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Board Meeting

1st Thursday

6:30 PM - Meeting Hall

General Meeting

2nd Thursday

7:15 PM Meeting Hall

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NEXT WORK PARTY IS DECEMBER 9, 2017

Followed by February 18th, 2018

The Presidents' Corner

New members

Welcome to all of our new members. Your Board of Directors is wishing the best of luck with your membership in our association and looking forward to many years of serving each other to maintain a safe and fun environment. Please plan ahead and get your six hour volunteer time done as soon as possible.

Life Member Nominations

The Life Member Nominations committee members are: Neil Pisk, Dave Premetz and Ray Bucholz. EF&GA members can submit a letter or email to any of the committee members with the name and reasons for the nomination to any of the committee members. The association by-laws allow the BOD up to two life members per year.

Scholarship Award Winners

Congratulations to: Chase Larsen, Morgan King, Victoria Webster and Andrew Gladkowski on receiving this years scholarship awards. Best of luck with your continuing education.

Purchase Items

We have T-Shirts, Hats, OBI's, Patches and Decals for sale. Please contact Bud Smith, Bill Williams or Tom Kendall to purchase any of these items.

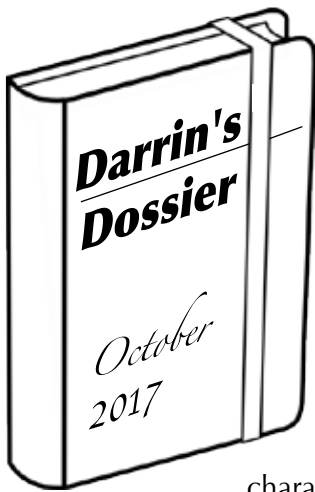
Kudos

I would like to take this time to thank members Jim Beck and Ken Halbert for their respective work on restoring the wooden signs around the property, particularly the Mom's Creek sign in the rose garden, Mom's Creek on the wall by the Trap Ramada and the EF&GA logo sign on the outside wall of the meeting hall. These wood signs were showing age and weather and now they look new. Thanks guys.

*****Safety Tip- Rattlesnakes have been seen on the range. Please be very careful where you put your hands and feet, especially around wood piles and straw bales. Stay on well traveled paths.**

PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE

Neil Pisk



🔫 New Member Sponsorship

We all know that we have a long waiting list for membership. When people ask about the process of getting on the waiting list, the topic of finding a standing member to sponsor an applicant comes up. If you sponsor an applicant, you are vouching for the

character and firearms experience

of the applicant. I have had people ask me

to sponsor them via email when I had never met them in person. If I have not stood on the firing line with someone and/or do not know him/her beyond a casual acquaintance, I will not put my name or signature on their application. If someone asks you to do the same, remember that you are putting your reputation on the line as well. Just something to think about.

🔫 Make Time to Attend a General Meeting

Bring a friend to the next General Meeting and one or both of you could win a few bucks. At the last General Meeting our president Neil Pisk won the \$25 door prize. We would have accused him of fixing the drawing but he donated the proceeds to the Junior Marksmanship Program. Had he attended the meeting, Jeff Schmaltz would have won the \$500 Attendance Prize. The next General Meeting is 10/12/2017. If you don't show up, you can't win.

🔫 Donor List (9/14/2017)

Thanks to all who donated to the raffle table at the last General Meeting - Jay "Rustler" Zimmatt, Brian Rasmussen, Patrick "Sasquatch" Watson, Pamela Tucker, Ray "Gun and Roses" Bucholz, "Smoldering" Bud Smith, JW Bailey, Al "Mr Technology" Anzelone, Eugene Demnianiuk, Craig Rogers, Jim Beck, Dennis Wahlen, Leonard Hodges, Dick Ziemer, Eric Elsam, Mark & Laurel Baldwin, David Chmielewski, Michael McKinney, Neil Pisk, Ed Migdal

🔫 Be a Raffle Donor

Your donations help support our monthly General Meeting Raffle. Our entertainment Charmin is Bud Smith. If you have items you would like to donate to our monthly General meeting raffle, please contact



