



WRPC News

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State of the Club

by Ron Pesta

Hopefully this will not be interrupting your primetime TV viewing as the national and state politicians do. What I hope to accomplish in this piece is to enlighten members as to just how things are going at WRPC. To put this in perspective, I guess we have to live up to our #5 national rating (according to the Washington Times).

Clubhouse and Indoor Range -

Since the installation of the "new" backstop some 7 or 8 years ago, a homestyle ventilation system, new heating and lighting; this range is probably still the envy of most gun clubs in the state (my words). Nothing automatic, clean as it can be kept, quite functional and minimal costs for usage, a firearms enthusiast couldn't be happier.

Unfortunately, damages continue as evidenced by the bullet holes in our range ceiling. Members should remember to use outdoor ranges to initially sight in your firearms so you're hitting paper. That means rifle or pistol. Once that is accomplished, move indoors to fine tune your groups. Don't overcompensate for recoil which has the shooter either firing across the ceiling or ricocheting across the floor.

The clubhouse has new lighting and we are investigating the cost of new flooring tile throughout (clubroom, bathrooms, kitchen and indoor range). This is a long time coming along with new commodes and maybe a re-do of the bathroom walls.

Tactical Range -

The layout hasn't changed. Over the past couple of years the improvements include better drainage, improved berms downrange of firing points two and three, a cleanup of the berm between the rifle range and tactical, removal of brush and rubble next to and behind firing point one. The parking area has been enlarged by about 200%. Upcoming work will be the rebuild of the footbridge across our drainage creek.

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Outdoor Silhouette Range -

Not much has changed on this range. Recent drainage work will hopefully remove or greatly reduce the amount of standing water after snowmelt or summer downpours. The portion of this range used for rifle practice will end by June (we hope) with the near completion of the new rifle range.

Work needed to be done is a new footbridge across the drainage ditch, cutting the floor of the range from the end of the drainage ditch to the drain pipe to increase drainage and an overhaul of the target stands on the 75 and 100 yard berms.

Pistol Range -

The limestone outcrop next to the storage shed has been removed increasing the size of that bay by about 50%. The end bay has been cleaned up and a new fourth bay has been developed with drainage pipe to alleviate standing water.

200yd Rifle Range -

This project is about 65% completed. Recently safe access to the range from behind the firing line has been established, the berms have been enhanced and a parking area established. A concrete slab, a cover for the firing line, shooting benches, noise reduction and cosmetic work are all that remain. Safety rules for this range are currently being worked on.

Volunteers -

It still seems to be the same bunch of members. Don't feel like your stepping on anyone's toes by helping out at the shoots, selling tickets for our annual fundraiser or helping out at the raffle and picnic. If you are you handy with tools, help out with the maintenance that needs to be done. All the time expended by us, the members, is logged into the work hours book and added up before the next dues cycle. This amount is deducted from your dues. If you don't volunteer to make our club better, you really can't complain about anything.... thank you for your yearly donation!

All totaled up, I personally would have to give

WRPC a grade of C+. We're getting better, but we've got a ways to go.

The Future at WRPC

by Ron Pesta

Going along with the state of our Club, we should look forward with hindsight being 20/20. What else needs to be taken care of?

The BoD is currently discussing electronic access to our facilities to better track usage, eliminate key losses and non-return of keys which is a liability issue in case of theft or injury.

A new roof on the Clubhouse and Indoor Range should be considered. This building is not getting any younger (neither are we) and its been about 25 - 30 years (or more) since the shingles were installed.

Past discussions about a new Clubhouse had taken place and put on the back burner due to other pressing matters and status quo. If you've attended any general meetings lately you've noticed the cramped quarters. It might be nice to have a larger meeting area with windows, maybe air conditioning, enhanced for better instructional (pistol, rifle, hunter safety, etc.) value.

These are items to be considered along with maintaining what we currently have. It's up to all of us to insure that we don't let our facilities fall down around our ears just to fling lead down range.

