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# WRPC News

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## **Real Life Scenarios met with Defensive Pistol**

This style match is set to replicate real-life defensive scenarios and to provide realistic practice with full caliber handguns. This match will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from April through November commencing at 10 am. Any centerfire handgun (semi-auto or revolver) of 9mm or .38 caliber or larger with holsters and magazine pouches are required.



A loose fitting shirt or vest for concealment is needed and eye and ear protection are mandatory.

Targets consist of cardboard, steel plates and pepper poppers. Props such as doorways and barrels will be used to create situations requiring a tactically

correct response and the proper use of cover.

Matches will consist of 2-4 stages and in most cases can be completed with less than 20 rounds with target distances ranging from 5 -20 feet. Shooters will draw from a holster under loose concealment such as an open jacket or vest. Only holsters which fully cover the trigger guard will be allowed thus preventing fingers from pressing on triggers while drawing the handgun and is a crucial safeguard in this type of match.

A safety & rules meeting and a walk-thru of each stage precedes each match. The cost will be \$7.00 per match. Results and standings from previous matches will be available at subsequent matches.



As always, there will be a heavy emphasis on safety and proper gun handling - Range Officer's instructions will be followed at all times. If there are any questions contact Match Director Sandy Schulman at 651-7782.

C'mon out & try it, we think you'll love it!

## From the President's Desk ...

If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving your tickets and posters for this year's gun raffle. The top gun this year is a high quality Colt match competition AR, or \$1000 in cash. This should generate a lot of interest as AR's are in very short supply these days and demand is very high. Even though this rifle cost us a lot of money, we were able to keep the total cost of the gun list within 10% of last year. We will offer a total of 12 guns and most of the other selections are similar to past years. We are going to try to sell 1800 books of tickets.

When you sell raffle tickets you make the club stronger by providing resources for new equipment and facility upgrades. This helps us attract new members and retain the current ones. Membership is the backbone which supports the club and keeps it strong. Everyone knows that gun owners need to remain strong and united in the current political climate.

As usual you will receive 6 books of tickets and a small poster. Past experience tells us that showing the poster sells the tickets pretty fast. As we always say, you don't have to buy or sell these tickets, but YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for turning them or the money in to the club. In the past the member participation in the raffle has been over 90% and that is the reason for our success.

If you sell 25 books you get a free work party or two free books of tickets; if you sell 50 books you receive a \$25 gift certificate from Bass Pro Shops; and if you sell 100 books you get a free one year club membership. The member with the most books sold over 50 wins a Ruger 10/22 or \$200 cash.

Tickets are available from Mark DeRuyter (315-781-2513). You can mail the money and ticket stubs to him at PO Box 94 Oaks Corners, NY 14518 or turn them in to him at the upcoming meetings. Other contacts for obtaining or turning in tickets and money are Tom Hearn (315-539-9496) and Sandy Schulmen (315-651-7782).

Commercial sales (booth events) are being handled by Jim Dadonna and Ron Brink again this year and

they have 10 dates set up. If you would like to help out and get some work party hours in at the same time, call Jim at 315-789-5780. These sales accounted for 1/3 of the ticket sales last year.

Don Valerio &  
the Board of Directors

## Indoor Range Improvements

We've talked about this "major project" for about a year. The talkin' is done - the work will begin. The indoor range of our club will close on or about April 20th and remain closed until September 1st. You will be asked to volunteer your time, knowledge, and muscle. We will attempt to setup a work schedule in order to maximize an "all hands" evolution and to re-open earlier than anticipated. Contact Don Valerio, Lon Snook, Bill Dadson, Bob Stevens or Ron Pesta for info. Bear with us and pardon our dust!

## Spring Work Party(ies)

Do you enjoy shooting sports at WRPC? Do you like the improvements made over the past couple of years? Help us help you.

Weather permitting, there will be major work parties on March 28th, April 25th and May 9th from 9am til Noon. Some of the tasks at hand will be berm repair and painting (tactical & outdoor silhouette ranges and targets). Look for signup poster at the clubhouse or call Ron Pesta @ 781-1782 (email [rpesta@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rpesta@rochester.rr.com)).

Many hands make light work; improvements are done for you - the members. Help us help you!

## Website in the Works

We are working diligently on the club website - WaterlooRPC.com. After a few "bugs" are worked out, it will be up (around mid-March). Be looking for it - it's for you!

## Bullseye

Want to shoot better? Follow these  
5 SIMPLE STEPS TO PISTOL PERFECTION

1. Align front & rear sights.  
(skip this for scope or red dot)
2. Acquire and hold on target.
3. Focus on front sight, crosshair or dot.
4. Activate trigger without disturbing 1, 2 or 3.
5. Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice.  
Practice!

If you desire improvement with any of the above come practice shooting at bullseye targets on Thursday evenings at 7:00. Call 539-2819 for Info.

## Youth Shoot 2009

The primary goal of this course is to provide local children with a safe and enjoyable Saturday morning of safe .22 caliber rifle shooting. Many of our



members enjoyed recreational rifle shooting as youngsters and wish to pass this tradition on to a new generation.

