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WRPC News

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Summer Youth Program

This year will mark the fourth consecutive season for the summer youth shooting program. Our youth program was inaugurated to allow area kids to enjoy a summer Saturday of recreational rimfire rifle plinking.

The importance of getting kids involved in shooting to the long term survival of our sport cannot be overstated. At the same time this involvement is so necessary, the shooting opportunities for kids become fewer and fewer; and the number of kids involved in shooting becomes smaller and smaller. The two main problems are a lack of places to shoot and anti-gun attitudes. The days when dads could take their kids out to a farmer's field somewhere to perforate some tin cans are pretty much gone.

At the WRPC, we believe that any kids interested in firearms and shooting should get the opportunity to try it in a safe and relaxed setting. To this end, we have set aside three Saturdays in June, the 5th, 19th and 26th (the 12th is reserved for our raffle/picnic). The sessions will run from 9am to about 1pm and will be held on the tactical range. Since the program is intended as an introduction to shooting, each session will start with a short class on gun safety, explain the parts and workings of a rifle, and will teach sight alignment, trigger control and firing positions. The emphasis here is on enjoyment and success. We want kids to be able to hit stuff and have a good time doing it.

The kids will start by shooting bolt action .22 caliber rifles at fairly large targets and the later in the day transition to 10/22s firing at smaller and some moving targets. We have found in past programs that kids make this transition naturally and that their marksmanship improves dramatically over the course of one day. Most of the targets are reactive steel falling targets and the kids (like everyone else) enjoy knocking them down. The participants will be shooting both open sight and scoped rifles. The rifles used in this program are the rifles purchased using the FNRA grant money from last year. All guns, ammunition, targets, hearing and eye protection will be provided by the Club. The bottom line is the kids have fun and it's FREE!

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The tactical range can accommodate five firing stations and the most practical number of relays is three. Therefore, the ideal number of kids attending a session is between 10 and 15. All children are supervised one-on-one by an adult while shooting and the five adult coaches are overseen by a chief Range Officer. Safety is paramount! In the past, the program has been offered to children between the ages of 12 - 14 and this has worked very well. We would accept interested 15-year olds, but cannot accept children under 12 years by NYS law.

If you know any kids who might be interested or if you wish to get involved as a coach, please contact Bob Stevens at 539-2819 or Don Valerio at 585-526-5561 or email donval@rochester.rr.com.

Don Valerio &
the Board of Directors

Indoor Silhouette Club Rifle

A new event has been added to the Indoor Silhouette events this year - Club Rifle. As the name implies, it is patterned after the Club Rifle event which has been a part of Outdoor Silhouette for many years.

Indoor Club Rifle is aimed at bringing new shooters into the sport. As you may know, the regulation indoor silhouette rifle targets can seem pretty intimidating to new shooters. At the distance of 50 feet they look like tiny dots.

On the other hand, the regulation indoor silhouette pistol targets are much larger. Indoor Club Rifle will allow new shooters to fire at these larger pistol targets. Each target has 4 animal silhouettes: chicken, pig, turkey and ram (like the steel outdoor targets). The shooter is given 8 minutes to fire 20 rounds at the target (5 shots/silhouette in two minutes). If any part of the bullet hole touches any part of the silhouette, it is scored as a hit. A perfect score is twenty. Targets are a few dollars each which can be won back by shooting well against other shooters at your skill level.

Club Rifle is intended to offer new shooters (or casual non-competitive shooters) a level of difficulty at which they can score points on a target and enjoy the matches. At the same time a perfect score is more elusive than one might think. As shooters progress, they will eventually be shooting "twenties." Any Club Rifle shooter who can shoot 3 "twenties" in a row is then ready to move up to the regulation rifle targets and should be able to shoot a pretty good score.

So we need to get the word out to all members who are not competitive shooters that our new "venue" is just right for them. Dust off that .22 rifle and shake off the winter blahs on the 3rd Sunday morning of every month from December through April at 9am. Come on down for some offhand practice (which can benefit each of us) and shoot at some iconic representations of defenseless animals. The coffee and doughnuts are cheap and the conversation is free.

Nicholas DeRuyter

As most everyone knows, Mark DeRuyter's young son Nicholas has been a "de facto" member of the Club for several years. Nicholas is the red haired kid sitting up front at all the meetings and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He has attended more Board meetings over the past few years than many of our Board members (and manages to stay awake better than most of them). On general meeting nights during our raffle months, he has to stay late while Dad and a couple of others count tickets and money. Throughout all of this, his behavior has always been exemplary which is no mean feat for a child of his age.

