

Newsletter

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Customer Shot on Range

The following article was written by Rob Ripple in September 2010.

Makes a poor headline for the local paper, perhaps a slightly dramatic one for our newsletter.

Over the past weekend as this is written we have had three notable occurrences (that I know of), and no, nobody got shot.

Which makes them not any less notable if we aim to keep it that way. The first involved a customer during business hours. At some point said customer put a round downrange (intentionally) while somebody else was posting targets. They of course did not know they were down there. I myself did not hear about the event until after the fact but from a reliable source.

The customer in question makes me nervous and though I would hate to invite him out, as Steve Kurtz stated, I would hate to get shot worse. I had a less stressful situation a week ago when someone dropped a gun off a bench. I was present when this occurred and the customer was livid

to the point of distraction. I gently pointed them toward the door (while I carried the gun muzzle up and bolt open for them) and suggested that some days it is just best to quit for a while.

Most situations can be and are best handled with a little diplomacy. I have been present twice in my lifetime when someone was shot, know others who have been, and been present for two accidental discharges inside a house. It is a safe bet that I have had more guns pointed at me than the entire membership of the LLRPC put together. Ninety percent of the time I have gotten a hold of the muzzle of the gun and pointed it somewhere else. Usually I deemed this sufficient without saying anything, relative to how the person reacted to that.

While I recognize few people reading this are present much at Dillon during public hours, if you are, remember that you are the best ROs we have. If you see something you do not like, tell them, nicely. If you have a problem with a response, tell me. No, I am probably not going to throw them out, I was not there, but a serious

problem with someone tells me who to watch and if we have a real ongoing problem perhaps some discussion is in order. Concerning a round downrange like the previous incident, with people downrange at the time, I would probably like to hear about that at the time. And given that everyone is excited by then perhaps suggest, again nicely, that some days it is best just to quit. Some days you just don't win, tomorrow hopefully will be better. As an aside that is only the second time I know of in 20 years this has occurred at Dillon but a round downrange with people downrange deserves some discussion then, not later.

Everyone makes mistakes, but everyone is an RO. Do not expect the person running the match to see everything. At Dillon a lot of our matches have a protocol that we move the guns before we send people downrange. The ROs verbally ask if the line is clear and then call the line forward for target setters. Nobody is checking each and every gun to see if it's clear, we take your word for it and then adhere to rule one. It takes three things to AD a gun; the gun, ammunition, and a person. If the guns

are all cased target setters can go forward, if any aren't cased we move the shooters before we send out target setters. If someone crosses you with a muzzle call them on it. The first rule of gun safety is to keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. The very first rule > it does no good to tell me its unloaded. If its pointed at me as far as I am concerned its loaded. In the history of the world nobody has been accidentally shot with a gun that was not pointed at them. The number that have been shot with an "unloaded" gun cannot be calculated.

How do you know when diplomacy is no longer an option?

That is easy...

We had another incident at a match during off hours the same weekend. A match shooter (of some experience) crossed several people behind the line with the wrong end of a rifle. This is not acceptable. The point of the static line is to establish a safe direction, not pointed at me behind the line. I was not present but again got this from a reliable source. Also, I have seen the shooter in question do this on more than one occasion, when I was geographically challenged to make a point of it at the time. The person that brought it to my attention called this shooter on it at the time. Exactly as they should have. What happened next proves that diplomacy only works 99 percent of the time. The reaction of the shooter was not any more acceptable than the act itself. Which is to say that if I had been there firsthand they would have been told to leave.

And not come back.

Hindsight being crystal clear what I should have done was called for a ceasefire, took a five minute break

and discussed this incident with the party involved at that time. As it was a relay was shooting when I got to the line and I let the incident pass.

I will not make that mistake again.

When you make a mistake with a potential lethal tool there are only two acceptable responses, one apologetic and the other embarrassment. If you point out to someone they have violated a basic rule of gun safety, indeed the very first one, these are the only two acceptable responses. If having pointed out to someone it is not polite, indeed rude, to be looking at the business end of their firearm and their response is what is the big deal, it is not loaded, I'm not going to shoot you with it, I know what I am doing, etc. it is now time to invite them to leave. Yesterday, if not sooner. When someone displays such an attitude about the way they violate the first basic rule of gun safety the time for diplomacy is over instantly. Such people are not worth your time.

