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Black Powder

In Praise of Smoothbores ~ Part 1 Northwest Trade Guns

The United States has a long tradition with firearms. Of all of these firearms, the rifle stands above them all. Many are the stories and myths of spectacular shots made by riflemen.

These stories were popularized in early 19th century novels such as "the Last of the Mohicans" by James Fenimore Cooper. Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett come to mind as "riflemen".

Smoothbore long guns were always seen as a side show – "real" Americans shot rifles. Smoothbores were for conscript armies in Europe (think British Brown Bess musket) or were "second rate" guns that the native Americans frequently received in trade for animal pelts.

However, were smoothbore long guns really second rate for the jobs that they did? Let's examine what we need for a gun on the frontier and see which fits these requirements better – rifle or smoothbore.

If we are going to live on the frontier, we need a firearm for several purposes. First, we need one to harvest deer, beaver and other pelt animals for trade and profit. Indeed, the main reason we are headed into the frontier is the hope that the fur trade will make us prosperous. Second, we need a firearm for subsistence. If we are hungry, any animal will do from small to large. Lastly, we need a firearm for protection from large four-legged creatures and nefarious two-legged ones.

Before we head out in the wilderness let's stop at the frontier trading post to consider our long gun options. The first to catch our eye is a handsome "Kentucky" style rifle with graceful lines. It is five-feet long and shoots a 50 caliber patched round ball. It's highly accurate to 100 yards.

Alongside it, in the shop, is a Northwest Trade Gun. It is a smoothbore musket of approximately 62 caliber. It looks and plain but sturdy. It is also lighter than the rifle as the barrel is much thinner and shorter. The overall length is about four feet. Unlike the somewhat delicate lock on the "Kentucky", the trade gun lock is large and sturdy.

Given the three requirements above, let us consider which long gun would best serve our needs on the frontier. For harvesting pelts, I think the rifle is the best choice. The effective range of the rifle is probably double that of the smoothbore so you may be more likely to collect more pelts. Your ball is smaller so you will use less lead, increasing your profits. This is not to say that the smoothbore is inadequate in this role. Indeed, it is a much lighter and handier piece. You just need to remember to limit shots to 50 yards or so.

For subsistence hunting, I give the trade gun the nod. This is because you can load either a large solid shot for big game or buckshot to birdshot for small animals or birds. This versatility means you may likely miss less meals unless the rifleman is an outstanding shot.

For self-defense from both four legged or two legged assailants, I think the nod again goes to the trade gun. While its effective range is shorter, most defensive situations are short range. Additionally, the smoothbore is easier and generally quicker to load than a rifle. More firepower is never a bad thing in a defensive situation.

In our particular example, I think the 62 caliber trade gun's 360 grain round ball would be a lot more effective on a bear-sized animal than the rifle's 180 grain ball, even though it would be moving a lot faster.

When you put it all together, the trade gun, is light, sturdy, and more versatile tool than our graceful "Kentucky" rifle. That's the reason it was preferred by the French when they were trading on the frontier and by native American from roughly 1700 to the end of frontier in the late 1800s.

In Part 2, we will use a Civil War era report to compare the effectiveness of smoothbore military long arms, especially using "buck and ball" loads, with high tech (well, at the time) rifled muskets firing minie balls.

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(June - Sept.)
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Non-member spotted on the river by Black Powder.

DSC website link for additional event photos

Clinton River Muzzleloaders

2025 Calendar of Events

Aug. 10	BP Woods Walk	Oct. 19	Memorial Shoot
Aug. 16	Centerfire Pistol WW*	Oct. 25	Centerfire Lever Action WW*
Sept. 14	BP Woods Walk	Nov. 9	BP Woods Walk
Sept. 20	22 RF Rifle Woods Walk*	Dec. 14	BP Woods Walk

*In case of cancellation, the makeup date will be the following Saturday

Delaney Park, BP range, Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
49800 Dequindre Rd., Shelby Township, MI 48317
Phone: 586-739-3500 Web: www.dscweb.org
Day of Shoot: 586-382-9015

Other Black Powder events at DSC:

1 Mini-Rendezvous… Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Shoot'en N Food N Fun.
2 Indoor Range Shooting in the Shotgun Building Basement
Most Mondays from October through April, 6-8 p.m.
3 Open Shooting on the Rifle Range Mondays from 5:30 p.m. - dusk
May through September.
4 Open sight-in and practice on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays during the summer months, starting at 6p.m. on the Cowboy 50-yard Range.