This past December, Nicholas finally turned 12 years old and can finally shoot at the Club. He has a strong interest in firearms and a fine Henry .22 caliber Youth Model. He is a great kid. When you see him - wish him well!

Fun Shoots

The 2010 season is at mid-season. The January shoot consisted of a small, but fun-loving group. Please see the schedule on page 5. You'll notice that we're NOT anti-Easter Bunny! Our Director doesn't even have any bunny targets ...yet.

Com'on down and join us. We've got some interesting targets and some very interesting rules for pay-outs. So if you've got a dusty .22 rifle or handgun and some time - get to the indoor range on the 1st Sunday's of the month and have a bunch of fun.

Interested? Contact Al Rohr @ 585-261-9378.

Women on Target

WRPC's newest Board member is Gillienne Marshall. Gill has stepped up to take responsibility for two Club programs - Women on Target (WOT) and the NRA Basic Handgun Course. Gill will be working closely with Carol Sosnowski on WOT. Carol will also be attending Board meetings as the Sporterifle rep. The Club welcomes and encourages women to assume leadership responsibilities in Club affairs.

The WOT program took a hiatus during the construction of the new indoor range and is scheduled to restart on Saturday, May 1st.

As many of you know, WOT is an introduction to firearms and marksmanship offered to women only. The course teaches gun safety and provides general firearms information and marksmanship training. Participants are offered instruction in the use of rimfire and centerfire rifles along with shotguns. There is also the opportunity to fire several stages on the tactical range with 10/22s.

For many of the women, this course represents their first real exposure to firearms and every
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IDPA

International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) is one of the fastest growing pistol shooting organizations in the world. The reasons are simple. This sport is based on the premise of the pistol being a self-defense tool for personal protection. Therefore, the competition environment should revolve around this concept. The IDPA has done a very good job of producing rules, regulations and guidelines that allow freedom for the participating clubs tempered with some absolutes for a successful competition program.

In the conduct of IDPA matches, one of the cornerstones is how to treat the competitors. The idea is to create a warm, friendly environment where shooters can share ideas and experiences. The match is simply the catalyst that brings everyone together. At these matches you can only use self-defense type guns and holsters that must be worn in a manner suitable for continuous wear. Some stages are shot from concealment; this further emphasizes the self-defense aspect of the IDPA. All holsters to be legal for IDPA competition must be approved models from the various manufacturers.

The stages of the matches vary greatly from month to month and year to year. This creates a place where shooters can learn new skills and be exposed to a variety of shooting problems. The result after a few years is a shooter with a wide range of skills ready to be utilized if needed. Most IDPA shooting is done in fifteen yards or less to more realistically resemble self-defense distances but sometimes one may need to hit a target at 30 yards. At our cCub, we generally have some shots beyond 15 yards to make a balanced match. A great example of the need for longer-range skills is the infamous LAPD North Hollywood bank robbery shoot-out that happened a couple of years ago. The robbers casually walked around spraying bullets at the police and public. At this scene, the ability to make a head shot at or beyond 30 yards with a pistol could have changed the outcome dramatically.

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Keeping with this rationale, WRPC has joined the movement and is now an officially sanctioned IDPA club. We have already held our first 2 official matches (January 9th & February 13th). Our matches are scheduled for the second Saturday of every month. The February match also included a BUG (Back-Up Gun) gun side match.

To accommodate all shooters in this increasingly popular sport, WRPC will be offering two time slots - 10am or 1pm. Each time slot is limited and sign-up is strongly suggested. Walk-ins will be accommodated on a first come, first serve basis.

WRPC also offers practice/training sessions every Monday night opposite the BOD and Club meetings from 6:30pm - 9pm and after the Veterans air rifle practice on Tuesday mornings from 10:30am 'til noon. This is where members can fine tune their skills, learn how to compete in IDPA, or just learn the proper use of their CCW firearm. Here's the best part - it's all free, just pay the range fee. Most clubs don't offer this and if they do, fees can range from \$75 to \$125 a session. So come on down and take advantage of this while it is still being offered.

Our Match Director would like to thank everyone who shows up early and helps with the props and stage setup and stays late to help tear down. This is appreciated very much!!

For info contact Match Director Scott Bourgeois at 585-738-7743 or email at idpa@rochester.rr.com.

Swap Meet

On Saturday, April 3rd, the Club will hold its second annual swap meet from 9am - 1pm. Suitable items for the event are hunting, fishing, camping, and general outdoor gear. Shooting items can include anything except firearms. It is not legal to sell or trade firearms at an event like this on Club property, however gun parts such as barrels or stocks are permissible.

The swap meet is offered as a service to our members and tables are free to members and their guests. We all had a good time last year and we actually sold some stuff.