I would just as soon not get shot.

Centerfire Action Rifle

Steve Kurtz has worked long and hard to keep the action rifle match running, so it's hard for me to report that he's hanging up his match director's hat. If anyone would like to pick up and run with this match let us know... otherwise there might not be a centerfire action rifle match next year.

Match Scoring Notes

I'd like to thank a number of folks who pointed out my miscalculations on some of the match scores last month. I haven't shot every match

we have, so all the input is GREATLY appreciated. I think I've got the steel match scores straightened out this month. If any of you see anything wrong please let me know, either corner me at the range or send me an email, I promise to fix everything I can.

On a related note: if you think a score might've been miscalculated, or typed in wrong, drop me an email. All the original match scoresheets are now being scanned in and saved as pdf files, so if there's any question I can send you the original score sheets on request.

Scheduling Meeting

November 6, 2011 is the scheduling meeting for 2012. If you have any inputs for the 2012 schedule PLEASE attend this meeting. All club members are welcome to attend.

Pin Matches

Bowling Pin matches will continue throughout the winter. The November matches will be the last ones run on both Saturday and Sunday (at 4pm).

Thanks
Rick Jordon

Upcoming Events

Oct 22 – IDPA

Nov 6 – Scheduling Meeting

Nov 12-13 Pin Matches

Nov 30 – Range Closes for the winter

| Shooter | Class | Stage | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Down | Score |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|---------------|
| Sep 17 2011 Centerfire Action Rifle | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steve Kurtz | CDP | 1 | 4.8 | 8.9 | 4.49 | 14.57 | | | | 28 | 46.76 |
| | CDP | 2 | 3.08 | 3.4 | 3.17 | 6.27 | 5.71 | 15.57 | 7.21 | 15 | 51.91 |
| | CDP | 3 | 25.3 | 28.75 | 6.6 | | | | | 17 | 69.15 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 167.82 |
| Larry Holland | UNK | 1 | 6.53 | 8.31 | 6.35 | 19.78 | | | | 28 | 54.97 |
| | UNK | 2 | 4.13 | 3.65 | 3.92 | 7.93 | 5.98 | 15.92 | 10.8 | 5 | 54.83 |
| | UNK | 3 | 23.12 | 26.62 | 10.23 | | | | | 9 | 64.47 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 174.27 |
| Fred Smith | UNK | 1 | 18 | 12.52 | 6.04 | 31.8 | | | | 35 | 85.86 |
| | UNK | 2 | 3.02 | 2.82 | 2.65 | 8.65 | 7.32 | 18.37 | 10.84 | 2 | 54.67 |
| | UNK | 3 | 22.4 | 26.57 | 10.53 | | | | | 31 | 75 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 215.53 |

| Shooter | Class | Stage | String1 | String2 | String3 | Down | Penalty | Score |
|------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------------|
| Oct 1 2011 IDPA | | | | | | | | |
| Jay Fritz | CDP | 1 | 13.4 | 14.03 | | | | 27.43 |
| | CDP | 2 | 16.39 | | | 3 | | 17.89 |
| | CDP | 3 | 19.4 | 15.89 | | 7 | | 38.79 |
| | CDP | 4 | 7.79 | 7.9 | 7.93 | 32 | | 39.62 |
| | | | | | | | | 123.73 |
| Rob Ripple | SSP | 1 | 12.64 | 15.33 | | 1 | | 28.47 |
| | SSP | 2 | 16.42 | | | 9 | | 20.92 |
| | SSP | 3 | 19.62 | 18.83 | | 4 | 1 | 45.45 |
| | SSP | 4 | 7.98 | 9.77 | 9.43 | 10 | | 32.18 |
| | | | | | | | | 127.02 |
| Todd Barnhart | SSP | 1 | 13.12 | 13.47 | | 15 | | 34.09 |
| | SSP | 2 | 15.13 | | | 7 | | 18.63 |
| | SSP | 3 | 16.7 | 17.76 | | 23 | | 45.96 |
| | SSP | 4 | 5.22 | 4.97 | 4.71 | 33 | | 31.4 |
| | | | | | | | | 130.08 |
| Jerry Shaw | SSP | 1 | 16.42 | 17.01 | | 5 | | 35.93 |
| | SSP | 2 | 21.53 | | | 7 | | 25.03 |
| | SSP | 3 | 24.01 | 19.12 | | 5 | | 45.63 |
| | SSP | 4 | 25.13 | 7.62 | 7.44 | 13 | | 46.69 |
| | | | | | | | | 153.28 |
| Matt Weiland | SSP | 1 | 19.55 | 16.18 | | 10 | | 40.73 |
| | SSP | 2 | 18.14 | | | 8 | | 22.14 |
| | SSP | 3 | 21.5 | 18.23 | | 32 | | 55.73 |
| | SSP | 4 | 8.46 | 8.16 | 9.07 | 18 | | 34.69 |
| | | | | | | | | 153.29 |
| Mike Shaw | SSP | 1 | 20.74 | 28.17 | | 8 | | 52.91 |