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Top Men's Gunfighter

Eyore..... 245.73

Top Ladies Wrangler

Whirlwind Wendy..... 151.97

Clean Match Winners: Rustler

COMBAT MATCH

9/2/2017

Revolver

Brian Lamb..... 146.77

Eric Jamois..... 201.96

Gary Zwissler..... 205.43

Semi Automatic

Terry Curry..... 130.76

Miki Cirkovic..... 160.6

George Conger..... 174.65

Shotgun

Miki Cirkovic..... 24.48

Eric McLeod..... 25.03

Rand Nelson..... 25.54

NRA PRECISION PISTOL

9/10/2017

Two Guns

Jon Eulette..... 1722-61X

Robert Watson..... 1665-34X

Nick van Egmond..... 1602-27X

Leo Gison..... 1599-23X

Pat Clarkson..... 1591-29X

Greg Benner..... 1577-29X

Rusty Carr..... 1526-17X

Gary Travis..... 1485-18X

Eran Fuchs..... 1446-11X

Kevin Miller..... 1420-17X

One Gun

Miki Cirkovic..... 779-06X

Jim Corcoran..... 769-10X

Jon Khatiblou..... 675-01X

Larry Rothrock..... 596-06X

SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE

9/10/2017

Bill Townsend..... 14/40

Jim McKim..... 10/40

AIR PISTOL SILHOUETTE

9/12/2017

Any Sight (Optics)

Jim McKim..... 28/40

Tony Luna..... 18/40

Bill Townsend..... 11/40

Open Sights

Jim McKim..... 20/40

Bill Townsend..... 18/40

AR-15 STEEL MATCH

9/16/2017

Francisco Macias..... 345.06

Gary Fukuda..... 364.59

Gary Zwissler..... 395.56

SMALL BORE MATCH

9/16/2017

50-Yard 4-Position

Sharilyn Farrel..... 353-6X

Fred Guse..... 349-1X

Larry Bailey..... 344-1X

Mark Dambkowski..... 336-0X

Jim McKim..... 330-4X

100-Yard Prone

Larry Bailey..... 388-9X

Fred Guse..... 384-11X

Sharilyn Farrel..... 374-5X

Jim McKim..... 370-5X

Kyle Borders..... 367-3X

INTRODUCING THE ANVIL (GEN1)

6.5X47 LAPUA // 6.5 CREEDMOOR // .308 WIN

SUB-MOA PERFORMANCE



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Smoldering Bud at budsmith223@gmail.com. Please consider new or used items in working order. Thanks for your support

🔫 Coaches Course (10/15/2017)

We will be conducting a Coaches Course where we will teach you how to coach. We are always looking for more coaches to help out at the Jr. events (Jr. Rifle, Pistol, and Archery). Come on out and learn something new or be reminded of something you forgot. These classes can also be use by Women on Target coaches as well. Please email Ren Everett at everettju1@cox.net to let me know you will be there.

🔫 NRA Home Defense class (12/30/2017)

This will make the perfect holiday present, whether for you, your loved ones, and/or friends! It is also scheduled on a Saturday. Home intrusions and robberies have been making the news daily. This one-day class addresses range exercises that emphasize potential home intruder encounters, movement to cover and use of cover/concealment, awareness, avoidance, and dealing with single to multiple threats, and a classroom session that expands upon the concepts you experience on the range and more. It includes the NRA certificate and handbook. This is an intermediate class: Students (adults 21+ who must have prior basic to intermediate experience/training in the safe use of, and legally be able to use handguns) will shoot their own handguns and ammunition. This class is listed on the NRA training website under Self Defense, NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home Course at: <http://tinyurl.com/y8ovc7aj> To reserve your spot and for more information, email or call Bill Magdych: cienegabill@gmail.com 858-356-4019. Prior registration is required. Open to the public. Please let me know if you are an EFGA member. Note that all participants registered by November 15 are eligible for a discount and EFGA members receive an additional discount.





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TRAP CORNER

InterClub Shoot (10/21/2017)

The next InterClub Shoot will be held at the Lakeside Sportsmans Club on Saturday, 10/21/2017. The property is in Boulevard, east of San Diego. \$30.00 for 100 targets, 50 @ 16 yds., 50 @ handicap. Lunch is included. For driving directions, carpool, and/or caravan information, please contact Darrin Eaton at deaton@escondidofishandgame.com

A Good Day or a Great Day

When someone else get their first 25 straight we all get together, put 4 birds in his/her hat and then wrap it with duct tape (or whatever is handy). Next, we all line up with our shotguns, the honoree throws the hat over us, and we all blast the heck out of it. The shooter then gets to wear the shot-up hat and there is no better fashion statement.

