

John C. Garand Match

Georgia Modified Match – Springfield Rifle Match

Vintage Military Bolt Gun Match

Vintage Sniper Rifle Match

May 1 & 2, 2010

General Information

The following information should give you a good idea of what to expect and maybe a head start on some of the things you will be doing. I expect it may look a bit overwhelming. Don't worry, you don't need to memorize anything and there won't be a test. Please take time to read this document and spend a few minutes becoming familiar with the scoring and target pulling process.

Speed Limit on Range Property

Please observe the posted speed limit of **15mph** while on range property. There are many events each weekend at this club and many people (including small children) walking across or along the road. We want this to be a safe and enjoyable time for everyone, safety starts with observing the speed limit.

Start Times

Plan on being at the range no later than 8:15 am. Pits should seal by 8:45 and firing will begin at 9am. You will need to sign in, get your target & relay number assigned, and then get to the firing line or pits depending on your relay. **Please be on time! At 8:20 am we will begin filling unclaimed positions.**

The Range

River Bend Gun Club has a number of rifle, pistol and shotgun ranges including a "Big Bore" rifle range with firing lines at 200, 300, and 600 yards. All firing for this match will take place from the 200 yard firing line on the Big Bore range. Parking will be to the right and behind the 300 yard berm.

Safety

Safety is the responsibility of every competitor. There will be a large number of people at or near the firing line and you need to be especially careful when handling your rifle. Be attentive during the safety briefing. Keep your rifle in a case until ready to take it to the firing line. A yellow Open Bolt Indicator (OBI) will be available if you do not have one. Please keep the OBI in the chamber of your rifle except when shooting.

Special Safety Notice - Slam Fire

Reduce the potential for slam fires in the M1 by always letting the bolt carry the cartridge at least part way into the chamber. Never push the cartridge all the way into the chamber and then release the bolt.

Eligibility Affidavit and Liability Agreement

The CMP requires that an Eligibility Affidavit and Liability Agreement be executed for each competitor in a CMP sanctioned match. **There will be a Notary Public at the match to notarize this document for you.** A copy of the document is attached. **If you can get this notarized before that match, please do, this will save time at sign in.** If I have a form on record from previous years and there have not been changes, you are not required to fill out a new one this year.

Range Release Form

All participants, including River Bend Gun Club members are required to sign the range release form at Sign-in. Youth (under 18) must have their parent or guardian complete a Youth Range Release document prior to participating. A blank Youth Release form is available on the Participant Information page.

Match #1 John C. Garand "As Issued" Match (Saturday 1 May)

You must provide your own ammunition! Rifles must be in "as issued" configuration with trigger weight of not less than 4 1/2 pounds. Rifles are subject to random inspection by the match director or designate. Rifles with heavy barrels or other accuracy modifications/refinements will be disallowed and the shooter disqualified. Specific rules concerning "as issue" rifles can be found in the CMP rulebook. Let's stay in the spirit of this match and keep these rifles JCG match legal!

Match #2 Georgia Modified Match (Saturday 1 May – shot concurrent with Match #1)

You must provide your own ammunition. Allowed rifles are the same as the John C. Garand Match except they may have been modified to improve accuracy (trigger job, glass bed, heavy barrel, refined sights, etc...) Iron sights only. We don't hold this match because its CMP sanctioned (it's not), we hold it because it's fun!

Matches #3&4 Springfield Rifle and Vintage Military Bolt Rifle (Sunday 2 May)

You must provide your own ammunition. Rifles must be in "as issue" configuration and caliber. Rifles with heavy barrels or other accuracy modifications/refinements will be disallowed and the shooter disqualified. Specific rules concerning "as issue" rifles can be found in the CMP rulebook.

Matches #5 Vintage Sniper Rifle Match (Sunday 2 May – Shot Concurrent with Matches 3 & 4)

New this year! Not CMP Sanctioned. You must provide your own ammunition. Rifles must be a type allowed in matches 1 thru 4 and officially designated as a sniper rifle by the US or a foreign military. Rifles and scopes can be original, reproductions, clones or very close "look-a-likes". Scopes and mounts must be of the type originally issued with the rifle. Accuracy modifications are allowed. The goal of this match is to provide a venue for those with an original issue sniper rifle (such as the MICs or M1Ds sold by the CMP), any of the reproductions currently on the market (such as the 1903A4 or Mosin Nagant Sniper), or those with the components to make a safe to fire "clone" using original/reproduction parts. Rifles with modern scopes and/or mounts unlike those originally issued with rifle will be disqualified. This should be fun – if there is good participation we may get creative in the future on the course of fire!

Match #6 M1 Garand/M1 Carbine Out-of-comp Match (Sunday 2 May – concurrent with Matches 3 - 5)

You must provide your own ammunition. This match allows those without a Springfield or MVB rifle to shoot again on Sunday! Can be "as issue" or modified.

Participating in any of these matches will satisfy the Marksmanship Participation Requirement to purchase a rifle through the CMP. The match bulletin will serve as proof of meeting this requirement.

Course of Fire - All Matches (exceptions Vintage Sniper)

Each relay will complete the course of fire before moving from the firing line.

John Garand Match, Course B

**** All stages will fire from 200 yards on the Short Range (SR) Competitive target ****

Each stage will be preceded by a three minute preparation period.

First Stage - Slow fire, prone; maximum of 5 sighting shots followed by 20 record shots. Time limit of 25 minutes. Shooter must inform scorekeeper before starting record shots.

Second Stage - Rapid fire, prone from standing; 10 record shots with mandatory reload. Time limit of 70 seconds (80 seconds for Sunday's Springfield/Vintage Military).

