



# WRPC News

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## Winter Doldrums

by Al Roher & Ron Pesta

Spring is coming. No it's true, the calendar says it's arriving March 19th. The little furry fellow down in Punxsatawney, Pa. said it will be here earlier than that. What nobody knows is, will winter ever stop? Hence the safety part of the Spring Newsletter to WRPC members. Right now you'll see ice melter in it's many forms start being placed on sale by the big box stores, and it's the time to buy for 2 reasons - 1. It's on sale 2). We still need it to keep upright on icy walks and driveways. So get out there and buy Ice Melter in your favorite composition. If we all buy big, as in lots of it, Spring is sure to come earlier than normal to make us all look like fools for buying so much anti-slip material this late in the winter.

Now with Spring's arrival, it means spring cleanup around your yard at home and even cleanup around your home away from home, Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club. Shoot Directors that use the various outdoor ranges will be organizing work parties to clean up debris from Mother Nature as well as debris we just don't need this year that was left over from last year. Broken, non-fixable tables, broken or rotted spools, trimmings from the sides of berms at the pistol range and the rifle range. Remember only trim the sides, never the tops of the berms. We need the foliage up top for noise abatement, possible flying brass, or maybe an odd (very odd) ricochet that wasn't caught by the copious amounts of wood chips at the back of the berms.

Speaking of which, we should apply more wood chips to the berms from the never ending pile at the back of the parking lot. One other idea to make the ranges look better is one to steal from Art Pluretti and that's the use of paint to brighten up and lend color to the ranges. As Art paints his steel plate racks, so could we paint the target stands a contrasting bright color to the orange snow fence used by Bob Lannon to hang targets on. Maybe even paint some of the structures to look newer and brighter at the down back ranges.

When the Board decided it was time for a facelift on the bunker-like looking club house and in door range, the new paint along with the new steel roof really upgraded the look of our home away from home. We could and probably should paint the hitching post safety rails out front of the

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Clubhouse, preferably something really bright, yet tasteful, to keep people from making contact with vehicles. Just remember we have to do all this work SAFELY. Any other ideas from members on the upkeep of the club are always welcome and will be discussed...usually at length.

All members should have received your raffle packet by now. As an email sent a couple of weeks ago explained, a small glitch caused the delay in mailing. As the accompanying letter explained individually we are responsible for the tickets. If you don't return the stubs with money / check / m.o. or the tickets unsold... YOU are responsible for the five (5) books of tickets. That cost will be added to your dues for next year. The BoD asks that after you sell/buy your initial allotment, turn in your stubs & money and please ask for more tickets... they sell themselves!

Don't forget to reduce your dues by volunteering for "corporate sales"...contact Greg Tackett at 315-729-2616.

## **Tactical Match**

*by Art Pluretti*

2020 Tactical / Fast Action Match Schedule:

Sunday May 3rd: 22lr rifles(10/22, etc)

Sunday June 7th: CF semi-auto pistols

Sunday July 5th: Pistol caliber carbines

Sunday Aug. 2nd: 22lr pump/lever rifles

Sunday September 6th : Revolvers

Sunday October 4th: Optic semi-auto pistols for Zombie hunting!!

All matches start @ 9am rain or shine. The above firearms are the challenge guns of the month. You can bring them and any others you wish to shoot! \$5.00 per firearm to shoot the match. (3 stages)

## **Sporterifle**

*by Paul Dewa*

The New York State Sporterifle season is nearing its end. We will finish the regular season in early March but plan to continue to practice on Tuesday and Friday nights up to the shoot off. On March 29 WRPC will host the Central/Western New York State shoot off from 9:00AM 'til 6:00PM. We will close the range Saturday March 28 around 6:00PM to enable us to prepare for the shoot off. The shoot off is an opportunity to collect work party credit hours. We need people to check in competitors, weigh rifles for compliance, act as range officers, and score hundreds of targets. Contact me if you are interested in helping us. We appreciate the flexibility of the Defensive Handgun director for moving their March shoot to accommodate Sporterifle.

If you are thinking about joining us next year, or bringing your family out for an evening of good shooting and good conversation, please contact me in August so we can hit the ground running when the season starts in mid-September. The equipment requirements are quite modest: a 0.22LR rifle with scope that weighs less than 7.5 lbs or with iron sights and unlimited weight. The challenge is as always: offhand shooting at a 10 ring that is 0.400-inch diameter from 50 feet. Then doing that 30 times each competition. No slings or shooting jacket are allowed. The equipment is simple, the cost is minimal but you will become a better rifle shooter over the season.

