



# WRPC News

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## Stability of Safety Rules

Although many rules governing Club activities have been voted on over the years, they have never been systematically written down. There came a point where no one could verify what the actual rules were for the range being used. This resulted in instances of hearsay, inconsistency and believe it or not - disagreement. Common sense dictates that safe firearm handling by any organization requires rules everyone knows, understands and agrees upon.

To rectify this problem, Lon Snook first undertook the task of writing a set of range rules and he deserves a lot of credit for taking the first concrete step and getting the Club started on this project. The rules were worked on by the Board of Directors and eventually passed on to a committee chaired by Scott Bourgeois. Through a combination of hard work and admirable patience, Scott shepherded the document through editing and re-writes. His committee passed the rules back to the BOD which began working through them and accepted about 2/3 of the document last month. The Board should finish its work at the February meeting and the rules should be ready to present to the membership a week later. You, the members will have the final say on ratification.

Having set this background, we would like to make a few points concerning the issue. First, the rules won't go into effect until they are ratified by the membership. At this point they will be published and sent to all members. Second, it will be proposed that these written rules supercede and nullify all previous unwritten range rules. This means that if it is not written down and ratified - it is not a rule. Members will have the opportunity to bring any rules that may have been missed to the BOD for consideration, but no member will be allowed to enforce a rule that is not in the book. Third, the Board has made every effort to make the rules as clear and brief as possible. Most of the rules will be very familiar to you.

There is probably only one rule which is actually new as far as we can tell and it concerns concealed carry in the Clubhouse. Up until now, depending on who you spoke with; this was a grey area.

*see rules on pg 2*

*rules from pg 1*

The rule is simply this: members are allowed to carry concealed in the Clubhouse. However, no member may ever withdraw a firearm from concealment in the Clubhouse except in actual self defense (which has never happened in the history of WRPC).

To elaborate, this rule applies only to LOADED CONCEALED firearms. It does not apply to the normal handling of unloaded firearms intended to be used on the indoor range for Sporterifle, Bullseye, target practice, etc.

The BOD feels that it would be hypocritical for our members to be allowed to carry a concealed weapon in a grocery store or restaurant but not our own Clubhouse. If you bring a loaded concealed firearm into the Clubhouse and wish to show it to a companion or handle it for any reason; you **MUST** go into the range area, unload the firearm at the bench observing the standard safety protocol. That is, you must handle the firearm in the same manner as any firearm which is being loaded, unloaded or fired on the firing line. Any member who handles a loaded firearm in the Clubhouse (even if that handling is the act of unloading) will most certainly lose their membership.

For purposes of this rule, the term Clubhouse means the front room of the building where the desks and tables are located and the term range means the rear of the building where the shooting bench and backstop are located.

It is very important that every member understand this rule completely. If anyone has any questions about its meaning, please contact any member of the BOD.

Don Valerio &  
the Board of Directors

## **Theft at the Club**

As many, if not most of you probably know there recently was a minor theft of money from the

Sporterifle drawer. This past fall, planks, 4x4, 6x6 used lumber the Club had procured from a member had been stolen from the property. Also missing are a couple of pails of expended .22 cartridges from the indoor range. One of the results of these incidents was a broad ranging discussion of the subject at the last general meeting. The issue of theft had come up previously at Board meetings as well as general meetings. We'd like to call attention to a few major points on the subject on which several members seem to be in agreement.

*First:* We all hate theft and have very little/no tolerance for it. The final disposition of the membership of anyone caught stealing Club or another member's property is up to the Board of Directors. But it seems likely that any thief would be allowed to remain a member of the Club.

On the other hand, the vast majority of our members are honest. Valuable property gets left around the Club all the time and remains undisturbed. For instance, last summer we had personal tools and building materials on the indoor range for months and nothing disappeared. The previous summer saw the construction of the new backstop. Expensive welding and metal working equipment, tractors, and personal tools once again were not disturbed, So, we shouldn't jump to the conclusion that we have a thievery crisis.

