

TEACHER'S DAY AT THE RANGE AT CRRC

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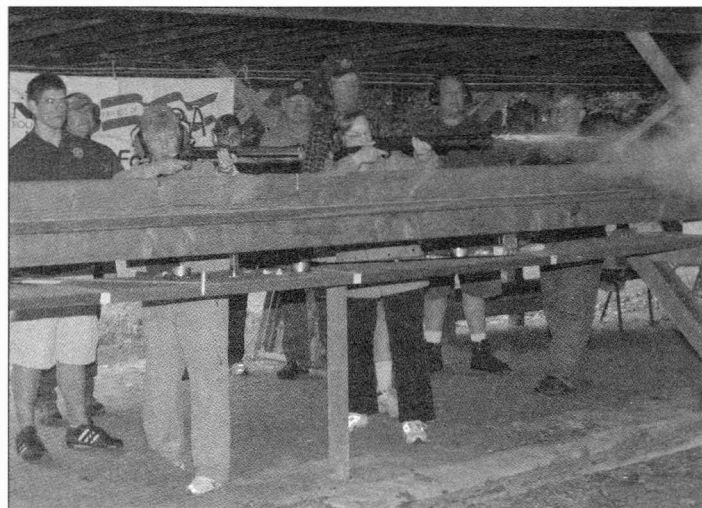
New Jersey has been under fire from anti-gunners for a long time. The Citizens Rifle and Revolver Club (CRRC), just outside of Princeton, New Jersey, has offered many outreach programs to educate the public on not only firearms safety, but also the fun that can be derived from target shooting. On May 16, the Citizens Rifle & Revolver Club held its first-ever Teacher's Day at the Range. The idea was carried out by CRRC vice-president Walt Eggert and the club's assembly of instructors, organizers, executive staff and field support. The idea and agenda for the event was based on the CRRC's 10-year outstanding Women's Day at the Range event. However, for the Teacher's Day event, CRRC involved the younger members by having a reversal of roles in which the students taught the teachers.

The CRRC offered pistol, rifle, shotgun, archery and black powder to the participating education professionals. Interestingly, most of the teachers

liked black powder the best for its historical significance. After loading and firing one or two shots, they had a new appreciation for the heroes of the Revolutionary War. They also had an understanding of firearms design changes that make present-day firearms so much easier to enjoy.

Many said they had come with a negative attitude or no opinion, but at the end of the day admitted they had learned a great deal of positive information regarding target shooting and firearms in general. A true appreciation of the shooting sports!

The response to Teachers Day was more than anticipated. CRRC had 57 teachers attend, an impressive number



for a first effort. Several of the Teacher's Day participants are enrolling for membership in the CRRC. With the outstanding success of this event, the club hopes to hold another in the future.

The CRRC would like to thank the NRA Foundation for their funding and support for Teachers Day. This also opens the door to future firearms safety programs in the schools. ■

TOO MANY BEARS

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Pretty much ready to give up on the garbage can, the bear seems to be trying to memorize the telephone number of the Bear Education and Resource Group to possibly help him learn how to open the can.



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