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# RCGC NEWSLETTER

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## This is Your Official Dues Notice



**Dues for 2021 must be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is NO grace period.** Members may pay at any time until the 31<sup>st</sup> and may purchase any number of years in advance at the current rates.

Annual dues are \$150. Seniors (65 or older) pay \$75.

On the memo line of your check write “**2021 dues for \_\_\_\_\_**” Fill in the member’s name. We need the member’s name on the check to be certain that funds are properly credited, especially if you pay with a company check, a check signed by someone else, or if we know you by a nickname.

**Send your check to: RCGC - DUES, PO Box 811, Reidsville NC 27323**

If your phone, email or mailing address have changed, please include a note with your payment. If you have paid in advance for multiple years and are uncertain when your membership expires, contact Lil.

**If you have a Life Membership or have already paid dues for 2021, you may ignore the reminders which are being sent to everyone.**

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**A Word From The President** – It is entirely fitting that these comments accompany the November Newsletter which contains your official Ballot for the 2020 election. We are fortunate that four nominees have volunteered to serve on the Board of your Club. Please consider each candidate’s bio and vote for the three you feel could best serve the entire Club. About half of our membership consists of folks over 50. This club, like any other similar group, cannot continue indefinitely with its “elder statesmen” at the helm. The Board welcomes participation from younger members at all levels, whether it is emptying trash or cleaning bathrooms during the week, or heading a range program. You can start by marking your ballot and returning it today.



**2020 ELECTION** – This month we are electing members to fill three open positions on the Board of Directors. Please carefully consider the election biographies printed below. Your Official Ballot is enclosed. You may **vote for three** candidates. Ballots will be counted at the General Membership Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Do Not mail ballots and dues payments in the same envelope. Mail your Ballot to:**

**RCGC - BALLOT, PO Box 811, Reidsville NC 27323**

**CLEM ELLIS** - Hello, I would like to once again submit my name to the board in hopes to continue to serve as a board member for another three years. I remain passionate about the club and the chance to maybe bring some good ideas to the table for discussion that may help Rockingham County Gun Club continue to be a place that folks want to come to, to join and bring their family and friends for an enjoyable experience.

I feel I have been a member and board member that the club has been able to depend on when they needed me. I have been to most every meeting with the exception of maybe one or two times due to sickness. I have worked alongside other members to help update and upgrade areas on the grounds to make members shooting experiences better and more enjoyable. I take on jobs without being asked. When I see problems or something that needs to be fixed, I do what I can to correct the problem. I would be very appreciative for the chance to continue to serve on the board. Clem Ellis

**BRIAN HENDERSON** - Greetings fellow RCGC members. My name is Brian Henderson and I am running for Board Member of RCGC. As I retired from the Guilford County Sheriff's office after 27 years, I looked for something to do that I would enjoy. I joined RCGC to be able to maintain my shooting proficiency. I found trap and skeet thanks to a couple of members who mentored me into the sport. I have made many acquaintances through shooting trap, handguns, and rifles. I have even met great folks when I am up there once a week cutting the grass. I have brought guests who are amazed at the professionalism of our club and friendliness of the members. My neighbors were inactive members, I have gotten two of them out shooting regularly with me. We have a top-notch facility at RCGC and I would like to see the club continue on that path. The only way to ensure we move forward is to become a part of that progress. We have high safety standards which in turn makes for more enjoyable visits. Let us continue to move forward and provide a fun, safe environment for all members and guests. Respectfully, Brian Henderson

**LANE MURRAY** - My name is Lane Murray; I have been a member of RCGC since 1995. I have served on the Board numerous terms. I'm currently the Trap Director and enjoy trap, pistol and rimfire. It is my focus to maintain the positive direction for the Club while serving the interest of all members. I would appreciate your vote. Thanks, Lane Murray

**BERT SCHMITZ** - I have been a shooter all my life. I am an NRA Patriot Life Benefactor and a member of both IDPA & USPSA. I have trained at the Sig Sauer Academy in Exeter NH and taken Ken Barfield's Long Range (1000yd) Shooting School at Virginia International Raceway. I enjoy shotgun sports as well and even had the pleasure of shooting Bunker Trap and International Skeet at the Atlanta Olympic facility before it was decommissioned.

I recently retired and have been looking for ways to get more involved with the Club. After mentioning I was taking welding classes at Rockingham County Community College to Irvin & Clem, they put me to work repairing a 3/8-in thick steel pistol target flipper. After that they had me fabricate some shooting stands for future pistol matches. I committed to Irvin to help with pistol matches at the Club and plan to learn how to run safe and fun tournaments. RCGC is by far the best shooting facility I have enjoyed as a member. I look forward to spending more time there and helping however I can during my retirement years ahead. Regards, Bert Schmitz

**B.U.G. PISTOL MATCH Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Safety Briefing 9:30AM Registration 10AM**

Back by popular demand! Irvin's B.U.G. (Back Up Gun) Shoots have been such a hit, he's agreed to hold another on Nov. 21st. Semi-autos must be 3.8 in. or shorter, revolvers must be 3 in. or shorter. Guns must be .32 cal. or higher. (NO .22s.) There will be 10 to 12 stages with no more than 5 shots per stage. You will need 60 to 80 rounds. No reloading. Shooting will be from concealment (pocket or holster). The **PLINKING PIT** will be closed during this match and will serve as the **NO-AMMO/SAFETY ZONE**.

