

President's Letter

August 2016

The weather for the August match was not bad. A little warm, but not too hot for Saturday and Sunday with no rain. But on Monday it was drizzling all morning. Fortunately, it didn't start until all the shooters got their stuff on the firing line and under cover. They shot all their stages from under cover. It was cool and very pleasant.

In September you may dress according to the weather. This will be the last summer dress month for the year. It could be hot and humid, or very pleasant, so you can dress accordingly.

When shooting on any Range, you are responsible for knowing what is beyond your target. It is possible to shoot from a position that does not have an adequate backstop behind the target. This is particularly possible at our Long Range if you shoot at a target on the right side of the berm from the left side of the firing line for example. Always look beyond your target before pulling the trigger. If you shoot off the range, it is a match DQ.

What is the difference between an Assault weapon or a Defensive weapon? I'll let you fill in the blank. All weapons were Assault and/or Defensive weapons at some point in time, even knives, ball bats, cars, airplanes, etc.

Have you ever had an AD (accidental discharge)? It is said that there are only two kinds of shooters, those who have had, and those who will have. I have. I was trying the trigger pull on an empty .45 by looking out my shop window at a target outside. I had to replace the window. The key is to always point the gun in a safe direction whenever your finger comes near the trigger. We have a hole in the dining room table, thru the leg of a chair, and a lead slug imbedded in the floor. We were not home at the time. A friend of ours was checking the trigger pull on another .45 while we were on vacation. I also have a gun rack that had one of the ears shot off of it by another .45. I was in that room at the time doing something else, and let me tell you, it was loud. Fortunately these were safe ADs since the gun was pointed in a safe direction and not at anything that could have been killed by them. Some folks are not that fortunate, I know of two shooters who have accidentally shot themselves. Both survived. If you have not had an AD, you probably will so take heed and always be safe.

Sitting around the Campfire (not actually a Campfire since it was too hot for one) one of our shooters was discussing shooting a progressive plate rack, you know the kind with the plates in a row going away from the shooter and the plates get smaller from front to back so that you can only see the one closest to you. Well this shooter says that he shot at the largest first plate, but the second plate that he could not see was the one that went down. Now this is a perfect example of my theory of positive and negatively charged lead. Evidently, the first target was magnetically charged to repel the charge in the lead bullet, but the opposite charge in the second target was strong enough to attract the bullet to it. How much proof do you need?

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