

May 2013

Project Appleseed in Minnesota

Minnesota Riflemen

Rochester

April 20-21

Alex

Rory

Chris

Hiromi

Mn Total 145

Upcoming Events

2-day Appleseed

:

May 4-5

Winona

May 18-19

Wells

June 1-2

Morris

June 15-16

Alexandria

Hinckley

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June 29-30

St Cloud

More event

announcements to
come!

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AAR Hinckley April 20-21st, 2013

Three shooters braved the elements as the weather peeps again blew the forecast. Snow right before the event had SB AFTERMATH out the night before plowing out a range setup. Throughout the weekend adjustments had to be made for lanes of fire. Looking around it appeared we were conducting a shoot in Finland. Thanks to Eric, Ben, and Gavin for their perseverance on the firing line. And thanks to the AS Volunteers Deb, Alex, and Mike. .



The Capture of Ticonderoga, 11 May 1775

Two separate groups came up with plans to take Ticonderoga. Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys was a militia force raised as part of a dispute between New York and New Hampshire over control of what is now Vermont, but was then the New Hampshire Grants. Meanwhile, Benedict Arnold had managed to persuade the Massachusetts committee of safety to give him a

commission to seize the fort.

The morning of May 11th the Americans launched a dawn attack. The garrison was actually surprised in their beds. Lieutenant Jocelyn Feltham, who had only arrived in the fort a few days before the attack, was surprised and surrendered before he even had time to dress, although this did give Captain William

Delaplace, the commander of the fort, time to get dressed himself before agreeing to the formal surrender of the fort.

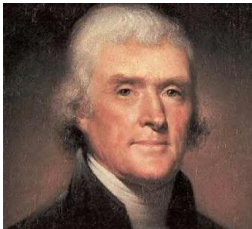
Two days later the even less well defended Crown Point was also captured.

Volunteers.....the Foundation of Appleseed



"Our attachment to no nation upon earth should supplant our attachment to liberty."

Thomas Jefferson



"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live.

Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly

as possible before handing it on to the future generations."

George Bernard Shaw

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Check out the revisited Instructor Manual on the TIPS page!



AAR Rochester April 20-21st, 2013 by gmw

Appleseed was conducted at Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club (SMSC) near Rochester, MN on April 20th and 21st, 2013. The weather was typically unpredictable, with sunny, blustery weather on Saturday and snow in the morning on Sunday that later turned to warmer temperatures.

The "instruction team" consisted of:
 Shoot Boss(es): [Whisker](#) (Sat.), [Brad76](#) (Sun.)
 Red Hat: [Cully](#)
 IITs: [FreedomV](#), [36g](#), [Woody35](#), [ColonialIron](#), [Wally](#), [AllMovingParts](#), [Marta](#), [gmw](#)
 AppleCore: [Judy222](#)

We were expecting 40 or so on the line for Saturday, as the event was sold out, but in the end I think we ended up with 33 shooters (someone correct me if I'm wrong). With a few stragglers and the volume of folks to get registered and on the line, we didn't start until after 09:00. The entire line of folks had a very teachable attitude, and did a good job of maintaining the safety rules. The IITs brought food to pass, although most of the shooters seemed to have brought their own lunches. In the end, we only shot one AQT on Saturday,

yet we got one Rifleman out of it: Alex. The afternoon Redcoat target showed marked improvement over the initial morning benchmark--betterment of marksmanship was achieved! With the somewhat chilly wind, I managed to get a little sunburn on my face from trying to stand in the sun to stay warm...was I the only one?

There were a number of Saturday-only shooters, so we only had around 19 people on the line on Sunday. It was snowing big snowflakes in the morning, which was something of an ill omen. Then the phone in the clubhouse rang: Whisker had a vehicle issue and ended up stranded en route. Brad76 ended up filling in as shoot boss. However--the targets were in Whisker's truck! Luckily, FreedomV, Cully, and I had enough AQTs between us to last the day. While I was going to get targets from home, the students spent about an hour in the clubhouse doing NPOA drills with the neat laser-pointer trainers that 36g brought. That may've been even more effective than doing it live-fire, and there was discussion about making it part of the curriculum.

