



WRPC News

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Stepping Down

This will be the last newsletter for which I will be a major contributor as my term as President of WRPC expires this December.

There is one main message I would like to convey to you upon leaving the office and it is based on the experience I have gained performing these duties. It is simply this: everyone who wants to have a place to shoot also needs to be ready to assume part of the responsibility for all the work that needs to be done to operate this organization. The members of WRPC have been outstanding at assuming this responsibility; but this message, like the safety message, bears repeating over and over again. Even though we pay dues, we are still essentially a volunteer organization. No one gets paid to run our matches, run our meetings, do the maintenance, raise money, run our programs, or build new/repair existing facilities. All these jobs need to get done in order to keep the Club running. So please keep it in mind that this is not a country club where people actually get paid to maintain the putting greens and keep the rough trimmed and the flowers and trees trimmed. Everything that needs to be done here at WRPC has to be accomplished by us - THE MEMBERS. Everyone who is a shooter has to become a worker at some point. It is this attitude of participation that has, and will continue to keep WRPC strong and healthy.

Now, with that said, I would like to take a few lines and make a few personal notes. First, even though I have run virtually every meeting for the past eight years of so, you won't be seeing me at meetings. This isn't because of any kind of dissatisfaction with the Club, but because of my schedule. I work evenings, my fiance, Heidi, works overnights. Our evenings together are rare and we only have a few per month. The two evenings per month required for Board and Member Meetings cut into that small number considerably. I will still be around for a variety of activities at the Club, but my greatest and most flexible availability will be mornings. I plan to remain active in events that don't require a long term commitment. These include: veterans air rifle, the youth program and the military shoots. I also look forward to attending many Club matches as a competitor. I'll also be around from time to time working with Bill Dadson and Ron Pesta on one project or another. The indoor range will require lead removal

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from the "pipe" and the bottom of the the backstop. Also, giving up my responsibilities will afford me more time to pursue another strong interest which is bullet casting and reloading for vintage military rifles.

I'm not going to attempt to list all the changes, upgrades and successful projects that have been accomplished over the last several years. I will point out that last year this Club held its most successful fundraiser - ever! Over 90% of our members participated. Also, with the Club at its largest membership to date, over 90% paid their dues on time. In my opinion, these two statistics indicate that membership morale and participation are at an outstanding level. I would like to think members believe they have been well served by the leadership. I have always considered my job description to be to serve the membership and lead this organization in a positive direction. I take great satisfaction in the simple belief of - mission accomplished.

On the other hand, almost nothing gets done at the Club by the efforts a single individual. By far, my greatest enjoyment has derived from getting to know and collaborate with the members. I'm not from this immediate area, but it never takes long for gun enthusiasts to start talking and become friendly. I have found the members of WRPC, even the ol' timers, to be very welcoming to the new guy/gal. Now ten years later, I think of this Club more as an extended family than an organization.

We all like guns and shooting and I have never outgrown my childhood fascination with them. This Club, being a place to shoot, has become an extension of that fascination. Working at the Club along with other enthusiasts and experiencing our many successes has been deeply fulfilling to me. I have loved watching the Club and its programs grow and reach ever increasing numbers of shooters and community members. I have been privileged to meet and work with dozens of members over the years, but there is a small number who

have been especially helpful to me personally. They have provided advice, support, cooperation and most of all - plain old fashioned help. They are Bob Stevens, Bill Dadson, Mark DeRuyter, Jim Daddona, Ron Pesta, and my original partner - Lon Snook.

That brings me full circle to the beginning of this message: at some point and in some way every-one needs to step up and work for the Club. The more people who help out, the less work there is for each. I strongly feel I have fulfilled my work obligation to the Club for a while and I look forward to passing the majority of my responsibilities on to others who are willing and prepared to assume them.

It has been great working with you and serving you.

Highest Regards,
Don Valerio
WRPC President

Club Elections

Club elections will be held at the December meeting. As in the past, a nominating committee has been formed to solicit candidates. Since the Club has been publishing a regular newsletter, notification has been given to members via these pages. Anyone in good standing can run for any office they wish, either as a Club Officer or as a Board Member At-Large. At this time, it is known that the offices of President and Vice President will be vacant. The current Vice President, Ron Pesta will be running for President.

Anyone who wishes to run for office must contact Bob Stevens at 315-539-2819 prior to the November meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at this meeting. According to the by-laws, no nominations can be accepted after the November meeting.

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Sheriff's Department

Representatives of the Seneca County Sheriff's Department approached WRPC and asked for permission to use our range facilities for bi-annual qualifications of the deputies. They submitted a written proposal to the Board outlining their specific needs and the experience and credentials of their training officers. Representatives of our Club then met with the training officers on two occasions to "work out the details." After these meetings, the Board was satisfied in the Sheriff Department's ability to safely and independently conduct training exercises on Club property. The Board voted to allow an arrangement and this was subsequently ratified by the members at the September general meeting. WRPC has and is currently used by the Waterloo Police Department for their qualifications.

