



May/June 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!

Highlights from the June 8, 2021 DOB meeting:

1. An NRA Range Safety Officer class will be offered on Jun 27th. Volunteer RSO's are required to work 1 day a month but receive many benefits such as free membership to the Club and unsupervised shooting privileges.
2. The DCGC is also looking for RSO's interested in working as Match Directors.
3. Board members are researching options to pay for classes and membership renewals online as well as paying daily membership fees and new memberships using credit or debit cards on the range.
4. Due to the shortage and high prices of gunpowder and primers, Club sales are on hold until after the New Year. Manufacturing is slowly catching up to demand.

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.

On Saturday, May 22nd the Dade City Precision Rifle Team had its first intra team shooting competition. At stake was a 29-inch flat screen TV donated by Mr. Wayne Demarest. The participants started with a run from the 50-yard range to the 100-yard range. In order to level the playing field, none of the contestants used their own rifles. All contest shooting was done with Ruger 10/22 rifles provided by RSO Bill Miron. When the smoke of gunfire died away, Emily Lanning claimed the bragging rights as the winner of our first shoot-out, and a new color TV!

Seen at the Range! From classics like this 1969 Smith and Wesson Model 41, to a modern Aero Precision AR10 build by Club member David Ross, to the long distance shooting 6.5 Creedmoore Defiance, we see a lot of beautiful, interesting, and powerful guns at our range. Introduce yourself to the shooter at the next bench.



RANGE ALERTS: Please read before coming to the range!

1. Steel, armor piercing, tracer, incendiary or any other explosive or fire-based rounds ARE NOT allowed to be fired on any of the ranges.
2. The range dress/behavior code is directed due to its importance to SAFETY.
 - a. No low cut Collars. Closed toe shoes only. No sandals or flip-flops.
 - b. No profanity. This is a family friendly club and environment.
3. Youths, considered anyone under 18, shoot for free but must be accompanied by, and directly supervised by, a paying adult or club member.
 - a. Non-member paying adults are limited to two youths under their supervision.
 - b. Youths are not assigned a shooting position.
4. The minimum age to shoot at the DCGC is 8 years old.
 - a. Prior to their 13th birthday, youths are limited to rim fire rifles only, with any action type EXCEPT SEMI-AUTOMATIC.
 - b. From ages 13 to 18, youths may shoot any firearm allowed on the range, if they can safely do so.
 - c. All youth shooters must be accompanied by, and directly supervised by, a paid adult shooter or member.
 - d. Exemptions to the above caliber restrictions, age, or firearm type may be issued by qualified DCGC NRA Instructors only. Contacts Bill Johnson (352-834-4080) or Dennis Doll (813-963-7396) for exemptions.
5. Service Animals are allowed on the Range if outfitted with proper eye and ear protection (owner provided). Owner must maintain control of the animal at ALL times.

Cease Fires: Making your firearm safe:

Every 20 minutes the Range Safety Officers will call a cease fire to allow shooters the opportunity to check their targets. The RSO's want to quickly ensure that there is no rounds loaded in the chamber, or any ammunition loaded in the gun, prior to allowing anyone to walk downrange. You, as the shooter, and responsible firearm owner, are responsible for knowing how and making your firearm safe prior to inspection.

- This is accomplished by emptying any ammunition, live or not, from internal magazines, tubes, or cylinders, or removing any removable magazines, to ensure no live rounds remain inside the firearm.
- Bolt action guns – fully open the bolt. AR style guns – lock open the bolt. Lever actions – open the lever to open the bolt. Semi auto handguns – lock open the slide. Revolvers – open the cylinder.
- Open the action and insert the chamber flag. The purpose of the chamber flag is two-fold. One, the portion that can be inserted into the barrel should be inserted. This insures that no live ammo can be chambered while the chamber or safety flag is inserted. Two, the “flag” portion of the chamber flag remains in the chamber, but visible from outside, to show the RSO the open chamber and that no ammunition can be inserted.

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, rimfire ammo guns may be used in any of the center fire matches. Shooters must have an appropriate holster for both center fire and rimfire handguns.

Jul 3	Starts 8 am.	STOP THE THREAT & BALLOONS
Jul 10	Starts 8 am.	CCW & THREE TARGETS SILHOUETTE
Aug 7	Starts 8 am.	P.P.C. & BALLOONS
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

We cannot predict the weather or range conditions on match days. If you think the match may be canceled please call Roger Smith at 832-495-9603 after 8 am the day of the match.

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.

Changes to the Club phone number and website:

The phone number for the Club is no longer listed because there is no one in the office to answer the phone and it is unsafe for the Range Safety Officers to remove their hearing protection to answer the phone. The website for the Club is www.dcrqc.us and the answers to most of your questions can be found there.

HELP! The Club is looking for a volunteer webmaster. If you are a current club member, spouses included, and have an hour or two a month to update and maintain the website, please contact the Club President, Billy Johnson, for further information.

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.

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.

Range Fees: Non-member adults are \$20.00. Youths under 18 years must be under the direct supervision of a member or paying adult.

Pasco County Mask Ordinance: Pasco County has rescinded its indoor mask mandate – but county leaders are still recommending people wear face coverings indoors where there is not room for social distancing. If unsure, be safe and use your best judgment.

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Class: This 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. The cost per student is \$80 which includes the NRA training materials and use of the shooting range for live fire training. Class will be held in the Clubhouse at the Dade City Gun Club, the third Saturday of each month, from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Space in this class is limited. For additional information, contact: Michael Lopes at: mike@lopes.org (preferred) or 352-200-7660.

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

Life Membership: The Board of Directors may grant the honor of life membership to a member who has made a significant contribution to the club. Life members are capped at 10%

of the membership and are currently well below that number. Congratulations are extended to Rob Stansberry who was approved for Life Memberships at the May BOD meeting.

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.dcrqc.us 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.

Swap Meet: On the 2nd Saturday of each month a Swap Meet is scheduled in the Clubhouse from 7:30 am to ???. 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:

July 10, November 13,	August 14, December 11.	September 11, January 8, 2022	October 9,
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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!

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:

President Bill Johnson	bjohnson7652@tampabay.rr.com
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Some humor: Picture, if you will, Pennsylvania around 1710. A Quaker hears a strange noise in the middle of the night. He investigates with his trusty musket and encounters a thug about to leave with his few valuable possessions.

The thug takes a few steps towards the Quaker with a small knife and the Quaker levels his musket between the thug's eyes.

"Ha, good bluff Quaker" said the thug. "but you are not about to shoot me. Quakers do not take life". The Quaker only smiled a little smile and replied "I would not shoot thee for the world dear friend. Unfortunately, thou art standing where I am about to shoot".

Quote of the day:

"You can make laws against weapons but they will be observed only by those who don't intend to use them anyway. The lawless can always smuggle or steal or even make a gun. By refusing to wear a gun you allow the criminal to operate with impunity." — **Louis L'Amour.**