ALPHA—The Alpha Rifle and Pistol Club announce activities that are already happening at its range here.

The following handgun activities are open to the public and weekly attendance is optional as your schedule permits. There is no specific start date.

On Monday nights, there is the ADPA (Alpha Defensive Pistol Association) shoot starting at 5:30 p.m.

This weekly event is to gain familiarity with handling your pistol by practicing shooting under various conditions. Targets are set up and you walk through a scenario leading from target to target shooting a specified number of rounds for each scenario.

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The purpose of this type of shooting is to improve your ability to defend yourself if the need should arise. The competition in this is with yourself, by working to improve your skills within a structured, safe environment. Caliber of handgun is your choice.

On Thursday nights, the club has bullseye shooting, also starting at 5:30 p.m. This is to improve your accuracy and trigger control.

This is scored shooting at standard NRA targets at 50 feet (gallery shooting), and/or 50 yards (outdoor shooting).

Again, the competition here is with yourself, working to improve your score from week to week. Most shooters in bullseye shooting use a .22 caliber pistol which is more economical than the larger calibers, because there is a 60 round requirement to complete each night's event.

It's the shooters choice as to using iron sights or optical sights.

The club provides the targets and a certified range officer for both of these weekly events. Cost for the participant is $5 per night for each event. Membership in the club is required, which is $20 a year.

A special annual event held by the club for young shooters, is the Silhouette Shoot which will be on June 2, starting at 10 a.m. and lasting until 2 p.m.

"We encourage young kids to come out and have fun learning how to shoot and testing their shooting skills on knocking down our metal animal silhouettes," said a spokesperson. "We provide the guns, shells, food and soda at no cost to the participants."

For more information on any of these events, contact Patrick at (906) 875-3888.