CPL/CCW Refresher Course

LOCATION: Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, 49800 Dequindre Road, Utica, MI 48317 Phone: 586-739-3500 (Shotgun range building)

OBJECTIVES: **Class required for those who have a current CPL license to renew their license**.
Recommend taking this class **3-months prior to expiration.** Review changes to CPL and firearm laws.
Review fundamentals of handgun handling including, stance, aiming and shooting.
Includes structured practical handgun shooting exercises.

DATE & TIME: One-night class 7 - 10 p.m. ☐ Aug. 12 ☐ Sept. 16 ☐ Oct. 14 **check box for desired class.**

COST: Non DSC Member $75 DSC Member $60 Add $25, if gun and ammo are required and check box.

REGISTRATION: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE LIMITED. RETURN FORM TO ADDRESS BELOW, PAYMENT DUE AT CLASS.

NAME:_____ **AGE: 21 or older SEX:**_____
(Name exactly as on your Driver's License)

Address:_____ **Phone:**_____

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____

Email:_____**(for confirmation/reminder only)**

DSC Membership # : _____ **Return form to:** Bob Savo, 53741 Tidal Lane, Shelby Twp., MI 48316
Phone: 248-651-8667 Or Email: rmsavo@ameritech.net

Cowboy

Cowboy Match Results:

June 22 – Cowboy Silhouette Match (40 Shot Match)

1st Place: Craig Papcun. Class: Center Fire. Sights: Iron. Score: 33; **2nd Place: Walter Opdyke**. Class: Rimfire. Sights: Optic. Score: 31; **3rd Place: Zachery Smith**. Class: Rimfire. Sights: Iron, Score: 28

Cowboy Schedule of Events for August:

Saturday, Aug. 16 – 9 a.m. Target Setup for Cowboy Action Match. 10 a.m. Cowboy Committee Meeting.

Sunday, Aug. 17 – Cowboy Action Match. Registration 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Mandatory Safety Meeting followed by match start.

Saturday, Aug. 23 – 9 a.m. Target Setup for Wild Bunch Match.

Sunday, Aug. 24 – Wild Bunch Match. 8:30 a.m. Registration. 9:30 a.m. Mandatory Safety meeting followed by match start.

Sunday, Aug. 31 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cowboy 50 Yard Range Open for Practice.

COWBOY PRACTICE EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10 a.m. TO 12:30 p.m. & WEDNESDAY FROM 6 p.m.TO DUSK

Wild West Entertainment

In previous installments we discussed more modern forms of entertainment such the big screen movies, silver screen television westerns, radio, and silent screen movies. Prior to the invention of these modern forms of showbiz, the **Wild West Show** was a popular form of entertainment. The **Wild West Show** was a **theatrical** extravaganza begun in 1883 by **William Frederick "Buffalo Bill Cody".** Cody was a U.S. Army scout and Western hero, who first turned to acting and then to producing and promoting his own **Wild West Show.** In 1887, his production was staged at Madison Square Garden in New York City, featuring a cast that included 100 Native Americans, renowned sharpshooter Annie Oakley, as well as other skilled riders, ropers, and marksmen. The enactment was a four-hour exhibition including Native American war dances and an assault on a stagecoach. Cody's theatrical show went on to tour England and Europe with such great success that **Queen Victoria** saw the show three times. An early rival to Cody was **Pawnee Bill** who merged with Cody in 1908. After Buffalo Bill Cody died in 1917, his many followers kept alive the tradition of his Wild West Shows.

SOURCES:: For picture and story: Encyclopedia Britannica (Britannica.com). Article was revised and updated by Teagan Walter.

SEPTEMBER FUN WITH A SHOTGUN

SATURDAY SEPT. 6
100 TARGETS
COST - ONLY YOUR ROUNDS (No Entry Fee)

50 TRAP DOUBLES
(2 MACHINES)

50 MODIFIED SKEET DOUBLES
(STATIONS 1-2-6-7-8)

SIGN UP IN THE DSC PRO-SHOP

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS (Fall)

Traditional Class, Sept. 20 & 21 (Saturday & Sunday)

OR Field Day Class, Sept. 21 (Sunday afternoon)

Presented by: Detroit Sportsmen's Congress in cooperation with the Michigan DNR

Learn how to be a safe hunter and earn your certificate. Class taught by state-certified hunter education instructors. Class is mandatory to purchase a Michigan hunting license for those born on or after Jan. 1, 1960.

