



A Family Friendly Range

Spring 2024 Newsletter



**Join Us Saturday, April 6th.
Spring Picnic & BOD Elections at
Dade City Gun Club**

**We'll be firing up the grill for lunch and
voting for club officers***

* See Article for Details

President's Corner -

I have to say that I am most grateful for all the work our Board, Club members, and volunteers have accomplished here at the Club. The "completed" list of our projects keeps getting longer and longer. I have received many compliments on how the range and clubhouse has improved. Getting all these things done has taken a lot of work and cooperation, and I am very proud of the effective group of leaders we have on our Board. They are the ones that make things happen, and they are all outstanding at their jobs.

Behind the scenes, I would like to highlight the fact that we now have online renewals, and we will soon be taking credit card payments for daily shooters. Martha plans to automate the renewal reminder process and move to an email reminder platform, thereby saving a lot in postage expenses.

Even with all that has been done, there is still much more to come. We have more improvements planned for the 50-yard range and the Public Range. We have a regularly scheduled NRA Rifle class and Reloading class again, and we are working on bringing back our monthly Pistol class. I would like to see more activities for our youth shooters, and other NRA programs such as Women on Target (WOT) and Refuse to Be a Victim (RTBAV). Please let any BOD member know if you want to help with any of these initiatives. We will be thankful for any help we can get.

Lastly, I was pleased to award Joe Izzo with the Dade City Gun Club Lifetime Membership. Joe Izzo has been a long-time RSO at the Dade City Gun Club. His service as a Range Officer was interrupted by such things as "life" and "work", but each time he has come back to join the fold to help us keep our range a safe place to shoot. Joe is one of our longest-serving RSOs and he is quick to spot problems before they become critical. He is also a source of many ideas to improve our operations. We are better and safer because of Range Officers like Joe, and we are glad to recognize his service contributions with a Life Membership.

Dennis



From Left - Dennis Doll, Joe Izzo, and Martha Lahusky.



Message From Our CRSO -

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

We continue to increase the number of Range Safety Officers we have to serve you and keep everyone safe. 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, and some have never shot a gun. Many of our RSOs are long-time members like yourselves and have many long-standing friendships with all of you. They are ALL VOLUNTEERS and do this RSO job to keep the range safe and NOT for the small stipend the club pays at the end of the year which barely covers mileage and lunch. 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.

Just a reminder that YOU can help us keep the range safe for all shooters. If you ever see something that appears unsafe, please notify an 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.**

Finally, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any safety concerns about the range, and THANK YOU for coming to the range to exercise your 2nd Amendment rights.

Sincerely, Dirk Ahle – CRSO

Spring Picnic & Elections

On Saturday, April 6th the club will be hosting a picnic and blood drive. We will be firing up the grill for lunch from 11-1 immediately following the Saturday matches. The bloodmobile will also be on site from 9 am-1 pm for donations.

Club elections are to be held on April 6, 7, and 8, 2024*. Offices up for election are President, Secretary, and Chief Range Safety Officer, plus two Board of Directors seats.

SPECIAL NOTE: The nominating committee is seeking candidates for these offices; all names must be in by the March 12th BOD meeting. A candidate may self-nominate at the March 12 BOD meeting. ***If no nominations are received for a given position before or at the March 12 meeting there will not be an election for that position since the current officer will be running unopposed.**

Requirements for office: Candidates for President must have served for 2 years on the Board of Directors. Candidates for Secretary, CRSO, and Board of Directors must have been a club member for at least 2 full years. **For more information, contact Director Mike Nolan, director1@dadecitygunclub.com** or see the Dade City Gun Club SOP # 9; posted on the club bulletin board.



Competitive Matches -

The first Saturday of each month Dade City Gun Club holds matches beginning at 9:00 am. The types of matches include Stop the Threat, 1,2,3 Match, Concealed Carry Match, 3 Target Silhouette Match, Rimfire Steel Plate, and Police Pistol Combat Match. The first Sunday of each month is the Bullseye match at 2 pm. For match fees and more information please check the club's website - dadecitygunclub.com



Club Board Meetings-

Meetings take place on the 2nd 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 to discuss, please contact Dennis Doll to have it added to the agenda. Upcoming meetings:

Mar 12 - Apr 9 - May 14

DCGC Swap Meets-

Members, here's your opportunity to unload some of that "stuff" that's been cluttering up your house. Gun-related merchandise such as firearms, ammo, reloading equipment, holsters, scopes, etc. can be displayed for sale. We offer this "free" service to you quarterly on the second Saturday of the month. Setup begins around 7:00 and we stay open until around 10:30. We encourage you to stay and mingle with your fellow members and of course, the general public who frequent our swap meets.

Questions? **Call Bernie at 813-715-7399 for more information.**

Upcoming Swap Meet Dates:

Mar 9 - Jun 8

National Rifle Association Membership Renewal Discount: 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:

President:**	Dennis Doll	president@dadecitygunclub.com
Vice President:	Robert Stein	vp@dadecitygunclub.com
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**** Denotes position up for election**