For more info or to reserve a space, contact Bruce Butler at 539-9058.

Military Shoot

The spring military shoot will be held on Saturday, April 10th beginning at 10am and running until everyone runs out of ammo. This a casual recreational event for pre-1950 military issue weapons such as Mausers, Enfields, Springfields, SMLEs, Mosin Nagants, Garands and M1 carbines. There will also be events for military handguns.

This is a free shoot with no fees or prizes and is loosely organized with most shooting at 50 yards giving consideration to open sights and aging eyes. Our previous events have been similarly organized and have been fun and successful. For military buffs, it is heartwarming to see these historic pieces brought out and fired en masse after decades in the closet.

We ask that any military firearm brought to this event be in sound shooting condition. Many "war trophy" arms have mismatched bolts and improper headspace. If you are unsure of the condition of any firearm, have it checked by a gunsmith.

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Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club

2009/2010 Match Schedule

Indoor Silhouette

December; 2nd Sunday & January - April; 3rd Sunday of the month @ 9am

Sporter Rifle

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

Outdoor Silhouette

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

Defensive Pistol

May - November (Outdoors); 4th Saturday of the month @ 10am

Fun Shoot

January - March; 1st Sunday of the month and April 11th @ 9am

IDPA

May - November (Outdoors)/December - April (Indoors);
2nd Saturday of the month @ 10am

Bulls--eye Pistol

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

Tactical/Fast action

April - November; 1st Sunday of the month @ 9am

Come Out and Join Us!

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Collegiate Shooting

Looks like the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Anthony Pluretti (Art Pluretti's son), took second place in the upper division of the firearms competition held at SUNY Canton's American Criminal Justice Association's northeast regional conference held in Philadelphia, Pa. Seventeen colleges were in attendance. Anthony just finished his last semester at SUNY Canton.

As we all know, Art Pluretti is a hell of a shooter here at the Club and it looks like he taught his son well. In addition to his college accolades, Anthony was the only WRPC shooter to be on all five NYS Sporterifle Championship Teams and as an adult shooter for the WRPC Red Team, he also won 1st Expert.

We congratulate Anthony on his accomplishments and wish him well in the future.

NRA Basic Handgun Course

The Club will begin offering the NRA Basic Handgun Course on April 24th. This course is available to anyone who was issued a valid NYS Pistol License. Class size is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis so pre-registration is required by March 12th. The course fee is \$75.

WRPC will be coordinating with Judge Bender who is a great supporter of handgun education and who will include course info with all newly issued handgun licenses. It is important to stress that this course is optional, not mandatory. Instruction will be provided by our members who have completed the NRA training certification.

We expect the response to this course to be small but to grow over time. We hope to enlist the participation of judges in adjoining counties and to otherwise publicize the availability of the educational resource.

As a firearms club and as supporters of shooting,

we feel it is our duty to assist any members of the community who wish to legally possess a handgun and who seek instruction in its safe and correct handling.

If you or anyone you know are interested in taking this course, please contact Gil Marshall at gilienne@yahoo.com. Any Certified NRA Pistol Instructor who would like to assist can check the sign up sheet on the Club bulletin board.

Outdoor Silhouette

The 2010 season is just around the corner. Hopefully you shooters have been taking advantage of the indoor range for practice during either the Fun Shoots, Indoor Silhouette and even Bulls-eye.

This season our Director would like to change things up a bit by using the June, July and August matches for cumulative scoring. These scores should tell us who the top shooters would be in the various classifications (both rifle & pistol). In case of a tie, the September match would be used as a tie breaker. Hey, friendly competition never hurt anyone!

For info, contact Ron Pesta at 781-1782 or rpesta@rochester.rr.com.

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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**

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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For this match, we are considering dividing the participants into teams. The winning team may be awarded a box of doughnuts!

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attempt is made to ensure the experience is enjoyable and successful. Anyone interested in the course can contact Gil Marshall at gilienne@yahoo.com.

Special Announcement

Help support your Club by purchasing your shooting and range supplies from our Club sponsor - SHOOTERS CONNECTION. Place your orders by clicking on the Shooters Connection banner on the home page of the Club's website and get a discount.

Last But Not Least

The Club wishes to thank:

- Rosemary Eaton for doing a great job preparing the food for the Veteran's air rifle awards party.

- John Pangburn for the extended loan of a cement mixer for work at the Club (we'll be needing it again - soon).

- Dan McGowan for the extended loan of a water tank for work at the Club (yeah, we'll ask to use it again too).

- Kris Whiteleather for performing trigger jobs on our Club air rifles (stand by for some more).