A secondary goal is to expose children

to target shooting which can become a lifetime pursuit.

The course will place heavy emphasis on gun safety and the responsible use of firearms. Safety includes handling, loading and unloading, target safety and range commands. The course will strive to satisfy children's natural curiosity about firearms in an experience that will demonstrate socially positive firearms use and expose them to responsible adult role models in the shooting sports. We may not be able to turn children into trained marksmen in one session, but we will teach them principles of firearm safety that can remain

with them for a lifetime.

Additionally, we will demonstrate the parts of a rifle, describe how it operates, explain the use of sights and trigger, and explain the basic principles of marksmanship. Students will learn the use of both single shot and semi-auto rifles, fire at a variety of targets - some of which are reactive; that is they are metal and fall when struck. We have learned in the past that children enjoy reactive targets very much.

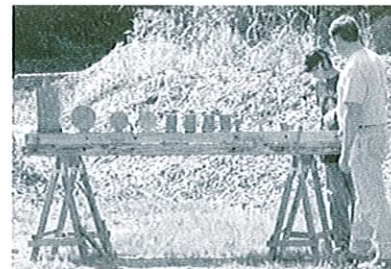
In 2009, three half-day sessions will be offered on the Saturday's of June 13, 20 & 27. Youngsters (ages 12 - 14) may attend one or all the sessions. Each session will accommodate 15 youngsters who will be organized into five groups of three according to experience. There is NO CHARGE for the program and advance registration is required.

Each session will begin with a half-hour lesson and demonstration on safety, familiarization with the rifles and fundamentals of marksmanship.

Youngsters will shoot in relays at assigned firing stations where they will be individually supervised by an experienced adult coach. The coach will instruct each youngster in safe loading, unloading, use of rifle sights and fundamental body position. Adults will also supervise relays waiting their turn to shoot.

Actual firing at targets will be under the direction of an overall range safety officer and individual by each coach. Shooter may reset their fired targets at some firing stations as directed by the range safety officer.

Please call Bob Stevens at 315-539-2819 for any questions, concerns or to register.



More info can be obtained by calling Bob Stevens at 315-539-2819.

## Fun Shoot

Hate competition? Just love to shoot with no pressure? Bored with the weather? We've got just the thing for you! Our Fun Shoot is an indoor activity with a mixed bag of targets - animal silhouettes, lucky numbers, timed-fire bullseye and a bunch more.

Although we've already begun, don't let this stop you. Our dates for this shoot are January 4, February 1, March 1, and April 5th. Registration begins at 8am with shooting from 9am to 1pm. Any lawful shooter (both members & non-members) is encouraged to participate. Rimfire rifle & pistol and center fire pistols (.45 caliber max., under 1500fps) either open sights or scoped are permitted.



The fees are a modest \$2 - \$4 per target with payouts for the top two (sometimes three) shooters.

Al Roher has taken over from Carol Snook as shoot director. Thanks to Carol for a job well done!! If there any questions, give Al a call at 585-261-9378.

## Women On Target

Several years ago, the National Rifle Association (NRA) became aware of growing public demand for firearms training focused exclusively on women's interests and concerns. Out of this demand was born the Women On Target program. Women On Target is designed to introduce women to recreational shooting and hunting sports through safe, non-competitive, and fun instructional clinics. In the clinics, participants learn to safely handle, load, fire, unload, clean, and store a variety of guns.

At present, Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club (WRPC) offers two clinics a year, usually in April and Sep-

tember. These day-long events start with classroom instruction, progress to shooting .22 caliber rifles on the club's ten-station indoor range, and then to shooting .22's, high powered rifles and shotguns on the three outdoor ranges. Firearms, ammunition, targets and safety equipment are all provided by WRPC. In addition to these items, breakfast snacks are available as well as a full lunch featuring the home cooking of many club members. Water, soda and coffee are available throughout the day. Everything is covered by the event's nominal registration fee.

Volunteers are an extremely important of the clinics. Each participant has a volunteer



coach with her every time she takes a shot. These volunteers are predominantly club members with some previous Women On Target participants mixed in. Many club members are NRA certified instructors; all coaches are highly qualified in firearms safety and marksmanship. A frequent comment by participants is how surprised and impressed they were to have their own coach and how much they learned as a result of having that undivided attention. In addition to coaches, other volunteers act as range safety officers, staff the kitchen and escort participants between the outdoor ranges. Others still plan the events, publicize them, address and mail registration flyers, buy or donate supplies and set up and tear down the outdoor ranges. WRPC has two main goals when giving clinics. First is that every shooter leaves the clinic feeling more confident in her ability to handle firearms. Second is that everyone has fun! Based on the participants' ratings on the clinic evaluation forms, the club is meeting these goals and others with plenty of room to spare. This is a tribute to the more than twenty volunteers who make WRPC's Women On Target programs possible.

The 2009 spring clinic will be for licensed pistol permit holders or those who have applied for a permit. It is tentatively scheduled for late May. Participants and volunteers alike are needed. If interested, please call Vicki Porter at 315-651-8752.

