

Dade City Rod & Gun Club

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Club Facilities include: Clubhouse with soda machine and free coffee.

- Outdoor Pistol (15, 30, 50, & 75 ft)
- Outdoor Rifle (25, 50, 75, & 100 yds), Muzzle loading, Air Gun.
- Range Access: Public & Members

Range Fees: Non-member adult \$20.00. Juniors under 18 shoots free, but must be under the direct supervision of a member or paid adult.

Hours of Operation: The Club is open Friday through Wednesday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Gates open at 8:00 am, firing line is active at 9:00 am. Closed on Thursday for site maintenance. Closed Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.

Swap Meet: The next Swap Meet will be June 8th.

Club Board Meeting: Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to attend. You can read the last meeting's minutes on the Dade City Rod and Gun Club's website, www.dcrqc.us.

Safety Tip of the Month: Semi-automatic pistols require special attention to safety because:

1. They are relatively complex and require special knowledge and training to operate safely.
2. They require strength and experience to work the slide in a safe manner. Some pistols require the shooter to hold the firearm close to their body to gain leverage to rack the slide. This can easily result in the pistol being pointed away from down range. Experienced shooters have learned to pivot their body to get leverage and keep the pistol pointed in a safe direction down range at the target.
3. They insert a live round in the chamber after each shot if a round is available in the magazine, a second pull on the trigger can unintentionally discharge this round while the pistol is pointed in an unsafe direction. Keep your finger off the trigger until your eyes and sights are on target.
4. They have high-capacity magazines that are frequently discharged with rest periods after a few shots. During rest periods, if the safety isn't engaged, bad habits can easily result in an accidental discharge into the bench top or

- worse. The two most dangerous bad habits are not taking your finger off the trigger and letting the muzzle point down towards the ground and not at the target while resting.
5. They can have a live round in the chamber with the magazine removed. Removing the magazine is naturally equated with “unloading” the pistol. Never assume the pistol is unloaded because the magazine is out. Always rack the slide to expose the empty chamber and the use of a chamber flag is best.
 6. They are short and easily pointed in an unsafe direction. It’s actually difficult to keep a pistol pointed down range towards the target as it’s loaded, racked, laid on the bench, and picked up from the bench.

If you shoot a semi-automatic pistol, develop safe habits and pay close attention to all safety rules. Do not get distracted or/and do anything unsafe. If you are a novice shooter, only shoot under the close supervision of a certified trainer until all good habits are learned and practiced.

Competitive Shooting: The Club offers competitive matches the first two Saturdays of the month. There is a \$2.00 fee for members for each match. The fee for non-members is \$20.00 range fee plus \$2.00 for each match. Non-members that pay \$20.00 range fee for the matches are also entitled to use the Public Range for the rest of the day after the competition matches. All competition shooting is done on the 50-yard range or in the Hole (Balloon match is conducted in the Hole). Minimum age for matches is 18 years old except, 14 years old for Balloon Pistol and Rifle matches. Descriptions and rules of the matches are available in the Clubhouse and on the Dade City Rod and Gun Club website: www.dcrqc.us .

- 1st Saturday: 9:00 am: Police Pistol Combat (PPC): then the Balloon Pistol & Rifle Match
- 2nd Saturday: 9:00 am: Concealed Carry Pistol Match then the Three Target Silhouette Match then the 1 of 2 Fun Matches

Training Classes/Courses:

Monthly Pistol Class for concealed carry applicants is scheduled for the third Saturday of each month, see Dade City Rod and Gun Club website, www.dcrqc.us for details.

Student Level Courses

April 20	DCRGC Concealed Weapon License Pistol Course
May 18	DCRGC Concealed Weapon License Pistol Course
June 15	DCRGC Concealed Weapon License Pistol Course
July 20	DCRGC Youth Rifle Class

Range Safety Officer/Instructor Level Courses

April 27 NRA Range Safety Officer Workshop
June 29/30 NRA Basic Instructor Training and Pistol Instructor Workshop
July 21 NRA Basic Instructor Training
July 28 NRA Home Firearm Safety Student Course
July 28 NRA Instructor Workshop

Person in charge is Dennis Doll (813) 486-1776, dedoll@verizon.com. Note: Class sizes are subject minimums and dates may change based on range requirements.

Youth (10 to 18 years old) Introduction to Rifle Knowledge, Skills, and Safety Course, Saturday, 22 June, 2019, at the Dade City Rod and Gun Club. The class is designed to teach beginning shooters rifle safety and operation; about ammunition and the fundamentals of rifle shooting; bench rest shooting; and rifle cleaning/storage. Class size is limited to 16 and costs \$40 per person. Contact Larry Shrewsbury (813) 929-8800 or LShrews1@aol.com for details and to sign up.

Other Information:

The Club sponsors a section of SR-52 Litter Pick Up and we always need more members to help. The next litter pick up day is Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 8:00 am. For additional information contact Bill Johnson at (352) 834-4080.

The Dade City Rod & Gun Club is an alcohol and chemical free club... zero tolerance.

Before you sign in, please show your club membership identification card to the Range Safety Officer. If you have any question about your membership, feel free to contact the Club Secretary at dcrgc.secretary@gmail.com.

Some Humor:

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment. They were to get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories.

Kathy began, "My father's a farmer and we have a lot of egg-laying hens. One time we were taking our eggs to market in a basket on the front seat of the pickup when we hit a bump in the road and all the eggs went flying and broke and made a mess."

"And what's the moral of the story?" asked the teacher.

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

"Very good," said the teacher. "Now, Lucy?"

"Our family are farmers too. But we raise chickens for the meat market. We had a dozen eggs one time, but when they hatched we only got ten live chicks," Lucy explained.

"And what is the moral to your story?" the teacher asked.

"Don't count your chickens until they're hatched."

"That was a fine story Lucy. Johnny do you have a story to share?"

"Yes, ma'am, my daddy told me this story about my Uncle Bob. Uncle Bob was a pilot in Vietnam and his plane got hit. He had to bail out over enemy territory and all he had was a bottle of whiskey, a machine gun and a machete. He drank the whiskey on the way down so it wouldn't break when he crash-landed. He came down right in the middle of 100 enemy troops. He killed seventy of them with the machine gun until he ran out of bullets. Then he killed twenty more with the machete till the blade broke and then killed the last ten with his bare hands."

"Good heavens," said the horrified teacher, "what kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that horrible story?"

"Don't screw with Uncle Bob when he's been drinking."

Quote of the day: "The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, *Commonplace Book*, 1774-1776

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