When I first started shooting Trap, I considered it a great day if I shot more than 15 out of 25 birds. Over time and with lots of coaching and help from other Trap shooters, the bar was raised to the level that if I shot less than 20 out of 25, I was having a good day (because I got to shoot) but not a great day. Eventually, I got my first 24-Dammit patch. That was a heck of a milestone but it took a lot more practice before I finally shot all 25. That day we shot my hat after I finished my happy-dance and other embarrassing celebrations. Today that hat sits in a glass case in my office at home. I have shot a few more 25 straights since then but the joy of shooting your hat is hard to beat.

Trap Straights

Last month we were low on space in the newsletter and other unforeseen circumstances prevented me from getting them in before printing. This time we are catching up so the list is pretty long.

- 7/25/2017 Mark Eller (25), Rich Davis (25)
- 7/29/2017 Bill Sargent (25), Shawn Combs (25)
- 8/1/2017 Mark Eller (25 x 2), Randy Gompers (25), Rich Davis (50)
- 8/5/2017 Roger Moynihan (25 x 2)
- 8/8/2017 Fred Corley (25)
- 8/9/2017 Darrin Eaton (25)
- 8/12/2017 Roger Moynihan (25), JB Singh (25)
- 8/15/2017 Rich Davis (25), Bill Bell (25), Danny Godinho (25)
- 8/19/2017 JB Singh (25), Doug Huffman (25)
- 8/22/2017 Bob Hoag (25), Clyde Ewen (25), Rich Davis (25 x 2), Mark Eller (25, 50)
- 8/29/2017 Bob Hoag (25), Harold Itchkawich (25), Danny Godinho (75), Mark Eller (100)
- 9/2/2017 Bill Linamen (25)
- 9/5/2017 Bob Hoag (25), Clyde Ewin (25 x 2), Mark Eller (50), Rich Davis (50)
- 9/6/2017 Jack Starlin (25, 50)
- 9/12/2017 David Landes (25), Bob Hoag (25), Clyde Ewin (25), Rich Davis (50)
- 9/13/2017 Erik Skyhar (25), Michael Swan (First 25 – Wouldn't let us shoot his pretty Padres hat)
- 9/20/2017 Mike Renwick (First 25 – We shot the heck out of his hat)

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RANGEMASTER SOUND OFF

By: Tim Geiser – CRSO • crsoTim@aol.com



I have written about this subject as I am sure many of you may remember. Also let me be clear up front that it is not my intention to embarrass the individuals involved, but it needs to be made clear once again, that the EF&GA commitment to safety is not one that I take lightly.

1. When anyone goes down range to check/paste up targets it is imperative that every firearm has first been cleared and made safe. That means an empty chamber showing and all ammunition/magazines removed. Failure to do so can mean that anyone failing to do so may be asked to leave the range immediately. In more blatant cases the member's card could be pulled and the member could be ordered to report to the Board of Directors for further discipline. When the BOD gets involved there can be some serious implications so to the greatest extent possible I try to handle them at the CRSO level. Try to keep an "empty chamber indicator" handy and use them. It can save everyone a bit of grief if not embarrassment.

2. The use of any ammunition which can be attracted to a magnet is forbidden on all EF&GA ranges. A magnet is provided on all long gun ranges and all ammo should be checked prior to firing. Any RSO who finds such ammo being used is authorized to have it removed from the range immediately. He/she may have you REMOVE it from the range and not just put it back into your vehicle.

3. When using the pistol range people often like to bring more than a single caliber with them. While it is not mandatory it is strongly suggested that each caliber and associated ammunition be well segregated. Oftentimes similar caliber ammunition can be placed into the wrong firearm. It might not be a problem, but then it could just as easily become a problem that can be avoided.

4. Sweeping the range means that you have broken one of the first rules of firearm safety. That is "always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction". If you are keeping extra firearms on the table behind the firing line, they ideally should be cased and safe as though you were going downrange as mentioned above. When bringing another firearm to the firing line do not remove it from its case until you are back on the firing line.