| Shooter | Run1 | Run2 | Run3 | Run4 | FINAL |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| October 2011 Pins Stock | | | | | |
| Rick Hupp | 3.58 | 5.49 | 5.84 | 4.05 | 13.12 |
| Rick Hupp (sat) | 6.03 | 3.97 | 4.87 | 4.81 | 13.65 |
| Rob Ripple | 5.49 | 4.49 | 4.32 | 4.97 | 13.78 |
| Jeff Hangar | 5.82 | 5.43 | NT | 6.63 | 17.88 |
| Rob Ripple (sat) | 4.3 | 4.48 | 11.53 | 11.62 | 20.31 |
| Mark Jordan | 7.49 | 11.28 | 7.51 | 6.56 | 21.56 |
| Chuck Bellofatto | 5.69 | 10.89 | 5.88 | 17.05 | 22.46 |
| Dave Burroughs | 16.63 | 6.64 | 6.67 | 12.47 | 25.78 |
| Larry Holland | 8.68 | 8.21 | 9.92 | 18.8 | 26.81 |
| Denny Marshall | 8.62 | 20.37 | 11.83 | 7.72 | 28.17 |
| Rick Jordon | 15.12 | 17.18 | 12.55 | 8.75 | 36.42 |
| Derf Taylor | 4.73 | 17.24 | 23.43 | 14.56 | 36.53 |
| Jim Caudill | 5.88 | 13.59 | 20.21 | 18.35 | 37.82 |
| Jay Sheely | NT | 35.99 | 40.4 | NT | NT |
| John Lambert | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT |
| Miley Barnhart (22) | 4.52 | 4.06 | 19.11 | 5.17 | 13.75 |

| Shooter | Run1 | Run2 | Run3 | Run4 | FINAL |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Oct 2011 Pins Open | | | | | |
| Rick Hupp | 2.95 | NT | 3.22 | 4.38 | 10.55 |
| Rick Hupp (sat) | 3.64 | 3.91 | 3.04 | 3.96 | 10.59 |
| Jim Caudill | 3.62 | 4.26 | 12.83 | 4.23 | 12.11 |
| Larry Holland | 5.2 | 4.09 | 6.72 | 4.13 | 13.42 |
| Rob Ripple | 4.31 | NT | 4.51 | 5.43 | 14.25 |
| Jeff Hanger | 6.22 | 10.79 | 9.06 | 4.11 | 19.39 |
| Dave Burroughs | 8.62 | 8.9 | 6.52 | 7.38 | 22.52 |
| Derf Taylor | 8.83 | 8.41 | 7.16 | 9.04 | 24.4 |
| Rick Jordon | 8.34 | 8.17 | 7.98 | 8.67 | 24.49 |
| Denny Marshall | 9.88 | 9.51 | 8.64 | 8.54 | 26.69 |
| Chuck Bellofatto | 8.25 | 12.5 | 7.09 | 22.15 | 27.84 |
| Rob Ripple (sat) | 13.43 | 5.66 | NT | 10.24 | 29.33 |
| Mark Jordan | 10.07 | 23.5 | 10.83 | 8.43 | 29.33 |
| Jay Sheely | 12.95 | 35.92 | NT | 36.06 | 84.93 |
| John Lambert | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT |
| Miley Barnhart (22) | 3.6 | 5.91 | 5.4 | 19.45 | 14.91 |

