



# THE GOPHER GAZETTE

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The Juniors are back at work- preparing for the upcoming **3-Poition Air Rifle** season. Shown above are Curtis Haglin, Shelby Sandstrom, Danielle Groshens, and Carmen Fry at Anniston, Alabama in July. They competed in the **Junior Olympic Nationals**. The Juniors shot and posted some of their best Air Rifle cores ever, better than their qualifying scores. Many thanks to the coaches and parents who accompanied the team. The **November 16** General Membership meeting is scheduled for 1900 hours at Kraus Hartig VFW.

**Come 11/16 and vote for the next slate of club officers.  
A quorum is vital and your vote is needed.**

## Red Shed Report

The recent reprinting of the **GRRC Reloading Logbook** by Mike Kaluza is sold out. Indications are that the demand will justify having another batch printed up. The cost is \$5.00 and it has space for upwards of 250 separate batches of ammo. The logbooks will be available at the meeting. F.Y.I. – The original printing from the late 70's was 3 hole punched for a half-size 3 ring binder. Unfortunately these small binders now cost around 6 or 7 bucks at the stationery stores. When added to the cost of the data log sheets a 3 ring binder would more than double the price. The current version has the same data log sheets but in a comb style "lay flat" binding. The "lay flat" binding is actually easier to use on the reloading bench. The size of the upcoming 4th printing will be determined by the number of requests he gets. Reserve one or more for yourself or as gifts, awards, etc. See Mike or call 763-537-4924.

The articles on Veterans Day and wild turkeys are seasonal information and fill pages of newsletter space. Discipline Chairs and members can do us all a favor by sending in articles, pictures and information of interest to the club. The winter months are especially slow for shooting news; you may have time to download your camera and rediscover moments to share. A vibrant organization like GRRC needs you to help report its activity. Karen is about to break out the recipies.

While preparing the 2011 budget for the Newsletter, it became very apparent that GRRC saves thousands of dollars each year by the **eNewsletter subscriptions**. To the following members, this is a little thank you. We are approaching 200/550 subscribers- closing in on 50% participation. Your 2011 membership application has a space to sign up- or use the Contact Us button on the GRRC website.

-Dave Newell

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11/16/2010	1900-Adjourn	Kraus-Hartig	General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers	Rick Loyer
<b>GRRC Membership Meeting Minutes 10/19/2010</b>				

The President called the meeting to order on 19 Oct 2010 at 7:15 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Vice-President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed to honor absent companions and those serving in the military.

The GMM Minutes were published in the August, Sept. and Oct. newsletters. Motion made by Dave Secord, second by Dave Newell to accept the GMM Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Executive Officer's Report** – Bruce Aune is starting to gather information for the 2011 range schedule. There will be a meeting on October 26th at 7:00pm at Kraus-Hartig for Discipline Chairs to bring their scheduling information and to discuss the range scheduling.

**Chief Instructor's Report** – No report

**1st Readings:** David Marrquis, Harris, MN, David Lindmark, Mpls., MN, Rick Besch, Stacy, MN, and Peter Philen, Brooklyn Park, MN.

**2nd Readings:** Mike Personius, Joe Joslin, Patrick McCleary, David Plummer, Patrick Judge, Jon Fettig, Larry Reed, Karl Stocker, Mark VanDonsel, Matt Nelson and Bill Green. The Sergeant at Arms led the guests and applicants from the room.

**Treasurer's Report:** Expenses are running similar to last year. Taxes have been paid. Discipline chairs are reminded to watch for an article in the Gazette from the Treasurer for instructions on how to prepare reports on leagues, matches, etc. for sales tax. Motion by Bruce Peglow, second by Jody Showalter to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion carried. Motion by Bill Prock, second by John Campbell to accept the second readings as a group. Motion carried. Motion by Dave Secord, second by Ed Dalzen to accept the group as members in GRRC. Motion carried. The new members and guests were brought back into the room. The Vice President re-introduced them and welcomed 11 new members. They will be on the Waiting List as the cap has been met for 2010. Please see the Secretary after the meeting to get your paperwork and pay your fees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (Committees not listed had no report.)

**Action Arms:** The last steel shoot was held on Saturday, October 16. For those that thought a revolver was slow shooting, try this - a "smokin' revolver" shot all targets in 1.89 seconds!!

**BP Cartridge:** 10/2 & 3 was the Gong Match with 25 shooters, which included five first-time shooters. Everyone had lots of fun, the weather was super. Bruce Peglow took 1st place in two matches. Marksmanship has greatly improved over the last 10 years.

