

# 2019 Rifleman's Weekend

May 4 & 5, 2019

## General Information

### 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 Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) will be available if you do not have one. Please keep the ECI 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 Affidavit is available on the Participant Information page. **If you can get this document notarized before the match, please do, this will save time at sign in.** If I have a form on record from the 2011 match and there have not been changes, you are not required to fill out a new one this year. If the one I have for you is prior to 2011, I need a new affidavit please!

### Range Release Form

All participants, including River Bend Gun Club members are required to sign the range release form during Sign-in the day of the match. 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.

### Ammunition

Participants must provide their own ammunition. Ammunition must be safe to fire in your rifle, of good quality and the correct caliber for your rifle.

### Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Match #1 (JCG/SPR/MVB):** John C. Garand/Springfield Rifle/Military Vintage Bolt Rifles. (CMP Sanctioned) Allowed rifles include as-issue M1 Garand, 1903 /1903A3 Springfield, M1917 Enfield, 1941 Johnsons, and U.S. Krag Rifles, and all foreign military Bolt Rifles. 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 moved to the Georgia Modified match or Vintage Fun Match. 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 "as-issue" match legal!

**Match #2 (GMG):** Georgia Modified (Unlimited) Garand allows modified versions of these same rifles per CMP rules for an Unlimited Garand Match. 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.

**Match #3 Vintage Fun Match (VFM).** This is an “out-of-competition” match for M1 Carbines and other non-scoped WWII era rifles not allowed in matches 1 and 2. Sporterized or Accuracy modifications are allowed. Must use iron sights - original or aftermarket target sights.

### **Sunday May 5, 2019**

**Match #4 (JCG/SPR/MVB):** John C. Garand/Springfield Rifle/Military Vintage Bolt Rifles. (CMP Sanctioned) Allowed rifles include as-issue M1 Garand, 1903 /1903A3 Springfield, M1917 Enfield, 1941 Johnsons, and U.S. Krag Rifles, and all foreign military Bolt Rifles. Rifles must be in “as issue” configuration and caliber. Rifles with heavy barrels or other accuracy modifications/refinements will be moved to the Garand/Carbine Fun Match category. Specific rules concerning “as issue” rifles can be found in the CMP rulebook.

**Match #5 (GMG):** Georgia Modified (Unlimited) Garand allows modified versions of these same rifles per CMP rules for an Unlimited Garand Match.

**Match #6 Vintage Fun Match (VFM).** This is an “out-of-competition” match for M1 Carbines and other non-scoped WWII era rifles not allowed in matches 4 and 5. Sporterized or Accuracy modifications are allowed. Must use iron sights - original or aftermarket target sights.

**Match #7 Vintage Military Sniper Match (VMS):** Rifles, scopes and mounts must be allowed in the CMPs “*Legal Rifles and Scope (Table1)*” of the CMP Competitions Rulebook. Special VMS Patch! This match is not CMP sanctioned nor does it follow the CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle program. This is an individual (not team) match. Rifles and scopes can be original, reproductions, clones or very close “look-a-likes”. Rifles, scopes and mounts must be of the type allowed by the CMPs “*Legal Rifles and Scope (Table1)*” in the current CMP Competitions Rulebook ([www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Rulebook.pdf](http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Rulebook.pdf)). However, accuracy modifications are allowed. Rifles with modern scopes and/or mounts not listed in CMP Rules, or with iron sights only will not be allowed to participate. Participants in the VMS Match may use any piece of GI field gear as a rest in all stages except sitting. Use of commercial rests, shooting sticks or anything other than GI Field Gear is not allowed. Course of fire will be the same as matches 4, 5 & 6 except instead of the ten shots standing stage, VMS participants will shoot at “moving” IDPA targets from the prone position.

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 80 seconds

**Third Stage** - Rapid fire, sitting from standing, 10 record shots with mandatory reload, time limit of 70 seconds.

**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 Military Sniper Rifle (Sunday Only)**

Each relay will complete the course of fire before moving from the firing line, all VMS shooters will be squadded on the same relay. 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. Target used: Short Range (SR) Competitive target.

**Second Stage** - Rapid fire, prone, 10 record shots with mandatory reload, time limit of 80 seconds. Target used: SR target.

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

**Fourth Stage** – Rapid fire, prone, 10 shots. Targets are IDPA targets on poles carried along the Pit catwalk. Shooter may fire at targets when they are presented.

**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.**

\*note: VMS rifles may be shot (except Third stage) from a rest consisting of any piece of GI field gear.

## **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, in good working condition and with basic rifle "zeros". M1 Garands work much better if the bolt ways, op rod slot, and where the op rod rides under the barrel are 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 cannot be used while actually shooting – space is 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 actual 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! Check the club website before leaving home.**

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. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring your own beverage to drink. You may also want to bring a chair or stool. 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 electrical connections are available at certain locations around the club but there is a fee for these hookups. RBGC requires we charge non-RBGC member \$20 per night for electrical hook-ups. There is no charge for no-hookup camping and there are plenty of very nice bathrooms and even hot showers available on club property. RBGC is an amazing club! You are welcome to camp on the range for this event – many will do so. Please let me know in advance if you intend to camp. **See note below concerning access gate!**

### **Access Gate in Operation at River Bend Gun Club**

RBGC has an access gate requiring a badge to enter or leave club property. The gate will be open early Saturday and Sunday morning and stay open until late afternoon 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.