5. Make certain that you follow these rules, make certain that your kids have these rules drummed into their heads and make certain that all of your guests follow these simple safety rules. In fact it is always a good idea to give your guests a little schooling on our range etiquette before anyone starts shooting. All ranges do not observe all the rules that EF&GA does and the member is responsible for the action of his/her guests. We want you and your guests to have an enjoyable time shooting. Having a good time just needs to be tempered with a safe shoot for everyone on our range.

STAY SAFE, SHOOT STRAIGHT

JUNIOR CORNER

By Patrick Russ

RULES TO LIVE BY

1. **Treat** every firearm as if it were loaded
2. **Never** point your firearm at anything you don't intend to shoot
3. **Keep** your finger straight and off the trigger until you intend to fire
4. **Know** your target and the surroundings

Well, another Jr. Rifle event is in the books. I would like to thank those who participated and assisted in making the event safe and fun for everyone. I would also like to thank all of the adult coaches that showed up to work with the kids. This program is only as good as the coaches. Thankfully we have some amazing people who stepped up and shared their safety/firearms knowledge. We even had some first time coaches who stepped up and did a great job.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of our Jr. Coaches. Without the tireless effort of these young adults, the Jr. Marksmanship program would not enjoy the success that we have today. Many of these Jr. Coaches work side by side with the adults setting in up and tearing down the range, as well as making sure that the shooters have everything that they need to succeed. Additionally, these coaches work with many first time shooters. They ensure that the first time shooters are safe and that they feel comfortable on the range.

One of the requirements of the Jr. Coach program is that they are able to give a complete and thorough


safety briefing before each relay. These safety briefs include the four "Rules To Live By" (See Above), as well as all rules pertaining to the use of the range and transporting the firearms to and from the armory. The safety briefs are augmented by the line chief or another adult to ensure that everyone understands what is expected of them. I would like to thank Ken Halbert and Chris Cote for rewriting the safety brief and working with the Jr. Coaches to make sure that they are able to give the best safety brief possible. I would also like to recognize the two senior Jr. Coaches, Grace Bresnahan and AJ Wagle. These two individuals are the ones that make it all happen. These two make sure that the range is ready to go before the first relay and they prep the line between relays to make sure that all shooting positions are clean and stocked. Did I mention that they started doing this on their own? They have taken the initiative, with the help of the other Jr. Coaches, to ensure that everything is ready to go. These two truly lead by example. If you couldn't tell, I'm extremely proud of both of them.

The Jr. Marksmanship program would like to congratulate Miss Daysha Halbert for her first Distinguished Shooter Award. I know that she and her grandfather, Ken Halbert have been working on this for a long time. Their hard work and dedication is paying off. I would also like to give a special thank you to Madison Prince for starting off our day with an amazing rendition of our National Anthem. I can't think of a better way to start off a day at the range. Thank you Madison!!! For anyone that may be interested in coaching, we will be having a Coach's Training Day on October 15th.

Junior rifle scores on page 13



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October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am - 6:00pm Muzzle Loading congress - [150] 8:00am - 1:00pm National Match Course - [100] 8:00am - 12:00pm NRA Reloading Class - [Meeting Hall] 11:00am - 1:00pm Traditional Archery - [Archery Range] 12:00pm Until SUNDOWN - Jr. Marksmanship Work Party - [Pistol Range]	2 	3 8:30am - 12:00pm Trap and 5-Stand - [Trap/100] ,...	4 4:30pm - 9:00pm Trap and 5-Stand - [Trap/100] ,...	5 12:00pm - 4:00pm Cracker Shoot - [100] ,... 6:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Directors Meeting - [Meeting Hall]	6 	7 7:00am - 1:00pm Combat Match - [Pistol/Trap/100] ,... 8:00am - 2:00pm Cowboy Action - [150] 11:00am - 3:00pm Bandidos BarBQ - [Meeting Hall] 3:00pm - 5:00pm Trap Card Shoot - [Trap Range] ,... 4:00pm - 9:00pm Trap and Pot - [Trap/100] ,...
8 8:00am - 12:00pm 22 Rifle Silhouette - [100] 8:00am - 2:30pm NRA Precision Pistol - [Pistol Range] 2:00pm - 5:00pm Basic Handgun - [Meeting Hall] 3:30pm - 5:00pm Basic Handgun - [Pistol Range]	9 Columbus Day	10 8:30am - 12:00pm Trap and 5-Stand - [Trap/100] ,... 7:00pm - 9:00pm Air Pistol Silhouette Match - [Meeting Hall]	11 4:30pm - 9:00pm Trap and Trap Doubles - [Trap/100] ,...	12 7:15pm - 9:00pm General Membership Meeting - [Meeting Hall]	13 	14 7:30am - 5:30pm Hunter Education - [Meeting Hall] 8:00am - 12:00pm NIDPA - [Trap Range] 3:00pm - 5:00pm Trap Card Shoot - [Trap Range] ,... 5:00pm - 9:00pm Junior Trap - [Trap/100] ,...