**Facility Management:** Les reported that all of the tractors have been winterized.

**Finance:** Ron wants 2011 Budget requests in by 12/31. There is a form on the website.

**Membership:** There are 44 on the Waiting List, which includes the 11 new members from tonight.

**Newsletter:** Technology is against us, as the press that prints our newsletter is still down. Be sure to read your October Gazette as it contains your 2011 membership renewal form.

**Schuetzen:** An average of 15 shooters turned out for each of the matches for this season. Very impressive shooting results were recorded. The frames have been rebuilt.

**Shotgun:** Thanks go out to the staff that maintained the grounds and for the replacement of the roof on the Shotgun Range building. See Larry to get checked out on the thrower. He explained some of the features of the new thrower.

**Tuesday Night Practice:** Season is over. There are still a few copies of the reloading handbook available at \$5 each. See Mike K. for a copy.

**Website:** Dave N. reported that the website has been getting a lot of hits. It is very successful.

**Good & Welfare/Correspondence:** Report was made on the passing of Cy Simon, owner of Simon Sporting Goods.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Adopt-A-Highway** program has been taken over by Steve Costello; Gary VandeKamp is doing the **road maintenance**. Still need help with the water well and the biffs. See Dave Anderson to volunteer your help. A round of applause was extended to Dave for all his work at the range.

**Recap of Fall Workday:** Officially there were 18 signed in, but we are sure that many more came up for the day. KD range was widened to get rid of shadows. Dave Anderson, Rick Repovsch and Gary Campbell built a new shed at the BP range. Kudos to everyone who helped to make the Fall Work Day a great success.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dave Anderson made a motion, second by Joe Showalter, that in the absence of any other bids, GRRC would hire Keller Construction to do the **snow plowing** over the 2010-2011 winter season, with a budget of \$2,000. After discussion, motion carried.

Tom Torborg will get new **sign-in sheets** made and will install them in the range mailbox.

Rick talked about the **Multi-Gun Club Exchange Meeting** that he and Bruce Aune attended. See the article elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette for details.

Joe Groshen made a motion, second by Dick Schaaf, to have the spring **Archery Season Turkey Hunt Lottery** at the range for an Archery Range fund raiser. Tickets would be \$5 each. The season is in April-May 2011. Tickets sold only to GRRC members for the opportunity to win one of the 5 slots. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting October 23, everyone is reminded to wear blaze orange while on range property.

Mike Kaluza "tossed his hat into the ring" for the position of Vice President for 2011.

The Annual Banquet is Saturday 2/19, at Kraus-Hartig. Cost is \$23/pp. Prime Rib buffet. See Rick to donate door prizes. See the newsletter for other details.

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, 16 Nov. 2010, 1900hrs, Kraus-Hartig VFW

Board of Directors Meeting: unless planned, not until Jan 2011, 1900hrs, Kraus-Hartig VFW

Motion made by Jody Showalter, second by Dave Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

## GRRC Board Meeting Minutes 10/18/2010

Loye, Rik Rarick, Laurie Pekarik, Rich Williams, Bruce Aune, Tom Torborg, Dave Secord, Dave Newell, Bill Prock, Steve Shimek and Larry Sparks. Excused: Ed Pekarik. Absent: Ray Hoyt and Dave Anderson. Invited guest: Gary VandeKamp. Guest: Mike Kaluza

The Vice-President led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed to honor our absent members and those in the military.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept as printed by Steve Shimek, second by Dave Secord. Motion carried.

Executive Officer's Report: Things are going well. Any exceptions, see Bruce.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept as read by Bill Prock, second by Tom Torborg. Motion carried

The President gave a reminder that, while members can attend the BOD meetings, they are there to listen and not participate in the business that is being conducted.

Any necessary committee reports -

The presses are down at the printer, so the October Gazette and the 2011 membership renewal form has not been mailed.

Correspondence – Noted receipt of the Certificate of Liability Insurance from the MN Section USPSA with reference to the August USPSA match. Certificate will be placed on file.

## OLD BUSINESS

**D & O Insurance:** Information was presented regarding this type of insurance. BOD formed a committee that will have a

conference call with the insurance agent for the purpose of answering questions brought up by the BOD. NAT.

**Multi-Gun Club Exchange Meeting:** This meeting was attended by Rick Loya and Bruce Aune. Information on the 2005 Range Protection Act and recommendations for amendments were discussed. Look in the Gazette for article with further details.