We offer **two separate classes** that run during the weekend. **ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday Aug. 18**

TRADITIONAL CLASS PART 1: Saturday: Check in 7:30 a.m. ~ Class is 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
TRADITIONAL CLASS PART 2: Sunday: Check in 7:30 a.m. ~ Class 8 a.m. – Noon.
FIELD DAY CLASS: Sunday: Check in 12:30 p.m. ~ Class 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

DNR Registration Class Link

The **FIELD DAY CLASS** is only for students who have completed the **ONLINE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE *OR* completed all review questions** in the **"Today's Hunter"** booklet. At check-in, the online course certificate (paper or phone picture) **OR** the completed review questions must be presented.

Saturday - Lecture, demonstrations and hunting regulations.
Sunday - Test review, test, firearm handling, compass training plus shotgun and rifle shooting.
Morning or afternoon edition is the same program.

Registration is online at the Michigan DNR website only, **NOT** at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. Register at: Michigan DNR website (under education), **https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs** or use **QR code** above and search by class type (traditional or field), date and for the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress class.
Register for one class only.

You can view the **TRADITIONAL CLASS** and **FIELD DAY CLASS** details Aug. 4 with registration opening Aug. 18. Once a class is full, the system will remove it from view on the web site. Student cancellations will reopen the class and restore viewing and registration options. So check back often if you try to register and find the class full.

Parents & Grandparents, without a certificate, are encouraged to enroll.

Class Fee: $10
Traditional or Field class, paid at check in

Bring exact cash (NO credit cards)

Saturday - lunch available in the clubhouse for nominal fee or bring your own. (30-min. lunch break) Snacks and soda available Saturday.

Sunday will be outside rain or shine. Dress appropriately.

Eye & Ear Protection Required Sunday. It is provided, or you can bring your own.

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress,
49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317 www.dscweb.org
DSC Office weekdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. : 586-739-3500
Proshop weekend 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. : 586-739-3502

Can't make this class? Our next class is the spring class April 11 & 12, 2026 Registration opens Monday, Mar. 16, 2026

CLASS LOCATION

Check-in at the DSC clubhouse

Class is in the DSC Indoor Archery Range

Both at northeast corner of the parking lot.

Pencils and highlighter required both days.

* Finish time is approximate, class times vary. Parents should arrive at least 15-minutes prior to scheduled class finish time.

DSC Website

PDF Hunter Ed Handbook

For printable and most up to date calendar go to the DSC website. http://dscweb.org/coming-events or use QR code. Click on: Club monthly master calendar at the top of the page.

RANGE HOURS

Archery 3D Outdoor
(Apr. - Sept.)
Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Archery Indoor
(Nov.—Mar.)
Sun. 2 – 5 p.m.

Black Powder
Hotline: 586-382-9015
Mon. 6 p.m. - Dusk ~ R.R.
Tue. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ~ BP

Cowboy Action
(Apr.-Oct.) Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Nov.-Mar.) Sat. 10 a.m.-Noon
(May-Sept.) Wed. 6 p.m.-Dusk

Pistol
(May-Sept.) Outdoor
(Oct.-Apr.) Indoor
Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Rifle
(May-Sept.)
Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Dec.-Apr.) Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
(Oct.-Nov.)
Check website or sight-in flyer for dates and times

Pro Shop
Skeet/Trap/5-Stand
586-739-3502
(Apr.-Sept.)
Wed. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(May-Oct.)
Fri. 4 - 8 p.m. or dusk
(Year Round)
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sporting Clays/5-Stand
586-739-2210 (Year Round)
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Nov.-Mar.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Apr., May & Oct.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(June-Sept.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Clubhouse 586-739-3501

