



Millcreek Practical Shooting League

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Next Match – Saturday, February 11 – Gates Open at 7 AM

February ROs

25 Yd South	Bob Luisignan
25 Yd North	Corey Treichel
50 Yd Range	Shannon Royle/Scott Bishop
LE Range	Rob Daniels
Rifle 1	Tom Champion
Rifle 2	Clint Anker
Shotgun	Mike Widebrook

- The pistol stages need to be ready for a 9:00 walkthrough. If you are responsible for setting up a stage, please make every effort to show up as soon as the gates open at 7 AM. If you have not started setting up by 7:30 it may be assumed that you're a no show and alternate plans will be made.
- As the RO, come prepared with a course design in mind. The Match Director will work with you to create a challenging but safe course of fire but come with some ideas.

Larry Bullock Memorial Shoot -- April 2, 2006

Many of the long time members remember Larry from the days when he headed Area III and at various matches where his energy and generosity to this sport was seen time and again. On November 14, he was killed in a traffic accident in St Louis.

In Memory of Larry and all his contributions to our sport, MillcreekPSL will be hosting a fundraiser match on April 2, with the net proceeds going to the THE ABBY AND GRACE BULLOCK SCHOLARSHIP FUND. MillcreekPSL will also match up to the first \$250 in net proceeds raised by this match. As the details of this match become available, they will be shared with you as well as posted on the club's website.

January Results

Division	Class	Winner	Division	Class	Winner
Open	HOA	Rick Byfield	Limited-10	HOA	Jens Simpson
Limited	HOA	Larry Drake		1 st C	Tom Champion
	1 st B	CD	Production	HOA	Jesse Wood
	1 st C	Mike Eagleshield		1 st D	Robert Davis
	1 st D	Randy Hauser		1 st U	Steven Broers
Rifle	HOA	Stephen Schrader	Shotgun	HOA	Brad Pedersen
	2 nd	Rick Byfield		2 nd	Will Cotty
	3 rd	Randy Atherton		3 rd	Terry Ladage

The first match of 2006 with unseasonably warm weather brought out possibly a record number of shooters for a January match. 51 Pistol shooters and 21 long gun shooters faced following challenges:

Pistol – 145 rounds minimum

- 24 round Classifier plus a 12 round speed shoot 25 Yard South Range
- 27 round course on 25 Yard North Range with the Texas Star shot through a barrel at the end
- 34 round running field course on the 50 Yard Range
- 48 round field course on the LE Range

Rifle – 70 rounds total

- 32 round field course
- 38 round field course

Shotgun - 18 round field course

Congratulations to all the Division winners!

Scoring

USPSA Classification – As MillcreekPSL is a USPSA club operating under its rules, the club has gone to the USPSA classification for scoring. If you do not have a classification, you will be shooting as a unclassified shooter. You do not have to be a USPSA member to shoot at club level matches.

If you want to be classified, you must join USPSA and shoot at least four (4) unique classifiers in a division. Millcreek PSL will typically have one classifier stage each month. If you want to get classified ASAP, there are couple local options. Capital City Practical Shooters in Topeka (www.capitalcitygunclub.com) typically holds a classifier match twice a year, where 4 classifiers are shot on a single day. The first one in Topeka will be in April. The Bullethole club (www.bhpsc.com) also hosts classifier stages. You will need to check with these clubs for specific dates.

The classifications are updated monthly on the USPSA site (www.uspsa.com) around the 15th of each month. If you want to know how you shot at your last match as soon as you see the scores, there is an estimator tool on the USPSA Ohio site (http://www.ohiouspsa.com/calculator_scripts/percentage.php). You can get an estimate of how you performed on a specific classifier by entering the **classifier #** and the **hit factor (HF)** for the **USPSA division**.

Garbage In – Garbage Out – Your scores are only as good as the score keeper’s ability to read them off of the score sheets! As a reminder, write legibly on the score sheets and keep them covered from rain. Also, make sure that the “Squad Mom” oversees the delivery of the scoresheets to the club house at the end of the match. The scorekeeper is not psychic and cannot read what is not recorded nor “visualize” lost sheets.

