

## HUNTER SAFETY COURSE by Mort Morin



BGRA's three indefatigable Hunter Safety Instructors, Chuck Eagan, Mort Morin and Bob Phillips joined forces with visiting instructor, Butch Woolf and Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officer "Tiz" Dolan to run another Hunter Safety Class.

Over 60 hunters and prospective hunters went through the 10 hour course, which our boys stretched out to 12 hours. Many of the students were BGRA members who had recently completed the recent Basic Firearm Safety Course or were currently taking one.

Successful completion of a Hunter Safety Course is required in about 40 states before a license can be purchased.

Some states will accept nothing but a Hunter Safety Course certificate as proof of basic proficiency for hunters. Others will accept a previously issued license.. Colorado, where one of our recent graduates has booked a hunt, is one of the states that says, "Show me a certificate of completion." Consequently, this hunter had to attend and pass a test or give up his trip. Certification is accepted on a reciprocal basis by all states.

This class was the largest ever held a BGRA and it may have been among the largest ever held in the state. Students came from both the North and South Shores in order to obtain their certificate. Several of the non-members expressed interest in the BGRA and took home applications. The state is considering a marksman proficiency test as part of the course. Up to now they have been satisfied with concentrating on safety, hunter ethics, survival techniques and related subjects. Our own instructors are considering a special "Survival" course in the future.

## GALLERY MATCHES by Mort Morin

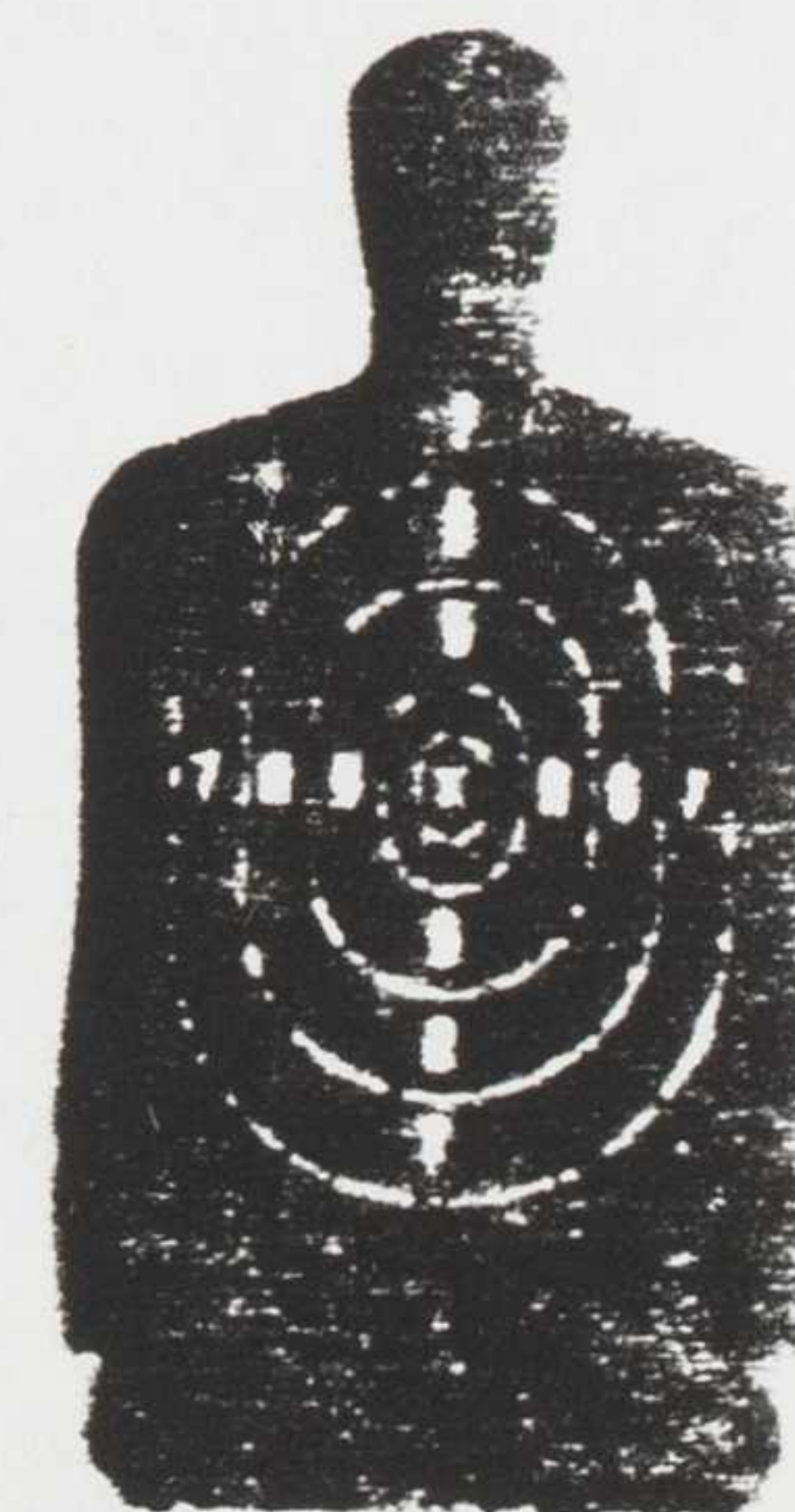
September 28th ushered in the fall session of the gallery matches, a centre-fire 900.

Apparently, BGRA members have little interest in conventional shooting. Most of us seem to think it beneath the dignity of a bona fide "real shooter". The fact remains-that gallery/conventional/ bullseye shooting is both basic to all forms of combat shooting and at the same time more exacting. This has been long recognized in the Olympic Games; who have yet to hold competition for combat or IPSC shooters

In my opinion, and I certainly am opinionated, the majority of combat shooters are deluding themselves as to the value of combat matches. Other than practice-and that should be done under real live situations-your'e playing games. Take away the trick holsters, accurized and super-tuned hardware. Practice with your street gun hidden beneath a jacket or coat, turn down the lights, wear gloves like you do for about a third of the year, shoot factory or street load ammunition and get back to basic aiming and squeezing. Anyone for tennis ???

Results of the match were as follows;

|                    | 300   | Rank       | 900    | Rank        |
|--------------------|-------|------------|--------|-------------|
| Joseph Fleming     | 277-5 | 1st Master | 839-15 | 1st Master  |
| Lance dePlante     | 259-1 | 3          | 795-8  | 2           |
| Barbara Gard       | 274-4 | 2          | 773-8  | 3           |
| Sandra Shiers      | 239-4 | Expert     | 697-6  | 1st Expert  |
| Michael Greenblatt | 220-1 | 1st ShShr. | 697-6  | 5           |
| Michael Pavone     | 228-3 | 5          | 693-8  | 1st Sh.Shr. |
| Jack Arena         | 206-0 | 7          | 593-3  | 7           |
| George Carter      | 112-1 | 9          | 370-1  | 1st Marks.  |
| Kosta Gavrielidis  | 129-0 | 1st Mark.  | 353-1  | 9           |



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