15	7:00am - 10:00am Coach training day - [Pistol Range] 10:00am - 1:00pm Coach training day - [100] 1:00pm - 4:00pm Coach training day - [Archery Range]	16	17	18	19	20	21	5:00pm - 9:00pm Trap - [Trap Range]
17	8:30am - 12:00pm Trap and 5-Stand - [Trap/100],...	18	8:00am - 2:00pm Women on Target - [Meeting Hall] 8:00am - 2:00pm Women on Target - [Pistol/Trap/100] 4:30pm - 9:00pm Trap and 5-Stand - [Trap/100]	12:00pm - 4:00pm Carnival Shoot - [100],... 5:00pm - 6:00pm New member walk through - [ALL RANGES CLOSED]	8:00am - 12:00pm Cowboy Practice - [150]	8:00am - 12:00pm AR-15 Match - [150] 8:00am - 4:00pm NRA Basic Pistol - [Meeting Hall] 8:00am - 11:00am Smallbore Rifle - [100],... 3:00pm - 5:00pm Trap Card Shoot - [Trap Range],... 4:00pm - 9:00pm Trap and Pot - [Trap/100],...	8:00am - 2:00pm Women on Target - [100] 8:00am - 2:00pm Women on Target - [Meeting Hall/Pistol Range] 8:30am - 2:30pm Rimfire Benchrest - [150] 3:00pm - 5:00pm Trap Card Shoot - [Trap Range],... 4:00pm - 9:00pm Trap and Pot - [Trap/100],...	
22	7:00am - 2:00pm Junior pistol - [Meeting Hall/Pistol Range] 8:00am - 2:00pm Black Powder Silhouette Short range - [150] 8:00am - 11:30am Junior archery - [Archery Range]	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29		30	31					
			Halloween 8:30am - 12:00pm Trap and 5-Stand - [Trap/100],... 7:00pm - 9:00pm Air Pistol Practice - [Meeting Hall]					

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Description – This is the body of the advertisement and can be a few sentences but not more than a paragraph. Abbreviations appear cryptic and are not recommended unless they are well known acronyms.

Price – A specific dollar amount as well as qualifiers give the reader important information. For example, "\$600 or Best Offer, Buyer pays DROS, Will consider trades"

Contact Info – This should be a name AND a phone number (including area code) and/or an e-mail address.

DEADLINES!!

Items For the Next Newsletter are Due

Monday, October 18th

Any and all requests for items to appear in the monthly bulletin should be routed through

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BLACK POWDER NEWS

By Garth Warner

Hello Again.

I survived surgery on my knee and now I can actually walk again,. Life is good.

I would like to offer special recognition and thanks to Ren Everett for running the August contest in my absence. Ren runs the Junior Rifle program, writes grant requests, participates in a number of other events, while working a full time job and being a full time Dad. I really appreciate him taking on the burden of running another contest during my absence. Thank you Ren,

Upcoming events: October will be our regular Short Range Silhouette contest with targets at 50, 75, and 100 yards. November will be our first "Across the Course" contest with 3 targets at each range from 25 to 150 yards. Note that because of the increasing popularity of Black Powder Pistol and Revolver competition, the start time for this event has been moved up to 08:30. The Rifle portion should start at 10:00.

Our editor has informed me that the following article was too long to fit the format for the standard newsletter. This time around, I am breaking it up into smaller sections. Part 1 was in August if you missed it. You can find it in the newsletter section of our webpage if you are interested.