## **2nd Amendment News**

*by Ron Pesta*

Hopefully you have been reading the emails I have sent out or forwarded to you concerning our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. If you haven't been paying attention... it's getting worse nationwide. New York, Virginia, Utah, and California are leading the anti-2A fight.

As I write this article (2/17/20), the Virginia Senate Judiciary Committee voted to reject HB961. This bill (if passed) would have banned standard capacity magazines, future dales of suppressors and commonly-owned firearms. A big THANK YOU to the NRA and gun owners who fought tirelessly to defeat this anti-American legislation.

NY has legislation in both houses that if passed will require gun owners to show proof of a full mental exam for eah firearm they wish to purchaes.

If you sit back doing nothing thinking someone else will handle the problem... you're part of the problem! You should be contacting your legislators (both state and federal) by phone, mail and or email or better yet show up at the local office and talk to them. Let them know how you stand on the issues. Believe it or not, it works.

This is an election year, here in NewYork State many legislators who are 2A supporters are not seeking re-election. In other states, Michael Bloomberg is spending billions (yes, with a "b") not only for his presidential run but helping like-minded politicians get elected in other states (Va. Governor for example).

I believe the choices we have have are to move out of state, get rid of our firearms, or take a stand. The question is... what are you going to do?

## Women on Target

*by Al Roher*

For women only. The firearms used are limited to long guns (rifles & shotguns). No handguns.

Save the date - Saturday May 2nd, 8am to 5PM, Participant Fee \$75. Limited to the first 20 women to sign up.

Everything is provided to the participants that

is needed to safely attend this seminar. Eye and ear protection, as well as continental breakfast (Danish, doughnuts, fruit, juices, coffee etc) and also lunch fare, yet to be determined. Participants should dress accordingly, including a baseball style hat.

If any member has a female family member, relative, or neighbor that might be interested have them call/text Gilienne Roher at 315-521-6701 (after 6pm). Remember, this seminar fills quickly - sign up early!

## Sporterifle

*by Paul Dewa*

Our last match had five new shooters that had never shot International Defensive Pistol ( IDPA ). Two of them at 9:50am. A safety briefing at 9:55! We went over their equipment with them and checked their guns to see what division they would be shooting in. That is determined by pistol or revolver, barrel length, (pistols can't be more than five inches, revolvers no more than four and a quarter inches). Also the amount of ammunition the gun holds determines the division. This way you shoot against the same type of gun you are using. You will need magazines, at least three, four is better. Speed loaders or moon clips if your shooting a revolver.

You need a holster that will cover the trigger guard, no shoulder holsters, cross draw, or rearward facing holsters. You need magazine holders or holders for speed loaders or moon clips. We've had people just put their magazines in their pockets to start and that's okay too. You'll need a belt to hang all that stuff on. A cover garment (a light jacket, shirt, or vest to conceal your gun). You will also need safety glasses and hearing protection.

IDPA signifies everyday concealed carry. It is intended to make it so you can shoot the gun you would carry for self defense or a gun that you already own. They don't want you to have to spend a lot of money to be able to shoot a match. Although you can spend a lot of money on it if you choose too.

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We gave the new shooters a cram course on the shooting rules, scoring, and safety. Because there is a safety officer with the shooter when they shoot they were able to safely shoot their first match. We told them that all the people at the match were polite, knowledgeable and willing to help them and at one time we were in their shoes shooting their first match.

All in all, they did real well. One competitor shot his son's gun; one he had never shot before. Another shooter told me he had a few penalties. That's how we learn sometimes. I think they had a good time and I bet they caught the shooting fever!

## **FL Friends of the NRA**

*by Ron Pesta*

On Sunday, April 5th at the Harbor Hotel, 16 N. Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY beginning at 3pm; the FL FNRA will be holding the 27th Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction.

Basic Package - \$50

Big Shooter package - \$140

Big Shooter Table Gun Package - \$1600

No walk-ins allowed - No exceptions!

Interested? Need more info? Email [flfriendsnra@gmail.com](mailto:flfriendsnra@gmail.com) or call Kayla (after 6pm) 607-351-1382.

This is a great event... wall of guns, strips of tickets, reasonably priced.