**Meetings Not Having a Quorum:** Pros and cons were discussed regarding not having the GMM at the Red Shed during June, July and August. Discussion reverted to reasons why members are not attending; the one that met with the most focus was the over-burdening of the meeting by long dissertations and comments. Members are reminded to keep their comments short and to the point. Laurie will research the attendance sheets from those months to determine if more members in the "northern tier" attend the Harris meetings vs. the Spring Lake Park location. Results will be discussed at the next BOD meeting. NAT.

**Road Maintenance/Snow Plowing:** Motion by Dave Secord, second by Tom Torborg to purchase extra recyclable materials and grading of the roads at the range to make roads ready for snow plowing. Because the roads were not ready for snow plowing last season, the snow removal equipment sustained damages. Motion carried. BOD recommends this expenditure to the GMM.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Annual Banquet** will be held at Kraus-Hartig VFW on Saturday, February 19, 2011. The menu will be the same. The cost is \$23/pp. Watch for more details to be announced.

**Tractor:** A discussion commenced about the tractors that are at the range regarding ownership, condition and usefulness. Gary VandeKamp gave a presentation about the cost of a new Kubota tractor along with options for accessories. There is a used one coming in next spring with very low hours. No price on that one is known. Dealer quoted \$34,000 for a new tractor w/o a cab; \$39,000 with a cab, which includes windows, heat and A/C. Larry Sparks made a motion, second by Steve Shimek to have Gary submit a 2011 budget request for a used and a new tractor w/ options. Motion carried.

**Campground:** BOD will discuss at the January BOD meeting. The need for a set of rules, an active Chair and the need to identify ownership of each unit in the campground will be discussed. The BOD was unanimous that each trailer needs the membership # clearly placed on each unit. Also, the need to have clear records of owners payment of annual campground fees. If fees are not paid for the 2011 season, with a separate check, when renewing 2011 GRRC membership, the trailer will be removed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Dave Secord, second by Bruce Aune to adjourn at 9:50pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Pekarik, Secretary

## "Micro Projects" at the Range



Gracie and Katie Lu picking up spent brass after shooting session on the pistol range with their grandpa. Mike got them a piece of screen to help with the "micro" project.

Shooting is a sport of concentration as opposed to other sports which require great physical abilities. There is some medical evidence that exercising our mental facilities such as concentration helps offset the effects of aging in this case the loss of the ability to concentrate. It is hard to know one way or another what the benefits might be for any given individual but it is not likely to be harmful. At the very least it is an excuse to get off the couch and get a little fresh air up at the range.

Similarly during a trip to the range seeing a coyote or a fox might be more interesting than one's target scores. Perhaps that cup of soup or hot cocoa warmed up on the wood stove in one of our club houses will make for some nice memories even if your marksmanship on that particular day wasn't memorable.

Expect days when one's targets won't be impressive. A good way to avoid the frustration of the occasional "off day" is to go to the range with a multi-task perspective. For example simply bringing a screwdriver along to tighten the screws on some door knob which you noticed were getting loose adds satisfaction to your visit. Perhaps kidnapping a few half buckets of gravel from one of our stockpiles and dumping them in your favorite range road pothole would be an easily accomplished side task.

Picking up some trash or taking a broom to a floor that wants for a little attention are similar micro-projects. GRRC is not a police or commercial range! We do not have a paid custodial staff. We are totally dependent on the cooperation of our members to maintain a tidy facility.

These small "micro" projects abound on the range and definitely will add a little satisfaction to your visit. Irregardless of where your bullets happen to punch through the target you always have the option of traveling home knowing that you left the range a tiny bit improved.

- Mike Kaluza

**SAFETY FIRST  
SAFETY LAST  
SAFETY  
ALWAYS**

## Minnesota Shooting Club Association Forms

The first meeting of the Gun club exchange opened at September 25 at 10:05 AM by Stan Durda of Oakdale Gun Club. He explained the role of OGC as host for the first meeting and not as the "steward" of the exchange.

The first speakers were **Professor Joe Olson**, who has been center stage for the Range Protection Act and the Permit to Carry effort. Joe also spends a great deal of time at the State capital, and understands how laws are created. **David Gross** spoke to the group about the current limitations and protections of the "Conditional Use Permit." David has been involved in the defense of several gun clubs whose CUP's have been challenged.

Joe went through the elements of the Range Protection Act discussing in detail the substance and limitations of the legislation. Work on this act was started in 1992 and it took until 2005 to get it passed.

He indicated the importance of working with the political leaders to get things done.

David discussed the Conditional Use Permit and the current challenges. Each club's effort is reasonably straight forward: eliminate projectiles leaving the property, control lead contamination, and limit noise to at or below state standards.