USPSA Divisions

When you sign in and get a score sheet, you must declare the division that you are going to shoot. This enables the score keeper to record your scores accurately and allows you to see how you stack up against shooters with similar equipment. Under the strict USPSA guidelines, failure to comply with all the requirements of the division that you declared (i.e., having more than 10 rounds in a magazine for Production or L-10 or more than 6 rounds in a revolver) will cause you to be moved to OPEN class.

Here is a quick summary of the Divisions in USPSA. Detailed descriptions are available in the USPSA rule book as well as on their web site (www.uspsa.org). As a final note, you will find that the IPSC rules and USPSA rules differ on some of the classes. At Millcreek PSL, we follow the direction set by the USPSA.

OPEN

This division is the most equipment intensive division and allows the most flexibility with your gear.

- The gun can be equipped with an electronic dot sight and compensators
- Race holsters are not only allowed but highly recommended
- You can stuff as many rounds into a magazine that is only restricted by size (170 mm or less)
- Your bullet must be greater than or equal to 9mm in diameter
- To score Major, your power factor must be at least 165

LIMITED

- This division allows you to do everything to your gun EXCEPT install dot sights or compensators.
- Your magazine cannot be longer than 140mm. (Exception to this rule are the 10 round .45 caliber single stack magazines, and they must be less than or equal to 170mm)
- To score Major, your bullet diameter must be at least a .40 caliber and have power factor of 165

LIMITED 10 (L-10)

- This division is like LIMITED with the exception that you cannot have more than 10 rounds in your magazine plus the one in barrel to start

PRODUCTION

- This division is restricted to a list of “Production Legal” guns. This list includes numerous models of frequently encountered double action pistols. This list is available on the USPSA site
- Very limited modifications are allowed – Sights, internal work & grips (but not Glock grip reductions)
- At any time, you may only have 10 rounds in magazine + 1 In barrel
- Holster must be of “carry type” and all gear can only be worn on behind the center line
- There is NO major scoring in this division

REVOLVER

- This division allows you to use almost any revolver as long as it has iron sights and you only load it with six rounds
- There is Major and Minor scoring in this division. To make major you will need power factor of 165.
- If you have a seven or eight round gun, you may opt to fill it to capacity and compete with it in either the LIMITED 10 or PRODUCTION divisions

SINGLE STACK

- The guns must be of 1911 type with no light rails and couple other restrictions
- Like in PRODUCTION, the holster must be of "carry type" and all the gear must be worn behind the center line.
- The rules for major and minor scoring and are summarized below:

Caliber	Max Magazine Capacity	Major/Minor
.45	8	Major PF \geq 165
.40/10mm Major	8 Major / 9 Minor	Major PF \geq 165
9mm/.38 Super	10	Minor Only

- The gun with magazine must fit inside a specified box. (Note a full size gun with some extended basepads will not fit in this box)
- Lastly, this is a provisional division under evaluation and your classification will be based on the highest classification you hold in other USPSA divisions

2006 Board of Directors

At the January Board of Directors' meeting, the roles and responsibilities of the board members were discussed and here are the appointments:

Bernie Haldiman – Will take on the responsibilities as the Club Secretary and Membership

John Hartman – Will continue his role as the Club President

Scott Hatstrup – Will continue his role as the Club Treasurer

Brad Pedersen – Will take on the role of Long Gun Coordinator

Jeff Shelley – Will continue his role as the Quartermaster

JD Smith – Will continue his role as the Pistol Coordinator

Riichiro Suzuki – Will continue his role as Newsletter/Communications

NRA Membership

As part of shooting at the Millcreek Rifle Club range, it is required that all MPSSL members also belong to the NRA. Please bring a copy of your NRA publication with the address label or a NRA membership card as a proof of current membership when you renew MPSSL membership for 2005.

You can renew your NRA membership at a special pricing through the club.

Problems with USPSA Classification Cards

USPSA had a problem with the classification cards that were mailed out in January. The website is correct but the classifications on the cards are wrong. Some people received cards showing they got classified in a division that they never shot. New cards will be issued.