Outdoor Silhouette

by Mark Barrett

The days are getting longer and the sun is getting higher in the sky. It won't be long before the Outdoor Silhouette season is upon us. The season begins on May 15th and continues on June 19th, July 17th, September 18th and possibly October 16th, rain or shine. Shooting starts at 9am and usually ends around 1pm. It cost \$6 to shoot one cycle and \$4 for each refire.

Outdoor Silhouette consists of shooting at 40 steel targets at distances of 40 yds (chickens), 50yds (pigs), 75yds (turkeys) and 100yds (rams). Each of these groups is broken down into 2 groups of 5 targets where you have 2 minutes to shoot each group. This event features .22 caliber rimfire rifles and pistols and just about any centerfire pistol (open sights or scoped). Ammunition must not exceed 1500fps muzzle velocity. Not only do you get to test your marksmanship and enjoy the outdoors, you get some exercise walking downrange to reset your targets for the next shooter!

We're always in need of helpers to keep things running smoothly. We set targets on the day before each match (takes about an hour) and need someone with a trailer hitch on their vehicle to pull the target trailer onto the range. We could use a few more range officers (R.O.'s)(2 hrs. per event) - nothing complicated, just run through a set of commands and be attentive to activity at all firing positions. All this volunteer time counts as "work party" hours and goes towards reducing your annual dues.

We'll be continuing our "Bring a Friend" campaign this year - bring a new shooter with you and you shoot one cycle free, so talk it up with your family and friends.

Contact Mark Barrett for more info (315-398-9104).
barmar55@verizon.net).

New Board Position

by Al Roher

I hope everyone is enjoying our "winter" weather. I know I am, especially since today, as I write this it's Woodchuck Day. At the most, no matter what we get hit with, Spring is just six weeks away.

Enough of the bull! I want to thank Aaron Smith for taking over the duties as Firearms Education and Training Director (a kind of unassuming directorship - but a vital one). Aaron has begun to put together his first NRA Basic Pistol Class and it's already full. He plans to schedule these classes (both rifle and pistol) on a regular basis over the course of the year. He will require the assistance of our NRA Certified Instructors for each discipline to make these courses happen.

On that note, if you feel that you have the want, the talent, or whatever to become an instructor; talk to Aaron. He will be the point of contact for Instructor classes too. WRPC will need more instructors to help out with this newly energized program, so don't be shy. Remember, as an instructor, you get work credits as well as keeping your NRA Certification.

Way to step up Aaron, we look forward to the coming year of classes!

Join the NRA Today!
Help the sport and your Club!

**WRPC will receive a
financial reward for each new or
renewed NRA membership that
comes through our
official recruiter.**

**Contact Art Pluretti for
more information at:
free2glock@yahoo.com**

Indoor Silhouette

by Chuck & Kris ward

Third Saturday of the month from 4pm - 8pm!

Did you know the history for this shooting discipline is descended from a Mexican sport dating back to the early 1900s using live animals at varying distances? By 1948, metal cutouts of the animals came into use which Outdoor Silhouette is based. During the winter, we take it one step further by shooting at paper targets with animal silhouettes.

The remaining matches will be held on - February 20th - Bring a Sweetheart (spouse, friend, child (min. 12yrs)) and that person shoots one free match.

March 19th - Luck 'o the Irish - each time you shoot, your name goes into a hat for a chance for a pot of gold (10 one dollar coins).

April 16th - One free refire when you bring a friend.

This is a match that men, women and youth (12yrs min.) can shoot. it is one of the shooting sports that you can shoot .22 caliber rifles and/or pistols that are approved for use in the indoor range. There are 3 - 4 relays each hour. Each relay with each gun is \$3 and refires are \$2.

Here is another opportunity to expose your family to shooting. This event is open to the public, so if you know of someone who would like a place to shoot, invite them to come along.

In January, we had five shooters, three returning and two new shooters and brought in \$50 for the club.

If you are looking for work credits, please contact me. However, due to winter weather; matches may be cancelled. Questions concerning Indoor silhouette can be answered at 315-709-9914 or chuckacp45@hotmail.com.

Need To Know From the VP

by Vicki porter

The rifle range committee has put together a final draft of temporary safety rules and will present them to the Board of Directors for approval at the February 29th meeting. They will then be presented at the membership meeting on March 7th. If approved by both bodies, the range may be open for use as early as March 8th. Permanent rules won't be drawn up until a final design for the firing line structure is approved later in the spring.