| Shooter | Run1 | Run2 | Run3 | Run4 | FINAL |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Oct 2011 Pins Small Bore | | | | | |
| Jim Caudill | 3.26 | 3.15 | 5.7 | 2.88 | 9.29 |
| Rick Hupp (sat) | NT | 3.28 | 2.63 | 4.6 | 10.51 |
| Rob Ripple (sat) | 3.87 | 4.59 | 3.88 | 3.62 | 11.37 |
| Rob Ripple | 4.43 | 3.51 | 3.49 | 7.77 | 11.43 |
| Larry Holland | 4.88 | 5.6 | 4.11 | 4.47 | 13.46 |
| Dave Burroughs | 5.29 | 5.37 | 4.54 | 4.48 | 14.31 |
| Jeff Hanger | 3.66 | 6.71 | 4.53 | 8.74 | 14.9 |
| Mark Jordan | 4.71 | 7.43 | 6.26 | 4.88 | 15.85 |
| Derf Taylor | 5.58 | 5.22 | 7.75 | 5.76 | 16.56 |
| Chuck Bellofatto | 8.77 | 8.83 | 4.44 | 4.28 | 17.49 |
| Rick Jordon | 7.74 | 5.56 | 7.12 | 6.78 | 19.46 |
| Denny Marshall | 9.1 | 8.25 | 5.71 | 6.18 | 20.14 |
| John Lambert | 8.55 | 9.21 | 10.06 | 6.11 | 23.87 |
| Miley Barnhart | 3.58 | 15.33 | 19.46 | 7.03 | 25.94 |
| Jay Sheely | 7.31 | 11.55 | 9 | 24.28 | 27.86 |
| Rick Hupp | 3.2 | NT | NT | 2.23 | NT |

| Shooter | Run | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Score |
|---|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Sep 18 2011 Rimfire Action Rifle | | | | | | | |
| Rick Hupp | 1 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 99 |
| Rob Ripple | 1 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 98 |
| Rob Ripple | 2 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 20 | 96 |
| Jay Fritz | 1 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 94 |
| Rick Hupp | 2 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 92 |
| Rensi | 1 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 88 |
| Todd Barnhart | 2 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 86 |
| Jeff Hangar | 1 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 13 | 14 | 85 |
| Jeff Hangar | 2 | 17 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 11 | 84 |
| Todd Barnhart | 1 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 19 | 80 |
| Rodney Probst | 2 | 15 | 18 | 13 | 17 | 13 | 76 |
| Rodney Probst | 1 | 15 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 71 |
| Chuck Bellofatto | 2 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 9 | 17 | 70 |
| Ben Kohl | 1 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 62 |
| Jake Probst | 2 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 61 |
| Jake Probst | 1 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 58 |
| Chuck Bellofatto | 1 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 44 |

| Shooter | Chickens | Pigs | Turkeys | Rams | Position | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Oct 2 2011 Silhouette | | | | | | |
| Rob Ripple | 9 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 37 |
| Rick Jordon | 7 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 34 |
| Steve Spoo | 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 33 |
| Kevin Spoo | 9 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 32 |
| Gary Hofman | 6 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 32 |
| Jeff Hanger | 8 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 31 |
| Steven Spoo | 8 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 30 |
| Kevin Spoo | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 29 |
| Jeff Hanger | 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 28 |
| Rodney | 8 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 26 |
| Chuck | | | | | | |
| Bellofatto | 3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 21 |
| Jake Probst | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| Jake Probst | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 19 |
| Jennifer Hupp | 7 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| Chuck | | | | | | |
| Bellofatto | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 |

| Shooter | Stage | Run1 | Run2 | Run3 | Run4 | Run5 | Score |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sep 25 2011 Open Class Steel | | | | | | | |
| Jim Sweeney | Field 1 | 36.7 | 16.06 | | | | 16.06 |
| | Field 2 | 27.59 | 13.95 | | | | 13.95 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.58 | 2.53 | 7.3 | 2.42 | 2.34 | 9.87 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 3.51 | 4.08 | 3.55 | 3.49 | 3.57 | 14.12 |
| | | | | | | | 54.00 |