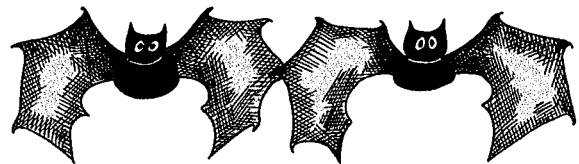
The Board feels that a relationship between WRPC and the Sheriff's Department would be beneficial to both organizations for three main reasons. First, there is great support among the membership for supporting local law enforcement. Second, having these officers use our Club for training would provide a benefit to the community and would raise the Club's standing in the community. Finally, it's just plain common sense to have a good relationship with the local deputies.

According to what has been discussed, the department will conduct most of their training outdoors on the silhouette range for one week during the spring and one week in the fall. They are also very eager to use our indoor range for low light exercises. Until they have actually conducted a week of qualification, there is no way to assess exactly how much indoor range time is required. The Department has asked for the week of October 3rd through 7th for training. They have asked to reserve the indoor range for all times that are not currently scheduled for Club use. Scheduled Club events include Meeting night, Sporterifle Tuesday and Friday nights and Thursday morning, member shoot Wednesday night, Bullseye Thursday

night, and Veterans air rifle Tuesday morning. To repeat, all Club events will be held as scheduled for that week.

This training week will have already taken place by the time this newsletter is printed and distributed. We apologize to all who may have been inconvenienced by the Sheriff's Department indoor range usage for that time period. That week will be considered a trial and we will know more by week's end and will adjust scheduling as needed in the future to minimize any impact on members' Club usage.

We believe the best plan is to be flexible and allow the Sheriff's Department to do whatever is necessary for this first week, then assess the impact and make the necessary adjustments afterward. As this is written the last week of September, we are going to ask the members to be patient during this time and understand that we are trying to forge what we believe is an important and beneficial relationship for our Club.



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**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**

Defensive Handgun

We are having a great season. Matches are held on the 4th Sunday monthly beginning at 10am. Due to weather changes our matches will move indoors for slightly more comfort from November through the spring.

Practice makes us better as evidenced by improvement in both speed and accuracy by some of our newer shooters.

Want to give it a try? You'll need eye and hearing protection, a large bore handgun, holster that covers the trigger, a couple of magazines and a mag pouch.

Matches are kept simple to encourage new shooters. Check it out - you might like it!

Sporterifle in Full Swing

The Board of Directors would like to announce Aaron Smith has accepted the position of Sporterifle Director for the 2011/12 season and hopefully many more. Aaron is a relatively new member, but has shown interest and enthusiasm for the Club as well as a willingness to get actively involved. He has done a fine job coaching new shooters during both the Women On Target Program and the summer Youth Program. Arron is a lifelong shooter who has an interest in competition as well as his background as a wrestling coach. His natural ability to work with young shooters is obvious.

We all know it takes more than one person to run the Sporterifle Program. Ron Brink, Paul Dewa, and Tom Hearn will be assisting. While these four individuals make up the official team, there will be more folks helping score targets and recording scores on match nights. All helpers are welcome in Sporterifle.

Aaron, Ron, Paul, and Tom all agree on the goals

of this program. They will work to run an efficient program, make it friendly to old and new shooters and families, work to support and expand the youth team, and will bear in mind this is first and foremost a recreational league. Hopefully, by adhering to these goals, championship teams will naturally emerge.

Sporterifle is the largest program at WRPC. It traditionally has been the doorway through which the Club gains new members and introduces new members to their first taste of competitive shooting. It has a long and proud heritage at WRPC with many awards and championships.

Our shooters are off to another strong start, have been shooting for about a month and have two registered matches in place thus far.

This year, we are fortunate to have enough shooters to have successfully entered roster for four teams: Red, White, Blue (Juniors), and for the first time in a long while a Women's team that is loosely known as our Pink Ladies (no pun intended).

Although our teams are in place and the matches have begun, Director Aaron Smith encourages anyone (member or not) to come out on Tuesday and/or Friday evenings at 7pm and join Sporterifle. We can add competitors at any time and the more depth each team has, the stronger our teams become. It can't be emphasized enough how much of a team sport this is and with the team concept; it is crucial to have "subs/ 2nd stringers."

If you or anyone you know has an interest in Sporterifle, come join us. If the match dates don't fit your schedule, contact Aaron at 315-719-4386 or email aasmith@genevacsd.org.



Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club

2011/2012 Match Schedule

www.waterloorpc.com

Indoor Silhouette (Vicky Porter - 315-651-8752)

3rd Sunday of the month January - April @ 9am - 1pm

Sporterifle (Aaron Smith - aasmith@genevacsd.org)

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

Outdoor Silhouette (Tom Merkle - 585-394-8846)

3rd Sunday of the month May - September @ 9am - 1pm

Club Defensive Handgun Al Rohrer - al.roher@co.ontario.ny.us)

4th Sunday of the month January - April

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

1st Sunday of the month January - April

IDPA (Scott Bourgeois - momndad@rochester.rr.com)

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

Bulls-eye Pistol (Bob Stevens - rgsarch@gmail.com)

every Thursday of the month October - March @ 7pm

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

1st Sunday of the month May - November @ 9am

ALL MATCHES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Come Out and Join Us!

Clip & Save

Indoor Silhouette

Our 2012 season will kick off on Sunday, January 15th. There will be classes for all firearms permitted on our indoor range including Club Rifle (using pistol targets) and Just for Fun (sit and bench rest your firearms). Primary targets are \$4 with refires \$3 for adults \$2 & \$1 for juniors. Matches run from 9am - 1pm. Got questions? Call Vicki at 315-651-8752.

Help in the Kitchen

Over the past several years, our Club kitchen has been run by Tom Hearn. Tom has done a great job and is now relinquishing this responsibility with the members' thanks and appreciation. We are now putting out the call for someone to take over this job.

We are a shooting club; not a dining club, so there are actually no onerous responsibilities associated with this job. The Club has a nice, functional little kitchen and from time to time, we offer food at a variety of events. When and how this occurs is left to the discretion of the Kitchen Manager. This is a situation where a member can actually make up their own job description and get in some work party time by doing something they enjoy and is beneficial to the other members.

Past activities included coffee for general meetings, hot dogs and burgers for various matches, coffee and doughnuts for special morning events (that are few and far between). This manager maintains a small bank of approximately \$100 and simple keeps track of and expenditures for products and income from items sold. Tom says this is a easy and enjoyable job for anyone who likes to do a little light cooking (no advanced culinary skills required) and who likes to spend a little time socializing at the Club.

Anyone interested in the job can contact any member of the Board. Questions should be directed to Tom Hearn or Don Valerio.

Moving Indoors

Now that cooler weather has arrived (and soon colder weather) much of our shooting will or has moved to our indoor range. This means our utility bills will be rising. With this being said, we ask that YOU, as members of WRPC be prudent in your use of the heat and lights.

If you turn them on, turn them off and make sure if you're the last one to leave the Club, it's your responsibility to check all is secure. Remember, to turn down the thermostats to 58 degrees upon departure turn off all lights and lock the door.



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
- or visit his website at eaglegraphicsembroidery.com.

Be proud of your Club, wear the logo!

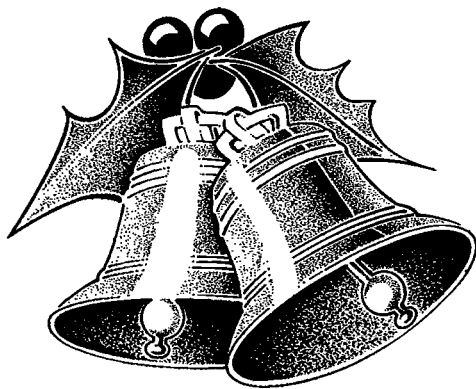
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Bob Stevens will be informed of any other vacancies among Officers and Board members if and when they occur. Anyone can contact Bob to obtain this information. Remember, anyone (in good standing) can run for any office vacant or not.

Holidays

Since our newsletters are published quarterly and span several holidays we thought we'd wish all our shooters a...

**HAPPY
HALLOTHANKSCHRISYEAR!!**



Shoot as many ghosts & goblins as allowed by law (bag limits), eat as much bird as you can (without falling asleep afterward), and don't use snowmen for targets!

Seriously though we wish you Happy Holidays and hope to see you at our shooting events or at practice. Be safe, shoot straight.

Thank You...

To all who used the enclosed letters in last quarter's newsletter to notify DEC and the State Assembly of your concerns on the archery season and bag limits for deer...

To Bob Semenza for donating a quantity of reloading equipment/supplies to the Club. Bob is not a member, but is a longtime Tactical Match shooter. Bob's goodies were taken home by another shooter that resulted in a subsequent donation of \$75 to our Club...

To member and attorney Said Ghaly for composing a new "release from liability" document for our action shooters and for providing pro bono legal advice to our Board on a wide variety of issues...

To member Al Rohr for quick action on a scrounging opportunity that netted the Club a number of always needed wooded wire spools...

To Kris Whiteleather for maintaining and repairing the air rifles used in our Veterans program. This program is important to our local Vets and these air rifles are important to our program...

To Gerry Pagano for again donating gun dealer services to our Club in procuring two new junior size bolt-action .22 rifles. These are intended to provide smaller statured Junior Sporterifle shooters and Women on Target participants a proper fit....

To all those who work behind the scenes on a daily basis.