

Let's Organize A Rifle and Pistol Club

Thirty million Americans own and use guns, yet many of these men and women and their children have no place to shoot in their local communities. They can correct this situation by organizing a rifle and pistol club.

Starting a rifle and pistol club is like getting any other organization off the ground. The leader of movement gathers together a group of interested persons. Individuals may be form a veteran's organization, a sportsmen's or conservation club, labor unions, military and police units, churches, industrial and municipal recreation departments, civic service clubs, or neighbors who share an interest in shooting.

In many communities, prospective club members can be located with the cooperation of local sporting goods stores, buyers of guns and ammunition meet.

Once a group of prospective members is brought together, certain questions will arise. What are the basic interests of those involved? Collecting antique firearms? Target shooting? If a shooting club, will it be .22 caliber rifle, high power rifle, pistol, or all types?

The next step is the organization meeting. Be sure every prospective member knows about it. Post bulletins, advise the local sporting goods dealers. Contact the sports editors of local papers and tell them of plans to hold a general meeting of all persons in the area who are interested in organizing a rifle and pistol club.

Start the meeting on time. Keep it short, but long enough to explain the purposes of the club, whether range facilities are available and possible costs to the club if they are. The chairman of the meeting should point out the advantages of affiliating with the

National Rifle Association, a non-profit membership organization recognized as the governing body for shooting in the U. S. More than 11,000 rifle and pistol clubs are NRA-affiliated.

The chairman then should move to name, organize and affiliate the club. If the group is small and all members are known to each other, the club officers can be nominated and elected at the first meeting.

The office of instructor may need to be held by one, two or three members - depending on the proposed shooting activities of the club. Each instructor should apply to the NRA (1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.) for information on becoming an NRA Certified Instructor, of which there currently are more than 24,000 in the U. S.

A second meeting should be called, at which time bylaws should be adopted. The NRA has prepared model bylaws to assist clubs in drawing up their own. They are available at no charge to anyone planning to organize a rifle and pistol club.

As to firing ranges, a club has two alternatives. Either locate an existing range that is available nearby, or install its own facilities.

Existing ranges may be found at other NRA clubs in the area, police stations, some schools and National Guard and Reserve armories. Nearby military posts may have either indoor or outdoor ranges, or both. Usually some mutually advantageous arrangement may be worked out so the new club can secure the use of other's facilities.

For those clubs that want their own shooting ranges, the NRA provides detailed range construction plans for all categories of shooting, both indoors and outdoors, from inexpensive ones costing a few dollars to deluxe "shooting country clubs".

Organized target shooting is among the safest sports in the world. Accidents are so rare that NRA officials cannot remember when one last occurred. Formal target shooting is done on the basis of the rules set up by the NRA. These rules are even more implicit and stringent than those by which baseball, basketball or football are played. Among these are procedures by which shooting ranges are run and firing conducted. Unsafe practice on a club's rifle or pistol range is the surest route to membership expulsion.

Any person can enjoy shooting. But shooters gathered together in a club can accomplish much more than any individual.

Kenansville News

PERSONALS

Mrs. Frances Moore and son Johnny of Dunn were home for the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sitterson.

Mrs. Willard Brinson, Mrs. Amos Brinson and Mrs. J. B. Wallace attended the parade in Wallace on Friday afternoon. Miss Florrie Currie of A. C. College, Wilson was home for the weekend.

Jimmy Jackson of Campbell College was home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nielson, Becky and Bob of Wilmington spent Saturday with Mrs. Martha Sitterson.

Mrs. Anne Kellum is spending several days in Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brock, Sr. of Bailey visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Brinson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelly and family of Winston-Salem were Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Brinson.

Miss Mary Lee Sykes spent the weekend in Wilmington with Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oakley, Rebecca and Anne spent Sunday in Chinquapin with Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Oakley's parents.

Mrs. James Alderman Dobson of Snow Hill visited the P. J. Dobson's Monday. They accompanied her to Wilmington to visit.

Mr. Harold Siverson of Kure Beach visited Mrs. Eloise Ryder and McKoy over the weekend.

Miss Eloise Ryder made a business trip to LaGrange on Saturday.

Mrs. L. Southerland spent Sunday in Fayetteville with relatives.

Mrs. N. B. Boney accompanied Mrs. G. R. Dail to Kinston on Saturday afternoon to see Mrs. Lee Edwards who is a patient in Parrott's Hospital.

Carol Hall of Pembroke College was home for the weekend. His mother, Mrs. John Hall accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Craft took him back to Lumberton on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Woodrow Brinson accompanied Miss Lottie Williams to Trenton on Thursday afternoon to Mr. Hammonds

dividual. The combined resources of a club provide organized and supervised shooting facilities, instruct new members, conduct competitions and do many other things beneficial to a group with common interests.

No town is too small to support an active, healthy rifle and pistol club.

FUNERAL

Mrs. G. V. Gooding spent Sunday night in Goldsboro with her daughter, Mrs. C. Banks McNairy. They went to Chapel Hill on Monday to visit Mrs. Gilbert Honeycutt who is a patient there.