Practical Black Powder Accuracy: Part 2

Last month I was blowing some smoke on how well you could get your muzzle loading rifle to shoot at 100 yards. This month I will talk you through the procedure to get there. Note: All of the following is my opinion, based on a lot of reading and many practical experiments. Your mileage may vary. To begin with, you need to understand that everything in a black powder rifle is a variable. You need to learn to control the individual variables your specific rifle. Never change more than one variable at time while experimenting. Your rifle will tell you what works, and what does not. To make this happen, you're going to need a couple of things. The first is a Micrometer to measure balls and patches. Harbor Freight sells a (Pittsburgh) 0-1" Digital Micrometer, (Item # 895), for about \$25. It's cheap and it works, but I am sure there are other brands out there. For those of you that don't know, a micrometer looks like a C-clamp with an adjustable spindle handle. It has a digital readout. It measures thickness in thousandths of an inch. We are going to use it to measure patch thickness and compressibility. More on that next month.

Second, you will need a rifle rest, or some way to shoot consistently from a bench. It doesn't need to be fancy, but you need to be able to shoot consistently from string to string.

For this test use the rifle that you have. Not all rifle bores are the same. I have two .50 caliber Green Mountain barrels that have a bore diameter slightly over .50 caliber, with relatively shallow lands. I have another Browning barrel that has a bore that measures exactly .50, but with substantial taller lands. Both are .50 caliber rifles and both will shoot the same .495 balls, but need different patches to be accurate. The barrels have different twist rates, but we will discuss that later.

You will need one pound of 2F or 3F black powder. A popular rule of thumb is 3F powder below .50 Caliber and 2F powder over .50 caliber. A "Rule of Thumb" is the SWAG method of determining where to start with what. If you are so inclined, you can try both. I have. My Green Mountain barrel likes 3F powder. My Browning barrel will only shoot 2F powder accurately. For this test, let's use 2F. You can try 3F in your rifle later in the program.

Next, we need targets, butcher paper, or brown wrapping paper. We will be testing at 75 yards, so pick a single point target that you can see consistently at that distance. An NRA B-19 target center works well for this, but use something YOU can see clearly. Paper plates spray painted black work equally well and are extremely affordable. Cover the foam core range target face with a 24"x24" sheet of butcher paper or brown wrapping paper. (The butcher paper or brown wrapping paper allows you can see each fresh bullet strike at 75 yards). Staple your single bullseye

target in the center. Collect a variety of patching material in a variety of thicknesses. Start with .10, .15, .18, .20, .22 and .24 thicknesses. Here is where the Micrometer comes in. Lots of companies sell lubricated or dry patches. Some of them even list the thickness. All of them are expensive. Besides being OCD, I am frugal, (cheap). Take your micrometer and start making the rounds of the fabric stores. You are looking for cotton Pillow Ticking as a first choice. Cotton linen, cotton denim, or osnaberg as second choices. Do not EVER use artificial fiber material as it melts in your barrel. In Escondido that would be Joann's, The Fabric Store, Walmart (east), and occasionally Hobby Lobby in San Marcos. Pillow ticking is not as popular in SoCal as it is back in Amish country. You really need to look around to find it. Selection, (thicknesses), are often limited. If you know of other outlets that carry pillow ticking in San Diego County share with me and I will publish for the benefit of all of our black powder shooters. Now, you can drive the female store clerks nuts, by pulling down a bolt of cloth, and measuring it in several places along the edge. The thickness may vary a bit, but take an average. If they ask you what you are doing, tell them it's for a craft project. (Saves 20 minutes of conversation with them thinking that you're a "gun nut"). Better yet, stop by a fabric store on the way home after a black powder range session. The smell of sulfur makes the most inquisitive ladies back off a bit. Find what you want and buy a yard or less. Take it home and run it through the washer once to get the sizing out of it. You WILL end up with material left over that didn't work for you, sell it or trade it to the next guy, to try in his rifle. Trading patch material is a popular pastime at contests and camps. If you buy pre-cut patches try the dry, non-lubed patches first. For .50 caliber 1-1/8" Diameter to 1-1/4" Diameter is about right. Smaller than that and you run the risk of shooting the ball out of the patch and having it rattle down the barrel. Larger will make it hard to center when you seat the ball and cause accuracy problems at long distance. If you are using uncut fabric, tear a strip about 1-3/4" wide wide and about 12" to 18" long (More on this later).

Now we need to pick a patch lube. Start with what you have, spit, liquid patch lube, or grease patch lube. We can discuss the pros and cons of each next month. Assemble the gear and supplies that you need to shoot. Get ready to do some testing, (shooting). Thank you,

Garth Warner

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