

# TAKE THAT, BARBIE

## Rifle Club Hosts First Annual Barbie Shoot

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Members of the Jamestown Rifle Club like to visit the club's indoor range during the winter to shoot at targets.

On Saturday, they were taking aim at Barbie.

Several members attended Saturday's Barbie shoot, one of the events the club organizes each month. The club has more than 200 members, with teens, adults and even senior citizens who participate regularly.

Within the club is the Jamestown Area Women's Shooters group, which is headed up by county Legislator Tina Hallquist, D-Jamestown.

"We started the group last year," Mrs. Hallquist said. "I knew there were other women out there that liked to shoot and I wanted to get to know them. So, we advertised a women's group and we started with about five women, which eventually grew larger."

The group plans a monthly event, which may be target shooting, but also includes presentations on personal fitness, lessons on how to handle and care for a gun, instruction on types of guns and ammo, as well as picnics and get-togethers



Above, Mary Ann Herring squeezes off a shot under the watchful eye of another Jamestown Rifle Club member during the club's Barbie Shoot on Saturday. Below, right, Tilor Hallquist shoots at a target at the club's indoor range. Below left, Mary Canfield shoots at Barbie.

with members of the club.

Mary Ann Herring, 64, of Panama, said the sport is fun, relaxing and an important skill to learn.

"This is not the first time I've been to the women's club," Ms. Herring said. "I became interested in how to shoot pistols and then firearms and got involved with the group. It is a friendly atmosphere to do this in and to learn to handle firearms. I think it's a great skill to learn because it requires good eye and hand coordination."

Both beginners and experienced shooters are welcome, Mrs. Hallquist said, and they offer training programs for youth and adults.

"People like the relaxed atmosphere, and when you come here, you don't always have to shoot," Mrs. Hallquist said. "Many people come here to spend time with their friends."

Mrs. Hallquist said there are a variety of shooting styles that people can try, which makes it a sport that appeals to different ages and personalities.

"I didn't have a hobby before I started shooting," Mrs. Hallquist said. "One of the things about using firearms is there are so many different sports. If you try something and you don't think you're good at it, you can try another style."

The Jamestown Rifle Club, Inc. is located on Route 380 in

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Jamestown. It has outdoor and indoor pistol and rifle ranges. For more information, call 487-1504.

"There's a lot of friendly competition here for developing good skills," Ms. Herring said. "It's an enjoyable activity that is a lot of fun to do."

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