*Second:* While there have been incidents of stealing at the Club, they have been minor. The Sporterifle theft amount was \$18. Simple math demonstrates that members sometimes take soda or water from the refrigerator without paying for it. It is entirely possible that some members forget to pay the range fee when using the indoor range and/or fail to log in. The word "minor" is to describe this egregious and unacceptable behavior because it does not materially affect the operations of the Club. These incidents are annoying, but they do not prevent the Club from paying its bills or conducting shooting programs. However, over time they **DO ADD UP!**

*(see theft on pg 4)*

# Clubhouse Expansion Questionnaire

We need your input! Our Club Treasurer James Watson has taken on the role of Chairperson of the Building Committee. His letter and questionnaire follow -

Dear WRPC Members,

With increased membership, a small meeting room and a traffic jam in the Clubhouse when raffle tickets are turned in or when an election takes place, or standing room only when Hunter Safety classes are taught; it seems reasonable to say that WRPC has kind of outgrown its present size requirements.

Do we leave the meeting room as is? Do we expand it? Do we build a separate building to be used as a meeting room/classroom?

An addition would cost around \$15,000 - \$18,000, a pole barn (36' x 48') with poured concrete floor, steel skin and a 5/12 pitch roof would run about \$25,000. (Plumbing, heating, ac, finishing the interior would be additional.)

Please answer the following questions, clip out and send to James Watson 0528 Waterloo-Geneva Road Waterloo, NY 13165 or email your responses to [jcwatson@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcwatson@rochester.rr.com).

Please have the courtesy of responding NLT March 15th. Your input is valued - Thanks in advance!

Sincerely,  
James C. Watson

----- *Clip & Mail* -----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Do we actually need additional space? Y / N

If yes, what is/are your idea(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What will the primary use of that space be used for?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If this space is strictly for monthly meetings, classes is it cost effective?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What other uses? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Can the same amount of funds be better used on improving rang facilities? How?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This is YOUR club, what are your priorities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(Theft from pg 2)*

*Third:* The question of security cameras was again discussed, and as before, the consensus was that cameras are an expensive solution to a trivial problem. Do we really need to catch someone stealing a can of soda that badly? Our members have shown themselves to be honest. The vast majority of the soda, water and range fees gets paid for and everyone's property gets left alone. Do we want to put our members on camera and treat them like we don't trust them when they have shown themselves trustworthy?

*Fourth:* None of this is meant to appear to condone petty theft. This is an age old problem; luckily for us here at WRPC it's a minor problem. We have discussed and gone over this before and reached the same conclusion. We can make access more difficult or complicated, we can place our members under surveillance, we can question people; but all of these "solutions" would in one way or another create a greater problem than the one we're trying to solve.

We have a lot of people going in and out of the Club all the time. We ask that everyone be observant. Even though theft is rare, anyone stealing runs a significant risk of being caught. If that day ever comes, WRPC will know what to do!

Finally, Dick Eaton and Mark DeRuyter have put up a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) who stole the money from Sporterifle.

## **Carpenters, Painters, Shovelers and Others**

We are now well into all of our indoor shooting activities, but it is time to start thinking about this coming spring projects. We have many new members and one comment we always hear is "How can I get involved in work parties at the Club?"

Up until now we really haven't had a very effec-

tive means of communicating our work needs to the members in general. We will try to remedy that in this issue of the newsletter.

**CARPENTERS:** We have made some physical changes to the indoor range with the new back-stop and ventilation system. Both of these are working well, but those changes made have contributed to an increase in noise levels escaping the building. The ventilation system required a large opening in the front of the building and another directly over the shooters. In addition, the back-stop is an inclined steel surface which effectively reflects sound upward and backward toward these openings. It will be necessary to install some sort of baffle system of sound absorbing material in the attic if we wish to continue to remain on good terms with our neighbors. It would also be a good idea to do some insulating for both noise reduction and heat retention. This job will require members with basic carpentry skills and tools.

**PAINTERS:** This spring we need to scrape and paint the outside of the building. If we can get enough members working on this project, we can probably get it completed in a weekend (maybe two).