Mrs. Viola Quinn visited relatives in Mt. Olive on Thursday. She accompanied Mrs. D. S. Williamson there.

Mrs. Ruth S. Hollingsworth and son Johnny of Warsaw visited Mr. Charlie Stephens and other relatives here on Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle No. 1 of the Women of Grove Presbyterian Church met on Monday afternoon, April 13th with Mrs. N. B. Boney. Mrs. Lloyd Ferrell circle chairman opened the meeting with prayer and presided over the business session. The Bible Study, on Psalms 16, 23, 27, 91 and 121 called "Affirmations of Faith" was moderated by Mrs. T. P. Quinn. She was assisted by Mesdames L. Ferrell, R. Barwick, J. B. Stroud, Jesse Brown and N. B. Boney. Mrs. Barwick also gave the monthly emphasis on Higher Christian Education. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Stroud served a sweet course to the 11 present.

Circle No. 2 met on Monday night at 7:45 with Mrs. Leo Jackson. The Circle chairman, Mrs. Mattie W. Sadler presided. The Bible Study from the Psalms was moderated by Miss Margaret Williams assisted by Mrs. Jack Sitterson. The monthly emphasis on Higher Christian Education was presented by Mrs. Billy Stephens. For refreshments the hostess served chocolate cake and iced drinks. She was assisted by Mrs. Bob Grady. Nine members were present. Both circle are invited to the local Baptist Church next Monday night, to hear Mrs. Thigpen of Beaulieu review a Study Book.

IN NEW JERSEY

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Johnson spent several days recently in Levittown, N. J. with the Jimmy Johnsons. They went to take their little grandson Owen back. He had been here several weeks with his grandparents while his little sister Lynn had recently undergone serious heart surgery. They

are glad to report that Lynn is recovering nicely.

TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

Mrs. E. C. Tyndall was hostess to the Town and Country Bridge Club on last Tuesday night. Members playing were Mrs. Eloise Ryder, Mrs. Thelma Taylor, Mrs. E. S. McGowan, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Bill Spicer, Mrs. J. J. Wells, Mrs. D. S. Williamson, Mrs. Margaret Dall was a visitor.

When scores were compiled, Mrs. Scott was given cards for high score, Mrs. Taylor received cards for second high. Mrs. Dail was given a bracelet for guest prize. Apple pie-a-la-mode and coffee was served during the social hour.

ELLA COOPER CIRCLE

The Ella Cooper Circle met with Mrs. Jack Brinson as hostess on Monday evening. Mrs. Frances Oakley, chairman, presided over the business session, with Mrs. E. C. Tyndall making the opening prayer. Plans were made for the Mission Study Class on Monday evening of next week.

Mrs. Amos Brinson, assisted by Mrs. Willard Brinson, Mrs. Colon Holland and Mrs. Marie Bunce presented the program on Baptist Emerge into Modern History. Mrs. Brinson closed the meeting with the poem, Ten little Christians.

The hostess served German chocolate cake and coffee during the social hour.

W. S. OF C. S. MET

The W. S. of C. S. of the Methodist Church met on Monday evening with Mrs. C. E. Quinn as hostess. Miss Lottie Williams presided over the business session. Mrs. Tommy Quinn presented the program, "Shall We Unite". Miss Williams closed the meeting with prayer.

During the social hour the hostess served cookies, coffee and potato chips.

CORA STOKES CIRCLE

The Cora Stokes Circle met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lauren Sharpe, Mrs. George Penny, chairman, presided opening the meeting with prayer. During the business session, plans were made for the study course to be taught by Mrs. Thigpen on Monday evening.

Mrs. C. B. Guthrie gave the program on "Baptist Emerge into Modern History", using illustrated books made by Mrs.

Amos Brinson to emphasize the change in times.

The meeting was closed with prayer. During the refreshment hour the hostess served punch, cookies, lemon coconut fingers and cheese wafers.

MRS. ELKS CLUB HOSTESS

Mrs. Rufus Elks entertained her bridge club on last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Phil Kretsch as guest. Members playing were Mrs. J. R. Grady, Mrs. Mattie Sadler, Mrs. J. O. Stokes, Mrs. Leo Jackson, Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Mrs. George Penney and Mrs. C. B. Guthrie.

After two progressions the hostess served party cake, cashew nuts and coffee. When scores were compiled, Mrs. Guthrie received a nut dish for high score, Mrs. Grady coasters for second high and Mrs. Kretsch a nest of china measuring cups for guest prize.

Too Hot

"People keep their homes too warm and dress too warmly," says Dr. Fred Patterson, of Chapel Hill. "Overheating can kick up alling hearts," he says.

The death toll in North Carolina rises about 30 per cent during February and most of the extra deaths are respiratory and heart disease related, the North Carolina Heart Association noted last month, and Dr. Patterson says over-dressing and overheating are among several factors leading to the increased mortality.

The state Heart Association recently reported that more North Carolinians die in Feb. even though it is the shortest month of the year. In the state there were 4071 deaths last Feb. compared to 3016 in July 1962; national data are roughly comparable.

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