

Winter Schuetzen League

It's time again for the winter Schuetzen League hosted by the Meagher County Sportsman's Association (MCSA).

What is the Schuetzen League?

Schuetzen translates roughly to "Marksmen" or Rifleman" but the sport of Schuetzen has evolved since its roots in Europe during the middle ages. German immigrants brought the sport to the United States in the late 1800's where it grew in popularity until the onset of WWI. After WWII Schuetzen matches were resurrected by notable figures in the national firearms community who wanted to restore the focus of skilled marksmanship to the shooter rather than the equipment.

Unlike Benchrest shooting events where shooting is performed generally sitting using a rest to steady the rifle, Schuetzen matches are shot standing in an unsupported "offhand" shooting position without the aid of a sling, shooting coat, or glove. Shooting completely unsupported tests the fundamental skills of the marksman rather than the equipment.

This league consists of 10 rounds of shooting (5 targets per round 10 shots per target) that are shot at a distance of 50' ,a total of 50 targets for score. All shooting must be completed by the end of March 2020. They can be shot at any time your schedule allows. There are no scheduled matches. However, the Range will be open Thursday night's 6-8pm for non MCSA members or other times by appointment.

What do I need to join the league?

In short, \$12.00 for targets and any .22 rimfire rifle and ammunition. All ages and experience levels are welcome, you do not need a membership to the MCSA in order to participate. Detailed league instructions will be provided upon sign up.

Because the emphasis is on the marksman, expensive "target" style rifles and ammunition are not needed. Any .22 rifle with scope or iron sights is sufficient to succeed in this sport.

I have never shot much offhand, what if my scores are low?

You are only competing against yourself. There is no winning, losing, or letting down teammates. If you are new to offhand shooting there are coaches willing to provide helpful tips to improve your scores.

How do I sign up?

Ted Frazer will be coordinating the League this winter, he can be contacted at (406) 223 5799 or by email at tfrazer@alumni.unity.edu or you can ask any MCSA member to point you in the right direction.