



*A Family Friendly Range*

## Fall 2023 Newsletter



**Celebrate Veterans Day at  
Dade City Gun Club**

**We'll be firing up the grill 11-1 for lunch and  
Veterans Shoot Free  
Saturday November 11, 2023  
9am-4pm**

### **President's Corner -**

Dear Dade City Gun Club Members:

There have been a lot of changes at the Dade City Gun Club, some big and some small, but all to make your visit to our Club as safe and pleasant as possible. My thanks to the members and RSO's that have made all these changes a reality. Two big items completed are the placement of steel baffles on both the 50 yard range and the Public Range. By the time you read this, the steel baffles on the Public Range should be completed. They will be painted and the supporting columns will be wrapped with sacrificial wood. Additional "dummy" wooden columns have been placed to give the shooter the effect of shooting in their own "shooting lane".

I'm sure you have noticed that the outside of the clubhouse has been painted, but inside the changes are even bigger. The kitchen has been remodeled to give us a new countertop, storage shelves and cabinet storage space. A paint storage cabinet has been added and the entire interior of the clubhouse has been repainted. There are a number of improvements in the office, too. Electrical outlets have been upgraded, the air conditioning ducts have been rearranged so that the window A/C unit was removed, new impact windows have been installed, and new insulation has been blown into the attic. Several of these items are money-savers and will pay for themselves as time goes by. And there is still more to come. For a glimpse into the future, we are planning to re-grade the Public Range to improve storm drainage, and we plan changes to the berms to make them easier to maintain by our Thursday maintenance crew.

**Please join me in thanking Micah Lanning for all her hard work as club Secretary, and the whole Laning family for all their hard work at the club.** Their influence on the club will live on in their absence. I would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavors. **Likewise, please join me in welcoming Martha Lahusky as our new Secretary, and I am sure we all look forward to working with her and her husband Mark in the future.** They have both become RSOs, and they have hit the ground running. I am sure the club will greatly benefit from their efforts.

I really can't tell you how pleased I am with all we have accomplished and how much we have planned to do in the near future. However, we could always use more help. Even if you don't have time to become an RSO at the club, we can always use more help on our Thursday maintenance work days. Please consider joining us on any Thursday to help us make this an even better place to exercise your 2nd Amendment rights! Thank you, and.....see you at the range!

### **Message From Our CRSO -**

Members, It is a privilege to serve as YOUR Chief Range Safety Officer.

We have increased the number of RSOs this past year and have had a number of RSOs retire or move on. Please be patient with the RSOs because, as you know, it can be a very challenging job when 30-50% of our shooters on a given day can be non-members. Many of you are long time members and the club appreciates your support and input.

A couple of things bear mentioning from range safety:

1. Your RSO's number one priority is safety on the range. Please try to limit any interaction with them that may distract them from their main function. Many of our RSOs are long-time members like yourselves and have many long-standing friendships with all of you. Please forgive us if we don't look you right in the eye while talking with you during range operations. The RSOs are keeping their eyes moving and heads on a swivel to watch out for any unsafe situation.

2. If you ever see something that appears unsafe, please notify a RSO so they can address it. Being long-time members, you can be of great assistance as a second pair of eyes. If you ever see a situation that may be life threatening, feel free to yell for a cease fire. We can always sort it out and make sure everyone remains safe.

3. I am sure you have noticed some of the enhancements on the range. By the end of September, the steel bullet baffles should be completed. This will greatly enhance our ability to ensure that a stray round does not leave the range and end up off of club property. Also, we have the white "eye brows" that our RSOs use to see if someone is shooting too high and potentially causing a safety hazard. Those eyebrows are to be checked by the RSOs every cease fire so that shooters with problems can be identified and assisted. One of the main culprits of hits on the rifle side is un-zeroed rifles (particularly AR platforms) with new optics. If you bring a new AR to the range either bore sight it at home or at the range before shooting it at the range. This is mostly an issue for our daily paying shooters and not members, BUT we have had members have this issue as well.

4. Finally, as your CRSO please feel free to reach out to me if you have any safety concerns about the range. We are here to make your shooting experience as good and as safe as possible.