**This is our Annual Christmas Toy Collection for local area needy children.**

There will be no entry fee. **Bring one or more unwrapped toys of value equal at least to the normal entry fee.** (\$15 - \$20.) There is also a collection box in the conference room.

**All Club Members are asked to participate and/or donate.**



**The following information was provided by Carolina Clays.**

**Did You Know About the Nationally Ranked Scholastic Youth Clay Target Team at RCGC? Spread the word.** – RCGC & Carolina Clays Youth Clay Target team in association with the ATA, NSSA, SCTP/NSSF and ACUI are proud to offer the most rewarding “**Exclusive Clay Target Shooting Opportunity for the dedicated and passionate youth shooter**”. The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) is the “only” nationally recognized clay target shooting program that is supported by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). ATA, SCTP, NSSF and ACUI are the “only” national organizations that provide scholarship opportunities in the United States for competitive youth clay target shooters.

On a personal note, after formally investing countless hours and money as a parent, team coach and instructor in “other youth shooting organizations with limited competitions and non-registered targets”, I became very disappointed to find that my investments did not lead to further opportunities for my students other than a simple trophy. Thankfully, the Amateur Trap Shooting Association and NSSF created programs like AIM and SCTP. These are the “only” clay target programs in the United States that are endorsed & supported by firearms and ammo manufactures. For these reasons and by the grace of God, are how and why Carolina Clays Inc. was created. Carolina Clays Inc. (CC) is committed to our passionate clay shooting students and parents. We provide the opportunity for premium clay target instruction, safety, leadership training, education and financial scholarships that contribute to this great “life-time sport”. **Over seventeen collegiate scholarship awards have been received by former and current team members of Carolina Clays since 2009.**

CC is a nationally ranked competitive clay target team with members ranging from 4th grade to Collegiate. CC Team members compete in registered Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clay competitions throughout North Carolina, regionally and nationally.

There are many incentives and opportunities to becoming a member of Carolina Clays.

- Trap, Sporting Clay and Skeet clinics are offered throughout the year exclusively for members.
- Personalized Custom Gun fitting.
- Personal and team instruction by NSCA, NSSA, SCTP, ATA, CIS and Paragon School of Sporting certified coaches.
- Strategic exposure to collegiate recruiting at various events and invitational campus and range visits.
- Carolina Clays Team Coaches are the only Youth and SCTP Staff that are certified in ATA/AIM Trap, NSSA – Skeet and NSCA – Sporting Clay Instruction.

**Now is the time to join CC.** Carolina Clays “primary season” begins in March each year and ends in July at the JR US Open Sporting Clay Championship and/or annual NC STATE SCTP-ATA TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP held at Rockingham County Gun Club.

Dedicated CC members & parents that plan to attend the annual SCTP Nationals in Marengo Ohio and/or ATA Grand American will continue training until July 30. Limited preparation practices, safety training, specialty clinics, personal lessons are held throughout the off-season portion of the year.

RCGC members and Coaches Jeff Allen, Margaret Johnson & Grant Lakey are happy to get youth clay target shooters on board now in preparation for the 2021 Season.

Please visit [www.carolinaclays.com](http://www.carolinaclays.com) and simply fill out the “**Contact tab**” for more info and get your Safety and Clay target lessons started now. You may also contact Coach Allen at **336-816-5948**.

Visit the YOUTH page of the Club’s website for more information about The Scholastic Clay Target Program.

**Your Official Dues Notice, Election Ballot,  
and Nov. 2020 Newsletter are in this mailing.**

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY POCKET KNIVES and CLUB HATS** – are available. They are only \$15. each. If you would like to purchase one, contact Lil by email. [Lil.A@rcgc.club](mailto:Lil.A@rcgc.club)

**SWIPE YOUR ID CARD** – Members must use their ID card to enter or leave the property and wear their card while on Club property so that it is visible to other members. **Present your card to the reader even if the gate is being held open for a special event or if you are riding in the same vehicle with another member.** Pause after you pass through the electric gate for the few seconds it takes for the gate to close. If you have trouble with your card contact Lil at 336-342-5573.

**RCGC IS OPEN TO MEMBERS 365 DAYS PER YEAR**, unless otherwise announced. Always check the website before going to the range. Bring other guns in case the range you intended to use is occupied. **Shooting is allowed from dawn until dusk.** The Club closes at 10PM. This is a volunteer organization. We need every member's help to maintain what we have for all of us to enjoy.

**ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED ON OUR PROPERTY.**



**SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OF OUR BUILDINGS.**



**Eye & Ear Protection REQUIRED on all ranges.**



**Avoid placing targets over frame edges and supports. Shoot only at targets directly in front of you.  
NEVER shoot from a position behind another person.**