The interlude also afforded time for the snow to let up and melt. Ironically, it was warmer on Sunday afternoon than it was on Saturday. Three shooters joined the ranks of Riflemen: Rory, Chris, and Hiromi. Back in December, Hiromi was shooting well, but due to equipment issues didn't quite make qualify. This time, qualify she did; and with not just one but three qualifying scores, including the highest score of the day! There were several shooters like Mike and Steve who were close--just a little more practice and you'll be there!

As usual, apologies for not being able to mention everyone, but thanks to all the shooters for taking the time to spend your weekend learning heritage and marksmanship.

Post-Script: Whisker made it home and revived his truck, so all's well that ends well.

"Character development is the true aim of education."

*Post by jmdavis Appleseed Forum
 Under the Topic "Appleseed in a fortune cookie"*

Liberty has no limits, no pre-conditions

"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

Thomas Jefferson

Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual.

Thomas Jefferson



The Civilian Marksmanship Program

The CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) dates back to 1903 when Congress approved creation of the DCM (Department of Civilian Marksmanship). The purpose at the time was to provide civilians a way to learn and practice rifle skills for use if needed at a later time for service in the U.S. Military. It was believed that civilians with the popular lever action rifles of the time were not able to sustain an

equivalent rate of fire with the unfamiliar bolt-action Springfield 1903 (the national service arm). Over the years the focus of the program shifted towards youth development through marksmanship training. The U.S. Army administered the program from 1916- 1996. The CMP is a non-profit organization chartered by the Congress but is not a U.S. Government agency. Apart from donations of rifles from

the Army's inventory, the CMP receives no federal funding. Activities of the CMP include shooting competitions and sales of surplus rifles.

A check of the CMP forum this summer revealed that between the DCM and the CMP 400,000 to 500,000 M1 Garands have been sold over the years.

*"the greatest battle
implement ever devised"*

General George S. Patton,
describing the M1 Garand

Timothy Murphy Revolutionary War Sniper

On June 29, 1775, shortly after the start of the American Revolutionary War, Timothy Murphy and his brother John enlisted in the Northumberland County Riflemen, specifically Captain John Lowdon's Company. Their unit saw action in the Siege of Boston, the Battle of Long Island, and "skirmishing in Westchester".^[1] After this, Murphy was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Continental Army's 12th Pennsylvania Regiment and fought at the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Murphy was an "expert marksman", defined as being "able to hit a seven inch target at 250 yards". In July 1777 this skill led to Murphy joining Daniel Morgan's newly formed "Sharpshooter Corps".

Later that year, he was selected as one of 500 handpicked riflemen to go with General Daniel Morgan to Upstate New York to help stop General John Burgoyne and the British Army. As the battles around Saratoga raged, the British, having been pushed back, were being rallied by Brigadier General Simon Fraser. Benedict Arnold rode up to General Morgan, pointed at Fraser and told Morgan the man was worth a regiment. Morgan called on Murphy and said: *"That gallant officer is General Fraser. I admire him, but it is necessary that he should die, do your duty."* Murphy climbed a nearby tree, took careful aim at the extreme distance of 300 yards, and fired four times. The first shot was a close miss, the second grazed the General's horse, and with the third, Fraser tumbled from his horse, shot through the stomach. General Fraser died that night. British Senior officer Sir Francis Clerke, General Burgoyne's chief aide-de-camp, galloped onto the field with a message. Murphy's fourth shot killed him instantly. Murphy also fought at the battle of the Middle Fort in 1780.

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*"If freedom of speech
is taken away, then
dumb and silent we
may be led, like
sheep to the
slaughter."*

George Washington

Appleseed Fee Schedule for 2013

	1 Day	2 Day	3 Day	RBC
Adult Male	50	80	95	200
Adult Female	20	40	60	100
Under 18 *	10	20	30	100
Law Enforcement	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Active Duty Military	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

* Under 18 - One FREE ticket is available to youths under 18 years old with each paid Adult Ticket. Visit the Appleseed website for more pricing information.



About the RWVA

Project Appleseed is the sole focus and activity of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Weekend events, Boot Camps and the coordination necessary to make them happen are all conducted by proud volunteers. We are passionate about ensuring

that the Rifleman legacy is passed down to the generations of Americans that follow.

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