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
IA - Indoor Archery **BA - Barn** **BR - Basement Range** **CG - Camp Ground** **CH - Clubhouse** **DP - Delaney Park** **PO - Pistol Outdoor** **RR - Rifle Range** **SG - Shotgun Building**	**August 15th** **BBQ Rib Dinner** **Reservations Only** **dscoffice@gmail.com** **1/2 slab Baby Back Ribs** **French Fries, Cole Slaw** **$15.00** **5pm-8pm**	
3	**4**	**5**
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Trap Only OPEN Sporting Rifle 9am-11am RR Open Rifle 11am-4pm Open Pistol 10am to 2pm PO Archery Open 9am-2pm **Ted Hannaford OPEN**	Open Pistol 6pm-DUSK PO BP Cartridge 5:30pm RR **7-8pm Pistol Mtg SG** **Combo Lg. 4:30-Dusk - OAR**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil/Sr Smallbore 5pm RR
10	**11**	**12**
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Sporting Rifle 9am-11am RR Open Rifle 11am-4pm Open Pistol 10am to 2pm PO Archery Open 9am-2pm **BP Woods Walk Reg. 10-11:30am**	Open Pistol 6pm-DUSK PO BP Cartridge 5:30pm RR **Combo Lg. 4:30-Dusk - OAR**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil/Sr Smallbore 5pm RR
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Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Sporting Rifle 9am-11am RR Open Pistol 10am to 2pm PO Archery Open 9am-2pm Open Rifle - CLOSED **Surrender Shoot Noon RR** **USPSA Match 8am-4pm PO** **Cowboy Match 9:30am DP** **New Member Orientation 1pm CH**	Open Pistol 6pm-DUSK PO BP Cartridge 5:30pm RR **Combo Lg. 4:30-Dusk - OAR**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil/Sr Smallbore 5pm RR
24	**25**	**26**
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Sporting Rifle 9am-11am RR Rifle - CLOSED Open Pistol 12pm-2pm PO Archery Open 9am-2pm **Cowboy Wild Bunch 9:30am** **CMP GSSM Match 11:30-4 RR** **.22 Steel Match 9am PO**	Open Pistol 6pm-DUSK PO BP Cartridge 5:30pm RR **Combo Lg. 4:30-Dusk - OAR** **BOD Meeting 6:30pm RB**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil/Sr Smallbore 5pm RR
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Notice! This calendar may change after publication, please verify events with the venue and/or website. {See left margin.}

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Clinton River Muzzleloaders Present: A Centerfire Pistol Woods-Walk Shoot

Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025

The Clinton River Muzzleloaders are hosting a Centerfire woods-walk on the Primitive Range in Delaney Park at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. This is a fun shoot for centerfire pistols and revolvers.

Centerfire pistol calibers only – No rifle calibers. Rain out date is Aug. 23, 2025

Registration: from 9:45-11:30 a.m. The first safety briefing will be at 10 a.m. with the shoot commencing afterward.

Firearms with non-removable magazines will be loaded at the firing line only. Removable magazines may be loaded between stations but not inserted until the shooter is at the firing line.

There are four divisions; Adult – Iron Sights, Adult – Optical, Junior – Iron Sights, Junior- Optical.

Re-Entry for another division is allowed.

The junior division is for children 16 and under. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult.

The course of fire is five shots each on 10 hanging steel targets at various distances between 20 and 60 yards in the woods. Range Officer scoring decisions are final.

Fee: $10 per shooter.

For additional information, contact Walter Opdycke (wopdycke@mi.rr.com)

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Shelby Township, MI 48317
Phone: 586-739-3500 Web: www.dscweb.org
Day-of-Shoot: 586-382-9015

NRA Basic Pistol/Personal Protection Course (Sep.)

LOCATION: D.C.S., 49800 DEQUINDRE ROAD, UTICA, MI 48317 Phone: 586-739-3500 (Shotgun range building)

OBJECTIVES: Class designed for BEGINNERS & those having little or no firearms training. Geared for the instructional needs and concerns of women. Review handgun knowledge, safe gun handling, storage and child safety; review fundamentals of handgun shooting, practical range handgun shooting exercises, firearms and the law - **Includes CCW Certification**

Certified NRA & CCW instructors and a local attorney will teach this course. Review all of the fundamentals as well as practical range experience in proper handling, aiming and shooting of a handgun. Citizen's rights and responsibilities as it pertains to firearms will be addressed. State laws pertaining to purchase, transport and concealed carry will be taught. Attendance earns NRA & CCW certificates.

TIMES AND DATES: (Sept. 8, 9 & 15; CPL class segment ~ 7 to 10:30 p.m., Classes held in the DSC Shotgun range building.

COST: Non DSC Member $250 DSC Member $220

TO REGISTER: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE LIMITED. RETURN FORM TO ADDRESS BELOW, PAYMENT DUE AT CLASS.

NAME:_____ **AGE: 21 or older SEX:**_____
(Name exactly as on your Driver's License)

Address:_____ **Phone:**_____

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____

Email:_____**(for confirmation/reminder only)**

DSC Membership # : _____ **Return form to:** Bob Savo 53741 Tidal Lane, Shelby Twp., MI 48316
Start: Sept. 7, 2025 Phone: 248-651-8667 Or Email: rmsavo@ameritech.net

CPL / NRA Personal Protection Course (Sep.)

LOCATION: D.S.C., 49800 DEQUINDRE ROAD, UTICA, MI 48317 Phone: 586-739-3500 (Shotgun range building)

OBJECTIVES: Class has been designed for those having prior handgun experience but no formal class. Review handgun knowledge, safe gun handling and storage, review fundamentals of handgun shooting, practical range hand gun shooting exercises, firearms and the law - **Includes CPL Certification.** Introduction to personal protection in the home.