2006 Calendar

Feb. 11	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mar. 11	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Apr. 2	Special Match – Larry Bullock Memorial Fundraiser
Apr. 8	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
May 7	New shooter orientation, LE range 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
May 13	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
June 4	New shooter orientation, LE range 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
June 10	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
June 11-14	Area III set up
June 15-18	Area III match
June 19	Area III tear down
July 2	New shooter orientation, LE range 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
July 8	25, 50, HP ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm (benchrest match using 50)
Aug. 6	New shooter orientation, LE range 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
Aug. 12	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Sept. 3	New shooter orientation, LE range 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sept. 9	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Oct. 1	New shooter orientation, LE range 7:00 am to 2:00 pm (not Sun. before match)
Oct. 14	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Nov. 18	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm (3 rd weekend due to conflict with range)
Dec. 9	25, 50, LE ranges 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, HP range 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

First time setting up?

Concerned about setting up a field course as a RO? Afraid that you can't design a course of fire that will meet the expectations of the more experienced shooters? If this is your first time, let the Match Director know and he will help you create a quality course of fire.

What the club needs to fill the RO slots are persons taking responsibility for getting the work done. If you can follow instructions of the Match Director and have the physical ability to haul targets and props, you have all the basic qualifications. If it is your first time, you will not be left on your own to design and build a course.

RO Signup

2006 Range Officers								
		25 Yard South	25 Yard North	50 YD	LE Range	Rifle 1	Rifle 2	Shotgun
14-Jan	RO	Bob Luisignan	John Aull	Scott Bishop	Tommy Herken	Clint Ancker	Tom Champion	Tommy Herken
	ARO			Shannon Royle				
11-Feb	RO	Bob Luisignan	Cory Treichel	Shannon Royle	Rob Daniels	Tom Champion	Clint Anker	Mike Widebrook
	ARO			Scott Bishop				
11-Mar	RO	CD	Jesse Wood	Ray Conrad	Craig Cigard	Max Moore	Scott Noon	Mike Widebrook
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	James Dooghan	Jon Greenough	OPEN
8-Apr	RO	Robert Davis	Jens Simpson	Jesse Wood	Fred Noble	Scott Noon	Max Moore	Scott Ross
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	James Dooghan	OPEN
13-May	RO	Fred Noble	Jon Espy	CD	Rick Byfield	Terry Ladage	Rick Byfield	Paul Lavine
	ARO	Randy Houser	Ray Rise	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
10-Jun	RO	Ray Conrad	John Murphy	OPEN	Mike Spight	Scott Ross	OPEN	Randy Atherton
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
8-Jul	RO	Jon Espy	Cory Treichel	John Aull	Mike Eaglesfield	Bill Kinsey	OPEN	OPEN
	ARO	Ray Rise	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
12-Aug	RO	Pat Slevin	Rob Daniels	OPEN	Mike Eaglesfield	Bill Kinsey	OPEN	OPEN
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
9-Sep	RO	Mike Eastin	John Murphy	OPEN	Craig Cigard	Terry Ladage	Randy Atherton	Mike Eastin
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
14-Oct	RO	Robert Davis	Jens Simpson	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Mike Spight	OPEN
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
18-Nov	RO	Pat Slevin	Frank Chrane	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
9-Dec	RO	Frank Chrane	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	No Long Gun Courses -- End of Year Celebration		
	ARO	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN			

* To ensure that we have all stages covered throughout the year, the ARO slots cannot be opened up until the RO slots are all full. Exceptions may be granted based on the member's level of experience.

MILLCREEK SQUADDING

This has not been sent out for some time. Some newer members may have not seen it printed and it is a good reminder for all of us.

The pistol stages need to be ready for a 9:00 walkthrough! The RO's setting up the stage need to make sure to give themselves a few minutes to get ready, and join their squad for the walkthrough of the other stages.

If the RO does not plan to be on site by 7:30 because he/she is planning on a simpler style stage that does not require a full two hours to set up, it is the RO's responsibility to contact the club secretary in advance. At some point in the morning, we have to assume that late arrivals are indeed no shows, and seek out suitable substitutes.