**SHOVELERS:** We still have a large pile of wood chips by the gate to the outdoor ranges. These need to get transferred to the berms on the Tactical and Pistol ranges. For this endeavor we need members with shovels, rakes, and pickup trucks or trailers. This is great exercise and will make the berms much better for absorbing bullets with a thick layer of wood chips.

**OTHERS:** If you have any interest in working at a shooting event as a range officer (need to be certified), registrar, target scorer, etc. please contact the Director of that shooting activity. All Directors are now listed in the newsletter and at the Clubhouse (inside & outside).

With the gun raffle in full swing, we need vol-

*(see carpenters on pg 8)*

# Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club

## 2010/2011 Match Schedule

[www.waterloorpc.com](http://www.waterloorpc.com)

*Indoor Silhouette*

Jan 16th, Feb 20th, Mar 20th, Apr 17th @ 9am

*Sporter Rifle (Dick Eaton - [eaton@frontiernet.net](mailto:eaton@frontiernet.net))*

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

*Outdoor Silhouette (Ron Pesta - [rpesta@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rpesta@rochester.rr.com))*

May 15th, Jun 19th, Jul 17th, Aug 21st, Sep 18th @ 9am

*Club Defensive Handgun Al Rohrer - [al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us](mailto:al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us))*

(future dates to be determined)

*Fun Shoot (Al Rohrer - [al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us](mailto:al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us))*

Jan 2nd, Feb 6th, Mar 6th, Apr 3rd @ 9am

*IDPA (Scott Bourgeois - [momndad@rochester.rr.com](mailto:momndad@rochester.rr.com))*

Feb 12th, Mar 12th, Apr 9th, May 14th, Jun 11th, Jul 9th, Aug 13th,  
Sep 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 10th  
(2nd Saturday of the month) @ 10am

*Bulls--eye Pistol (Bob Stevens - [rgsarch@gmail.com](mailto:rgsarch@gmail.com))*

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

*Tactical/Fast action (Art Pluretti - [free2glock@yahoo.com](mailto:free2glock@yahoo.com))*

May 1st, Jun 5th, Jul 3rd, Aug 7th, Sept 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th @ 9am

*Come Out and Join Us!*

Clip & Save

## **IDPA**

Our first year of IDPA is now in the record books! Our Director Scott Bourgeois would like to thank all of those who contributed their talent and time in making this inaugural year a success: Lon and Carol Snook, Chuck and Kathy Irland, Cathy Bourgeois, Gil Marshall, Al Roher and Dave Lockett.

Congratulations to all who participated. Please check the website for 2010 results. Our 2011 schedule can be found on page 5.

In addition to the posted schedule, we also have practice sessions to cover the basics and shoot some simple stages. These sessions are open to the public so come on down and get warmed up for the upcoming matches.

Our indoor practice sessions are held on Monday nights at 6:30 (except 1st & last Mondays). The outdoor sessions are held every Tuesday night at 6:30. Be sure to check the calendar on the website for specific dates.

Award requirements for this year will be in keeping with the BOD of IDPA:

- Competitors must be IDPA members
- Non-IDPA members will be recognized
- Competitors must attend a minimum of 4 matches in any given year
- The best 4 match scores will be used
- Competitors must have a current classification of Novice or higher.

We hope to see everyone out on the range this year along with some new faces!

## **Fun Shoot**

Fun Shoots are happening on the first Sundays of the month through April (see shooting schedule on pg 5). Eligible firearms are .22 cal rifles and carbines, .22 cal handguns and centerfire handguns (no magnums, stingers, or .17 HMR allowed) with muzzle velocities of 1500 fps or less.

Registration begins at 8:30am with shooting at 9am. Various targets are used with 1st & 2nd places winning a couple of bucks and "bragging rights". This is fun, yet competitive with shooters coming from Rushville, Clyde, Newark and other shooting capitals of the Finger Lakes.

Questions? Contact Al Roher at [al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us](mailto:al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us).