Third Stage - Rapid fire, sitting from standing, 10 record shots with mandatory reload, time limit of 60 seconds (70 seconds for Sunday's Springfield Rifle Match/Vintage Military Match).

Fourth Stage - Slow fire, standing, 10 record shots, time limit of 10 minutes.

There are no alibi's or re-fires allowed. If your rifle jams or fails to fire for any reason, you must clear it and continue shooting.

Course of Fire - Vintage Sniper Rifle Only

Each relay will complete the course of fire before moving from the firing line.

John Garand Match, Course B

**** All stages will fire from 200 yards ****

Each stage will be preceded by a three minute preparation period.

First Stage - Slow fire, prone, maximum of 5 sighting shots followed by 20 record shots, time limit of 25 minutes. Shooter must inform scorekeeper before starting record shots. Rifles may be shot from a rest consisting of any piece of GI field gear. Target used will be the International 300 Meter Reduced for 200 yard target (C2).

Second Stage - Rapid fire, prone from standing, 10 record shots with mandatory reload, time limit of 80 seconds. Rifles may be shot from a rest consisting of any piece of GI field gear. Target used will be the International 300 Meter Reduced for 200 yard target (C2).

Third Stage - Rapid fire, sitting from standing or kneeling; 10 record shots with mandatory reload, time limit of 70 seconds. Target used will be the Short Range (SR) Competitive target.

Fourth Stage - Slow fire, standing, 10 record shots, time limit of 10 minutes. Target used will be the Short Range (SR) Competitive target.

There are no alibi's or re-fires allowed. If your rifle jams or fails to fire for any reason, you must clear it and continue shooting.

Competitor Duties

When not shooting you will have other duties to perform. Competitors will be divided into groups or "relays". Relays rotate with one relay shooting, another relay scoring, and another relay pulling targets. Please be attentive during your scoring and target pulling duties. When it comes your turn to shoot you should expect your score to be accurately kept and your target to be promptly pulled and accurately marked. It is up to you to provide the same quality service as you would expect to receive.

Targets and Relays

Competitors will be assigned a target and relay number the day of the match. A rotation schedule will be provided when you sign in. Once assigned you cannot change target number or relay. When in the pits you will pull and mark your assigned target. When scoring you will score the shooter on your assigned target.

Coaching

Coaching (or other assistance) may occur during the preparation periods or during shooting sighting shots. Once record shots have begun, assistance should be only as deemed necessary for range safety. During rapid fire strings, calling shots out to the shooter will not be allowed.

Equipment

We will have a number of high power shooters participating and most will allow those on the same target to use their scope and mat. **If you are allowed to use someone else's equipment, please take great care - most of these scopes are well over \$500. Please don't walk or stand on the mats.**

What equipment you will need:

1. Rifle, cleaned and in good working condition. These rifles work much better if the bolt ways, op rod slot, and where the op rod rides under the barrel are well greased.
2. At least three en-bloc clips for your M1, three magazines for your M1 Carbine, or at least two stripper clips for your bolt rifle.
3. At least 55 rounds of your own ammunition.
4. Rain Gear (we shoot in the rain!)
5. If you have a spotting scope or binoculars, bring them. Tripod stands can be used behind the line but space will be limited.
6. A shooting mat or something to lie on. Hopefully we will have enough to share.
7. Eye and ear protection – it is very important to have both eye and ear protection in the pits as well!
8. A pen for keeping score.
9. Drinking water and a lunch.

At your discretion:

10. Folding chair or stool.
11. You are also welcome to bring a camera.
12. A bag, box, or bucket to keep your stuff in on the line.

Food & Drink

There is no water available on the Big Bore range. Please bring something to drink and a lunch. It will likely be hot that day and you need plenty of drinking water. We will not break for lunch but you will have time to eat between activities. We will be there most of the day, bring an appropriate lunch!

Awards

All awards will be presented at the conclusion of the match. Please remain on the range for the awards ceremony.

What if it is raining the day of the match!

Come anyway! It never rains at RBGC although it may be raining where you live! We want to complete this match as scheduled, we may delay the start but don't count on that. It is rare that we do not shoot a scheduled match, there always seems to be just enough of a break in the weather. Bring your rain gear regardless.

What you can do to prepare

The best way to prepare is to "dry fire". Make sure your rifle is unloaded and practice a standing, sitting, and prone position with your rifle. I make a dot the size of a dime on a piece of paper, tape it to the wall, and back up until when you look through the sights the dot looks about as wide as your front sight. Practice aiming at the dot (make double sure your rifle is not loaded!).

Saturday Evening Cook-out

After the completion of the Saturday match and awards ceremony, and after all firearms have been safely stored in vehicles the cook-out will begin. Baked beans, coleslaw, paper plates, knife/fork/spoon/napkins, and condiments, and grills to cook on will be provided. Please bring your own meat, bread, and beverage to drink. You may also want to bring a chair or stool. If you want to bring deserts or other dishes to share, please do so. This is intended to be a social gathering, so come be sociable!

Camping at the range

Space is available for tent camping and campers on club property. Water and electricity is available at certain locations. There are plenty of very nice bathrooms and there are **showers available**. RBGC is an amazing club! You are welcome to come camp at the range for this event – many will do so. Please let me know in advance if you intend to camp. **Please see note below concerning access gate!**

New Range Access Gate in Operation at River Bend Gun Club

It is a sign of the time my friends! RBGC has installed an access gate requiring a badge to enter or leave club property. The gate will be open early morning and stay open until late evening both Saturday and Sunday. Plans now are to also open the gate Friday afternoon for those wishing to camp. Contact the match director if you have a special need.