When you're in the clubroom or the indoor range, you're welcome to turn the heat up if you're cold. If you're the last person to leave the building, please turn both thermostats back to 58 degrees. Also turn off all the lights. It's to everyone's benefit to keep the utility bills as low as possible.

Always turn the ventilation fan on when shooting indoors to limit the amount of fumes and gun-powder particles you inhale (the switch has a note below it that says "ALWAYS TURN ON"). This is very important for your health, especially if you shoot a lot. I've been told by some members that running the fan makes the indoor range cold. If you're cold, turn the heat up but leave the fan on while you're shooting. Yes, we want to keep the heat bill down, but not at the cost of member safety.

Member safety is the number one factor used to determine what types of targets are allowed on both the indoor and outdoor ranges and how far away from the shooter the targets should be placed. Indoor targets should be no bigger than 18" x 18" and need to be run out to at least 33' (above the stripe on the floor) for handguns and all the way back for rifles. When you shoot at closer targets or bigger targets, your rounds will hit farther down the backstop. The farther down the backstop a bullet hits, the more likely some or all of the lead will come flying back at you.

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Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club

2015/2016 Match Schedule

www.waterloorpc.com

Indoor Silhouette (Chuck & Kristi Ward - 315-709-9914 or
chuckacp45@hotmail.com)

3rd Saturday of the month; January - April @ 4pm - 8 pm

Sporterifle (Paul Dewa - pdewa@rochester.rr.com or
rdewa@rochester.rr.com)

every Tuesday & Friday of the month; September - March @ 7pm

Outdoor Silhouette (Mark Barrett - 315-398-9104)

3rd Sunday of the month; May - September (October - weather permitting)
@ 9am - approx. 1pm

Club Defensive Handgun (Rick Olson - rick-olson@hotmail.com)

4th Sunday of the month @ 10am (indoors & outdoors)

Fun Shoot (Al Roher - al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us)

On Hiatus!

IDPA (Dave Lockett - dlockett357@yahoo.com)

2nd Saturday of the month @ 10am (indoors & outdoors)

Bulls-eye Pistol (Al Hermann - 607-341-5338)

every Thursday of the month; October - March @ 7pm

Tactical/Fast Action (Art Pluretti - free2glock@yahoo.com)

1st Sunday of the month; May - October @ 9am

ALL MATCHES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Come Out and Join Us!

Clip & Save

Sporterifle

by Paul & Renate Dewa

As I write this, the Sporterifle season is coming to a close. We again have four teams competing this year; Red (our most experienced shooters), White (new and improving shooters), a Ladies team and a Youth team. The Ladies team had many new shooters join this year, but we can always use more. The Youth team also added a number of new shooters and as usual we can always use more. It has been wonderful to see a new generation of youth shooters come to the team mentored by their moms, dads and grandfathers who are wonderful shooters. Many of our traditional shooters returned for another season.

Currently, our White Team is tied with Victor for 1st place. Both teams have won 14 matches and only lost one. Victor's average is less than 1 point higher than the White team average. Our Red Team is in 2nd place with 11 wins and 4 losses. Behind Binghamton who has 13 wins and 2 losses. While the Red Team may be in 2nd, their average is only .2 point lower than Binghamton.

The regular season will finish in mid-March, but we plan to continue to practice on Tuesday and Friday nights up to the Shoot-off. This year we will be one of the clubs hosting the Central/Western New York State Shoot-off on March 20th. Volunteers for the Shoot-off are always needed. So, if you can help out for a couple of hours or for the day, please contact Paul Dewa at pdewa@rochester.rr.com or rdewa@rochester.rr.com.

If you are thinking about joining us, or bringing your family out for an evening of good shooting and good conversation next year, please feel free to visit on Tuesday or Friday evenings before March 20th or contact me in August so we can hit the ground running when the season starts in mid-September.

As a team member or a solo shooter the equipment requirements are quite modest. For team members a .22 long rifle with a scope limited to 7.5 lbs. or

using iron sights the rifle is unlimited in weight. As a solo competitor, you shoot a rifle with iron sights that needs to weigh less than 7.5 lbs.