**Sincerely, Dirk Ahle - CRSO**

### **Bill Miron Retires -**

Bill Miron has recently retired as a DCGC RSO after a brief leave of absence. Bill has been an active RSO at the DCGC for over ten years. As an FFL holder, he has been very active in helping members and RSO's in purchasing firearms, accessories, ammunition, and reloading supplies. He coordinated the purchase of powder and primers for the Swap Meets, and he was instrumental in helping start the Youth Program at DCGC by loaning four Ruger 10/22's to the Dade City Precision Rifle Team for area youth to

practice. Bill will be greatly missed as an RSO, and we wish him the best in his retirement.



Above – Bill Miron receives his lifetime membership for his service to the club and membership.

## **From the Dade City Precision Rifle Team -**

Hello Dade City Gun Club Members:

I would like to call your attention to a very special group of people at our club, our Youth shooters! We are very fortunate to have an active Youth Program practicing here at our club. The Dade City Precision Rifle Team is a wholly separate 501 (c) 3 organization, and they are based here at the Dade City Gun Club. The Team meets from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm, on the third Thursday of each month, and again after the matches on the first Saturday of each month (approximately 10:00 am until Noon). The Team shoots .22 cal rimfire rifles only. Their activities include shooting the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program for more serious shooting (advancing from the beginner level of Pro-Marsman to the nationally recognized level of Distinguished Expert), as well as various recreational shooting like the Balloon Matches. Beginners welcome!

So if you have a youth between the ages of 8 and 18 and you (and they) would like them to learn more about firearm safety and precision marksmanship, please contact Larry Shrewsbury at LShrews1@aol.com or call 813-929-8800.

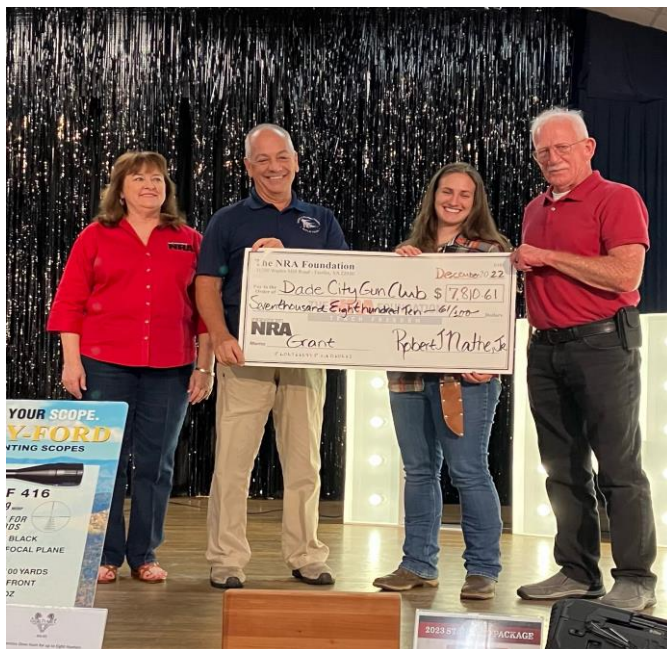
### **We need you!**

We are looking for volunteers who like working with young people ages 10 through 20 in teaching the fundamentals of rifleman skills. Requirements are that they must be available on the third Thursday of each month from 3:30 until 6pm and the second Saturday of each month from 11am until 2pm.

If the volunteer is NOT an NRA certified rifle instructor the DCPRT will put them through the NRA rifle classes at no charge. The individual may need to take the NRA Basic Instructors Training course (BIT) in addition to the rifle class.

### **NRA First Steps Rifle Program**

The Dade City Precision Rifle Team is planning on hosting an NRA First Steps rifle class the first Saturday in November. Cost is \$45 per student and includes training materials, the use of a firearm, ammunition, and snacks. Class size is limited to 12 students on a first come first served basis. Contact Larry Shrewsbury via the Dade City Gun Club website. (<https://www.dadecitygunclub.com/first-rifle-orientation>)



Above - The Dade City Precision Rifle Team receives a grant from the NRA Foundation in the form of a precision match rifle and .22LR ammunition worth over \$7,800.

### Club Board Meetings-

Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend. If you have a suggestion or topic you would like discussed, please contact Dennis Doll to have it added to the agenda. Upcoming meetings:

**Oct 10 - Nov 14 - Dec 12**

### DCGC Swap Meets-

Swap meets are held quarterly in the clubhouse at 8:00am on the second Saturday of the month. Upcoming Swap Meet Dates

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Mar 9**

**National Rifle Association Membership Renewal:** Save ten dollars off your membership renewal through our website. Once you are on the site just click the NRA icon at the bottom of the page.

### Dade City Gun Club 2023-2024 Board Members:

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