directors listed below:

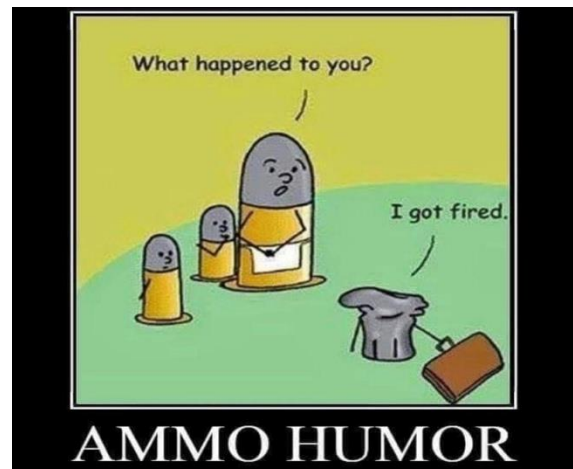
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Some humor: Lawyers should never ask a Georgia grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?' She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.' The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair...!!'



Quote of the day: A man's rights rest in three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box and the cartridge box" – Frederick Douglass.