## Bragging Rights Only

Being a member of a gun club isn't just about work; it's also about the enjoyment of shooting. That's why we're here! So we maintain a good facility for members to use any time and offer organized, safe shooting events. We have a couple of new ideas and would like to see if there is any interest. The first is a military rifle shoot. This is where we break out the old bolt action war horses (Springfield, SMLE, Mauser, Moisin Nagant, etc. maybe even Garands). This would include an offhand shoot, a bench event for the smallest group, a team event for some friendly competition and finally a "mad minute" (all shooters form a skirmish line behind a barricade and cut loose at a "charging enemy" - a hundred or so water jugs). This would be strictly for fun and bragging rights and give everyone a reason for dragging that war trophy out of the closet and actually shooting it. You would get first hand experience of what it was like for Grandpa back in the "big one." Suitable loaner rifles would be available.

The second idea is a three gun match testing different skills to find out who is the "best all around" shooter. This would be a rimfire rifle event testing offhand precision with a rifle (using sporterifle targets), speed with a semi-auto rifle (steel targets & a mover for concentration and coordination), accuracy (bullseye targets) and tactical ability (requiring some mobility and a reload, testing defensive efficiency) with a pistol.

Again, these would be fun shoots for bragging rights, to try something new, and to assess where we all are in our development as shooters. Remember - in shooting we are ultimately competing against ourselves.

If we can get 12 or more shooters, we will schedule one or both. If either of these proposals sound interesting to you contact Don Valerio at 585-526-5561 or donval@rochester.rr.com.

## Outdoor Silhouette

How good a shot are you really? Join 2nd year Director Ron Pesta and his crew of volunteers on the third Sunday May through September to find out.



Registration begins at 8:30 am with shooting from 9am to about 1pm for all lawful shooters (members and non-members). Entry fees are \$6.00/category fired; refires are \$4.00.

Current NRA pistol silhouette rules

apply.

Competitors may re-fire matches if time and space allow. Competitors firing an initial match will be given preference over re-fires for range starting positions.

The four pistol categories for outdoor silhouette include Hunter Pistol (all sights), Small bore Hunter Pistol (all sights), Hunter Pistol (open sights), and Small bore Hunter pistol (open sights). Entrants with rifles participate in junior, lite, heavy, club and open sight classes. All entrants will follow time and safety rules of NRA pistol shooters.



The course of fire consists of 10 shots each at steel cutouts of chickens - 40yds, pigs - 50 yds, turkeys - 75 yds and rams - 100 yds.

NRA silhouette classification is used. If there are 3 or more unclassified shooters in any of the four categories, there will be an unclassified class; otherwise unclassified shooters will compete in the highest class of the day, in the respective category. We invite lawful shooters to enjoy these Sunday mornings for friendly competition with some great food and refreshments available.

Contact Ron Pesta at 781-1782 or rpesta@rochester.rr.com.



Soooo, how good a shot are ya - really? Let's find out on May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th and September 20th.

## Sporterifle

For those unfamiliar with Sporterifle, it's a .22 caliber rimfire indoor shooting sport that was designed to accommodate all levels of shooters without requirements for special equipment. Just about anyone can compete with just about any common off-the-shelf .22 rifle.

WRPC fielded four teams in 2008/09: a women's team, a youth team, and two additional teams encompassing all levels



of skill. Each team consists of 5 or more members. Scores are posted online each week and our teams compete in leagues with teams of similar skill levels from other area clubs.

All shooting is indoors at the clubhouse range. This season, as in previous years, shooting was scheduled for Tuesday and Friday nights beginning at 7:15pm. All shooting is done "off-hand" or from the standing position at targets 50 feet away. We fire 10 shots in ten minutes per round. So shooting is at a very relaxed pace. A total of 30 shots are fired for a score in each match and participants



shoot for a score in up to 21 matches per season.

Our season generally begins in September and runs until early March. If you are short of time, you generally don't need to be

at the range more than 45 minutes to an hour to complete a match. So Sporterifle is very easy to fit into busy schedules.

It is also inexpensive. Fees for shooting are only a few dollars per match and youth team fees are discounted. Ammunition cost is trivial and the club will soon have 12 new rifles for new shooters to use thanks to a grant from the NRA Foundation. Anyone interested in trying their hand at

Sporterifle is encouraged to contact David Gadoury at [dng4@cornell.edu](mailto:dng4@cornell.edu). More details on the sport can also be found at <http://www.sporterifle.org/index.html>.

## Tactical/Fast Action

The season begins Sunday May 3rd and runs through November on the first Sunday of the month. Registration begins at 8:30am with shooting starting around 9am. The matches end at noon. Contact the club @ 315-539-3361 for more information.

## Indoor Silhouette

The season is winding down. Join us March 22nd and April 19th to finish out the season. Take some shots at those teeny, tiny chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams at 50 feet. It'll get you ready for the outdoor silhouette matches beginning in May. Registration begins at 8:30am with shooting starting at 9am through 1pm. Contact Marty Walther at 607-869-3733 for more info.

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**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](mailto: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)

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

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).

The website may be down as he is in the process of upgrading.

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