| Shooter | Stage | Run1 | Run2 | Run3 | Run4 | Run5 | Score |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sep 25 2011 Rimfire Steel | | | | | | | |
| Miley Barnhart | Field 1 | 19.88 | 18.15 | | | | 18.15 |
| | Field 2 | 18.75 | 20.51 | | | | 18.75 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 3.27 | 2.35 | 4.74 | 4.06 | 3.24 | 12.92 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 5.05 | 9.28 | 4.6 | 5.26 | 8.16 | 23.07 |
| | | | | | | | 72.89 |
| Derrick Bellofatto | Field 1 | 28.94 | 31.77 | | | | 28.94 |
| | Field 2 | 31.58 | 32.96 | | | | 31.58 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 4.76 | 4.86 | 3.85 | 5.43 | 3.35 | 16.82 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 7.95 | 7.88 | 8.52 | 9 | 5.17 | 29.52 |
| | | | | | | | 106.86 |

| Shooter | Stage | Run1 | Run2 | Run3 | Run4 | Run5 | Score |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------------|
| Sep 25 2011 Stock Steel | | | | | | | |
| Rob Ripple | Field 1 | 11.12 | 10.12 | | | | 10.12 |
| | Field 2 | 11.54 | 12.31 | | | | 11.54 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.72 | 2.64 | 2.56 | 2.47 | 2.24 | 9.91 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 3.93 | 3.66 | 3.65 | 3.58 | 8.44 | 14.82 |
| | | | | | | | 46.39 |
| Jerry Shaw | Field 1 | 10.83 | 12.84 | | | | 10.83 |
| | Field 2 | 13.83 | 12.47 | | | | 12.47 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.79 | 2.63 | 2.81 | 2.59 | 2.81 | 10.82 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 4.07 | 3.96 | 4.53 | 3.78 | 3.9 | 15.71 |
| | | | | | | | 49.83 |
| Todd Barnhart | Field 1 | 14.03 | 11.45 | | | | 11.45 |
| | Field 2 | 16.68 | 13.91 | | | | 13.91 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.37 | 7.21 | 2.52 | 2.58 | 2.69 | 10.16 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 4.75 | 3.86 | 3.87 | 3.76 | 4.21 | 15.7 |
| | | | | | | | 51.22 |
| Steve Weaver | Field 1 | 12.26 | 12.42 | | | | 12.26 |
| | Field 2 | 15.41 | 15.54 | | | | 15.41 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 3.46 | 2.67 | 3.26 | 2.74 | 2.4 | 11.07 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 5.78 | 3.99 | 3.94 | 4 | 3.79 | 15.72 |
| | | | | | | | 54.46 |
| John Goble | Field 1 | 16.47 | 14.03 | | | | 14.03 |
| | Field 2 | 13.05 | 14.96 | | | | 13.05 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.87 | 2.59 | 2.47 | 2.48 | 2.43 | 9.97 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 5.19 | 9.27 | 4.26 | 4.02 | 4.18 | 17.65 |
| | | | | | | | 54.7 |
| Mike Shaw | Field 1 | 12.83 | 12.61 | | | | 12.61 |
| | Field 2 | 17.89 | 20.98 | | | | 17.89 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.91 | 2.94 | 2.82 | 3.44 | 2.23 | 10.9 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 3.71 | 4.29 | 3.85 | 3.45 | 2.88 | 13.89 |
| | | | | | | | 55.29 |
| Chuck Bellofatto | Field 1 | 13.68 | 14.33 | | | | 13.68 |
| | Field 2 | 14.12 | 16.6 | | | | 14.12 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 2.98 | 2.36 | 2.24 | 2.09 | 3.64 | 9.67 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 5.88 | 9.26 | 4.32 | 5.35 | 4.07 | 19.62 |
| | | | | | | | 57.09 |
| Henry Cornett | Field 1 | 11.96 | 16.85 | | | | 11.96 |
| | Field 2 | 14.21 | 14.73 | | | | 14.21 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 3.06 | 3.82 | 2.71 | 2.62 | NT | 12.21 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 5.29 | 5.11 | 4.39 | 5.7 | 4.27 | 19.06 |
| | | | | | | | 57.44 |
| Matt Weiland | Field 1 | 24.03 | 16.03 | | | | 16.03 |
| | Field 2 | 14.8 | 22.27 | | | | 14.8 |
| | Hope & Smoke | 3.44 | 2.85 | 2.81 | 4.61 | 3.57 | 12.67 |
| | Smoke & Hope | 5.05 | 7.1 | 3.8 | 5.88 | 4.4 | 19.13 |
| | | | | | | | 62.63 |