## **Newsletter & Website**

You pay your dues so this is YOUR club - YOUR content!

As editor of the newsletter, Ron Pesta hopes that the product you receive is what you need. There has been some discussion as to whether or not to continue a hard copy of the newsletter (mail out) or just post it on the website. Let him know by emailing [rpesta@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rpesta@rochester.rr.com).

Do you use the website? You should. Is it what you need? As webmaster, Lon Snook is the person to contact by emailing [info@waterloorpc.com](mailto:info@waterloorpc.com).

## **Anniversary Celebration**

My, how time flies! This year, WRPC is 75 years young. Did you realize that we have never had a firearms related accident in all this time - what a milestone!

We are kicking around some ideas on how to celebrate, but we need YOUR help. Cheryl D'Amico has stepped-up to gather ideas and head a committee to organize events. Got any ideas/ want to help? Contact Cheryl at [cld322@yahoo.com](mailto:cld322@yahoo.com) or leave a message for her at the Clubhouse (315-539-3361) or call Don Valerio at 585-526-5561.

## Club Logo Wear

Embroidered shirts, jackets and sweatshirts are available for purchase. Ballcaps are coming soon. 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 - XL \$21.00      2XL & 3XL - \$23.00

Sweatshirts (90/10)  
Colors - ash, black, forest green, navy & royal blue  
S - XL \$22.50      2XL & 3XL - \$25.50

Hooded Sweatshirts (90/10)  
Colors - ash, black, forest green, navy & royal blue  
S - XL \$28.00      2XL & 3XL - \$30.00

1/4 zip Fleece Pullover (100% poly)  
Colors - charcoal, black, forest green, navy, royal blue, orange, red, carolina blue  
S - XL \$31.00      2XL - \$32.00      3XL - \$34.00      4XL - \$35.00

Full zip Fleece (100% poly)  
Colors - charcoal, black, forest green, navy, red, grey  
S - XL \$32.00      2XL - \$35.00      3XL - \$36.00      4XL - \$37.00

3-Season Jackets      **HOT ITEM!!!**  
Colors - black, forest green, navy, red, royal,  
S - XL \$52.00      2XL - \$54.00      3XL - \$58.00      4XL - \$60.00

Place your order by:

- filling out the order sheet at the Clubhouse
- call/fax Ron at 315-781-1953 (Eagle Graphics)
- email [rpesta@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rpesta@rochester.rr.com)
- or visit his website at [eaglegraphicsembroidery.com](http://eaglegraphicsembroidery.com).

**Be proud of your Club, wear the logo!**

*(Carpenters from pg 4)*

unteers to help work the tables at our commercial venues. Jim Daddona will be soliciting volunteers to help sell tickets wherever we can schedule a location. Volunteering for commercial ticket sales counts as work party time (including travel time to & from sites). Contact Jim at 315-789-5870.

If you have any interest in getting some work parties in thus reducing your dues and helping with any of these projects please contact Don (585-526-5561)donval@rochester.rr.com) or Ron (315-781-1782/315-719-2453(c)/rpesta@rochester.rr.com). We will place you on a call list and when we have the dates and details of the projects we will contact you well in advance.

## **Basic Handgun Course**

Interested? This course will be offered on Saturday, March 26th from 8am to 5pm. The cost is \$75 and you must be registered by March 11th. Pre-registration is required! You must have a valid NYS Pistol License.

This course is designed to provide handgun shooters with the basic knowledge and skills for safe and successful use of handguns. Course materials have been developed by the NRA - the foremost firearm training organization in the U.S.

Questions? Contact Giliene Marshall at [giliene@yahoo.com](mailto:giliene@yahoo.com)

## **For Women Only**

An Instructional Firearms Clinic focusing on firearms safety and marksmanship will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 8am - 5pm. The cost is \$25. Lunch, refreshments, eye & ear protection, firearms, ammo and personal instruction will be provided by outstanding volunteers.

Registration deadline is April 22nd. Space is limited - call Giliene Marshall at 315-521-6701 **NOW** to register and for any questions you may have.