Stage Set Up (recommended)

1. Stage set up will start at 7:00 AM and complete by 9:00 AM for pistol stages.
2. It is recommended that no stages should be over 32 rounds required in length. Stages set up on the 25 yd. range (when two stages are set up on the same range) should be no more than 24 rounds required in length.
3. Steel should be set within 5 yards. of the side or back berms on all ranges for safety reasons.
4. No shots on steel less than 7 meters (if there is a physical barrier preventing the shooter from advancing any closer to the steel, otherwise the closest allowed distance is 8 meters). Steel should also not be set greater than 25 yards. Shooter may take shots at their option greater than 25 yards. Any shots forced to be taken longer than 25 yards. should be on full size paper targets. It's no fun being a new shooter trying to hit steel at long range.
5. IPSC competition is freestyle. With the exception of Standard Exercises, a course of fire may not specify a shooting position or stance (standing, sitting, kneeling, etc.). However, conditions may be created and constructed to compel a competitor into positions or stances required by stage design.
6. Ports, windows, doors, shooting boxes, etc. may be used to direct shooter movement at our club instead of constructing hard walls to meet the intent of Item #5 (IPSC competition is freestyle).
7. Courses of fire shall not require more than nine (9) rounds to be fired from any one position, however, course designers may allow other targets to be shot from any one position with the nine (9) rounds, providing that the shot challenges the competitor and that the added targets are also available from another position.
8. Remember - when setting up courses of fire that this is a shooting competition - not a track meet.

Shooter Meeting

1. Sign up for all shooters for pistol stages will be complete by 9:00 AM and the sign up table closed.
2. Shooters meeting will begin at 9:00 AM in the club house.
3. New shooters will be introduced to the membership.
4. Any special announcements will be made.
5. A short safety talk will be conducted.
6. Classifier for that match will be read in detail - this is the "walk through" for the classifier stage.
7. Assembled shooters will be divided into four (4) squads of equal size based on sign in sequence. Exceptions will be made for those wishing to squad together.
8. Each squad will be given their "range box" with timer, pasters, pins, clip board, etc. that will stay with that squad. These boxes will be returned to "shed" by that squad at the end of the match or turned over to the long gun squads.
9. A board member or board appointee will be assigned to each squad to ensure that he start position and "intent" of the stage is the same for all shooters.

Walk Through

1. At approximately 9:15 AM, a verbal walk through of what to expect on the LE Range will be given.
 2. All squads will then move to the 50 yd. course of fire for the walk through. The walk throughs will be conducted by the design set up crews for each stage. After the walk through is complete on the 50 yd. course then the walk throughs will be given for the North 25 yd. and South 25 yd. courses of fire.
 3. The "pistol director" will assist the design set up crews in course clarification and any safety issues that may be present on the stage.
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Shooting Begins

1. All squads should move to their designated range and start shooting by 9:30 AM.
2. Each squad will RO's itself.
3. It is expected that all members of the squad work - running timer, picking up brass, scoring targets, pasting targets, set/paint steel, etc.
4. The person running the timer is the RO in charge and is responsible for range safety and scoring of the shooter. This position should be rotated among members of the squad that have range officer experience. Being a "certified" RO is not required.
5. If there are two squads using the same range, each squad should shoot and then both squads score and paste targets at the same time. The squad RO's must work together to make these stages run as efficient as possible.
6. Shooters arriving after the table has closed should seek out the Club Secretary to obtain score sheets, get assigned to a squad, and additional instructions.

Shooting Ends

1. All members of the squad should stay together until all members of the squad have completed shooting the stage. If it is the last stage, then the squad should stay together until the stage is torn down and put away all props.
 2. Range set up crew should give the last squad any special instructions as to storage of props.
 3. Set up crews for the rifle and shot gun should also notify the last squad on stages that will be utilized for rifle and shot gun any special instructions (steel left out, targets left, etc.)
 4. The entire squad is expected to assist in tear down and return of all props to the shed or trailer. Those members that are signed up to set up a stage for rifle and shot gun may go ahead and start setting up their stage as soon as the range is available.
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Other Issues

1. Long gun stages will run with the same squadding requirements as the pistol stages.