

TRIGGER TIMES

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BOD Meeting

April 2

Member Meeting

April 16

19:00-20:30



**PRACTICE PLATES
RETURNING THIS MONTH!**

April 14 and April 28 at 17:00

***Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday all summer!
Shooting continues until sunset or ammunition runs out, whichever comes first!***

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Spring Turkey Season May 1—31



Remember to contact the CRSO for 2026 hunting permission letters if you will be hunting on Club property!

Have a hunting story, shooting tip, or upcoming event that you want in the *Trigger Times*? Contact James Lacey before the end of the month at newsletter@cpfgc.com

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Clearing Plate Racks

Shooting steel plates is a very different game from typical target sports. There are no zones or rings for scoring points, only hits and misses. This can be a difficult adjustment to make, as clearing a plate rack as quickly as possible means you may have to allow yourself to adopt some “bad” habits of pistol marksmanship.

Sight Alignment and “Over-Aiming”

Yes, you read that correctly. Over-aiming is a real thing, and it can add a significant amount of time to your run through a plate rack. Plates are usually 8 inches in diameter and only 25 feet away from the firing line, leaving quite a lot of room for error. Precision accuracy is not essential to clear a plate rack—in fact, aiming for the exact center of every plate will surely slow you down. Use the sights as a guideline, place them over the general center of the plate, press the trigger, and repeat. A hit on the edge of a plate is still a hit and will knock it over. When shooting plates, I tend to focus on the plate itself more than the sights (a “bad” habit for bullseye marksmanship). Red-dot sights make this much easier, as you can simply place the dot on the plate and press the trigger, but iron sights can be put to use in a similar way. Just focus on the plate and put the sights in your line of vision, muscle memory should do the rest. In a way, shooting plates is rather similar to shotgun sports like trap where your focus should be on the target itself while you point the gun rather than aim. As the diagram below shows, even loosely aligned sights can produce effective hits at close range.



Trigger Press and Reset

One of the most important aspects of a precision firearm is its trigger. Light, crisp triggers mean less overall movement when taking shots, allowing for tighter groups. But clearing a plate rack involves a lot of gross movement already, and the difference in accuracy between a match grade single-action trigger and a mushy striker-fired trigger are negligible. If you are using a heavier or longer trigger, use the transition time between plates to stage the trigger so that it breaks when you arrive at the next target. After firing, reset the trigger as quickly as possible and move to the next target.

Recoil Management and Grip

Recoil is the biggest time-trap, but a firm grip will help to keep the muzzle down. Some experiments on paper showed that my shot group does widen significantly between white-knuckling the gun and holding it with a calm, relaxed grip. Comps, ports, and light target loads can also help to reduce recoil, but a firm grip is best no matter the gun. Focus on reducing recoil, but not anticipating it, between targets.

HORNADY ANNOUNCES NEW CARTRIDGE!

Premier ammunition manufacturer, Hornady, has announced the development of a new cartridge to be released at the beginning of April! .26 Loof is a versatile rifle cartridge that ballistic engineers claim will be able to fit a variety of roles for hunters and marksmen. A supersonic loading of the new cartridge is said to deliver sub-MOA accuracy beyond 1,000 yards without compromising on terminal ballistic performance or recoil. Initial offerings include a lead-core, copper jacketed projectile weighing 150 grains, as well as a solid copper projectile weighing 125 grains. A subsonic version has been developed as well, which pushes a slightly heavier 180 grain projectile to just over 900 fps for use with suppressors. As a promotion for the release of this new cartridge in April, the subsonic ammunition will be sold in boxes that can be attached to the muzzle of a rifle and used as disposable suppressors! There have also been rumors of a new composite sabot projectile which would allow the .26 Loof to be loaded with 35 grain pellets. This would effectively bridge the gap between small-game rimfire cartridges and large game, long range hunting rifles, but we will have to wait until April 1st for more news on this innovative technology.

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SUNDAY, MAY 17
Western Mass Bird Dog Club,
Granville, MA

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2026		Range closures are ½-hour before to ½-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Outdoor Range closed ½ hr prior			
			1 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	2 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	3 JO-AD Main Hall 5-9pm Indoor Ranges Closed	4 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 1300-
5 TRAP 9:00- PLATES - Centerfire CANCELLED	6 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Scouts 6:30-8 MainHall NO CLOSURE	7 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	8 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	9 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	10	11 ATA Marathon 9am TRAP: 1300-
12 TRAP 9:00- Membership ORIENTATION 10:00 - 13:00 No range closure	13 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	14 PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM ** Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	15 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	16 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-20:30 Indoor Range Closed	17	18 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 1300-
19 PLATES - Rimfire 9:00-14:00 Outdoor range closed TRAP: 9:00-	20 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 BoyScouts Main Hall 6:30-8 PM Indoor Range closed	21 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	22	23 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	24	25 Pistol Instructor Class Main Hall 9AM-3PM Indoor Range Closed 3-Gun Match 12-Dusk Setup & Staff Shoot Downstairs Hall & OutdoorRange TRAP 1300-
26 3-Gun Match 09:00-18:00 Downstairs Hall & OutdoorRange TRAP: 9:00-	27 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 CPARG 1830 - 2000 Indoor - AIRGUN ONLY	28 PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM ** Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	29	30		

3-GUN MATCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26



SPRING CLEANING WORK PARTY

— SATURDAY, MAY 2 —

Your help would be greatly appreciated!