Certified NRA & CCW instructors & local attorney will teach this course. Review all of the fundamentals as well as practical range experience in proper handling, aiming and shooting of a handgun. Citizen's rights & responsibilities as it pertains to firearms will be addressed. State laws pertaining to purchase, transport & concealed carry will be taught. Class attendance earns NRA and CPL certificates.

TIMES AND DATES: (3-session course) Evenings, Sept. 8, 9 & 15. All classes run 7 to 10:30 p.m., in the DSC Shotgun range building.

COST: Non DSC Member $100 DSC Member $80 Add $50, if gun & ammo are required and check box.

TO REGISTER: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE LIMITED. RETURN FORM TO ADDRESS BELOW, PAYMENT DUE AT CLASS.

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COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING

PRESENTED BY THE ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS AT THE DETROIT SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS

COWBOY RANGE 42°39'25.9"N 83°05'08.8"W

Sunday August 17, 2025

Match Schedule of Events

Registration:	8:30 to 9:30 AM
Safety Meeting / Match	9:30 AM

Categories and Rules as defined by The Single Action Shooting Society

Basics Requirements

Cowboy and Cowgirl Dress requested
Two Single Action Revolvers, at least 32 Caliber
Lever Action (or pump action) Rifle
Pistol Caliber, at least .38 Caliber
Shotgun (double barrel or pump), at least 20 Gauge
Lead Bullets Only
Match guns have to be originals or reproductions of guns made before 1900

Course of Fire

There are usually five stages. The total round count for all five stages is usually:

50	Pistol	10 at each stage
50	Rifle	10 at each stage
20 +	Shotgun	4 + at each stage

Match Fees:

Junior	$5.
DSC Member	$10
Wolverine Ranger	$15
Non-Member	$20

Information:
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Wild Bunch Action Shooting

PRESENTED BY THE ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS
AT THE DETROIT SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS
DSC COWBOY RANGE 42°39'25.9"N 83°05'08.8"W

Come to our Wild Bunch Match
Sunday, August 24th, 2025

Match Schedule of Events

Registration:	8:30 to 9:30 am
Safety Meeting / Match	9:30 am

Match Fees:

Junior	$5
DSC Member	$10
Wolverine Ranger	$15
Non-Member	$20

Wild Bunch Firearms / Ammo / Standard

1) 1911 Style Semi-Auto in .45 ACP with at least 4 magazines
2) Lever or Pump Action Rifle in .38 to .45 Caliber that holds 10 in the tube.
3) Model 1897, Model 12 Pump Action Shotgun, or Double Barrel Coach Gun – all shotguns in 12 gauge
4) Lead Bullets Only and #7.5 to #9 Shot

Course of Fire – Five Stages – Typically

110 pistol, 50 Rifle, 30 Shotgun

Jim Estes [terrebonnebud@comcast.net]

Daniel Hill [daniel.s.hill@sbcglobal.net]

NEW Categories!

- Nine -

Same as the Standard Category, but you can use a 1911 Pistol in 9 mm.

- Open -

Same as the Standard Category, but you can use any .32 to .45 caliber handgun and/or rifle and any 20 or 12 gauge shotgun.

You don't have a western rifle? Bring 6 magazines and shoot the rifle targets with your pistol.

DETROIT SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS
49800 DEQUINDRE ROAD
UTICA, MI 48317

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL

DSC Annual Outdoor .22 Steel Pistol Matches

Aug. 24, Sept. 28 & Oct. 26*
{* tentative/weather}

Location: DSC Outdoor Pistol; Side Bays 1, 2, & 3
.22 rimfire handguns or magazine-fed rifles {"Tactical Class"}

Firearms are to be loaded on the firing line only. Removable magazine may be loaded between stages but **may not** be inserted until the shooter is on the firing line as instructed. **Empty Chamber Indicators required for all rifles.**
Separate divisions for optical & iron sights. Juniors **must** be accompanied by an adult.
Targets are steel plates. 4 stages, each will be shot 5-times, for best time each stage. 100 rounds minimum.

Matches may be called due to inclement weather.
Fee $10 {Match $9 + $1 Environmental}
Re-entry in another division $8.
8 a.m. Set-up. 9 a.m. Match Safety Briefing & Start.
11 a.m. last sign-in.

Additional info. Dave Duey at djdmechanic@startmail.com

Welcome New DSC Members

Being active in the club does not mean work;
it means enjoyment and camaraderie.

Members, please make them feel welcome!

Alyssa	Zerilli
Yukai	Cheng
Yuqiao	Liu

Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American, to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

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