Sporterifle was a great success this year due to the efforts of many volunteers, especially Ron Brink, Al Roher, and Rob Lichak.

IDPA/ Defensive Handgun

by Dave Lockett and Rick Olson

This year IDPA and Defensive Handgun will have a 4th shooting outdoor bay. We want to thank Mark and David Smith for the excellent work that they did on the ranges.

New for this year we will try adding a new class "NOT FOR COMPETITION". This will allow shooters to use cartridges smaller than 9mm, carry optics, activated lasers, non-illuminated mounted lights, and other pistols that do not fit in other divisions. All other IDPA rules apply such as holsters, loading devices and placement on the body.

The January IDPA shoot had 22 shooters shooting 4 stages and Defensive Handgun had 13 shooters shooting 6 stages. When time allows we will try to shoot 6 stages to give shooters their moneys worth.

The next IDPA shoot will be on February 13th and Defensive Handgun will be on February 28th.

Fast Action/Tactical

by Art Pluretti

The 2016 match schedule will be - May 1st, June 5th, July 10th (2nd Sunday due to Holiday weekend), Aug 7th, September 11th (2nd Sunday due to Holiday weekend), and October 3rd. Matches begin at 9am and registration ends at 1pm.

Club Logo Wear

Embroidered shirts, jackets and sweatshirts are available for purchase. Ballcaps are here!
Ron Pesta, Club member and owner of Eagle Graphics Custom Embroidery is taking orders. Show your support for the Club and place your order today. Remember, a portion of the cost for each item is donated back to the Club.

A minimum of 12 pieces are needed to place an order (cost effective). Contact your shooting buddies/partners and get an order together.

Polo Shirts (50/50 or 100% cotton) **HOT ITEM!!!**
Colors - white, black, ash, forest green, maize, maroon, navy red & royal blue
S - 3XL - \$20.00

Sweatshirts (90/10)
Colors - ash, black, forest green, navy & royal blue
S - 3XL - \$25.00 (larger logo, one color - add \$18.00)

Hooded Sweatshirts (90/10)
Colors - ash, black, forest green, navy & royal blue
S - 3XL - \$30.00 (larger logo, one color - add \$18.00)

1/4 zip Fleece Pullover (100% poly)
Colors - charcoal, black, forest green, navy, royal blue, orange, red, carolina blue
S - 2XL - \$32.00 3XL - \$34.00 4XL - \$35.00

Full zip Fleece (100% poly)
Colors - charcoal, black, forest green, navy, red, grey
S - 2XL - \$35.00 3XL - \$36.00 4XL - \$37.00

3-Season Jacket **HOT ITEM!!!**
Colors - black, forest green, navy, red, royal,
S - XL \$52.00 2XL - \$54.00 3XL - \$58.00 4XL - \$60.00
Large full color embroidered logo on back - add \$45.00

Place your order by:

- filling out the order sheet at the Clubhouse
- call/ fax Ron at 315-781-1953 (Eagle Graphics)
- email info@eaglegraphicsembroidery.com
- or visit his website at eaglegraphicsembroidery.com.

Be proud of your Club, wear the logo!

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To see how distance from the firing line affects the path of a bullet, try this trick that Kris Whiteleather showed me: cut the bulls-eye out of a target and look through the hole as you roll the target away from you.

Only two types of targets are allowed on the outdoor ranges: paper and solid steel. Glass bottles, plastic jugs, aerosol cans, wooden boxes, and clay pigeons are some of the items that have been found littering the outdoor ranges in the past. Not only can these things be dangerous to shoot at, they can also be dangerous to the conscientious members who clean up the garbage left lying all over the ground. We all swore to respect club property when we took the membership oath. If you dishonor the oath, you dishonor yourself and the club.

If you have questions, comments, complaints, compliments, ideas, or anything else you want to communicate, call me at (315) 651-8752 or email me at vicki.porter@carrier.utc.com. Your input can help make a really good gun club even better!

The Lighter Side...

A little boy got lost at the "Y" and found himself in the women's locker room.

When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"