**Pam Luth** spoke next. She presented the current situation at DEL-TONE and the changes forced on them by their "new" Conditional Use Permit. They now have five pages of limitations, and have not yet aggressively challenged the county's conclusions. David Gross pointed out "never automatically accept the local government's position. Seek legal help, and force local government to prove their declarations."

Next speaker was **Tom Tousignant** from Oakdale Gun Club. He reviewed the engineering report submitted by Sherburne County's Zoning Authority regarding the Del-Tone range. It appeared the report was based entirely on the NRA shooting standards manual; however, many of the recommendations could not be found in the manual. Indeed, the report appeared to be plowing new ground.

**Loren Barber** from Oakdale Gun Club spoke on the development of an "environmental stewardship plan." He explained the development Oakdale's plan and how it was used as a communication tool to approach local government.

Stan Durda then asked the question "What Now"? Should we meet again? A proposal was made to set up and meet two times per year. MSCA should have three committees: 1. Environmental Stewardship 2. Political Awareness and Communications 3. Range Standards

A steering committee was formed by the following volunteers: Keith Yeager, Dick Wagaman, Harry Hight, Dan LeVesque, John Babin and Mark Waldo.

What to call the group? **Minnesota Shooting Club Association**

The exchange was then adjourned with a tour offered of OGC.

[Ed note: These minutes were submitted by GRRC reps to the meeting, President Rick Loya and XO Bruce Aune.]

## F- Class Opportunities at GRRC- Jay Eller



mdshooters.com

Questions came up on the webpage that may be of interest to F-Class shooters. Regarding both Open and F-TR F-Class opportunities at GRRC, F-TR is: restricted to .308 or .223 calibers, a bipod front rest rigidly attached to the rifle front end or sling, and rear bag or object that doesn't allow the butt to touch the ground. Any sights are acceptable. Open Class is restricted to no larger than .35 caliber. The rifle may be supported by any means which does not provide a positive mechanical method of returning to the precise point of aim as the fired round. Two separate rests are used.

We had some fun with F-Class this past year with league shoots every other Thursday evening, and participation in Regional and State Long Range matches- with a pretty good turn out of F-Class shooters.

Health issues kept me from attending the year-end league shoots and also the first K-D Range scheduling meetings. There has been interest in shooting every Thursday evening. Because of the different distances we can shoot (300 to 1,000 yds.) there is some interest in possibly having a 300 to 600 group, a 600 to 1,000 yd group, and a mix of both. There are competitions shot at Elk River and Redwing in the Mid-Range distances 300 to 600 yds. I'm not sure about Duluth or Eau Clair. We are the only range in Minnesota that offers 600 to 1,000 yd distances so I don't think we should try to hold mid-ranges at GRRC.

The F-Class Nationals will be at Lodi, WI at 600 and 1,000 yds in 2011. A number of us plan on attending that match. I hope this helps you out and if you have further questions or input, please call me.

Shooters that competed in league and long range competitions at 1,000 yards have the opportunity for a t-shirt that says I SHOOT 1000 YARD F-Class....(bullseye target).... Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club, Harris, MN on the front- white lettering on a maroon shirt. The reason for possibly having two different distances (300-600, and 600-1,000) is that there were some shooters that didn't have the equipment for 600-1000 yds and they dropped out. I want to be sure no one is intimidated by the distances because of equipment considerations but we also run a **safe experience** and I won't allow individuals to try shooting 1,000 yds without the proper equipment. We are unique with the 600 -1000 yd capabilities and need to get the information out to all of the other clubs in the region.

BTW- Just about everyone's current deer hunting rifle will work for 300-600 yds. A 20 moa scope base will need to be added and my recommendation would be scopes 8x32 and up. In any case, shooters must go to the rifle range and establish a 100 yard zero. The rifle must be capable, at 100 yards, of putting 3-5 rounds that can be covered by a quarter. Then shooters can come to the league with the rifle scope set at that distance. I will provide the proper adjustments for distance based upon their caliber and ammunition.

-Jay Eller F-Class Discipline Chair



## Gopher Liability Insurance

GRRC has a flawless record of range safety, and we all work hard to maintain that fact. The Board of Directors is strongly considering **Officer's and Director's liability insurance** to cover liabilities for those officers and directors who volunteer for our organization in a supervisory/leadership capacity. These days, with all the potential liability exposure that is generated by simply leading in organizations like GRRC, this is a great opportunity to assure that leaders step up and handle our Club's activities without undue exposure for being a volunteer leader.

We will keep you posted as this issue is addressed. We are working closely with attorney/member Steve Marden on this issue. If you have any thoughts or concerns about it, please contact Steve at 612-332-8828. Rick Loya, Bruce Aune, and Laurie Pikarik are also members of this committee. We want to make the issue of liability as much of a "non-concern" as possible for our members who volunteer to lead.

### Secretary of State Mark Ritchie Encourages Minnesotans to Fly Our Nation's Flag on Veterans Day

-Flag Etiquette Brochure Available

SAINT PAUL, Minn.—October 28, 2010—Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie encouraged Minnesotans to honor veterans by flying our nation's flag on Veterans Day and reminded them that the Office of the Secretary of State has a Flag Etiquette brochure available.

"On Veterans Day, we take time to reflect upon the bravery, sacrifice and spirit of public service demonstrated by our veterans," said Ritchie. "Flying our nation's flag in their honor on this special day is a visual reminder to our veterans that we care about them and understand that this enduring symbol of our freedom, and the democracy it represents, was defended by our friends, family and neighbors who have served in our armed forces."

Anyone who is interested in learning about the proper procedures for displaying the American flag should contact the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State to obtain its flag etiquette brochure.

A free copy of A Guide to Flag Etiquette is available by e-mailing: [secretary.state@state.mn.us](mailto:secretary.state@state.mn.us) or calling: 651-201-1324.

The brochure is also online at: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/Modules>ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1246>. Quantities are also available for distribution to groups and classrooms.



## In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD  
(1872-1918) Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

The U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. In proclaiming the holiday, he said:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with lots of pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution seven years later on June 4, 1926, requesting that the President (Calvin Coolidge) issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday; "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'."

In 1953, an Emporia, Kansas shoe store owner named Alfred King had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who served in World War I. King had been actively involved with the American War Dads during World War II. He began a campaign to turn Armistice Day into "All" Veterans Day. The Emporia Chamber of Commerce took up the cause after determining that 90% of Emporia merchants as well as the Board of Education supported closing their doors on November 11 to honor veterans. With the help of then-U.S. Rep. Ed Rees, also from Emporia, a bill for the holiday was pushed through Congress. President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law on May 26, 1954.

Congress amended this act on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with *Veterans*, and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

Although originally scheduled for celebration on November 11 of every year, starting in 1971 in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. In 1978 it was moved back to its original celebration on November 11.

-Wikipedia

MN DNR: Turkey Restoration a Wild Success



graphic: squidoo

Once extirpated from Minnesota, wild turkey restoration has been a phenomenal success. Today's turkey population descended from a successful release of turkeys that occurred between 1971 and 1973 when 29 adult wild turkeys were trapped in Missouri and transplanted to Houston County in extreme southeastern Minnesota. Since this modest beginning over 30 years ago, Minnesota's population has grown to more than 70,000 wild turkeys.

Wild turkeys are active during the day and roost in trees overnight. They nest on the ground and the young turkeys (poults) are able to leave the nest shortly after hatching. They immediately begin foraging for insects, but stay in a brood with the hen until their flight feathers have developed. Because turkeys are large and active during daylight hours, they are often observed foraging for insects, grubs and seeds, their primary food source. However, since they are highly visible, they have sometimes been blamed for crop damage that has actually been caused by other animals such as deer, raccoons, squirrels or blackbirds. Studies in Wisconsin, Iowa and Ohio have concluded that turkeys seen in crop fields eat mainly waste grain and rarely cause significant crop damage. Instead, they can benefit farmers by eating insects and weed seeds.

As both the human and turkey populations expand in Minnesota it is only natural to expect that increasing interactions will occur, some of them negative. Some wild turkeys that reside in urban areas have become acclimated to humans, which can create problems. Compounding the problem is the illegal practice of raising and releasing turkeys. Although well intentioned, people who release pen-reared turkeys are doing more harm than good. Pen-reared birds pose a potential disease threat to the wild turkey population, as well as other domestic poultry. They are also not wary of humans and may become a nuisance by roosting on roofs, in trees near homes, and on decks, and they are known to occasionally damage painted automotive surfaces. Some turkeys, usually the yearling males (jakes), may also become aggressive and chase homeowners, children and pets. If this behavior persists, these birds may need to be removed and destroyed by special permit. Tame turkeys are counter to the wild turkey restoration effort and are not typical of the wily behavior necessary for long-term survival of the largest of North American game birds.

At first, the appearance of turkeys is usually novel and welcome. Property owners often regrettably feed the birds to encourage them to stay. It is only after the droppings accumulate, property is damaged, or residents are chased by aggressive jakes that they are considered a nuisance. -MN DNR

-MN DNR

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